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PROPAGATION: Sep 26, Low Normal; Sep 27, Below Normal; Sep 28, Low Normal; Sep 29, 30, Oct 1, High Normal; Oct 2, High/Above Normal; Oct 3, 4, High/Low Normal, TNX N4XX.

Flux ((80))	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha K (83)	K (83)
152	228	143	9/15	104	8	3
158	225	146	9/16	105	17	3
157	219	150	9/17	107	19	3
153	218	137	9/18	104	21	3
161	214	137	9/19	102	10	3
166	199	146	9/20	100	28	5
158	190	144	9/21	100	17	4

JARVIS/PALMYRA IN NOVEMBER

AD1S/KH5 will begin about Nov 5. George Adkins, AD1S, and other operators to be announced later, have firmed up transportation and other arrangements. Jarvis, about 1200 miles SSW of Hawaii, counts for Palmyra at the DXCC Desk.

Jarvis is a wildlife refuge, 2X1 mile, and is administered by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. Resident population includes hermit crabs, feral cats, and 1.5 million birds (in two square miles??). The expedition will be made up of five amateur operators and a government biologist, whose expenses are being paid by the hams. The Interior Department has issued a special-use permit for the visit.

The expedition will leave Christmas Island, Republic of Kiribati, on Nov 3. The stations will operate five days, barefoot but with beams, both CW and SSB on 10-160 Meters. Financial support is being provided by the Northern California DX Foundation.

KERMADEC

Jim Smith, VK9NS, and his Heard Island DX Association continue arrangements for next February's trip to Kermadec. There will be five scientists and four radio amateurs going. In this case, the permit for the stay on the island is being negotiated by one of the scientists...the amateurs will accompany them. However, transportation arrangements are being done by the hams. The group will be able to stay in a building on the island of Raoul. Jim says the building will accommodate ten

people, not necessarily in comfort! Plans are to stay eight days.

ANOTHER SEMI-REGULAR ODDS AND ENDS ROUNDUP

You should already know this, as they are on the air: the St. Paul operation is signing VYØSPI. They got notification of the change when they got to Nova Scotia.

Sounds like U.S. ambassador Jim Bullington, N4NX, has finally got permission to operate from Burundi. Look for him soon.

St. Kitts received their independence on September 18, and they should be signing new callsign prefixes shortly.

Marshall Islanders voted on Sept 1 to end their association with the U.S., except in defense matters, says UPI. If (when) the U.S. Congress ratifies the new agreement callsign changes will probably be in order, although there'll be no change in DXCC status.

Always a big moment in the DX World is crowning of the DX Hog of the Year at the W9DXCC Convention. On Sep 17, 1983, Dr. Mike McGirr, K9AJ, received the honor. Rumors are it was Mike's successful quest for 5 Band WAZ that put him over the top.

VK9NS's 14.220 Net is gathering steam once again. Jim conducts it every Saturday at 0700Z, but indications are it may be run on a daily basis (as in the past) before long. Jim says during the time he ran the net from Papua New Guinea (P29JS) some 270 DXCC countries checked in, and he estimates that some 150,000 "transactions" took place.

G3XTJ passed away recently; he was QSL manager for a number of stations, including 6Y5FS. We suggest you not send any cards that direction until alternate arrangements have been made.

Word is going around that Venezuela's Radio Club will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with a trip to Aves Island next February. It will be three days, including satellite operation.

Check with People Express airlines if you want to go to the ARRL National Convention next month...\$69 one way from Boston.

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VE7BC says he will be in China again around Oct 4, and we might listen for him on SSB. Although we have heard that story more times than we care to count, there might be a little more to it this time, considering K1MM's operation last May and the upcoming BY4AA operating by JH1ZCT in Oct (Issue 207).

LAST ISSUE's mention of Spratly, of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee vote, concerned whether or not to delete it from DXCC status. The DXAC is not involved in approving or disapproving the 1S1CK operation of May, 1983. The October issue of 73 Magazine has part 2 of DJ6SI's Spratly saga, plus photos and an article on the 1S1CK visit.

I2MQP/BV (they didn't have to sign /BVØ after all) came on on schedule Sep 19, amid dismal propagation. A good opening to U.S. East Coast took place on 20 Meters Sep 21, but only lasted an hour. The opening on the 22nd was even shorter, and nothing was doing on 15. The opening on the 21st was I2MQP's 40th birthday!

