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PROPAGATION: Oct 17-19, Low Normal; Oct 20, 21, High Normal; Oct 22, 23, Low/Below Normal; Oct 24, High/Low Normal; Oct Oct 25, 26, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

stations there are neither authorized by or even connected with the recognized government.

XU1SS at Ampil appeared on 14.195 three days last week: Oct 10 and 11 on SSB, and Oct 12 on CW. There are about a dozen operators, working same-frequency. They can be heard in the Eastern U.S. long path starting about 1000Z, but they are generally not workable until about 1045Z. It is hoped that the Japanese, who set the station up in the first place, will be able to supply a remote VFO sometime soon. For now, the contacts go very slowly. The Cambodian operators show signs of rapid improvement.

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## CHINA

NEW STATION BY4AA opened from Shanghai Oct 12 but apparently the Japanese visitors were only authorized one day or so of operating time. Chinese operators there will have been trained at the BY1PK station. Their operating times and frequencies will probably be constrained the same as at BY1PK and BY8AA, i.e., "quiet hours" due to TVI considerations.

Although 15 Meters has been very open lately, BY8AA only shows about once a week there, and BY1PK even less frequently. Our mail has indicated the frustration with the VE7BC operating from BY1PK two weeks ago...a "chicken and egg" situation. Was the deliberate QRMing due to poor operating from BY1PK, or did VE7BC change his tactics in order to shield his Chinese hosts from what was happening on his SSB frequency?

## MALPELO

HK0TU CAME ON on schedule Oct 12, with a fair signal on all bands, including 80. Late word indicated fifteen HK operators, including Capitan Herman Olarte, HK1QQ, Coronel Alvaro Martinez, HK3AVA, and the other thirteen titled "Doctor." They took brand-new TS930s and triband yagis. Two QSL routes have been heard: "Via HK Bureau," and "Via HK3DDD." The Bureau is Box 584, Bogota, and HK3DDD is Edilberto Rojas M., Apto 25827, Bogota. The operation is expected to end about Oct 17.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
n/a	201	152	10/6	127	9	2
n/a	207	140	10/7	133	19	3
n/a	206	137	10/8	134	11	3
n/a	203	138	10/9	134	11	3
n/a	214	135	10/10	131	7	2
242	224	138	10/11	137	8	2
259	234	137	10/12	139	7	1

## CAMBODIA

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, ARRL HEADQUARTERS announced that the current operations from Cambodia would count for DXCC credit. The decision was made about four hours after we went to press with Issue 210 (sorry). The two stations heard thus far are XU1SS and XU1KC, with XU1SS the most active. Japanese efforts to establish these stations were documented in IDXB Issue 204.

The political situation in Cambodia is as follows: 160,000 Vietnamese soldiers are stationed in Cambodia to support the puppet government of Heng Samrin. They have been there since Christmas Eve, 1978. There are three resistance groups: former leader (and mass murderer) Pol Pot commands about 30,000 soldiers; Prince Sihanouk (who ruled 1954-1970), has only a few thousand supporters; and Son Sann, who's K.P.N.L.F. membership has doubled in the past year to some 12,000.

When Son Sann began coming to the West for aid, the U.S. insisted the K.P.N.L.F. join in a coalition with Pol Pot's people, who still control Cambodia's U.N. seat. Son Sann bowed to the pressure, but when he visited the U.S. in September he went away empty-handed again. According to the New Republic, the U.S. "defends its diplomatic support for Pol Pot in the U.N. by arguing that it helps strengthen ties with China and prevents the Vietnamese from gaining diplomatic legitimacy."

So it is clear that the new stations, under control of Son Sann, are "legitimate" Cambodian stations, since Son Sann has tacitly joined with Pol Pot, who holds the U.N. seat. Comparisons with Burma (XZ5A, iZ5A, etc) are invalid, as Burma has only one government recognized by the international community, and the amateur radio

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## JARVIS/PALMYRA

Another official release from George Adkins, AD1S;

At least five ham operators will be joined by a U.S. Government biologist on November 5, 1983, for what may be the last trip to Jarvis Island (KH5) for many years. Jarvis has been the site of several biological and oceanographic studies over the past two years, but no amateur operation has occurred there since about 1957.

