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PROPAGATION: Oct 7-14, High Normal; Oct 15-17, Low Normal; Oct 18, 19, Disturbed; Oct 20, Low/Below Normal; Oct 21, Low Normal; Oct 22, High Normal; Oct 23, Disturbed; Oct 24, Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

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SMØAGD's operations from Canton Island, T31AE and SMØAGD/KH1 have been postponed one week, and will start about October 11 (ref Issue 160). This information is direct from Eric, who was still on Tokelau signing ZM7AG on Oct 6.

Thank you to everyone who sent Bandpass during the week we were on vacation; although we didn't publish much of it, it enabled us to see what was on while we were away from the radio. The highlight of our short trip was a stop at the Marconi site on Cape Cod, at Wellfleet Massachusetts. Just like in photos we have seen, from Marconi's time, the sky was low and gray, the seas high, and the weather cold and misty. We were saddened to learn that in the past eighty years erosion has taken its toll: two of the four original bases have been swept into the sea. Despite measures being taken by the National Park Service, it is likely that by the end of my lifetime there will be nothing left of this sacred radio ground. A visit to this historical site is highly recommended: it will bring a lump to the throat of just about anyone who is interested in radio and history.

CHINA

While everyone awaits the appearance of Tom Wong, VE7BC, from China, word continues to come in from those who have been there recently. JA3BOA, who has a special business visa enabling him to enter China almost at will, was there two weeks ago, and reports hearing no mention of any permission being granted to Wong, or anyone else. One sticking point is that the entire country has a national period of radio foxhunting the first two weeks of October, and the three authorized BY1PK operators will all be involved in the sport.

A new BY1PK building is under construction and the old station may have been dismantled in preparation for the move. The change will raise their TH6DXX to 100 feet, on a tower (the beam at the old site is on top of a one-story building). JA3BOA says the operators have found it nigh impossible

to hear much on 15 Meters through the "JA Curtain," and he gently advised them that they'd have better luck working into the Western Hemisphere and other areas on 20 Meters.

Here's what Dick Tornatore, KA2K had to say after an early September visit to China: "There is no fear of anything, except 'the water,' in visiting China. The only gun we saw was a side-arm on a border guard...we were free to walk the streets at anytime. Technologically and economically, China has (says KA2K) many years of catching up. Unless their rate of progress picks up dramatically, don't expect the bands to be filled with BY stations soon."

"I was not able to visit the BY1PK station; our guide simply did not seem to know anything about amateur radio or about the club station itself. We did notice in the English version of the Peking newspaper there was a weekly television show about amateur radio (mentioned last month in TDXB)."

POLAND

In Issue 158, we mentioned that Andy, SP2BHZ, operator at JWØP, had dropped out of sight last summer at the end of his tour on Svalbard. He has now turned up in Western Europe, and says some Polish agents visited him on Svalbard to advise that they considered his JWØP operations illegal, since amateur radio was suspended in the home country (they didn't recognize the Norwegian's right to grant him permission). Shortly thereafter, agents of the U.S.S.R. also paid Andy a visit and said "get off the air."

Andy figured when he got back to Poland they'd probably jail him for being a spy, due to his illegal radio actions. Consequently, Andy decided to not go back, and he's now lying low with just his logs and some personal possessions. He's out of a job and his family is still in Poland.

It is interesting to speculate on what the position of the IARU might be in this and similar matters...a number of Poles who have fled their homeland are operating; they are legal in the eyes of their host country, illegal according to Polish authorities.

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KJ6DO/KH7 Suitland Island (Issue 159) was a hoax. The written materials which were sent to all DX publications looked mighty good and we were all fooled. At least all us fish drowned together! The trouble with this business is that when something like Suitland Island arrives at the last minute, there is no time to verify it by mail and it is economically unrealistic to pick up the telephone and call Johnston Island.

Another last-minute item was a phone call from Brazil announcing a PYØZZ/PYØCW operation Oct 9-12. They didn't even say if the operation would be from Trindade or from Fernando de Noronha. You might want to ask them. QSLs to PY7ZZ.

