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PROPAGATION FORECAST: Dec. 14, High Normal; Dec. 15, High/Low Normal; Dec. 16, High Normal; Dec. 17, High/Low Normal; Dec. 18, Low Normal; Dec. 19, Above Normal; Dec. 20, Above/Low Normal; Dec. 21, Low Normal; Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

COMPLIMENTARY COPIES OF THIS ISSUE are going to a large number of former West Coast DX Bulletin readers; to those of you who still choose to not subscribe, The DX Bulletin will take this opportunity to wish all of you good health, happiness and much DX in the New Year and New Decade

TL8BQ (refer to issues 15 and 16) came on Saturday, Dec. 8. There is some doubt they will be able to operate from TN, as planned. Look for the expedition at 14195, 21295 and 28595.

ARRL BULLETIN NR 122 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT DECEMBER 6, 1979 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

The World Administrative Radio Conference, meeting since late September in Geneva, has now finished its work, with favorable results for amateur radio. In the bands below 30 MHz, all present allocations are retained and there will be three new worldwide bands. They are 10.100 to 10.150, 18.068 to 18.168, and 24.890 to 24.990 MHz. In the 10 MHz band, amateurs will be allowed to operate if they do not cause harmful interference to fixed service stations operating in the band. Amateurs may be permitted in this shared band as early as January 1, 1982. The 18 and 24 MHz bands will be exclusive, but before amateurs may operate here the existing fixed service stations must be moved to new assignments elsewhere in the spectrum. This transition will occur between July 1, 1984, and July 1, 1989. Amateur operations will likely be allowed to commence sometime during that period. In most of North and South America, including the U.S. and Canada, amateurs will enjoy exclusive use of the bands 1.800 to 1.850 and 3.500 to 3.750 MHz, which are presently shared with other services. In both cases, the remainder of the band continues to be available on the present shared basis. There were no changes to the allocations at 7.000 to 7.300 MHz. Amateurs in Region 1 will have a new narrow, exclusive allocation in the 1.8 MHz band, 1.810 to 1.850 MHz in most countries and 1.830 to 1.850 MHz in others. Above 30 MHz the amateur and amateur satellite services also did well. Several new amateur satellite allocations were made between 1260 MHz and 10.5 GHz, all on the condition that harmful interference is not caused to other services. They are 1260 to 1270 MHz, uplink only; 2400 to 2450 MHz; 3400 to 3410 MHz, limited to Regions 2 and 3; 5650 to 5670 MHz, uplink only; 5830 to 5850 MHz, downlink only; and 10.45 to 10.5 GHz. For the amateur service in Region 2, a new secondary, shared allocation was made at 902 to 928 MHz. The band segment 1215 to 1240 MHz was withdrawn from the amateur service to protect a new radionavigation satellite system from interference. No other changes in present allocations above 30 MHz should affect U.S. amateurs. Several new amateur and amateur satellite bands were designated in the largely unexplored spectrum above 40 GHz. January QST will have more information, and February QST will carry a comprehensive report of the conference and its results AR

Latest bulletin mailed to OBS was NR 121

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N4HX/TT8 QSL STATUS: Some DXers have already received QSLs from N4HX/TT8 and a few have been submitted to ARRL for DXCC credit. DXCC manager W3AZD of Headquarters is in the Washington, D.C. area this week and expects to receive the proper documentation for the operation from N4HX himself, who is also in Washington now. Since DXCC at Newington still has a two-month backlog, whether or not the cards are being accepted now is a moot point.

BRIEF NOTES... 4W2AA has not been on the air since last March; he was supposed to be on again during October but his trip there had to be postponed. The operator is I2YO, not a DXer, and he uses only a transceiver so they say that "list" operations are a must. Operation is scheduled for February, 1980, and the call may be 4W1AA; they are going to be trying at 2200 and 0600 and I2MQP and others will be helping. If the February trip fails, I2MQP and others may make a special trip to N. Yemen in May or June...VK9XW is on vacation in Australia for the next three months...W0BW was in Rome in November and says prospects for any CW activity from the Vatican are bleak...ZL1AMO knows nothing of a visit to China by him or anyone else...New officers of the Arkansas DX assn. are AC5I, W5LQN, and W5QKR...D68AM shows fairly regularly at 14295 and 21275 from 1730 to 2000...JX9WT, JW5IJ, JW7FD and OH3JR/OH0 are on 14207 or 14223 daily at 2100 for a list operation...VR1PJ and KS6DV/KH1 are "still good;" VR1BE is "good" but VR1BE/KH1 is no good because he doesn't have a reciprocal license for KH1...A7XA shows often at 28630 on Sat/Sun at 1200...W1PV knows absolutely nothing about 3A0GF; don't send cards...The Organization of Amateur radio Indonesia (ORARI) is planning another 6 Meter band propagation research project, to be joined by a contingent of JA operators; Dec. 29-Jan. 5, callsign to be YB0X/9. They will be operating CW 160-10 and SSB 80-10 on the usual frequencies. QSLs to JA1UT...Due to popular demand, W0RJU now transmits a DX bulletin on 7002 Tuesdays at 0100, in addition to his 20 Meter bulletin at 1200 Monday on 14002...W6TI still transmits a bulletin on 14002 at 0200 Mondays...We misunderstood W1BB's 160 Meter Bulletin; the article upcoming in 73 Magazine on power line noise is expected early 1980 but is by W4PZV, not VR3AR; come to think of it, power line noise probably isn't much of a problem on Christmas Island!...New officers of the Twin City DX Association are W0IR, N0NO and W0YDB...Yes, the LU7X on "Staten Island" is the group who publicized a trip to Tierra del Fuego; it counts as Argentina...Steve Thompson, N4TX, is an airborne reporter for station WTOP; he was severely injured in a crash and will be in hospital 2-3 months. But he is reportedly making good progress...