K4YT left J28ED Sep 18, proceeding to the Seychelles, then to Kenya. There will not be any operating from 7Q7LW's Malawi house. Incidentally, 7Q7LW made his first appearance on 40 Meters last week, on a schedule. He'll probably do it again upon request.

QSL HELP NEEDED: K4ISV still looking for leads on WA6ZZD/KP6 (mid-60's, not K6UJW), XV5DA (not W7PH0), and VS9HRV. J48EAT worked 9GØARS on Aug 24, 1980 and seeks info.

N6ADI is starting a new QSL service, beginning Jan 1, 1984. Get further information by sending an SASE to N6ADI QSL Management Services, PO BOX 379, OJAI, CA 93023, or phone their hotline: 805-649-3339.

Steve Reichlyn, AA4V, and Gay Gasque, N4SF, will operate Jamaica as /6YØ Oct 26 to Nov 1. They'll be in the CQ WW Phone Contest and CW otherwise.



WHY ARE THESE MEN SMILING? K1TN (1) just gave a free subscription to TDXB to Simon Michel, ON7QL. WB1EAZ (r) hasn't stopped grinning since his YI1BGD QSL arrived. (Photo by KB1BE).

FOUR YEARS AGO IN TDXB: In Issue 6, we reported on a radio demonstration made by JA6HOZ in Canton, China. He had been given verbal permission by local officials to operate on 14.120 MHz for an hour, and managed to work a few JA stations. Yuji had been doing business in China for some time and was well known in Canton. At that time his feeling was "we should not expect to hear him from China again, and that China was many years away from granting permission to its own citizens to operate ham radio."

Issue 7 had a detailed story on Spratly, just five months after the 1S1DX operation in the spring of 1979. The story, from government sources, made it clear Spratly would be a dangerous area for any future operations. VQ9s KK, JJ, and MR had just completed an operation from Cocos-Keeling Island. Plans for a November operation from several Indian Ocean spots, including Glorioso and Juan de Nova, were revealed by N2KK, K5CO, and N5AU. We listed 48 call signs as Contributors to that issue!

How were the bands? In a word, great! BANDPASS for that mid-September, 1979, period, included over fifty rare and semi-rare countries on 10 Meters, including deep Asians, the Cocos-Keeling expedition, YI1BGD, and Malaysia. 20 Meters was open round-the-clock, and 15 was usable about 18 hours a day. One year later, our mid-September 1980 BANDPASS listed 10 Meter stations in all continents but Asia, in less quantity than the banner year of '79. Mid-September 1981 showed 10 Meters open to Africa, Europe, Oceania and the Falklands, among others. The solar flux was running well over 200.

One year ago, 10 Meters had not really opened yet...we listed a smattering of Africans and that was it, except for the usual Central and South Americans. And 15 didn't look much better in September, 1982. Not much exciting on 10 was reported until almost a month later. When SMØAGD showed from T31AE and SMØAGD/KH1, 10 Meters was the place to work him (from N. America).

AD8J's Guadeloupe operation is deleted from the Calendar, for reasons which will become apparent in a couple of weeks. It's for a good cause!

FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS are still awarded every month to the subscriber who provides the most useful input for this publication. It is not really very difficult to win a free year, and we are surprised that overseas subscribers haven't got into the game. Last month's winner, W7HRD, provided us with the most BANDPASS we have received from the West Coast in years. Reporting forms and return envelopes are available for the asking...please do so. We are especially interested in 40/80/160 Meter reports this year.