Has anyone got a QSL for the latest Abu Ail J2Ø/Z operation? Let us know. We haven't seen any VK9ZR Mellish QSLs from the operation last May, either. Now that YI1AS and JALDNG/YI QSLs aren't going to count for DXCC, the hunt for elusive YI1BGD is on again. They've been on 14217 at 1400Z and 00-0200Z. The QSLs for that one will probably be as hard to get as before. LU3ZY QSLs continue to dribble in from the LU2A/LU2AFH address, as well as from the LU2CN address.

DF9ZP's recent questions answered: VQ6LQ via K6KII, 5A2TY (Harry) from ISWL Bureau, and ET2US no leads yet. Finally, don't be surprised if T31AE and SMØAGD/KH1 QSLs are the same for both spots...actually it is one spot, Canton Island counting for both Central Kiribati and American Phoenix. Anyplace on the island is good for both credits, and it is not necessary to "straddle the line" in order to sign both callsigns.

After several people complained that they couldn't wheedle a CW contact out of Herik, FHØFLO, we insinuated that maybe he didn't know the Code. At least two people have advised they did manage to get a 2-way on CW, so we apologize. And we mentioned that it was hard to evaluate the FT101 Zaps Diodes on CW because it didn't have a filter, which prompted SM5DQC to say that he's worked 265 countries on CW with a 75S3A sans CW filter.

The expedition to French Polynesia by W6GO and K6HHD (end of October) will be of interest to those working on the "Islands on the Air" award, as they will be on two different islands: Bora Bora Oct 23-26, and Moorea Oct 26-Nov 4. This operation is being assisted by the International DX Foundation.

President Reagan signed into law H.R. 3239 on Sept 13, mandating manufacturers to include some RFI protection in consumer electronic devices. We assume (hope) this includes gear from Japan, too. Also, CB radio licenses are no longer required, and the amateur radio volunteer examiner program will become reality, probably next spring or summer. Washington insiders are speculating just how ARRL (who will undoubtedly end up running the program) will pay for

PROPAGATION

Flux (1980)	Flux (1981)	Date	Flux (1982)	Alpha (1982)	K (1982)
161	239	9/14	146	12	3
152	228	9/15	143	13	3
158	225	9/16	146	11	3
157	219	9/17	150	12	3
153	218	9/18	137	18	3
161	214	9/19	137	18	4
166	199	9/20	146	17	4
158	190	9/21	144	44	5
177	182	9/22	145	78	4
194	183	9/23	152	21	3
190	181	9/24	166	15	3
183	181	9/25	170	10	5
183	188	9/26	186	40	5
188	194	9/27	191	36	3
185	200	9/28	196	18	4
182	204	9/29	204	12	2
174	203	9/30	202	12	3
n/a	214	10/1	205	20	4
n/a	208	10/2	218	22	3
n/a	196	10/3	195	12	2
n/a	191	10/4	184	13	2
n/a	199	10/5	164	9	2

it. Those who already belong to the League and take an exam will just be getting another "membership service," while it seems unlikely that non-members taking exams will be swayed to join as a result. And no, charging for the examinations will not be allowed.

Finally, FCC Commissioner Jay Jackson, AF40, is quoted in the latest W5YI Report as saying that the only priority higher at FCC than releasing 10 MHz to amateurs is the no-code license above 30 MHz. We should look for no-code as early as November.

WB6WOD will operate from Juan Fernandez CEØZ the end of October, and wants to look into possibilities of San Felix as well.

Fighting continues in Mozambique and the Finnish group which includes OH3EB/C9 had to move their base camp again. There is no DXCC recognition for any of the recent C9 operations on the horizon.

About ten years ago, when we were around the DXCC 200 level, we remember working a couple of new African countries on the Afirkaner Net (21355/1800Z). One of the net managers was heard to say the other day that the present purpose of the Afirkaner Net is "to enable General Class licensees to make DXCC." They are allowed to make a maximum of "two new country calls per day."

