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PROPAGATION: Dec 13, High Normal; Dec 14, Above Normal; Dec 15, High Normal; Dec 16, Above Normal; Dec 17, Above/High Normal; Dec 18, High/Low Normal; Dec 19-21, Low Normal; Dec 22, Below Normal; Dec 23-25, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Date	Flux (82)	Alpha (82)	K (82)
229	237	12/1	173	3	1
219	241	12/2	171	2	2
204	246	12/3	187	10	2
205	249	12/4	200	10	3
192	268	12/5	216	10	2
176	270	12/6	217	3	1
182	288	12/7	252	23	4

1983: A WORLD COMMUNICATION YEAR

Back in 1981, the united nations General Assembly proclaimed 1983 a "World Communications Year," and, in support of that, the Potomac Valley Radio Club is sponsoring a worldwide operating event January 15, 1983. You'll need to know your three ITU regions and seventy-five ITU zones for this one; check any recent May issue of QST for a zone map.

Rules are simple...contest runs the full twenty-four hour period (UTC) Jan 15, and you can work anybody on all amateur bands 1.8 MHz to 275 GHz, excluding the new bands at 10, 18, and 24 MHz. Only single-transmitter stations can win awards; single and multi-operator are both allowed. The exchange is simply your ITU Region and ITU zone. ITU Regions are (1) Africa, Europe, and USSR; (2) North and South America; and (3) Asia and Pacific.

You may work a station once per band, with "telephony" and "telegraphy" (including RTTY) counting as different bands. Multipliers are the different ITU zones worked on each band. Count four points for contacts outside your ITU region, two points for contacts inside your ITU region but outside your zone, and count one point for contacts inside your ITU zone. Score is total QSO points times multiplier. Send your log and summary sheet to PVRG, PO Box 337, Crownsville MD 21032, by Feb 28, 1983.

CHINA: BY8AA is still overshadowing BY1PK, and BY8AA QSLs come through in short order. VE7BC's time at BY1PK in October was severely limited, as the authorities had him on a tight schedule, and there is no activity at the Beijing station before 1500Z because of TVI problems. VE7BC will be there again in February or March, but does not know if the moving of the station to new quarters will have been completed by then. Check out the photo of BY8AA's QSL, on page three.

CHAD: TL8GE tells a different story about his proposed TT operation every day...now he's saying will start Dec 20 for ninety days. He will apparently operate only lists and nets.

TRINIDADE: a forty-eight hour operation has been announced by PY1RR, to sign ZYØTI, Dec 14 and 15. It will be mostly SSB and the prime spot will be 21300.

HEARD: Jim Smith, VK9NS, has not released his operator list for the January operation yet. The "VK6DX Chasers" operation has a full-page advertisement in December CQ magazine. TDXB expects both groups to be close-mouthed until their respective departures next month.

CLIPPERTON: reports indicate that the Tahitian operators working on passage to Clipperton this winter regretted the mention of the military in published reports. There is nothing in the offing at this time.

ANTARCTICA: UA3CR and two others will join the crew at 4K1J for the Antarctic summer, and they will sign 4K1CR, 4K1KP, and 4K1QCG. They plan extensive operation on both SSB and CW as well as on the satellites. QSL Box 88.

MAYOTTE: RSGB's DX News Sheet says that FH8OM (and presumably FH8YL-Ed.) have just left the island after six years there. That would leave inactive FH8CL as the only operator.

ABU AIL: W6KG and W6QL, accompanied by an unidentified French operator, appeared as G5ACI/AA three days late; they operated Dec 5 and 6. All QSLs to the YASME Foundation.

L8D/X operation is by LU8DQ from Argentina's Staten Island, which has already unsuccessfully tried to negotiate the DXCC status road.

This from the DARC DX-NL: four hams can be accommodated next year aboard the schooner "Illusion," which will be taking a team of divers on a one-year cruise. You can participate in any part of the trip you wish, at about \$45 a day. Some of the potential spots are Peter and Paul Rocks, Europa, Juan de Nova, Tromelin, Comoros, Glorioso, Rodriguez, and, are you ready?...the Laccadives. The "Illusion" is a 60-footer with two 15-foot skiffs for landing, and can go two months without docking for supplies. If you're interested, enquire to H.M. Lilienthal, F6DYG, 593A Ronde des Ploutons, Predina 2, F-13800, Istres France.

Issue 3 of the bi-weekly Amateur Radio Today is out and the new "mini-magazine" is shaping up very nicely. You can help them get started by sending \$5 (US only) for a three-month trial subscription to ART, 221 Long Swamp Road, Wolcott CT 06716.

