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PROPAGATION: Feb 7, High Normal; Feb 8, High/Low Normal; Feb 9, 10, High Normal; Feb 11-16, Low Normal; Feb 17, 18, High/Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
180	192	1/26	148	14	2
184	203	1/27	138	9	3
200	233	1/28	145	8	4
211	275	1/29	154	14	2
216	293	1/30	160	18	4
215	298	1/31	162	12	2
214	301	2/1	168	14	3

HEARD ISLAND: not much to report except that the CW pileups are slowly dwindling, while SSB pileups for VKØHI continue to be ferocious. VKØCW operates around 14.020 and still listens as high as 14.070, even though the pileups have only been 5-10 KHz wide the last few days. Alan has been telling people who call twice that he's already worked them...he is either 1) keeping a dupe sheet, 2) has a good memory, or 3) hasn't made very many contacts! The correct answer is probably 2.

Dave, VK3DHF, has been thrown to the lions on 20 Meter SSB. VKØHI operates almost exclusively 14.195 and listens above 14.200. The Heard Island expedition Newsletter #4, dated just as the ship left Australia, sheds some light on operating tactics: they are going to make a point of operating transceive briefly but felt that would probably have to be done by the "list" method. VKØHI will also listen above 14.280 for U.S. General class phone operators, and they request that those with higher class licenses refrain from calling above 14.280 (!).

Nothing has been heard of the Jim Smith HIDXA expedition as of Thursday, Feb 3.

CHINA: BY1PK has disappeared completely from the bands. BY8AA still operates on 14.050 at about 0045Z several nights a week. It is not possible to tell if he (they) are on by listening for a pileup, because there is lots of blind calling every evening. Their chirpy signal is pretty well cleaned up so its hard to find them among the people calling either them or VKØCW. To tell you the truth, it's a mess.

MALPELO: a very strong rumor coming out of Colombia is that a Malpelo operation will take place late in March. Past practice has been one Malpelo operation every five years and they're a year overdue. We await word from the TDXB Bogota desk.

CHAD: TT8AC and TT8BC completed their operation Feb 1.

FCC released their no-code license NPRM Feb 1, and the introduction is exactly the same as TDXB published on January 10 (Issue 173). FCC denied ARRL's request for an 18-month stay of execution. They said "The ARRL has, in RM 4229, invited upon the amateur community the burden of the operator examination program." The League had asked for 18 months to get the volunteer examination program running before having the added task of administering new code-free tests, but FCC wasn't buying.

In its discussion section of the NPRM, the Commission said, in effect, that CW is still unique (in that you can operate CW on any frequency), and that CW "can stand on its own feet" as a communications mode. That is, anybody who wants to work code can continue to do so and will not be affected by the code-free amateurs.

POLAND: some Polish hams are coming back on just in time to work Heard, but hamming there is drastically changed from pre-Dec 1981. Not all individuals are going to be re-licensed, and some club stations are also kaput (several SP9KRT members were jailed during martial law). Many of the club stations of the national organization, PZK (stations with P-suffixes) will be replaced by military club stations with K-suffixes. It is thought these moves are aimed at doing away with PZK, an ARRL-type organization over 50 years old.

RANDOM NOTES

First nomination for callsign of the year goes to Fred Kleber, K9VV; Fred will operate from Grand Turk Island Feb 16-26 and has been assigned the call VP5FUX. Fred asked us to spread the word because he figured people'd hear him and not believe he was legit. QSL manager is KB9AW. Fred will be in the ARRL SSB DX "Test as K9VV/C6A, QSL to K9VV.

Portuguese hams are using special prefixes as follows: Jan-Mar, CQ; Apr-June, CS; Jul-Sep, CR; and Oct-Dec, CU. In honor of 1983's World Telecommunications Year.

Colombian hams are also using special prefixes this year in honor of the 50th anniversary of their national society. All are in the block 5J and 5K.

Wondering about all the activity in the South Atlantic? RSGB's DX News Sheet says Great Britain is exercising sovereignty over the Falklands, So. Georgia, and So. Sandwich, so only VP8 callsigns are valid from these islands. The So. Shetlands, So. Orkneys, and the Antarctic peninsula are under international treaty and any country can, in effect, issue licenses for these spots. You may recall that TDXB carried information on the South Atlantic in Jan/Feb 1982, and within a month there was war!

FLASH!!! SEE PAGE TWO.

FLASH! Last issue we said QSL VKØCW via K8CW, because we had that information (in writing) from Australia. It was wrong... all North America QSL both VKØHI and VKØCW to N2DT, Japan to the DX Family Foundation, and the rest of the world to VK6NE. This word direct from VK6NE.

