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PROPAGATION: Aug 22, High Normal; Aug 23, 24, High/Low Normal; Aug 25, High Normal; Aug 26, Low Normal; Aug 27, High Normal; Aug 28, Above Normal; Aug 29, Low Normal; Aug 30, 31, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux	Flux	Flux	Date		Alpha	K
(80)	(81)	(82)		(83)	(83)	(83)
127	181	183	8/4	141	15	3
129	174	176	8/5	133	8	3
146	170	196	8/6	133	6	2
139	168	214	8/7	138	5	2
142	174	214	8/8	138	13	4
155	145	207	8/9	137	45	3
169	177	204	8/10	139	12	3
179	199	202	8/11	148	9	3
185	198	191	8/12	147	10	3
190	203	181	8/13	155	25	4
192	203	172	8/14	144	22	3
187	219	165	8/15	239	10	2
191	219	158	8/16	129	10	1
200	223	161	8/17	129	4	2

Kampuchea/Cambodia

AUGUST 11 was the authorized date for operations to begin, according to a news release from JA1UT and JA1HQG (ref TDXB Issue 196). XU1SS is at Ampil, XU1PV at Sok Sann, and XU1KC is in Nam Yin. While "XU1SS" was reported Aug 14 on 15 Meters CW, this was almost certainly bogus, as the beam heading from W1 was 150 degrees. XU1SS was heard weakly Aug 16 and 17 also. The operation is authorized to continue until August 30.

As for possible DXCC status, Newington advises they have preliminary information but that more will be required. According to the news release, "The above Amateur Radio Stations will be re-established by ...the president of the KPNLF and the Prime Minister of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, commemorating the World Communication Year's events. This

THERE WAS NO AUGUST 15 issue of TDXB; the editor went fishing. WASCZS has completed data processing of the 1983 Survey, and complete results will be published soon (they take an entire issue). 658 DXers got their needs tabulated, and their average DXCC total (after deletions) was about 280. Here is the New Top Ten:

ZA	Albania	84%
VU7	Laccadives	82%
XU	Kampuchea	78%
70	S. Yemen	76%
XZ	Burma	73%
VU7	Andamans	73%
3Y	Bouvet	73%
CEØX	San Felix	72%
BY	China	71%
XV	Viet Nam	68%

Coalition Government, officially seated in the United Nations, is ratified by the United States and Japan as well as the ASEAN countries at the present time."

70 S. YEMEN: J28AZ's attempts continue to be a Catch-22: he cannot borrow equipment from INDXA (whatever that is) until he has S. Yemen licensing, and he cannot get such licensing until he is in the country. Three is no indication of why he does not take his own gear with him, unless it is because it is not capable of split-frequency operation. J28AZ has mostly been available on "list" operations. Deadline for something to happen is the last week of August.

FIRST HALF of DJ6SI's "official" Spratly story appears in the latest issue of 73 Magazine, and is similar to what already appeared in Holland's DXPress (TDXB 201). Baldur flatly denies that there was any underlying reason for the expedition, other than amateur radio. Most blame is placed on bad information got in Singapore.

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PRIBILOF ISLANDS

FOLLOWING OUR ANNOUNCEMENT in Issue 202 of an Aug 25-30 operation from the Pribilof Islands, in which we stated categorically that DXCC status was not possible, we received a letter from the Alaska DX Association:

"The Alaska DX Association was rather dismayed to hear of your comments regarding the acceptability of the Pribilof Islands for DXCC credit. We feel somewhat slighted that anyone would make a decision about this matter prior to examining our case for the Pribilofs. We're sure that our Pribilofs' submission does not follow in earlier footsteps. There are sound reasons why the Pribilof Islands should count for DXCC, and our lengthy evidence will probably be on the way to ARRL before you read this. Let's hope you will keep an open mind about the Pribilofs until you hear our side of the story.

"Circumstances mandated an operation the last week of August, and that's why we're forced to announce the DXpedition before the submission is made. OUr evidence will become clear at a later date. Operators will be KL7PJ, KL7RA, KL7Y, NL7G, and NL7P. CW Callsign will be KL7PJ, and on phone KL7RA. QSLs via KL7GNP. Operation should start early Aug 26, and continue to late Aug 30. Operation will be from the 'hotel' on St. Paul."

--Alaska DX Association

The Editor Replies: Highly-placed sources tell us that the Pribilofs have been turned down for DXCC status several times, once in the past five or six years. We are sure that thousands of DXers will work you, get a QSL, and hope for the best. If you are able to convince Newington to grant the Pribilofs DXCC status, we will be the first to admit we were wrong! -- TDXB

CORRECT DATE for the W9DXCC convention is September 17. Guests will be Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD, Al Fischer, K8CW, Carl WB4ZNH and Martha WN4FVU Henson, and K9EID of Heil Sound. Deadline for early registration is Sept 10, although, as always, you may register at the door. Further information available from Howie Huntington, K9KM, 75 S. Burr Oak, Lake Zurich IL 60047.

