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PROPAGATION: Oct 24, High/Low Normal; Oct 25,26, High Normal; Oct 27, Above Normal; Oct 28, High Normal; Oct 29, 30, Low Normal; Oct 31, Below Normal; Nov 1, High Normal; Nov 2, Low Normal; Nov 3, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux	Flux	Flux	Date	Flux	Alpha	K
(80)	(81)	(82)		(83)	(83)	(83)
257	244	145	10/13	134	5	2
252	277	141	10/14	140	23	3
238	289	135	10/15	133	20	4
216	305	131	10/16	128	25	3
203	305	131	10/17	112	15	2
202	305	134	10/18	114	31	4

CHINA: Nothing heard again last week from either BY8AA or BY1PK. Reports from Europe indicate VE7BC's troubles during his BY1PK operating stint included transmitter instability and low receiver audio, the latter due to a couple dozen Chinese all being plugged into the headphone jack with the operator!

First report on BY4AA: worked by some JA stations and heard in Florida Thursday, Oct 20, about 1145Z on 14011 CW. Operator XURU, said QSL to Box 205, Shanghai. XURU was typically slow, methodical, and gave his name, location, and QSL information on each contact.

OTHER TOP NEWS: HKØTU Malpelo is over. Readers West of the Rockies are already reporting some difficulty in working the expedition. As no official release was ever received from the Colombian group, the QSL information listed last week stands. Some are saying that the desired method is "one card per envelope," but we cannot verify that.

The last time XUISS was heard was 0ct 12, when they were on 14.195 CW simultaneously with HKØTU on SSB. It should be noted that even on 0ct 11, an excellent propagation day, XUISS was only about strength 5.

 $\frac{\text{KC7UU/5N6}}{\text{month}}$  heads for London sometime next month, and after that will be based in Niger. He has hopes of 5U operations by year's end.

DXPress reports that T3ØDB had to make an unexpected trip to the U.K., further postponing his plans for Kanton Island. He will be back on Kiribati about this time, and he and T3ØAT are trying to make arrangements for a November T31/KHl operation.

THIS WAS AN EXPECIALLY GOOD WEEK for BANDPASS reports---Thanks!

NEXT WEEKEND is the  $\underline{CQ}$  Magazine Worldwide SSB DX Contest. A few expedition announcements have come in to add to the fun...

AL7Z reports he, AL7EN, KL7JIZ VY1CC, and VY1CW will run multi-single, signing either VY1CC or individual calls /VY1. They'll be Oct 26 to Nov 1; QSL VY1/AL7Z via N6MM, VY1/AL7EN and VY1'KL7JIZ direct.

PJ7A St. Maarten will be the multi-single call of K1GD, K1KI, and K2WR. They'll be in the area plus/minus three days of the Contest weekend, and some FGØKI/FS and FGØWW/FS action is also possible. QSL K1AR.

RSGB's DX News Sheet says (in their Oct 10 issue) that K6ZM will operate 3D2ZM Fiji during the contest, but we've had no word nor seen this in any of the publications here in the Colonies.

Finally,  $\underline{QRZ}$   $\underline{DX}$  sez JF3LAP has got his S79SM license for a Seychelles operation 0ct 15 to Nov 5, which might put him in the contest. If so, QSL Box 84, Mahe.

COMPLETE RULES for the  $\underline{CQ}$  Contest are in their magazine; Phone weekend logs go to Larry Brockman, N6AR, 164 Rock Ridge Terr, Canoga Park CA 91307. Remember, there is  $\underline{no}$  10 MHz band contest allowed in either the  $\underline{CQ}$  or ARRL contests.

RE HB9AAX/ET3 (per DX News Sheet): "is really in ET and is believed to have a license. Rudi is xtal controlled on 14.001 and is getting more enghusiastic about pileups. He was in Kenya for two weeks but should be back in ET now (Oct 10-ed) and will stay until November."

Germany's  $\underline{DX}-\underline{NL}$  says DL5MBY and DK3QJ will operate from the Maldives Nov 17 to Dec 1, including the  $\underline{CQ}$  WW CW Contest, and they will try to be on both 1.8 and 10 MHz.

According to Y25LO, TN8AJ may be on again about now to mid-November, favoring the low bands (80 and 40) this time. But in the past his operating times have been restricted to 18-2000Z.

DXPO '84 in Atlanta, originally scheduled for early Sept, was cancelled, but DXPO '85 in the Washington DC area is on, with Stu Meyer, W2GHK, volunteering to be chairman. No date set yet.

