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PROPAGATION: Sep 5, High Normal; Sep 6, Above Normal; Sep 7, High Normal; Sep 8, 9, Low Normal; Sep 10, 11, High Normal; Sep 12-14, Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

TAIWAN

I2MQP, I2BVS, and possibly a third Italian operator will activate BV Sept 19-26. We believe they are the first amateurs other than BV2A/B authorized to operate from Taiwan since U.S. military personnel operated there in the 1960's.

FLASH!! Call sign will be I2MQP/BVØ

I2MQP will work SSB on 14.195, 21.295, and 28.595, listening up. I2BVS, a Naval Morse operator, will work CW "25 up" on 10, 15, and 20. They will not know their callsign until arrival; it might be BV2MQP, BVØI, BVØARI, or I2MQP/BV. They will use a TS830, IC-740, linear, and 2-element beam.

Terms of the license are that they will NOT be allowed to work amateurs in the USSR or in the People's Republic of China.

QSLs to Mario Ambrosi, I1MQP, via Stradella, 13, 20129 Milano, ITALY.

CLIPPERTON

PLANNING for the 1984 Clipperton expedition is in the final stages, following a visit to the U.S. by FO8IW, and following WB6GFJ's recent trip to Tahiti. The target is March/April, final exact dates depending on when a boat can be chartered. The Clipperton license, FPØXX, was issued on Tahiti, just as normal FO8 licenses are.

Operator list now includes FO8s BI, DO, EM, IW, JD, and WB6GFJ, W6OAT, W6SZN, N6PO, and K1CC. Additional operators are being sought, although time is short since it takes Tahiti about five months to issue a license.

CANTON ISLAND: DXPress now reports that T3ØDE and T3ØAT are firming up plans for a T31 operation sometime in September; they scrubbed plans to fly and are now arranging a boat. There are no other details at this time.

KERMADEC: ZL3AFH confirms (in DX News Sheet) that although he will arrive Ker-madec this month, he does not plan to be on the air until January or so. Perhaps the H.I.DX.A. group will be able to use Warwick's station when they arrive for their full-bore operation in February.

A STORY currently making the rounds is that ARRL has a "secret list" of possible DXCC country sites which will never be approved, because they are "too dangerous." The recent addition of Peter I Island should put that notion to rest...one of the locals, veteran of many expeditions (none of them Mickey Mouse, either), is known to have looked into Peter I and decided it was too much to tackle! Peter I, by the way, has no permanent population, and apparently it is virtually inaccessible except by air.

PRIBILOFS: The KL7RA/P and KL7PJ/P operation came off without any apparent hitches last weekend. The presentation by the Alaska DX Association, making the case for DXCC status, is already in the hands of the DX Advisory Committee. Their argument is based on DXCC Rule 2a, and the fact that the Pribilofs are 260 miles from the mainland (not the Aleutians). Sources indicate that the case is well-prepared and "impressive." And did your editor work them? But of course...we take no chances!

FINALLY: our BY8AA QSL came, and it took six weeks. And we wish we had a dollar for everyone who has written regarding YI1BGD QSLs, both pro and con.

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WE "RATE" THE TOP 73 NEEDED

"ON NOW" means just that; on the air now
 "PAST YEAR" means was on in past 12 months
 "ON SOON" means an operation planned in
 next six months or so
 "INACTIVE" means little or no chance for
 an operation anytime soon.