REVISED SCHEDULE for JH1RNZ (TDXB 201) deletes Tuvalu T2 and adds Christmas Island T32. See this issue's Calendar for dates.

SPACE SHUTTLE STS-9 (W5LFL/mobile) has been delayed one month, proposed launch date now Oct 30. This will give us time to get set up down on the ground. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know your local newspaper people and arrange some coverage. Just listening to the Shuttle on your ham radio set is sure to impress non-hams.

FOUR YEARS AGO IN TDXB: JA6HOZ was putting on a demonstration in Beijing, and worked some JA and European stations as JA6HOZ/BY. The first 1S1DX Spratly cards from the May 1979 operation appeared. ZL1s ADI and AMO were ZK1MB on Manihiki, VP8VN made a brief appearance from S. Georgia, and VKØPK was active from Macquarie. Collins announced the KWM-380 would be out in October, and ON4UN checked in at CQ Magazine with the first 5-Band WAZ application. -- TDXB, Aug 23, 1979.

QSLs: VE7BD wants to know if K6EBB still handles VS9AJM (1967) cards, and seeks a current address. PYØTA QSLs from last Dec are just starting to appear. BY8AA turnaround has seemed to slow...six weeks and no QSL here. As for YI1BGD, don't ask!

FUNDAMENTALS OF 80-METER DXING by O.M.Y. Akineers, Associate Editor

Having been asked, as an acknowledged expert, to lay down some fundamentals of Low-Band DX work, we have consented to reveal some of our secrets. These fundamentals will be expanded upon in subsequent articles.

The first requirement on 80 Meters is to RUN POWER! The station at the other end is likely using a low dipole for receiving, and will not be able to hear as well as you. The more power you run, the more you will be able to keep your frequency cleared of rag-chewers, traffic nets, and other bothersome noises.

80-Meter DX comes through at night, so try to get a second-shift job, or develop a bladder problem. Drinking several pitchers of liquid before retiring will enable you to awaken naturally many times each night.

TRY to not cultivate enemies...it is much easier for you to be deliberately interferred with on 80 than on the higher bands.

SERIOUSLY, don't use your transmitting aerial for receiving. Use a Beverage, or build a "loop" out of the <u>Handbook</u>. Of course, if you get into a net or list operation you probably won't have to hear your signal report, so this is a way out of the hassle of actually receiving the station.

WORK stations on other bands and make schedules with them on 80. Make the sked on frequencies like 3587 and 3926. Have alternate times and dates in case you don't contact the first time.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: buy stock in coffee companies; contribute to the Society for the Deaf; befriend a family-relations counselor; pick up several sturdy wastebaskets for kicking under the operating table.

FINALLY...remember that when you've done it all on 80, there's always 160 Meters!

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

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DANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus Nest, Central, East Coast Feport)/Date

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NOTE: XUISS (and the other stations) operating times limited to 0000-1000Z.

CALENDAR

K4YT Rodrigues Pribilof Is. New Net

USSR Net

At 5Z4RK now; schedule to follow, 3B9FK until Dec J28 next Aug 26-30; I 202, 203

14218/0200Z Sat/Sun; I 201 14192/0400Z; I 201

Taiwan St Pierre Kure Anguilla W Kiribati BV2A/B now Fri/Sat; I 201 FPØIDQ by VE1CCM Aug 24-30 N2EDQ/KH7 NOW; I 201

VP2EUQ/EYL through August
T30 by JH1RNZ Aug 22/23; I 203

Kampuchea
S. Yemen
E Kiribati
W Kiribati
Contest

XUISS, others on NOW; I 196, 203 J28AZ deadline looming; I 203 T32 by JHIRNZ Aug 23-27; I 203

T30 by JH1RNZ Aug 27-31 All Asia CW Aug 27/28

Canton
Caymans
Nauru
Kermadec
Convention

T31/KH1 RUMORED end of Aug by T3ØDB ZF2DZ/FF Sep 2-12; I 202 C21NI by JH1RNZ Aug 31-Sep 3 ZL3AFH stationed there in Sept

DXPO Atlanta Sep 2/3; no details

Convention Contest St Paul Zone 23

Malpelo

Kermadec

Bouvet

W9DXCC September 17; I 203

WAE Phone Sep 10-11 VE1SPI end of Sep UØY Oct/Nov

HKØTU Oct 12-17

Lord Howe Syria Space Shuttle

By VK2WU Oct 23-Nov 3 To use 6C1 prefix Oct 15-21 W5LFL/AM to launch Oct 30 H.I.DX.A. trying for November RUMORED Nov for ten months

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