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OFTEN, we hear the question "Why in the world did y'all go 'way over there?"

VICKI, N5DLM, and George Adkins, AD1S, decided to make the big "plunge" in February, 1982, combining a dream vacation with a DXpedition and a visit to many radio amateur friends with whom they had communicated over the miles and over the years. In their words:

IT was a simple task to obtain licenses to operate from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands...a brief letter brought the proper forms from TT government on Saipan, and in a few weeks we were officially KC6WS from both Eastern and Western Carolines and KX6OS from the Marshall Islands (we requested KC6ES for operation from the Eastern side, but TT did not see the need...obviously not DXers).

IT was not so easy to get hotel reservations! It turns out that August is the peak tourist season, and the tourists are all wealthy Japanese. Without the help of our friends in Micronesia, the trip would have foundered for lack of hotel space. The men at the U.S.C.G. ORAN station YAP, KC6DN, KH0AC, and KX6OR used their influence to see that we had a place to sleep and operate.

WE left Oklahoma City July 31, boarding an American Airline 747 next in Dallas for non-stop to Honolulu... about eight hours in the air. After recovering for a few days in Hawaii (during a hurricane) we flew Air Micronesia to Guam, with stops on Johnston Island, Majuro, Kwajalein, Ponape, and Truk. Twelve hours in the air... if you get the picture. By now, Vicki's ears were gone completely!

Next, overnight in Guam at the Pacific Islander Hotel, where we were given a traditional Japanese-style suite. Too bad we were too bushed to enjoy it! Up the next morning, August 3, on Air Micronesia for a mercifully short thirty-minute flight to YAP, Federated States of Micronesia.



BEAUTIFUL LAGOON ON YAP WITH HISTORIC "MAN'S MEETING HOUSE," TYPICAL OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS ON THE MICRONESIAN ISLAND.

OUR QTH on Yap was the Raiview Hotel, overlooking the peaceful Lagoon in Colonia. It was hot and humid as we set up KC6WS to make nearly 3500 QSOs in four days. Thanks to the U.S. Navy Seabees, who defused that unexploded bomb resting in the muddy bank just a few yards from our hotel room! We had a few moments to spend exploring the island, which is famous for its "stone money" from earlier times.



A TRIP TO THE "STONE MONEY BANK" NEAR COLONIA IS A MUST. GEORGE, AD1S, AND YAPSESE GUIDE GIL ARE SURROUNDED BY PALM FOREST AND STONE MONEY.

JOE Tamag, owner of the Raiview Hotel, treated us royally, giving us "Room Number One," the best room in the house. Also at our service was our Yapese friend Gil, who drove us anywhere we wished to go, helped erect our antennas and even slept near our antenna to prevent it from being "salvaged" by the aluminum-hungry native boys.

AUGUST 8, and we must say goodbye, "Hafa Adai," to our friends on Yap, as we anxiously await Air Micronesia and another short hop to Palau, Republic of Belau, Western Caroline Islands. DXers know that Palau is the only island comprising KC6-Western Carolines. We expected a real "dog fight" from this spot but were greeted by pitiful propagation (the Summer Doldrums). The bands were always open to Japan, however, and N5DLM became quite a hit with the JA operators as "Vicki-San." We logged over 2500 QSOs from Palau, but disappointingly few U.S.A. or European contacts.

KARL, KC6DN, did a superb job arranging hotel accommodations. We were among the few Caucasians in this Japanese tourist center, but the Nikko Palau Hotel was world-class in every way. The management knew we were "ham" operators, gave us a fantastic suite overlooking the "Rock Island" lagoon and told us to put our antennas anywhere we wished. The Nikko Palau is the former Continental Hotel, recently bought by Japan Air Lines.

WE spent a memorable day with KC6DN and his lovely wife Marion, exploring the distant Rock Islands, reefs, and sunken war relics. The underwater color is breathtaking.

AUGUST 11 was the date we retired KC6WS (East and West) and boarded Air Micronesia once again, this time heading north across the Equator to Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. One look at our room in Saipan, and we knew we had lucked out again! Len, KH0AC, had wangled a fantastic top-floor room at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, and the management even provided a technician to help erect the antennas on the room just above our room. Propagation picked up only slightly, but we managed 2200 QSOs in our three-day stay, operating as AD1S/KH0.

SAIPAN is noted for the historic battles which occurred there near the end of WW II. Our visit included trips to the awesome Suicide Cliffs, American landing beaches still littered with the hulls of rusting Sherman tanks, and the infamous "Bonsai Cliff."