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| 1. ZA INACTIVE | 41. 5X INACTIVE |
| 2. VU7L INACTIVE | 42. 6O INACTIVE |
| 3. XU INACTIVE | 43. 3C1 INACTIVE |
| 4. 7O ON SOON | 44. TN INACTIVE |
| 5. XZ INACTIVE | 45. FB8X ON NOW |
| 6. VU7A INACTIVE | 46. FB8W ON NOW |
| 8. CEØX INACTIVE | 47. STØ INACTIVE |
| 9. BY ON NOW | 48. KH5 ON SOON |
| 7. 3Y INACTIVE | 49. PYØT INACTIVE |
| 10. XV INACTIVE | 50. FH8 ON NOW |
| 11. HKØM ON SOON | 51. 3B6 INACTIVE |
| 12. YA INACTIVE | 52. TJ PAST YEAR |
| 13. 4W INACTIVE | 53. TZ PAST YEAR |
| 14. XW INACTIVE | 54. ZL A/C PAST YEAR |
| 15. A6 ON NOW | 55. VKØH PAST YEAR |
| 16. 5A INACTIVE | 56. TI9 PAST YEAR |
| 17. ZL/K ON SOON | 57. JX ON NOW |
| 18. S2 INACTIVE | 58. 9U PAST YEAR |
| 19. S9 INACTIVE | 59. FB8Z ON NOW |
| 20. 1S INACTIVE | 60. KH5K INACTIVE |
| 21. SV/A PAST YEAR | 61. VK9M PAST YEAR |
| 22. FO8/C ON SOON | 62. D2 INACTIVE |
| 23. 5U INACTIVE | 63. Abu AIL PAST YEAR |
| 24. ZS2M INACTIVE | 64. D6 PAST YEAR |
| 25. C9 INACTIVE | 65. ZD9 ON NOW |
| 26. A5 INACTIVE | 66. VK9Y PAST YEAR |
| 27. YVØ INACTIVE | 67. JD/M.T. INACTIVE |
| 28. BV ON NOW | 68. T2 ON NOW |
| 29. S SAND INACTIVE | 69. S ORK INACTIVE |
| 30. S GA INACTIVE | 70. VK9X ON SOON |
| 31. 5R ON NOW | 71. 5V INACTIVE |
| 32. YI ON NOW | 72. VE SABLE INACTIVE |
| 33. FR/G INACTIVE | 72. TA ON NOW |
| 34. TT PAST YEAR | 72. UG6 ON NOW |
| 35. ET INACTIVE | |
| 36. 3CØ INACTIVE | |
| 37. 1AØ PAST YEAR | |
| 38. FR/J INACTIVE | |
| 39. FR/T INACTIVE | |
| 40. VKØM PAST YEAR | |

Of course, one could quibble about a few of these ! Our criteria was that if "they don't count for DXCC, they are inactive." And we do have a personal interest...if our 1S1CK and XZ5A QSLs counted, we'd make the Honor Roll. But Rules are Rules.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX FOUNDATION

SUMMER NEWSLETTER of the NCDXF just arrived, and here are some tidbits from it. In the past year, the Foundation provided major support for three expeditions: \$10,000 to the VKØHI/CW Heard Island expedition, \$5,000 to SMØAGD for T31/KH1 and other spots, and \$2500 to the 1982 Peter/Paul Rocks operation. NCDXF has ongoing commitments to supply QSLs and spare parts to a number of permanent DX stations, including CEØAE, 3B8CF, 7Q7LW, and others.

NCDXF also organized and partially funded the 14.100 MHz beacon network. The Foundation "normally does not initiate DX-expeditions - it does respond to applications for support." Currently, the criteria for support include:

- *Evidence of license
- *Permission to land/operate
- *Rareness of country
- *Competent operators
- *Balanced CW/SSB operating plan, or intent to activate needed bands/modes

Basic NCDXF membership is only U.S. Ten Dollars; the Foundation's income is from members' dues, plus interest income on a large individual contribution which started NCDXF in 1972. Last year, NCDXF ran some \$10,000 in the red, despite signing up some 500 new members, bringing the total membership to 2400. All continents and 87 DXCC countries are represented in the NCDXF membership...after the U.S., Finland leads with 133 members, followed by 91 in West Germany.

Two recent problems are sited in the Newsletter. As a result of one or two operations, supported by the Foundation, in which the operating proficiency was less than adequate, the Foundation is now tightening up its requirements in that area. Also, two operations in recent years, whose QSLs carry the NCDXF logo, ended up not being accepted by Newington for DXCC. In the future, better guarantees of DXCC acceptability will be obtained before the support is provided.

Send your \$10 for a membership, or an additional contribution, to:

Northern California DX Foundation
 P.O. Box 2368
 Stanford CA 94305 U.S.A.

HERE are the results of the Fourth Annual TDXB Countries-Needed Survey, compiled from responses of 658 subscribers.

EVERETT JACKSON, WA8CZS, printed the survey forms, then did the work of "scanning" them to extract the information. We will never be able to repay him (he asked nothing) for the work he has done on behalf of DXers everywhere.