Palmyra was always an easier location for the elusive KP6/KH5 country, but now that Palmyra is "off limits" due to legal problems, Jarvis is the only island which counts as KH5 for DXCC purposes. (Palmyra is privately owned and the owner now refuses to grant landing permission, which is required by the DXCC Desk -Ed).

For years, Jarvis Island was frequently visited by the U.S. Coast Guard and Navy, including at least six licensed amateur operators, but no one took a ham station. Finally, the weather station closed, the lighthouse was de-commissioned, and now all is silent. Government and private studies around Jarvis have concluded, and it is unlikely that transportation will be available to take anyone to Jarvis in the near future.

In addition, the island is the nesting ground for up to 1.5 million gulls, terns, boobies, and other exotic seabirds, and the U.S. Department of Interior is not anxious to grant random permission for groups to land there, for fear of permanent damage to the delicate environment. Jarvis Island has been declared a national wildlife refuge, with "NO TRESPASSING" signs prominently posted.

The 1983 Jarvis Island group overcame these obstacles by inviting a wildlife biologist to accompany them, incurring the expense of a sloop from Honolulu to Christmas Island to Jarvis. The group must adhere to strict guidelines in order to operate without causing damage. The Grassroots DX Group was fortunate to locate a suitable vessel in Honolulu and a captain willing to make the long voyage from Hawaii to Kiribati to rendezvous with a ham expedition. The fact that the captain's name is Derek Jarvis helped to entice him to the island.

This historic effort to activate Jarvis will come in the shadow of similar 1983 landings on Heard Island, Peter and Paul Rocks, and Malpelo Reef. These are all DXCC spots which may not be activated again for many years. Special attention will be given to operation on 40, 80, and 160 Meters. No list operations, but some "bonafide" DX nets will be on the schedule. Emphasis on CW, too.

QSLs for AD1S/KH5 to AD1S, G. Adkins, PO Box 32735, Okla City OK 73123, except JAs may QSL to the DX Family Foundation of Japan. Donations to help defray the expenses of this DXpedition will be appreciated.

## BITS AND PIECES

AT LEAST one DXer/stamp collector took exception to our suggestion about using the new U.S.P.S. electronics commemoratives for overseas mail. Well, we guess there are some countries where anything fancy on an envelope might invite pilferage. Use your own judgement.

ZL1AM0 IS STILL talking about Kermadec next spring, despite plans by Jim Smith's H.I.DX.A., not to mention the likelihood that ZL3AFH, who is there now, will eventually get on the air. ZL1AM0 says any operations from Kermadec will probably use ZL8 or ZL9 callsigns instead of /K.

The ARRL DX Advisory Committee vote on Spratly was extremely one-sided in favor of keeping 1S on the DXCC list. Headquarters is still known to favor deletion...the few Committee members who voted in favor of deletion had talked personally with Headquarters personnel prior to the vote.

U.S. Ambassador to Burundi Jim Billington, N4HX, is finally on the air as 9U5JB. You are most likely to find him on SSB; QSL to ON5NT.

LU2DX writes that he will be using special call L2X from Argentina in the CQ WW Phone Contest at the end of this month. He also noted that at the IARU Region II conference last June in Cali, Colombia, a unanimous Resolution "condemned the Spratly tragedy." Didn't say if they were condemning the DXCC program, the operators who tried to activate Spratly, or whoever did the shooting.

Another operation the weekend of the CQ WW Phone: T2YKC, T2ADX, and T2RAA, by members of the Osaka Japan University ARC (JA3YKC). They'll be on 80-10 Oct 26 to 31.