DK2OC Net has switched to 21305 at 1230Z, due to the downturn in 10 Meters.

Issue 173 (January 10) carried a tentative list of DXCC countries which were not on the air in 1982. We erred on a few of them, to wit: FB8ZQ came on late in December, 1982; KC6 W. Carolines was activated by AD1S/N5DLM; KH6IMX/KH4 was briefly active from Wake; we said KP1 when we meant KP2 Desecheo, which stays on the list; and TI9FAG's operation in the Fall eventually was found acceptable for DXCC.

This means that all but thirty eight DXCC countries were on in 1982, i.e., you could have worked 277 for the year.

On a related topic, we asked twice for readers to check their files for their last DXCC-valid contact from the countries in TDXB's Top Twenty. Coincidentally, the DX column in Worldradio for January (by N6JM) had a list of twenty "remote possibility" DXCC countries and the year of last operation from them. The list was compiled by K8DB, and there was some cross-over to our list.

TDXB is grateful to the following readers who took time to do a little research for us: N5FG, KA1PL, K1SA, K9BB, WD8CRY, W4CKD, N4VA, W3FDP, W6GO, K3NN, K4BAI, K9EL, WA4JTI, KN8Z, VE7DX, W1BL, WB4RUA, N2BIM, and W4VQ.

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1. BY China	BY1PK BY8AA	2/83 2/83
2. VKØ Heard	VKØCW/HI VKØRM VKØHM	2/83 4/80 1/70
3. VU/Laccad.	VU7US VU5KV	4/71 1/71
4. ZA Albania	ZA2RPS ZA2RPS	6/71 9/70
5. XU Kamp.	XU1DX W9WNV/XU	1974 10/64
6. 7O S. Yemen	VS9ARS VS9ARV	10/67 2/67
7. 3Y Bouvet	3Y1VC 3Y5DQ LH4C	2/79 12/78 11/62
8. VU/Andam.	VU2FBZ VU9KV VU2DIA	12/72 4/71 10/67

ARRL's bulletin of Jan 28 says that "A6XWT has been heard on CW making lists for himself." Will someone please enlighten us as to just how one makes a list for one's self?

Heard on 21.290 at 1900Z: "The OM International Society." They have numbers, just like the YLISSBers, and they were madly exchanging them.

There's a rumor that W6KG and W6QL are looking into the possibility of a North Yemen 4W license. They'll go there instead of Bahrain if they can operate.

Don't waste any time working FB8XAB, as he may leave even sooner than his scheduled Mar 1 departure date...and some are saying that Jim Smith wants to stop at Ker-guelen on his way back from Heard (if he makes it to Heard).

9. XZ	by W9WNV	late 60's
10 CEØX	W9IGW/CEØX CEØXA	4/72 4/65
11 HKØM	HKØTU HKØTU	3/77 2/69
12 XV	XV5AC	1974
13 4W	many	12/75
14 YA	Many	1973
15 PYØ P/P	PYØCW etc.	9/82
16 FB8 Crozet	FB8WH FB8WG	1983 1982
17 A6	Many	2/79
18 TT Chad	TT8AC/BC N4HX/TT	2/83 3/80
19 XW Laos	SMØAGD/XW Many	6/79 1974
20 ZL/Kerm.	ZL1YL/K ZL1AA/K ZM1AAT/K	11/77 10/77 8/70

ISN'T IT FASCINATING to look at the ones you need, see when they were on the air, and correlate that with what was happening in your life at the time?

And do you have a craving to dig out old log books and see if you worked something and didn't even realize what it was? Me, too.