Sorry to report that Lloyd Hilbun, W7RQ, passed away last week. He was a mainstay on the W7PHO gatherings and helped many DXers get new ones. He had been a TDXB subscriber since Issue 1.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

A22GM 21258 22E 2	AH3AC 21344 02C 28	XT2AW 7002 06W 18	5T5TO 28025 16W 5
A4XCB 21317 21E 27	AH8B 28520 18E 30	Y1IBGD 14217 00E 26	5W1DQ 28513 20C 30
A4XYC 14025 00E 28	LX1BW 28623 15E 30	Y1IBGD 14217 03E 26	5Y4CS 21029 18C 30
A4XYH 28565 17E 30	M1V 14203 22C 27	YJ8RG 21327 02W 5	5Y4CM 21018 21E 2
A71AD 28603 15E 30	M1V 21292 19C 1	ZD7BW 28528 18E 3	5Z4CS 7003 21E 26
CE0AE 21336 00E 29	M1C 21023 19E 3	ZD9BV 28598 19E 25	6W8CS 14209 00C 1
CN8CY 21260 15E 26	OD5LX 14023 03E 4	ZD9BV 21296 19E 30	7P8CM 21311 18E 26
CN8CJ 28508 16C 30	P29JM 14332 12E 27	ZL4OY/A 14214 12C 20	7Q7LW 28507 19C 30
CN8AT 21288 18E 2	S79RD 21280 21C 27	ZM7AG 14025 04W 6	7X2LS 21292 19C 30
CT2CR 14219 00C 1	S79RD 21279 20E 3	ZS3TL 21292 19E 27	9J2BO 7013 04W 19
C53EK 21280 20E 2	S79MC 28545 18E 3	ZS4SP 7017 04W 3	9J2GK 21262 18E 26
C53EK 21272 23E 3	TR8JD 21300 21E 27	Z21DF 28705 18C 1	9J2TS 21018 22E 28
D44BC 28600 16C 28	TR8JD 21300 22E 1	3A0FC 7006 23E 1	9J2BO 28540 19C 30
D44BC 14204 05E 29	TR8JD 21303 21C 27	3B8CF 7006 14W 20	9J2TJ 21263 18E 3
D44BC 28592 15C 29	TU2IJ 21291 23E 1	3B8DA 14223 12E 27	9J2FS 21258 19E 3
D44BC 28602 19E 3	TU2JL 14216 05E 5	3B8CF 28586 17C 29	9K2BE 28024 11E 30
EA9KD 7009 05W 18	TU2DD 14069 07E 1	3B8FK 28504 15E 30	9M2FR 14022 11C 30
EA9KF 28599 16C 28	T30AT 28027 21W 2	3B8FK 14020 03E 4	9M8PW 14225 14C 25
EA9KF 28543 17C 30	T32AB 14202 02C 28	3D2RJ 28512 22E 28	9N1MM 14215 00E 28
FB8WG 14332 13C 28	T32AB 14203 03E 28	W6YB/ 3D6 7002 04W 18	9N1MM 14213 01C 29
FB8WG 14332 13C 29	T32AF 14200 12E 1	OE2VEL/ 3D6 28602 19E 25	9Q5JE 28525 16C 29
FB8WG 14010 05W 3	T32AF 14221 11E 4	3D6AK 21032 12E 30	
FH8OM 28518 17E 30	T32AK 14027 02W 5	3D6AK 7001 23E 1	
FK8CE 21027 12E 1	UD6AI 14001 23E 27	3D6AK 14032 15W 2	
FK8DP 14049 11E 4	UD6DJH 7002 00E 28	4S7EA 14221 12E 29	
FK0WM 14212 11E 4	UF6FDR 7004 14W 23	4U1UN 21307 22C 28	
FO8AZ 14026 02E 2	UF6FEG 7004 22E 26	4U1ITU 21310 17C 26	
FO8EW 28022 23E 2	U2G 7002 04W 3	4U1ITU 21292 19C 1	
FR0FLO 21286 15E 28	UJ8AB 7007 03E 1	5B4LY 7012 04E 2	
HB0AFI 7003 01E 28	VP8APQ 28525 16C 29	5B4LY 14028 03C 4	
HB0BOI 28597 15E 30	VP8ANT 14206 01C 1	5H3FN 21036 19E 26	
HB0AFI 21024 18C 1	VP8LP 14212 01C 1	5H3LE 14032 21E 27	
HL0B 14205 12E 3	VS5MS 28600 01W 30	5H3DM 21292 19E 27	
HV3SJ 21295 14C 25	K7TI/ VS6 7002 11E 30	5N9HEM 21022 20E 30	
H44BS 28597 13E 3	VQ9VO 14032 12C 29	5T5TO 21025 23E 28	
JW5VAA 7002 02E 2	VS5MS 28510 01W 29	5T5TO 28024 17E 28	
JY5HH 14222 14C 30	VU2BK 7009 00E 2	5T5TO 14024 05E 29	
KC4AAA 14026 11E 30	VU9TS 7001 14W 16	5T5TO 14023 04W 4	
KC4AAA 14025 04W 3	V2AJ 14030 04W 30		
KX6OB 7003 10E 27			