FOUR YEARS AGO IN TDXB: We switched to a new method of printing and mailing the Bulletin. After the first seven issues with help from friends in Houston, this was our "solo flight." 3C1AA was upcoming by a Spanish group (came off on schedule), and the first official announcement of an operation from Palmyra and Kingman was made: WA6YQW, WA2FIJ, K6LPL, W2TDQ, and K2HFX were on the team which was to meet with disaster once underway. We carried a 3-page ARRL report on what was happening in Geneva, as our representatives prepared for the World Administrative Conference, which would begin the first of November, 1979. Your editor was so busy reporting on UØY from Zone 23 that he neglected to work them himself (which we are now regretting). Incidentally, nothing heard now (1983) from this group.

AND, LEST WE FORGET, TDXB Issue 8 reported that Tom Wong, VE7BC, had spoken to JA6HOZ (who demonstrated amateur radio in Beijing earlier), and that Wong had also made contact with Chinese officials about opening BY again. As we know, it worked!



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

A4XYH 21305 18W 8	KG4CD 3508 03E 9	VK9ND 28512 23E 9	4S7WP 14022 20E 2
A71BH 28502 11E 10	KX6OH 14310 05E 2	VK9ZS 3795 11E 5	4S7NS 14047 12E 5
BY8AA 21053 01E 8	N2EDQ/	(Willis)	4S7WP 7014 02E 7
CN2AQ 3502 06E 2	KH7 14310 03W 2	VK0GC 14302 03E 2	4S7WP 7001 01E 8
CT2AK 3789 08E 2	WH0AAG 14310 03W 2	(Macquarie)	4U1ITU 7004 23E 4
CT2EC 7002 02E 5	LZ0WCY 21009 13C 7	VK0GC 14302 05E 2	5H3SG 14262 04E 11
CT2CQ 3503 23E 6	OX3JK 14163 02E 10	VK0GC 3795 11E 10	5N8ARY 7002 23E 2
CT2CQ 7005 04E 8	PJ9EE 21376 13E 2	VP2KBZ 3502 01E 3	4X4MS/
CT3AR 3794 07E 2	PZ1DV 7005 03E 7	VP2KBZ 7003 02E 9	5N0 14194 00E 2
C21BD 14177 12E 5	P29NDC 28595 02C 2	VP8ANT 21011 22E 5	DL2VK/
C30LA 3794 03E 4	P29PR 7001 11E 11	VP8AQA 14180 03E 6	5N23 7011 23E 5
C53EK 21238 23W 29	DF3NZ/	VP8AQA 14216 03W 8	5R8AL 21335 19W 1
C53EK 14205 02C 1	ST2 3800 03E 2	VQ9PE 14180 22C 10	5R8AL 21335 18E 8
KF6ME/	SV0JG/	VS6DO 7001 23E 9	5T5RY 14311 04E 10
DU2 14243 16W 1	SV8 7003 21E 7	VU2LB 14052 12E 5	5V7RE 21335 18C 2
D44BC 14208 03E 10	S79MC 21309 18W 1	VU2GI 14227 14W 6	5W1DZ 14310 04W 2
D68AM 14234 03W 5	S79WHW 14190 03E 11	VU2BK 7003 23E 7	5Z4DO 21297 20C 1
EA6GK 3789 03E 4	TALUA 21025 13E 1	VU2BK 7001 23E 9	7P8CL 21296 18E 5
EA8PP 3789 04E 2	W3TTS/	VU2UGI 14200 02E 10	7P8CL 7005 04E 8
EA8AAU 1837 06E 2	TF 14010 22E 5	V3FB 3795 11E 5	7Q7LW 28512 18C 8
EA8ADP 3800 07E 5	TF3XUU 7003 00E 11	XT2BP 14216 20C 2	7X2LS 3799 05C 1
