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PROPAGATION: Sep 12-14, Above Normal; Sep 15, 16, High Normal; Sep 17, Below Normal; Sep 18, High Normal; Sep 19, Below Normal; Sep 20, Low/Below Normal; Sep 21, Below Normal/Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
152	249	155	8/25	108	25	3
151	268	153	8/26	102	32	3
156	255	177	8/27	104	27	2
165	270	178	8/28	102	12	3
175	249	182	8/29	101	7	2
192	241	171	8/30	104	19	5
208	240	177	8/31	102	18	3
211	244	182	9/1	102	21	4
226	239	169	9/2	111	19	2
228	225	173	9/3	109	8	2
221	223	188	9/4	105	9	2
214	245	177	9/5	109	4	3
208	260	169	9/6	116	4	2
210	255	174	9/7	119	10	1

CORRECTIONS: in Issue 205 (the Survey issue) page three, NA WEST column, item 24, "eCØ" should be 3CØ. Page four/five 1983 column, item 40 should read VK/McQuarie, not Mellish.

PRIBILOFS: ref Issue 205. It turns out that the Alaska DX Association sent their "case" for DXCC status directly to certain members of ARRL's DX Advisory Committee. Unfortunately, this is not how the system works. Such material should go to ARRL Headquarters first. Then, the advisory committee Headquarters Liaison (in this case Don Search) sees that, if necessary, each committee member receives a copy of the material. As of this writing, Headquarters has not received the material.

THE NEW "INDXA" NET is meeting mostly weekdays on 14.235, at 2330Z and again at 0200Z. They take "lists" only after the desired DX station has arrived; the first couple of weeks have featured 9N1MM, FH8CQ, and TN8EE. They are hoping to entice 5R8AL into participating soon.

DL7FT has officially advised his correspondents that Albania is off again this year. We are still hopeful that efforts of the Finnish society, led by OH2BH, will bear fruit soon.

"RAPA ISLAND," southwest of Papette, was the site of recent FO8JD/R and FO8BI action. They would like to see separate DXCC status for the

spot, but that seems unlikely.

ZK1MA by ZK1CY started Aug 29 and will be a six-week North Cooks operation, according to DXPress. Says he will work "mostly CW Mondays and Fridays, SSB on 14.310 at 0300Z." QSL ZK1CY.

BY1PK has, according to VE3FRA's DX Report, invited VE3LEH to visit and take a keyer with him. Trouble is, VE3LEH admits to not being a CW operator. This will be in late September.

Although propagation has been adequate on 15 Meters the past few weeks, BY1PK has not shown at all and BY8AA has appeared briefly about twice a week, always around 21.040 between 00 and 02Z. QSOs last at least five minutes, not the least of which because BY8AA insists on giving their mailing address with every contact!

We are continually asked for tips on working the elusive Chinese stations. Aside from listening early to get them before the pileup grows, we suggest some callers should read any good operating manual for CW pileup calling techniques. Even if BY8AA or BY1PK works a station on their own frequency, do NOT follow the lead and call them there. Too many people are doing this, resulting in mass confusion.

As for propagation indicators, here in the Northeast on 15 Meters we have found BY8AA coming through just after the JA stations have dropped out, with UAØ stations often coming through concurrently with BY8AA. The openings to W1/W2/W3 are normally very brief as the skip moves West across North America. On at least one occasion, after the brief opening to W1/W2 the band died and no one else could hear BY8AA. We hope all this is of some help to you.

DX News Sheet says FB8ZP, the only station on Amsterdam, is QRT; the operator "had an accident repairing his antenna and has returned to France for treatment." Nothing heard from either FB8WI or FB8XAB for some time, either.

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OPINION

ABOUT PETER I. Island, which will become a new DXCC country as soon as somebody operates from there, we have been informed that WB6ZUC, who happened to stop there on a ship cruise not long ago, showed slides of the island last April at the Dayton Hamvention. It turns out that it is possible to land a boat at Peter I. Of course, the weather there varies from bad to miserable year 'round, putting it in the Heard Island/Bouvet category.