"BONSAI CLIFF," WHERE SEVERAL THOUSAND JAPANESE SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND CIVILIANS HURLED THEMSELVES INTO THE SEA RATHER THAN SURRENDER TO ALLIED FORCES.

WHEN the bands were dead, we managed to spend some time poolside at the Hyatt Regency. Vicki became quite interested in a Tahitian dancer who kept smiling at her... (faithful readers will recall that we quoted James Michener in these pages as having said that Polynesian men are the handsomest in the world-Ed)... Vicki decided we must see the Tahitian Dance Show that night in the hotel lounge. I loved it when the dancer jumped over the rail (directly in front of Vicki) and tried to scare the island devil out of us! You had to be there.

AUGUST 14, and we stood at the airport once again with our traveling road show, looking forward to about seven hours flight time back toward home and to our last operating stop, Majuro, capital of the Marshall Islands. We arrived after midnight, Majuro time; jet-lag was beginning to take its toll. Thanks to Brian, KX6OR (ex KC6DC), we had a room at the Eastern Gateway Hotel. Putting things into perspective, there are only about forty hotel rooms on the entire island, and a British construction company had rented thirty-five of them on a semi-permanent basis while they were building

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

AP2HA 14028 13E 29	OD5BP 28744 13E 6	ZD8MF 21015 20C 30
A4XJV 14215 14E 30	OK1KQ 10121 01W 30	ZD9BX 21335 21W 27
A4XJV 14221 16W 3	OZ3Y 10105 08W 28	YK1AO 14214 14E 1
A4XJM 28520 13E 3	PY1ZAE 3504 22E 5	YK1AO 14216 14E 2
A4XJL 28510 13C 4	9Y4RD/	ZL4QO 10104 08W 1
A4XJL 21403 14E 4	SU 28745 14E 1	Z23JO 28744 13E 6
A71BJ 28585 13C 28	SV1JG 3505 22E 30	3A2EE 14212 15W 27
A71AD 14210 15W 2	TF3S 21030 01E 4	3B8FK 14022 02E 2
BY8AA 21049 00E 28	WA2DHF/	3D6AK 28055 17E 27
BY8AA 21050 02C 30	TI5 14208 19E 5	3V8AL 7002 22E 29
BY8AA 21052 01C 1	TL8ER 14023 20E 5	3V8AL 14211 15W 30
BY8AA 21049 01C 4	TN8AJ 21279 21W 29	3V8AA 28745 14E 3
CN8CY 21033 18E 28	TN8AJ 3504 22E 2	4K1D 3502 23E 1
CT3BM 28746 14C 4	TR8IG 3501 23E 30	4S7EA 14217 14C 4
NØZØ/	TR8JD 21297 20C 4	5H3BH 21305 19E 2
DU6 21026 00E 3	TU2JT 28005 16E 1	5H3BH 21025 19E 5
D44BK 28745 13C 28	T32AF 3509 12E 28	DF8HS/
D44BC 21333 19E 3	T32AB 14008 02E 5	5N7 28745 12E 1
D44BS 28746 13C 4	UF6FAL 3503 23E 5	5R8AL 14110 03C 30
EL2GE 21305 20E 1	UK7CAA 14023 13E 3	5R8AL 28005 16E 3
EP2TY 28521 13E 28	UH8DC 7011 12E 28	5R8AL 28520 17E 3
EP2TY 28730 12E 3	UH8BZ 14029 04E 4	5T5TO 28034 14E 29
EP2TY 28630 13E 3	UH8DC 28012 14E 4	5T5TO 3503 22E 1
FO8GM 10104 08W 1	UI8AFD 14012 03E 30	5Z4CK 21276 19E 2
FRØGGL 21023 20E 27	UI8ABA 14038 01C 30	5Z4DA 21300 19E 3
FR7ZN 21292 19E 3	UI8IBB 7006 13C 3	547NW 21035 21E 4
HK3YH 3501 10E 30	UI8LBO 14025 13E 3	(same as 5V7)
HKØBKX 14218 00C 30	UJ8SAO 14024 13E 29	6W8DS 21292 21C 3
HKØBKX 14029 02E 3	UJ8SAO 14015 03E 30	7P8CL 28584 13E 28
HS1ANJ 14025 13E 6	UM8MBA 14010 03E 30	7Q7LW 21356 18C 28
HZ1AB 3503 22E 2	UM8QAH 14007 04E 4	7X4AN 3501 00E 29
JTØGM 3799 22E 30	VK6HD 3505 21E 30	8Q7AZ 14224 12C 29
JW5VAA 14030 02C 30	VK9ND 21370 00E 3	8Q7AZ 7018 12C 3
JY9RC 28745 13E 2	VP8AOE 14217 02E 1	8Q7AZ 14220 12C 6
J2ØBL 28020 14C 4	(S. Orkneys)	9G1HT 21009 18E 29
KG6RN 28550 00E 3	VS6DO 7002 11E 4	9J2BO 28030 20E 29
KL7AW 10105 01E 1	VS6DO 3501 11E 5	9K2DX 14022 13E 30
W8LCZ/	YB5AES 3501 23E 29	9M8CO 28538 23E 1
KH9 14293 02E 3	YB5AES 3504 22E 30	9N1MM 14214 12C 29
MIC 28028 15C 1	YI1BGD 14212 14C 3	9X5PP 21292 20E 1