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

A4XYE 14038 13E 24	JT1AU 14032 01E 1	UM8MBA 7003 00E 28	5H3FN 21043 18E 24
A4XJV 14208 13E 27	KW5VAA 21034 14E 29	VK0CW 7002 23E 28	5H3MI 21289 19E 29
A71AD 3795 05E 21	JW4GN 14209 22E 30	VK0CW 21025 16C 30	5H3BH 21286 19E 30
W6KG/	JY3ZH 14222 12C 27	VK0HI 14192 05C 2	KC7UU/
A7 14016 15W 23	J28DP 3505 23E 29	VP8LP 14211 00C 24	5N6 21024 20C 24
W6KG/	J28DM 14033 22E 29	VP8AQU 14015 01E 28	5T5TO 14026 23C 25
A7 14023 14E 27	VE3DFD/	(S. Orkneys)	5T5TO 14202 01E 26
W6KG/	J7 14211 12E 26	VP8AQU 14002 04E 30	5T5CJ 21022 15E 29
A7 14202 13C 29	KC4USB 14208 14C 23	VP8AOE 14226 02E 26	5T5RY 21297 18E 29
BY8AA 14050 01C 27	KG4CD 7005 01W 25	VP8AOL 14226 05E 29	5T5RY 21286 16C 30
BY8AA 14048 01E 28	LU3ZI 3504 03E 27	VQ9CI 14212 12C 27	5X5FS 21302 20E 29
BY8AA 14049 01E 3	(S. Shetlands)	VQ9CI 21262 18E 28	5Z4CS 14027 00C 22
CE0EVG/	LU3ZI 7002 06C 2	VR6KY 21302 20E 24	5Z4CQ 21030 12E 23
CE0Z 14202 04E 27	LU5ZA 14222 04E 29	VS6CT 14304 11E 27	5Z4CS 3502 02E 29
CN8EJ 14009 22E 29	(S. Orkneys)	VU2ARZ 7009 02E 21	5Z4DA 21286 19E 29
CN8AT 21306 17C 30	LU5ZA 28595 20E 29	VU2BX 3501 01E 25	7X4AN 3502 23E 23
CT2QN 14005 22E 25	LU5ZA 14205 00E 30	VU2BK 14053 13E 25	7X4AN 3513 00E 25
C31NP 14017 00E 26	LU5ZA 14199 02E 31	VU2AU 14206 11E 27	7X4AN 3501 22E 30
WB5LBJ/	LU5ZA 14196 02E 1	VU2BX 3501 01E 29	8Q7AZ 14217 12C 27
DU6 21345 00C 25	LX2FC 21005 14E 29	XT2AW 14002 22E 25	9H1BB 7005 02E 29
DUICK 21296 00E 26	W1BIH/	XT2AW 3504 23E 30	9J2MT 21295 20C 23
D2AM 21034 16E 24	PJ2 21377 13E 23	XZ9A 7003 13C 22	9J2TY 14015 02E 25
G6ZY/	W1BIH/	YB0ACP 7005 14W 23	9J2TY 14022 23E 26
EA6 3526 06E 25	PJ2 28022 13E 26	YB0ACP 14208 00C 24	9J2BO 21026 20E 28
G6ZY/	PJ8II 21026 19C 25	YC2HV 21287 00E 26	9J2BH 21286 21E 29
EA6 7026 07E 25	OX3LK 28006 14E 29	YB5AES 7010 11E 28	9J2TY 14008 00E 1
EA6JD 14044 01E 28	SV0BP 7004 05E 24	YI1BGD 14204 13E 27	9K2BE 14026 13C 27
EA8CP 14078 12E 25	SV0AA 3502 00E 31	ZB2EO 3503 22E 24	9L1EX 21310 21E 28
EA9JG 14022 00E 26	S79WHW 21294 19E 27	ZC4CW 3504 00E 29	9L1EX 21278 21E 29
EL2P 14029 00E 26	S79ARB 21286 19E 29	ZD7SE 21046 20E 27	9X5WB 21295 19C 24
EL7M 7002 22E 27	TF3YH 7006 11E 24	ZD8TM 21038 21E 29	
FB8WH 14225 13E 23	TJ1AF 21288 20C 31	ZD8TM 21014 21E 30	
FB8XAB 21014 16E 23	TL8CK 14203 20E 25	ZF2AO 28540 23E 24	
FB8XAB 14019 12E 27	TR8DR 21008 21E 24	ZS3TL 21274 20E 26	
FB8XAB 14018 04E 28	TR8GM 21297 21E 24	ZS5LB 3504 21E 26	
FB8ZQ 7005 13C 19	TR8IG 3505 23E 29	ZS5MY 3502 03E 27	
FB8ZQ 7002 00E 24	TR8DX 21289 20E 30	Z21GN 21306 19E 27	
FB8ZQ 7008 13W 25	TU2HJ 14215 03E 24	Z21GO 21303 20E 30	
FB8ZQ 14018 03E 25	UA2EC 21022 15E 29	3B8CF 7008 03E 22	
FB8ZQ 7007 13C 29	UA2FBR 3524 02E 29	3B8FG 14028 02E 25	
FC9UC 7011 04E 23	UK9UDD 7014 03E 22	3B8FK 14022 02E 25	
FP8HL 21008 17E 29	UA9CM 3507 22E 26	3B8CF 7008 02E 30	
FY7KRU 14051 00E 26	UD6DHC 7010 13C 25	3B8DA/	
FY7BW 7005 22E 27	UD6CN 14027 14E 27	3B9 21026 15E 22	
HK0BKX 14027 03E 27	UF6FDR 7001 01E 22	3V8AA 21020 17E 23	
HK0BKX 14017 01E 31	UF6FFJ 14032 13E 24	3V8AA 21043 14E 29	
HL5BDJ 21284 00E 26	UF6FAG 3503 00E 31	4K1D 7002 00E 28	
HZ1AB 7004 01E 27	UL7BAW 3505 00E 31	4K1D 14011 03E 28	
HZ1AB 3504 02E 27	UH8BO 14047 13E 25	4K1D 3505 00E 31	
IS0OMH 14011 00E 27	UI8CD 14227 13E 30	4U1UN 21294 14E 30	
JH3BG 3508 11E 26	UJ8JCQ 7005 13C 22	4X4JM 3502 00E 25	
JT1AN 14018 01E 24	UJ8JCL 7009 12E 23	4X4JU 3505 00E 28	
JT1AN 3794 13C 24	UJ8SAO 14019 12C 27	5B4LY 21041 14E 29	
JT1AW 14046 02E 29	UM8NAV 7008 03E 21	5H3LB 21018 21E 24	