GUIDO, PA0GMM, will try to activate Macau CR9 Sept 27, for three days or so. Look for his 'phone on 14.200, 21.300, and 28.600.

ARRL reports A6XJC is back after a visit to Germany. He likes 21.300 around 1800Z, although he is very hard to catch. This is another one the new net on 14.235 (page one) may try to snag.

LORD HOWE ISLAND is the goal of the "Down Under DX'ers Contest Club" for the CQ Phone Contest (last weekend of Oct). Using VK2WU/LH, they'll be on 10-160, with 75 Metre work on 3695, listening 3805. US QSLs to WA2BFW, others to VK2WU.

YOUR EDITOR regrets he will not be attending the ARRL National Convention in Houston next month, despite rumors to the contrary. Look for us at the YCCC contest club meeting Oct 1 in Hartford, and at the NE DXCC meeting in Boston Nov 5, though. As much as we would like to attend far-away events, finances simply do not permit it. Think back...during the long tenures of such luminaries as QST's "How's DX?" editor W9BRD and the WCDXB editor WA6AUD, how often did you see them at DX conventions?

Karl Renz, K4YT, checks in from Africa, to say he spent several days in Somalia but had no luck getting a license from their PTT. He was also told that OH2JL/T5 and DJ6SI/T5 had licenses only for commercial traffic related to medical assistance in the "refugee area," not amateur radio tickets. In Burundi, U.S. Ambassador Jim Bullington (formerly TYAll) is still trying to get a license before this year's contest season fires up. In both these cases, U.S. personnel are going strictly "by the book" in licensing attempts. K4YT's tentative schedule appears in the Calendar.

ANY DXer feeling swept up by world events has the right to choose whom to work and whom to not work. While amateur radio is technically non-political, that is a pipe dream. The best example was when K7UGA was the Republican nominee for President of the United States. QST opined that while it would be marvelous to have a tribander atop the White House, they steadfastly refused to suggest that amateurs vote for Barry simply because he was (is) a ham. QST was right, and Barry was probably the first to agree.

While the heavy hand of politics has always laid on some countries, the U.S. has generally avoided restricting its amateurs. As WW 2 heated up in Europe, isolationist sentiments still ruled in the States; many U.S. hams were heard calling "CQ, no belligerents." The matter was, of course, eventually settled when amateur radio was completely discontinued for the duration of hostilities.

Some countries restrict their amateurs today...an example currently in the news is Taiwan, which does not allow its amateur(s) to QSO Mainland China nor any of the U.S.S.R. "republics." The Italians visiting there next week will be under those restrictions. Most Arab countries are not allowed to work resident Israeli amateurs (although visitors signing portable 4X are OK).

Until about ten years ago, the U.S. maintained a Banned Countries List. This was not really of our doing; FCC merely was answering the fact that some countries had informed the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) that their amateurs were not permitted to contact amateurs in other countries. These banned countries were mostly in Southeast Asia, and if you worked them you were not breaking U.S. laws, except that, again, technically, we are not supposed to work "pirates." Of course, you can't tell from one day to the next if a station is a pirate or not!

Generating a "Banned List" would be easy for FCC to do today...they could start with Burma and Mozambique, for example. FCC's refusal to do so predates the current moves toward "deregulation" of the amateur service by many years.

So if you feel like not working any Russian stations for a while, that's fine. It's a free country. Let's hope the inevitable sickos who deliberately QRM and otherwise cause trouble will be few and far between. They are a blight on our hobby. It is not necessary for us to be "above politics" (if you are above politics you are dead). Let's demonstrate that we respect others' rights on the ham bands as much as we claim to respect and support human rights everywhere.