PROGRESS REPORT:

Many of you have asked about us... The DX Bulletin receives about fifty pieces of mail a day. We compile the material and type the issue on an Adler typewriter with changeable typing elements. Layout work is done standard black-and-white with line art but no photos yet. We make the plates on an A.B. Dick offset platemaker, after which the plates must be processed with "fixer" and lacquer. They then go onto an A.B. Dick 360 offset duplicator, sort of an intermediate step between a mimeo machine and what printers call a "real press." We are doing OK operating the 360, except if a piece of paper gets in the wrong place it tends to wind around an ink roller and then disintegrate, necessitating teardown and complete cleaning, which takes about an hour and a whole can of hand cleaner. After the Bulletins are printed both sides, they have to dry about 12 hours before they can be run through the #5%&* folding machine. After folding we address them using Addressograph plates, then off to the Vernon Post Office. Running this operation takes about fifty person-hours per week, and there is a lot more we just can't find time to do yet, what with working a full-time job in the electronics industry on the side. That will be rectified in a few weeks, though. We can always use a little moral support, in the form of reports and input for The DX Bulletin, and your patience and cooperation thus far is very much appreciated.

BANDPASS: Call/Freq./Time(West, Central, East)/Day of Month. *=Long Path

20; AP2UR/205/13E/5 A7XD/213/02E/6 CN8BF/207/03C/2 CN8BF/236/04W/4 C6AEN/-
332/14E/3 OK3TAB/D2A/204/05E/4 FK8CW/210/11C/2 HC8EE/026/02C/1 HH2BM/210/-
04E/8 JW7FD/223/02E/6 JX9WT/223/02E/6 JY4MB/228/13E/5 JY5RZ/250/05W/7
J7DAY/247/11C/7 WA4CEH/KH8/332/14E/4 OH3JR/OH0/221/22E/7 PJ8DFS/251/12E/5
SV0WEE/241/07C/7 TJ1AG/218/21E/7 TT8AD/221/23E/7 UK8XAL/221/05C/8 UI8GAF/-
225/05C/8 VP8SO/253/04C/2 VQ9PC/203/03E/8 VU2BK/062/02C/1 ZD7MG/190/21E/7
ZK2VE/225/04W/5 ZS2MI/232/04E/2 3C1AC/021/01E/5 3D6DX/217/04W/5 5Z4VY/215/-
03C/4 7X2LS/245/23E/7 9M2SQ/202*/23C/7

15; CE4PM/327/01E/2 D68AM/275/19C/5 EA8QY/334/22E/2 FY7BC/260/22C/1 HC8GI/-
356/19E/4 K9EF/HI8/025/01C/2 HS4AMA/345/00E/4 HV3SJ/292/19C/1 J3AAG/021/-
23C/3 D4CBS/J5(CR3)/282/17C/2 K6SAD/KH2/346/01C/2 KC6MI/345/00E/4 KG6SW/356/-
00E/1 P29GT/345/01E/1 S8AAM/355/19C/3 TU4AQ/289/02E/5 TZ4AQS/285/21C/7
VR6TC/356/00E/5 ZD7BW/355/18E/1 ZK2VE/344/01E/3 3B8CF/270/20C/1 5H3FW/354/-
19W/1 5L7F/344/21E/1 5T5AY/274/19C/1 5T5BZ/029/21E/3 6W8MW/285/22C/2 5Z4QS/-
306/21E/2 9G1AP/276/22E/2 9J2BO/355/19C/1 9J2TJ/293/21C/1 9Q5GB/285/20C/6