Mail reports to reach Vernon by Wednesday, or phone:

203-871-7699.

Best contributor of information each month wins a free year of TDXB.

WINNER FOR JANUARY is Paul Shafer, KB1BE, who phoned one hour before Issue 176 went to press, with word that TT8AC/TT8BC had just come on the air.

DX CALL
| CT3BX
| C53EK
| DL2GG/YV5
| EL2BE
| EL2EM
| EL2P
| FB8ZQ
| HK1QQ
| KG4CD
| P29NPL
| SV5OX
| TJ1AF
| TR8DX
| TR8IG
| VP8ALJ
| VP8ANT
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CALENDAR

BEACONS On 14.100 NOW; I 168, 171, 172
 BEACONS On 18, 24 MHz NOW; I 176
 HEARD VKØCW/HI on NOW to Mar 1; I 176, 177
 Crozet FB8WH on NOW; need reports
 Rodriguez Elusive 3B8DA/3B9 on 20 now to May

Heard Jim Smith/HIDXA no show yet
 S Shetlands LU3ZI on NOW to Feb 16; I 175
 Kerguelen FB8XAB on NOW to end of Feb; I 176
 Amsterdam FB8ZQ on NOW to Dec; I 176
 Qatar W6KG/A7 on NOW; Bahrain next

Iran EP2TY rumored on again; need reports
 N Cooks ZK1WL by ZL3AFH on CW NOW; need reports
 China BY8AA almost nightly; Issue 176, 177
 China BY1PK QRT until Mar; BY1QH coming soon
 Monaco PA3BXC/3A NOW to Mar 1; need reports

S Orkneys LU5ZA on NOW to Feb 16
 Antarctica LU1ZB/ZB ends Feb 9
 S Shetlands LU1ZC ends Feb 9
 Turks VP5FUX by K9VV Feb 16-26
 Nepal 9N1WW by JA8MWU, JH8NYK, FEB 15-27; I 175

Anguilla Feb 15-25, VP2EU, VP2ES, VP2EAA
 St Vincent J87LTA by K4LTA Feb 19-28
 Malta 9H3BV by W7BUN Feb 19/20
 Competition ARRL DX CW Feb 19/20
 Turks VP5XX Feb 28-Mar 9

Trindade PYØTA by PY1RR Feb 22 for two months
 Bangladesh S21 by JA8MWU, JH8NYK, Feb 28-Mar 1; I 175
 Antigua K4LTA/V2A Mar 1-8
 Montserrat VP2MKD Mar 1-10
 Bahamas K9VV/C6A Mar 5/6

Antigua V2AMK by K9MK Mar 1-10

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 KØCVD, VE1BNN, AB8K, WØBW, WB8ZRL,
 KE7X, KAØE, K6QS, K4BAI, KM9J,
 KA1LY, WD5AAM, W1VV, KA3R, W4VQ,
 W4CKD.

NOTICE

TDXB subscription rates increase
 Feb 15; details in last week's
 issue. February renewals are NOT
 affected.

WARNING

The following may be hazardous to
 your mental health. Swifties con-
 tinue to pour in...what have we done
 to deserve this? Interestingly,
 our sources are all East Coast:
 New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York
 City, Virginia. KØCVD/2 in Man-
 hattan must have had a complete
 breakdown, as he phoned in thirteen
 of these things; fortunately, we
 taped them and only had to listen
 to a couple at a time. Here goes.

"I always QSL right away,"
 Tom acknowledged.

"There's no good repeater location
 in Kansas," Tom said flatly.

"DXCC will never notice a little
 change in this QSL," Tom remarked.

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