-K1TN

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A35JD 14185 03C 5	JT1AO 14332 14C 4	UL7PBD 14027 02W 30	3B9FK 14019 02E 3
A71AD 21297 17W 28	JX6BAA 14218 00C 5	UL7GA 14031 14W 2	3B9FK 14029 14C 5
A92DW 14176 03C 5	J28AZ 14235 03C 6	UI8BI 14015 02E 27	3D2DB 14305 05W 28
BY8AA 21040 01E 29	J39CM 14332 12C 25	UI8AAD 14017 13E 28	4K1QAV 7013 00E 2
BY8AA 21053 01E 6	KA2ORK/	UI8ADF 14012 02E 3	(Antarctica)
CM2FH 7007 02C 2	J3 14267 01C 28	UJ8BQ 14016 02E 3	4K1GDW 7001 11E 24
COLRH 14068 02E 1	J73DF 14332 13C 26	UM8PAA 14020 01C 31	(S. Shetlands)
CT2CQ 14027 00E 29	J73AH 21334 20W 27	UM8MKF 14045 03E 2	4U1UN 14029 14E 3
CT2FN 14015 18E 1	J73AH 14203 02C 28	VE8XO 14182 00C 28	4Z4UR 14206 04W 27
C21RK 21344 23W 27	J88AZ 14025 12C 29	VK6RZ 7003 23E 3	5B0JE 21339 19C 4
C21FS 14185 13W 30	KC6RN 14024 18C 26	VK9WCY 21310 02W 28	5N8ARY 21027 14E 3
WA3HUK/	(E. Carols)	VK9WCY 21310 02C 30	5W1DZ 14310 03W 28
DU2 14071 13E 29	KC6RN 21026 01E 31	VK9ND 14206 11E 30	5Z4RK 21294 22W 28
DUI MEL 14219 12C 4	KC6RN 21301 02E 31	VK9ZS 14175 12C 31	7X2FK 14022 23E 2
K4COG/	KC6JA 14310 05W 30	VP2KAA 14208 14E 3	8Q7AV 14185 12E 22
DUI 14061 13C 4	KC6VD 14170 15C 3	VP8ANT 7006 10E 25	8Q7BT 21258 18C 3
G6ZY/	(E. Carols)	VP8AQA 21309 22C 28	8R1RBF 21271 21W 28
EA6 14025 16E 31	KG4AW 14022 00E 29	VP8ARA 7004 09E 1	9H1EL 14205 22C 4
EA8ANR 21313 20C 28	KX6PO 14310 03W 30	(Antarctica)	9J2LL 21025 16E 27
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EA8AGF 21051 16E 3	KJ9W/	VQ9QH 14200 12E 27	9K2BE 21253 13E 21
EA5YU/	KH2 7005 11E 2	VQ9DF 14227 14W 28	9N1MM 14216 00C 5
EA8 28037 22E 5	N2EDQ/	VS6DX 14227 14W 28	9V0VM 14227 14C 3
EA9NW 14332 00C 27	KH7 14310 03W 30	VS6DX 14207 12C 4	9V0UD 21026 15E 3
EL2AD 21279 14E 27	KZ1DA 21037 21W 29	VU2VZ 14024 11E 26	9X5WP 21274 19W 28
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FK8CE 7004 10E 25	OX3OA 14035 02E 3	VU2JXO 14014 03E 2	Wednesday, or phone:
FK8CE 21015 02E 27	PZ1DV 7004 10E 1	VU2MDM 7011 02E 6	
FK8CR 28565 22W 27	P29MO 14215 12E 22	VU2KMK 14028 12C 7	203-871-7699
FK8KAA 7010 11E 30	SJ9WL 14022 21E 2	V3FB 21344 23W 27	(24 hours).
FK8CE 14010 07E 30	9Y4RD/	YC0VM 21061 12E 27	
FK8CL 7009 07E 1	SU 21335 19E 28	YB5ASM 14022 13E 29	Best contributor of
FK8EV 14022 12E 3	SV4KB 14042 22E 31	YB0AFA 14021 12E 29	information each
FO8JP 21028 22E 29	S79WHW 21312 19W 28	YS1OD 14035 02E 30	month wins a <u>free</u>
FR0FLO 14195 14W 29	KD4LI/	YJ8RG 14310 03W 28	year of <u>TDXB</u> .
FR7BP 7008 02E 3	TI2 14032 01E 29	ZB2EO 14027 21E 31	
FR7BP 14030 04C 5	TN8EE 21049 18E 31	ZB2EO 14045 21E 2	
FY7BO 14020 01E 31	TR8DR 14031 02W 25	ZD7BW 21334 19W 27	
F6EYS/	TR8JD 21008 18E 27	ZD7BW 21336 19W 28	
HB0 14032 01C 6	TU2IJ 21267 14E 28	ZK1CG 14310 03W 27	
HL4XM 14032 12E 29	TU2NA 14191 00C 30	ZK1CG 21345 00C 28	
HL9TA 14013 13E 2	T2ADE 14310 04W 28	ZK1CG 14310 04W 30	
HL1CX 14032 12C 4	T32AB 14151 02E 25	ZK2RS 3795 11C 27	
HL4XM 14040 13E 4	T32AF 21012 02E 27	ZL4OY/C 14310 03W 28	
HS0HS 21014 16C 28	T32AB 28599 01W 27	ZS3E 21336 19W 28	
HT1JCC 14011 00E 29	T77C 21026 20W 26	Z21GI 21351 17E 27	
HZ1AB 7003 03C 1	T77C 21026 19C 30	Z21FN 14021 12E 29	
H44DX 3795 11C 31	UK9STT 7021 23E 4	Z21GO 21314 18E 31	
H44DX 14188 12E 6	UD6EHL 7001 23E 4	Z21FN 14038 14E 3	
H5AFU 21030 15E 28	UF6DA 14027 00E 29	3B8FG 14029 03E 30	
IS0ILE 14013 23E 2	UF6DA 14035 03W 28	3B8FG 14014 13E 3	
JA9IAX/	UF6FDR 14018 16E 31	3B8FG 14025 00E 4	
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LETTERS