EA8ZW 21039 18W 5	TG9AL 3791 05E 3	YB0DB 3796 12C 27	7X5AB 3793 05E 5
EA8RL 21028 19C 6	TG9NX 7005 03E 4	YB5ASO 7006 11E 8	7X4BL 14262 04E 11
EA9JG 28036 18E 2	TJ1QS 7001 22E 7	YB0ARI 14025 13E 8	8P6BU 21025 21C 6
FB8ZQ 14018 01E 29	TJ1QS 28013 16E 8	YB5ASO 7001 23E 9	8Q7AV 14177 11E 5
F0OV/	TL8ER 21026 14E 2	YI1BGD 14218 05E 2	9J2TJ 21403 19E 2
FC 3790 04E 4	TL8ER 21293 19E 5	YI1BGD 21325 18C 10	9J2LL 14037 20W 4
TO5RV/	TL8GE 14184 03E 10	YN1MAT 3790 05E 2	9K2BE 21254 13C 1
FC 28595 15C 9	TL8GE 14185 04E 11	YS1GMV 28022 16E 2	9K2BE 28565 14C 9
FK8CE 21263 02E 2	TN8EE 14056 02E 29	ZB2EO 7002 23E 3	9N1MM 14183 12E 5
FM7CD 3793 05E 2	TR8HWG 28535 21E 9	ZD7HH 28593 21W 1	9N1MM 14235 01W 6
FM7WU 7008 02E 7	TU2NW 14199 21E 5	ZD7BW 3773 06E 2	9U5JB 28550 18E 10
FO8JP 28553 01C 8	T2GSH 3795 12E 4	ZD7SA 14024 15E 2	9V1VP 14196 16E 1
FR0FLO 14247 12C 8	T32AF 3795 10E 1	ZD7BW 21335 18C 2	9V1VP 7002 12E 4
FR7CY 14194 03C 8	T32AB 7013 07W 7	ZD9CA 21334 20W 1	9X5MB 21279 20E 10
FY7KRU 7012 02E 4	T77V 3795 22E 1	ZD9BV 3797 06E 2	
GU3KFT 3787 05E 4	T77V 3788 05E 2	ZK9RW 3504 11E 6	Please mail reports
HB0NL 21024 14C 1	UA0AGB 7005 00E 11	ZL4OY/C 3799 06E 2	to reach Vernon by
DJ3XD/	UD6DHC 7006 23E 2	ZL4DE/C 3788 13C 2	Wednesday, or phone:
HB0 21022 15E 4	UD6DHC 3503 02E 11	K4YT/	
DJ3XD/	UF6FAL 7015 02E 4	ZS6 28598 17W 1	203-871-7699
HB0 7005 23E 5	UL7PEI 14048 12E 5	ZS6WCY 14033 14W 2	
DJ3XD/	UL7CT 7002 02E 8	3A2EE 3796 05E 4	(24 hours).
HB0 7004 23E 6	UI8AAX 14023 02E 5	3A2EE 3793 06E 5	
HB0NL 28026 13C 9	UI8AGI 7001 21E 7	3B8CF 3505 03E 4	Best contributor of
HD8GI 21345 23W 4	UI8AID 14025 02E 8	3B8CF 14165 03E 8	information each
HH2VP 3501 11E 6	UI8MF 14200 03E 8	3B8GF 14199 03E 10	month wins a <u>free</u>
HK0BKX 21015 18E 2	UI8LBA 14218 03E 11	3B8FE 14227 03E 11	year of <u>TDXB</u> .
HL0C 21050 00E 11	UJ8AG 14008 02E 5	3B9FK 7004 13C 2	
HP1XJC 3510 03C 9	UJ8JCQ 14022 02C 6	3B9FK 7003 02E 5	
HP1XJC 7005 02E 9	UJ8JCQ 14025 02E 8	3B9FK 7003 01E 8	
HT1JCC 7011 10E 7	UJ8JCQ 14025 02E 10	3B9FK 28511 13E 10	
H44DX 28602 01C 2	UM8FZ 14200 02W 1	3D2DM 14310 03W 2	
IS0QDV 7005 23E 3	UK8MMM 14227 17C 2	3D6AJ 14175 13C 2	
JX5DW 14025 23E 7	UM8NAP 14185 02E 6	DL5DAB/	
J28DX 28532 13E 11	UM8MAQ 14175 03E 8	3X 28509 21E 9	
J28DS 28507 13E 11	UM8NAP 7002 01E 10	4K1F 14018 22E 6	
J73PD 3792 04E 4	UM8NAP 14176 03E 10	4K1GDW 3509 04E 4	
J88AQ 21335 20W 4	VK9WCY 3799 11E 5	(S. Shetlands)	
KC6JA 14310 04W 2	(Norfolk)	4K1GDW 7002 03E 7	
KG4AW 28550 22W 1	VK9WCY 3799 11E 7	4K1GDW 7003 11E 8	