While another publication did surveys in the past, the organization of their material did not lend itself to comparisons to the TDXB Survey. However, we have now done the Survey four times, and some trends are showing; you can see them in the chart on pages 4/5.

The chart below lists the forty most-needed countries for five geographical areas, in

comparison to the over-all "World" listings. The chart on pages 5/6 has many interesting bits of information...UG6 made it and Franz Josef Land did not (it just missed the Top 73). Although a station on Taiwan is "continuously" active, a third of you still need that BV contact. Despite the immense activity from Heard Island last winter, a fifth of you still needed it.

THE TWO-PAGE chart indicates which DXCC countries are NEW to the Top 73 this year. Those which dropped off the list are: PYØ Peter and Paul Rocks, KH1 (Thanks, Eric), T31 (thanks again) CEØZ, Franz Josef Land, PYØ Fernando de Noronha, 7Q, VE1 St. Paul, and 9M6/8.

AND THANKS to all of you who took time to respond to the Survey!

AREA :	ASIA		EUROPE		NA EAST		NA MID		NA WEST			
NUMBER OF RESPONSES :	45		24		265		202		104			
AVERAGE DXCC TOTAL :	292		285		278		275		278			
WORLD		RANK										
ZA	84%	HKØM	91%	VU7L	79%	1	XU	86%	VU7L	88%	VU7L	83%
VU/L	82	3Y	78	XZ	79	2	XZ	80	XU	86	3Y	77
XU	78	7O	76	HKØM	79	3	VU7L	80	VU7A	83	7O	76
7O	76	CEØX	76	XU	75	4	BY	80	BY	81	CEØX	73
XZ	74	VU7L	76	CEØX	75	5	VU7A	78	7O	78	HKØM	73
VU7A	74	XZ	71	7O	71	6	7O	76	XV	77	VU7A	70
3Y	73	5A	62	BY	67	7	XV	75	CEØX	75	4W	68
CEØX	72	4W	53	3Y	62	8	3Y	73	XZ	75	ZA	67
BY	71	YVØ	49	ZL/K	58	9	CEØX	69	3Y	74	YA	67
XV	68	A6	47	XV	54	10	ZA	68	ZA	72	XU	65
HKØM	68	ZA	42	VU7A	50	11	YA	68	YA	72	A6	64
YA	66	YA	42	5A	50	12	4W	65	4W	71	XZ	60
4W	65	5X	42	S9	50	13	HKØM	62	HKØM	67	5A	60
XW	53	VU7A	38	FO8/C	50	14	XW	60	XW	65	XV	57
A6	52	1AØ	38	S SAND	46	15	ZL/K	54	A6	62	TT	56
5A	51	XU	36	4W	42	16	S2	53	S2	56	BY	55
ZL/K	49	FO8/C	33	KH5	42	17	1S	52	ZL/K	53	S9	53
S2	47	S9	33	1S	37	18	5A	48	5A	50	5U	52
S9	45	S GA	31	ZS2M	37	19	A6	44	1S	50	SV/A	47
1S	44	ZS2M	31	VKØM	33	20	S9	42	S9	49	S2	43
SV/A	42	S SAND	29	XW	29	21	SV/A	42	SV/A	47	5R	43
FO8/C	39	XV	29	YVØ	29	22	FO8/C	41	C9	46	ZL/K	41
5U	39	TN	24	A6	25	23	A5	39	YI	46	FR/G	41
ZS2M	37	SV/A	24	S2	25	24	ZS2M	36	ZS2M	44	eCØ	40
C9	37	YI	22	C9	25	25	S GA	35	A5	44	1AØ	37
A5	36	ET	22	BV	25	26	5U	35	5R	41	XW	37
YVØ	36	C9	20	S GA	25	27	C9	35	FO/C	39	C9	36
BV	35	XW	18	ET	25	28	BV	35	5U	39	A5	35
S SAND	34	ZL/K	18	FR/G	21	29	S SAND	34	S GA	39	PYØT	35
S GA	34	5R	18	FR/T	21	30	YVØ	33	YVØ	38	YVØ	35
5R	33	3CØ	18	3C1	21	31	ET	32	FR/G	36	S SAND	35
YI	33	1S	16	SV/A	17	32	FR/J	31	1AØ	35	3C1	35
FR/G	32	FR/J	16	5U	17	33	YI	30	TT	35	FO8/C	35
TT	31	BY	13	A5	17	34	FR/G	30	S SAND	34	5X	34
ET	31	FR/G	13	5R	17	35	5R	27	3CØ	33	FR/T	33
3CØ	29	6O	13	3CØ	17	36	3C1	27	ET	32	ZS2M	32
1AØ	28	FR/T	11	1AØ	17	37	FR/T	26	FB8W	32	FB8W	32
FR/J	28	KH5	11	5X	17	38	KH5	26	6O	31	S GA	30
FR/T	27	3C1	09	FB8W	17	39	6O	26	FR/T	31	YI	29
VK9M	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	FB8X	26	FB8X	30	ET	29