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September winner of a free year of TDXB is Mario Gallavotti, IØMGM.

W6KG and W6QL of the YASME Foundation are traveling again, this time to the Middle East. They left for the area Oct 1, with no itinerary established, but they'll be there about six months.

Two stations active from the South Orkneys are VP8AOE and VP8AOH, who have schedules on Tuesday, 0000Z, 14275, and Saturdays at 0430Z on 7005, respectively. Both are on Signey Island and will be there until next Spring.

Clipperton Island is strongly rumored for November; we were sworn to secrecy and kept quiet until the WLAW on-the-air bulletin spilled the beans on Oct 1. Word is that the operators will be two inexperienced Frenchmen.

Get in line now to sign up for the next expedition to Canada's St. Paul Island: you should reserve September, 1983.

HZ1AB is working 160 Meters on Wednesdays, 2130Z until their local sunrise time, transmitting 1827.5 and listening 1801.5. They also try to be on 7055 SSB around the same time. Operator is Bob Walsh, WA8MOA.

Coming Next Issue: a special section on Woodpeckers, both Russian and American. You may be surprised!

CW Operators: the latest issue of CQ Magazine has an ad for two new Vibroplex paddles. They both look a lot like the old FYO paddle, and one has a built in Curtis keyer. Unfortunately, both are iambic, i.e., double lever designs. Apparently nobody has yet got the message that there are a lot of graybeards who prefer a single-lever design and would line up to buy one.

Please let us know your plans for the CQ WW Contest, both phone and CW weekends (most of the phone expeditions were listed in Issue 160). And send some photos, too!

CALENDAR

Canton Is. T31AE and SMØAGD/KH1 Oct 11-20; I 160, 161
 K4YT Now in 5X5, not much hope of a license
 10 MHz US permission in October; I 155, 157, 160
 Aland Is. OHØW on NOW; I 158
 Chad Still looking for rumored TT8LM by TL8GE

Kenya 5Z4 is 5Y4 through Oct
 China Hoping for VE7BC's operation any day; I
 158, 161

Nepal 9N1WW rumored by JA8BMK mid-Oct
 E Kiribati By SMØAGD starts after T31

Pacific Fijis and New Caledonia by W6DQH, WA2BGE,
 and WA6GUA, mid-Oct

Pitcairn ZL1AMO still trying for transportation after
 his 3D2RW operation

Congo TN8AJ still rumored for Oct
 DXPO 82 Maryland, Oct 16/17

Contest CQ WW Phone Oct 30/31
 E Malaysia Possible by W9GW Nov 7-13

W Carolines KC6YA by W9GW Nov 14-20, CW only
 Nepal 9N38 by KP2A first of Dec
 Heard Is January-February-March, 1982

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