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

AP2MQ 14210 01C 12	J28ED 14157 12E 16	UM8MAP 14036 02E 15	3D6AN 14169 12E 17
AP2MQ 14208 12E 16	J28ED 14194 13E 17	VE1CBK/1 3794 10E 15	4K1GDW 14020 22E 16
A22MW 21327 18E 10	J73AH 21336 20C 11	(Sable)	(S. Shetlands)
A35JD 14182 04E 15	KC4AAA 14200 14W 13	VE1CBK/1 14232 00W 15	4S7WP 14022 02E 11
A35JD 14220 04E 19	KS6CQ 14314 05W 11	VK6RU 3504 10E 11	4S7WP 14007 01E 14
A4XRS 14206 14W 14	KD7P/	VK6HD 3799 22E 20	4S7EA 14193 12C 14
A71AA 14151 00E 15	KH2 7085 11E 21	VK9NS 14232 12W 13	4S7WP 14015 01E 15
BY8AA 21047 01E 12	N2EDQ/	VK9ZS 14160 12E 9	5B0JE 21328 19E 10
BY1PK 21025 01W 13	KH7 14310 04W 11	VK0GC 7082 11E 9	4B4JE 21320 19E 13
CN8ES 21272 21C 11	KX6OH 14216 13E 18	(Macquarie)	5H3DM 21291 20E 12
CN7BL 21258 19E 13	OH0AL 14056 16W 17	VK0GC 7196 11C 12	5H3DM 21316 19E 18
CT2CQ 7003 02E 21	OX3RA 7010 01E 9	VP8MT 21246 20E 14	5N1WCY 21282 15E 10
C21FS 14190 12W 13	OX3SG 14243 00E 11	VP8ML 3798 23E 20	5R8AL 21332 19C 14
C21BD 3797 10E 19	OX5AC 14284 20E 15	VP8ANT 7004 03W 11	(list)
C21BD 3797 12E 20	OY3J 14018 23E 11	VP8ANT 14017 01E 14	5T5RY 14211 02C 11
C21BD 3794 11E 21	OY5NS 14012 23E 16	VP8ANT 3794 10E 15	5V7NG 21292 19E 15
C53EK 21270 19E 15	OY7ML 14026 14E 17	VP8ANT 14012 00E 15	5Z4MX 14020 12E 11
C6ACI 14197 00C 17	PJ9EE 21376 12E 10	VP8AQA 21273 22E 15	5Z4CI 21325 19E 13
G6ZY/	PZ1BQ 21004 14E 11	(Antarctica)	5Z4DO 21312 20E 18
EA6 14025 12E 21	PZ1DV 21025 01E 14	VS6DX 14227 14W 11	6W8BG 21332 23W 12
EA8AWJ 21269 21E 15	PZ1DT 21025 18E 15	VS6DO 7088 11E 12	6Y5SG 14003 00E 13
EA8AS 21310 22E 15	9Y4RD/	VS6DO 14187 12E 13	6Y5IC 3794 11E 21
ED9EA 7051 05E 11	ST0 21335 18E 15	VS6DO 7085 12E 16	7Q7LW 21290 18E 12
EL2AM 14302 22E 10	9Y4RD/	VU2AU 14195 11E 9	7Q7LW 21292 19E 15
EL7C 14157 02E 15	ST0 21333 19E 18	VU2JXO 14036 01E 14	7Q7LW 21305 19E 18
EL7CX 14160 02E 15	SV1SQ 14013 22E 16	VU2MDM 7007 13W 15	7Q7LW 7005 03E 21
EL2Z 14026 00E 16	SV1JG 21026 15E 18	XT2EB 21328 21E 15	8N1WCY 7008 11E 21
EL2EM 14219 02E 16	SV1NA 7004 02E 21	XT2BP 14202 21E 18	8P6AE 14036 21E 10
HB9AAX/	TA2AK 14025 20E 14	YB0BXR/8 3794 12W 13	9H1ED 21023 14E 11
ET3 14001 22E 16	TF3XUU 14004 01E 15	YB5ASO 7007 11E 13	9J2JZ 28602 16E 15
FB8WI 14016 13E 17	TI5BGA 7009 06E 16	YB0ARK/9 14175 11E 13	LA2WW/
FB8WI 14017 12E 18	TJ1AF 21335 20E 14	YB0ARA 7004 14W 14	9L1 14332 03E 12
FB8WI 21051 13E 18	TJ1AF 21335 20E 15	YJ8RG 21301 01E 16	LA2WW/
FB8ZQ 7003 12W 15	TJ1AF 14220 22E 18	YK1AO 14212 14W 14	9L1 21335 18C 13
FG7XO 21007 00E 13	TR8DX 7078 00E 10	ZD7BW 21335 18E 10	LA2WW/
FK8EJ 14015 04E 17	TT8AK 21270 19E 13	ZD7BW 21336 20C 11	9L1 21330 19E 15
FM7CD 3786 05E 10	TU2NW 21290 18E 18	ZD7BW 21334 17E 12	9N1MM 14215 00C 14
FM7WS 3798 23E 12	T32AF 21280 23C 13	ZD9BX 21335 19C 13	9N1MM 14235 01W 15
FM7WD 14019 23E 14	T32AF 7005 08W 14	ZD9BX 21335 19E 15	W9JER/
FO8JP 28523 00W 15	T77C 21030 14E 11	ZL4OY/C 3795 11E 20	9Q5 21384 20E 18
HD8GI 21344 00C 15	UG6GAH 14001 22E 16	ZS3GB 21379 20E 14	9V1VM 14227 14C 10
H44DX 3795 11E 9	UL7GDN 14013 02E 15	1Z9A 14228 15E 15	9V1VP 7007 14W 14
IU0ITU 14030 23E 16	UK8BAA 14195 03E 12	3A2ARM 14021 01E 13	9X5PW 21275 19E 13
JT1AO 7008 13W 15	UI8ADF 14007 02E 11	DL5DAB/	
JW1UW 14228 15E 10	UI8ZAA 14179 04E 15	3A 21299 21E 15	
JY9CL 14019 22E 16	UJ8AW 14027 01E 10	3B8FE 14235 14W 11	
J28DM 14020 21E 10	UJ8JLF 14024 12E 14	3B9FK 14032 03W 12	
J28ED 14196 15W 13	UM8PAA 14037 02E 11	3B9FK 14019 02W 13	
J28AZ 14235 02E 15	UM8MAQ 14037 02E 12	3B9FK 14023 02E 15	
J28ED 14202 02E 16	UM8NAV 14006 03E 13	3D6AN 14184 13W 13	