"Hey - Is the DX Bull your personal DX 'Ladder' and soapbox vehicle, or is it going to serve DXers (QRPers and Old Timers alike) with DX news? I'm tired of seeing your DXCC count."

-- Name withheld.
(DXCC 315, "top spot")

The editor replies:

If you'd prefer an editor who is not active on the air or nowhere near the Honor Roll, try the competition. We have thought letting readers know how our personal countries-search is going would be nostalgic for Old Timers, and encouragement to those in our position.

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

S YEMEN 701AB by J28AZ postponed until Oct; Issue 204
 Rodrigues 3B9FK until Dec
 Ivory Coast TU2NW by N4NW Now; I 205
 Kure N2EDQ/KH7 Now; I 201
 Canton T31/KH1 possible by T30DB Now; I 205

NEW NET 14.235 Now; I 206
 A6XJC Rumored back in U.A.E. Sep 4
 Andorra C30AAL by F6EYS, F6HIX, Sep 12-17
 Malawi K4YT there Sep 14-19; little chance for op'n
 Convention W9DXCC, Chicago, Sep 17; I 203

Zimbabwe K4YT there Sep 19-23
 Taiwan I2MQP/BV0 Sep 19-26; I 205
 S. Afr. K4YT there Sep 23-26
 Botswana K4YT there Sep 26-30
 Macau PA0GMM there Sep 27-30; I 206

DEADLINE DXCC QSLs to Newington for annual list in
 Dec QST: SEPT 30

Lesotho K4YT there Sep 30-Oct 6
 St Paul VE1 operation end of Sept
 Zone 23 U0Y Oct/Nov

Malpelo HK0TU starts Oct 12; I 188
 Syria To use 6C1 prefix Oct 15-21
 Lord Howe VK2WU/LH Oct 23-Nov 3; I 206
 Guadeloupe FG0HTB by AD8J Oct 24-Nov 5
 Space Shuttle W5LFL/mobile launches Oct 28

Bouvet RUMORED starts Nov
 Fr Polynesia W6GO/K6HHD end of Nov
 Convention Newe Englande DXCC, Nov 5, Boston
 Kermadec ZL3AFH starts Jan '84
 Kermadec VK9NS/H.I.DX.A. arrive Feb '84

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