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Correction

(Issue 169): the plural of "itinerary" is "itineraries."

VK2ADY/Ø Heard Island QSL cards are NO GOOD for DXCC credit. For that matter, none of these are good:

5R8BA	1G5A
VU2WNV	K7LMU/HC8E
VQ9AA/C	K1IMP/KC4
PYØXA	1B9WNV
FO8M	K7LMU/TI9C
1A6SBO	

Finally, in the spirit of the present U.S. government, we have decided that we no longer make mistakes. We merely "misspeak" ourselves. Thus, we misspoke when we hinted that ARRL membership dues are due to rise 10 percent next spring. What are going up 10 percent are QST display advertising rates. There will be no increase in classified advertising rates.

--- AD1S/N5DLM continued...

a new power station. We were lucky to have a place.

WE fired up that night for a CW-only operation as KX6OS. We made only three SSB contacts from Majuro, all to friends back home. Our net QSO count was a little over 1100 from Majuro. Our strongest memory of the Marshalls is the apparent fragility of this island chain; these are true atolls, merely the rim of extinct volcanoes that just happen to stand, ever so slightly, above the water's surface. We could stop our car, at almost any spot, and hurl a rock into the ocean and the lagoon at the same time (that's small...).

THE Marshallese people were the least friendly of all the Micronesians we encountered. Considering the fate of islands like Bikini, Eniwetok, and Kwajelein, it is not difficult to understand the animosity toward our government. Still, we were treated with courtesy and kindness.

AUGUST 16, we pack for the final time in our DX-pedition...it seems like such a brief flight from Majuro to Honolulu International. Just in time to greet another hurricane nearing the Hawaiian Islands. Our twelve-hour layover is spent sleeping in a rental car on the North Beach of Oahu and searching for last-minute souvenirs. The end of a hectic but memory-filled trip. We'll be back someday. "Hafa Adai," friends of Micronesia.

-- AD1S and N5DLM



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TO RADIO		POST CARD		CEM OUR QSO YOUR REPORT		
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CALENDAR

Beacons 14100 NOW; Issue 168
 Trindade ZYØTI by PY1RR Dec 14/15; I 170
 5R8AL Mon/Weds, 1800Z, 21330
 Africa Where is F6BBJ? Issue 163
 Marion Is. Rumored new op at ZS2MI soon

10 MHz Now, but not for contests or awards
 Chad TT8 by TL8GE uncertain; I 170
 Am Samoa VK3DET/KH8 now to Dec 15
 Nepal Many visitors Dec 15-Jan 1; I 169
 YASME Abu Ail over, A4 and A7 next until Jan 1

Caymans ZF2FK by WD9IIC Dec 18-Jan 1; maybe 10 MHz
 Tahiti FOØ by KØCS Dec 17-20
 Congo TN8AJ active until about Dec 20
 Cooks ZK1XS by KØCS Dec 21/22
 Samoa 5W1EA by KØCS Dec 23-26

Tonga A35 by KØCS Dec 27-29
 Am Samoa KØCS/KH8 Dec 30/31
 Syria Special calls Dec 25/26 and 30/31; I 166
 Amsterdam FB8ZP soon by F6DWQ
 Kerguelen FB8XR soon by F6GVX

Rodriguez 3B9DA still rumored by 3B8DA in Dec
 BEACONS Worldwide starting Jan 1; Issue 168
 Contest ARRL QSO Party CW Jan 8/9
 (CD Parties R.I.P.)
 Contest WCY Worldwide Jan 15; Rules Issue 170

Heard Is. VK9NS group starts Jan 16; VK6DX Chasers
 group starts Feb 1
 Contest ARRL QSO Party Phone Jan 22/23

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 W300, K6IR, K4BAI, N6AIT, WØBW,
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