FOURTH ANNUAL WORLDWIDE DXCC COUNTRIES-NEEDED SURVEY

1980	% Needing	1981	% Needing	1982	% Needing	RANK	1983	% Needing	Movement +/-
BY	87	BY	88	BY	85	1	ZA	84	+3
VS9K (deleted)		VS9K (deleted)		VK/Heard	76	2	VU/Laccadives	82	+1
XZ	79	XZ	78	VU/Laccadives	76	3	XU	78	+2
ZA	78	ZA	76	ZA	76	4	70	76	+2
VU/Laccadives	76	VU/Laccadives	76	XU	73	5	XZ	74	+4
VK/Heard	75	VK/Heard	75	70	70	6	VU/Andamans	74	+2
70	72	70	72	3Y	67	7	3Y	73	None
XU	69	XU	69	VU7/Andamans	67	8	CEØX	72	+2
FB8W	68	FB8W	69	XZ	66	9	BY	71	-8
VU/Andamans	65	3Y	68	CEØX	66	10	XV	68	+2
CEØX	64	CEØX	68	HKØ/Malpelo	62	11	HKØM	68	None
3Y	64	VU/Andamans	64	XV	59	12	YA	66	+2
3X	63	HKØ/Malpelo	64	4W	56	13	4W	65	None
FR/J. de Nova	61	XV	57	YA	52	14	XW	53	+5
FR/Glorioso	58	YA	54	PYØ P and P	50	15	A6	52	+2
9U	56	4W	53	FB8W	48	16	5A	51	+5
XV	56	S9	51	A6	48	17	ZL/Kermadec	49	+3
HKØ/Malpelo	55	PYØ P and P	43	TT	46	18	S2	47	+6
YA	54	A6	43	XW	45	19	S9	45	+3
4W	52	7Q	42	ZL/Kermadec	41	20	IS	44	+5
60	49	XW	41	5A	38	21	SV/Athos	42	+11
5A	45	TT	38	S9	38	22	FO/Clipperton	39	+9
5X	45	ZD9	38	VK/Mellish	38	23	5U	39	+11
HKØ Bajo (1)		5R	37	S2	37	24	ZS2	37	+17
7J1 (deleted)		ZL/Kermadec	36	IS	36	25	C9	37	+2
XW	43	C9	34	YI	35	26	A5	36	-12
KS4 S.B. (1)		3CØ	33	C9	32	27	YVØ	36	+9
TN	42	VK9/Mellish	32	1AØ (2)	31	28	BV	35	+21
ZM	42	5A	31	FR/Glorioso	30	29	VP8 S. Sand	34	+12
A6	42	S2	31	5R	30	30	VP8 S. Ga.	34	+9
5R	41	YI	30	FO/Clipperton	29	31	5R	33	-1
7Q	39	IS	30	SV/Mt Athos	29	32	YI	33	-6
TT	38	VP8/S Georgia	29	KH1 (2)	29	33	FR/Glorioso	32	-4
TY	38	FR/J de Nova	28	5U	29	34	TT	31	-16
ZD9	38	9U	28	PYØ Trindade	28	35	ET	31	+12
PYØ P and P	37	TN	28	YVØ	27	36	3CØ	29	+6
VK/Willis	36	VP8/S. Sand	27	ZD9	27	37	1AØ	28	-8