10; AH2E/562/23E/1 A4XGY/551/14E/5 FG0DD/550/13C/3 HL9UI/600/02C/1 HM1GW/-
690/02C/2 HV3SJ/590/16C/2 SV0AC/529/12E/2 T3KC/012/00C/1 UH8HAI/532/14E/5
VP8ML/552/22E/1 VU2DK/581/15E/8 VY1CC(Yukon)/612/22C/1 ZD7BW/585/20W/2
ZD8AI/563/12E/5 3D6BP/595/13C/2 5B4EP/543/12E/2 5L2AV/524/15W/1 5Z4RT/512/-
14C/4 6Y5CW/553/15C/3 8P6JB/587/15W/1

QSLs, CALL/VIA

AP5HQ/N0RR	HZ1AB/K8PYD	TG9CH/W4QO	W1LJ/OH0/WICKA	*****
A4XGY/K2RU	JW5IJ/LA5NM	TN8AJ/DM2XLO	YB0WR/WA0TKJ	*
A7XD/WA4PYF	JW7FD/LA5NM	TR8PO/F9ON	ZD8AI/N3WM	* TZ4AQS showed
C21AA/P29JS	JX9WT/LA9WT	VK9CGR/VK5QX	ZK2VE/W7PHO	* up on 20 for the
C5AT/OH2BFJ	J28AZ/DJ6QT	VP1KS/DL1KS	ZS2MI/WA2IZN	*first time today;
D4CBS/J5/D4CBS	J3AAG/K1DBA	VP2EAL/WA7IRD	ZS3AG/WA2JUQ	*usually found on
EA6EU/WD5BIF	J6LIR/WB6FCR	VP2MM/W1CDC	ZS3HL/WA1ZXF	*15 Meters.
F9UW/3A/F9UW	J7DAY/WA4DWN	VP2MEE/N8BM	3B6CD/3B8CF	*
FB8XV/F5VU	J73A/K2TJ	VP2MVV/W1VV	3B8RS/DJ6QT	*S2BTF still on the
FK8CW/K2IJL	KH6FIJ/KH7/KH6FCVP2SA/AB1U	3C1AC/EA7FY	3D6BP/W1OX	*"gathering" every
FP0MD/VO1FB	KP2A/WB2VFT	VP2SA/AB1U	4S7EA/WA9OQU	*evening at 0100; get
FP0MR/KA1CU	N4HX/TT8/On5NT	VP2SQ/W2MIG	5B4IJ/OE8HFL	*to 21345 or so at
FR0MM/K1MM	N6YK/VP2/WA6CVU	VP2SX/K1XA	5H3FW/DF4TA	*0045 if you want to
FY7BC/F9LM	N7CW/VP2A/AA7A	VP2VCA/W0YR	5L1A/WA4DPF	*make the list, run by
HC8EE/HC5EE	N0TG/6Y5/N0TG	VP2VEA/W9UPG	5L7A/DL2GA	*W7RQ and W7PHO
HH2BM/W7RQ	OD5FB/WA2QAU	VP2VFD/WA4GWD	5L7F/DK3SF	*
HI8LAP/W3HNC	PT7TP/W4MWL	VP2VFE/WB6FCR	5Z4QS/K1NA	*
HT5JAR/YN5JAR	P29GT/K8BTH	VQ9MR/N5GU	5Z4RT/OE6MBG	*
HV3SJ/I0DUD	SV0AC/WB8LFO	VQ9RM/WB2GTN	5Z4VY/JA2AJA	*
	S2BTF/W5RU	VQ9KK/WA3HUP	6W8MW/WD6AEI	*
	S8AYL/K9KXA	VR1PK/W5RBO		*****

Operation in July, 1979 of ZK2DD, ZK2DJ and ZK2YL: QSL to Alan Leith, VE3FRA,
10 Fairington Crescent, St. Catharines, Ontario L2N 5W3 CANADA.

Chip Margelli, K7JA, has been working for Yaesu in Japan the past couple of years;
he and his wife Janet will return to Washington Dec. 22. Chip has been writing a
series of articles for the Totem Tabloid, the fine monthly bulletin of the Western
Washington DX Club.

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CALENDAR

Cent. African Rep.
Congo Republic
Monaco
Indonesia
Gibraltar
Palmyra and Kingman
Juan Fernandez
Cocos and Christmas
DEADLINE

TL operation in progress, p. 1, Issue 15
TN operation in doubt, p. 1, Issue 15
3A2CX still expected starting 23 Dec., esp. CW
YBØX/9 by YBs and JAs, 29 Dec. - 5 Jan., 160-10
ZB2 by CN8AK 24-25 Dec.
Starting 4 January, all bands
8-9 January, p. 1, Issue 15
VK9Y and VK9X possible by P29JS, early 1980
CQ CW Contest logs must be postmarked by Jan. 15

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WA6YQW, AE6T, WA4QMQ, W9QWM, W6GO, W8ZET, WA1YTC, WA1WTP, W1DA, K9ZZ, K9XJ,
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