# NOTE

September subscription renewals among First Class Mail subscribers ran 95 per cent, but among Second Class subscribers somewhat less. It is apparent that those getting the Bulletin First Class Mail are much happier! Please seriously consider renewing or switching at the

First Class rate, which is only \$7.00 more, and you will receive TDXB on or near the Issue date. If we can get most of our subscribers on First Class, we can do away with the Second Class mailing entirely. Thanks.



CALENDAR

Malpelo	Ended HKØTU Oct 17; I 211	CONTEST	CQ WW Phone Oct 29/30
China	BY4AA Shanghai on NOW; I 207	Easter Is.	Rumored Oct 22-30 by K6MYC, W6JKV, 2+6 M only
Pacific	DK6XR/DK7XN operation a hoax	Tuvalu	Oct 26-31, JAs, I 211
Cambodia	XU1SS ON NOW and DXCC COUNTS; I 211	ITU	4U1ITU by K2LE end of Oct
Rodrigues	3B9FK on NOW to Dec		
Burundi	9U5JB by N4HX on NOW; I 211	Lord Howe	VK2WU/LH Oct 23-Nov 3
Kure	N2EDQ/KH7 14.310 @ 0300Z; I 207	Belize	V3Ø Oct 23-Nov 3; I 209
U.A.E.	A6XJC scarce; need reports!	Rhodes	W7IR/SV rumored end of Oct
Crozet	FB8WI replaced next month; I 209	Zone 2	W8BI/VE2 end of Oct; I 210
Somalia	OH2JL/T5 not heard; need reports;	Argentina	L2X by LU2DX CQ Phone "Test
Malagasy	5R8AL Mon/Wed, 21.335, 17-1800Z	Convention	NEDXCC Nov 5; Issue 209
Ethopia	No reports HB9AAX/ET 3 weeks	Palmyra	(Jarvis) Nov 5; I 208, 211
N Cooks	By ZK1MA apparently a hoax	Bouvet	Weak rumors of Nov
Niue	ZK9RW by ZL1AMO ended Oct 15	Fr Poly	BY W6GO/K6HHD end of Nov
Zone 23	No reports yet on UØY	Belize	V3A Nov 23-29; I 209
Canton	T31/KH1 by T3ØDB rumors fading	Glorioso	Rumored Jan by FRØFLO
Egypt	9Y4RD/SU starts mid-Oct	Kermadec	ZL3AFH maybe starts Jan '84
Syria	Using 6C1 prefix Oct 16-21	Kermadec	H.I.DX.A. working on Feb
Macquarie	VKØGC leaves soon; 3795 @ 10-1100Z	Clipperton	Mar or April 1984
Space Shuttle	W5LFL/mobile launches Oct 28		

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AND NOW!

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THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL(?) BEEN WAITING FOR!

YOUR EDITOR'S PERSONAL REPORT!!

Monday, Oct 10: DXCC total 305

Tuesday, Oct 11: QSO XU1SS 1111Z

Tuesday, Oct 11: QSO HKØTU 2100 local

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