Please mail reports
to reach Vernon by
Wednesday, or phone:

203-871-7699

(24 hours).

OPINION

TWO SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW. We admit to having a personal interest in both items, but we also think many DXers do, too.

HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION

When a DXer makes DXCC Honor Roll, all he has to show for it is a listing in QST and a lapel pin (if desired). There is no special certificate. There is a plaque for anyone who has worked every country. Newington has toyed with the idea of a special sticker for the basic DXCC certificate, saying "Honor Roll." We think something else might be in order...how about a full certificate attesting to one's Honor Roll status? We bet most everyone would be willing to pay for it, too.

CQ DX HALL OF FAME

THE ONLY JOURNALIST in CQ's DX Hall of Fame is WA6AUD, honored for publishing a newsletter for eleven years. We think another columnist is overdue for membership: Rod Newkirk, W9BRD. The first QST How's DX? column under the W9BRD byline appeared in December, 1947, and Rod wrote the column continuously through February, 1978! Many current practices originated in W9BRD's column...BANDPASS, for example, is a throwback to the days of crystal control.

Why don't a few of you write to CQ and nominate W9BRD for the DX Hall of Fame? Thanks.

CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

Monaco W5JW/3A rumored Sep 23-27, mostly CW
Rodrigues 3B9FK NOW to Dec
Ivory Coast TU2NW by N4NW NOW
Burundi 9U5 by N4NX rumored soon
Kure N2EDQ/KH7 14.310 @ 0300Z; I 207

A6XJC Rumored back on; need reports
Crozet FB8WI going begging on 20 CW
Somalia OH2JL/T5 soon; I 207
Ethiopia HB9AAX/ET3 on NOW; I 207
N Cooks ZK1MA rumored on NOW; need reports

Botswana A22 by K4YT soon
Macau CR9 by PA0GMM Sep 27-30; I 206
DEADLINE QSLs to Newington for annual DXCC List
(Dec QST) by Sept 30
St Paul VY0SPI Sep 23-Oct 3; I 207

Lesotho By K4YT Sep 30-Oct 6
ITU Geneva 4U1ITU by W5JW rumored Sep 29/30
Niue ZK2 by ZL1AMO Oct 1-15
Zone 23 U0Y rumored in Oct and Nov
Liechtenstein W5JW/HB0 rumored Oct 2-4

Canton T31/KH1 possible in Oct by T30DB; I 205
S Yemen 701 by J28AZ possible in Oct; I 204
China NEW BY4AA starts Oct 4; I 207
Malpelo HK0TU starts Oct 12; I 188
Syria To use 6C1 prefix Oct 15-21

KA1BU, KH6BZF, KB1BE, AD8J, AA4V,
N6ADI, VK9NS, NIACH, K1XA, K6SSJ,
K4ISV, W4VQ, K4CEF, KW9N, K6IR,
XE1NI, W7HRD, K9KM, WD4NBX,
KR1G, K1WJ, W9GXR, N4KG, AB8K,
WB8ZRL, W7YF, WD5AAM, K4BAI,
KA3R, W0BW, WB8IKO, N9CPW, W3AZD.

Lord Howe VK2WU/LH Oct 23-Nov 3
Space Shuttle Launches Oct 28
Convention NEDXCC Boston Nov 5
Palmyra AD1S/KH5 starts Nov 5
Bouvet Weak rumors of Nov

Fr Poly W6GO/K6HHD end of Nov
Kermadec ZL3AFH starts Jan '84
Kermadec H.I.DX.A. starts Feb '84
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