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LOW BANDS are heating up...5R8AL showed on 40 CW (see BANDPASS) and was the real McCoy, as he was there on a schedule. Alain certainly does know the code! 7Q7LW has also appeared a time or two, and is working on an antenna for 80; Les says 3518 at 0330 will be his spot. We expect Tom Gregory, TU2NW/N4NW, to have antennas up for 80 and (he says) 160, if he can get operating permission for Top Band. FRØFLO, who has shown on 80 pretty regularly the last few years, says he will be trying 160, too.

LOOKING BAD for any UØY operation this year, as nothing has been heard of them. Four years ago Oct 6 was their starting date, and the Russian expedition lasted until the end of November. According to W7YF, other possibilities for  $\underline{\text{CQ}}$  Zone 23 are Central and Western China, Mongolia, plus the UØY spot, which is Oblast #159. Jack says that Oblast is about the size of Washington state, with five per cent of Washington's population. W7YF also notes that Chengdu, site of BY8AA, is in the Szechwan province, which borders on  $\underline{\text{three}}$  of Chinas provinces which count as Zone 23. How about an expedition, Xxan and

The "net" meeting 14.235 evenings has a 12-point "charter," and they call themselves the "International DX Association." Get more info from John Clifford, W5BQR.



ABOVE (1-r): WD9IIC, K9EID, K8CW, WB4ZNH, WA6AUD, and W9WU. All dignitaries at the 1983 W9DXCC. Photo TNX WD9IIC.



THIS WAS the 1977 Malpelo QSL...wonder if the club will change it for 1983???

#### Another installment of:

#### OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

A GUY DOWN THE STREET (we'll call him "Horace") has had a Technician Class license for almost thirty years. A co-worker "gave him the test" so they could talk on 2 Meter a.m. Horace would not recognize his own callsign on CW, and he doesn't know if the plate of a tube is + or -. But Horace is a pretty nice guy. He shambled up the walk the other day, more agitation showing on his face than we had ever seen.

"Jim, did you hear?" Horace exclaimed. "The ARRL has finally changed their By-Laws to allow us Techs to run for the Board of Directors! Think of it---all those free publications, trips to hamfests, maybe a Board meeting in Miami in February!"

"But Horace," we replied, 'you have never even been an ARRL member. That's a requirement for running for office, you know."

"I went down right away and paid up," Horace admitted. "While I'm building up my one-year membership requirement, I'll have time for fund raising, polling, and getting my campaign or-ganization together. Then I'll show those soand-sos it's about time the League quit treating us Techs as second-class citizens."

We had discussed all this with Horace before, about how the League hadn't opened elective office to Techs because their members who had faced the FCC examiner resented those with "box top" tickets. Horace knew many of them had been obtained fraudulently.

"You may not have thought of this, Horace, but the League was forced into opening the Board to Techs now because when the Volunteer Examiner Program becomes a reality, all new hams will have been examined by volunteers, just like you were. The League just did ahead of time what they surely would have been forced into later."

"Do you think," asked Horace, "that those snooty Advanced and Extra licensees won't vote for me just because I am a Tech? Would you vote for me, Jim?"

Trying to be diplomatic, we told Horace that we sort of liked him as a person, even if he did wear leisure suits with white belts. "But we would like our ARRL directors to have, um, a broader ham radio experience than just operating 2 Meters, Horace. As for others, what with your one-by-three callsign and no requirement that your license class appear on the ballot, maybe they won't know of your 'shortcomings.' You don't have a Scarlet 'T' on your forehead, after all."

"Thanks a million," Horace gushed. "I expected you to be a lot more cynical than that. You'll be proud of me, I know. As a matter of fact, I just got my first ARRL magazine in the mail today, and I'm going back home to study my 'League Stuff' right now! That's a real classy magazine Newington puts out, and a great name too -- CQ."

NOTE TO READERS IN OTHER COUNTRIES: The U.S. Technician Class amateur radio license, available since the mid-1950's, requires a volunteer-administered examination comprised of a simple radio theory test and a five word-per-minute code test. The Technician Class licensee has full amateur privileges above 50 MHz. The latest Radio Amateur Callbook shows almost 80,000 Technician licensees, 123,000 Generals, 95,000 Advanced, and almost 32,000 Extra Class. Oh, yes, Technicians also have Novice Class privileges, for CW operation in specific segments of 80, 40, 15, and 10 Meters.

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

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XUISS 14.195/1100Z; I 211, 212 Cambodia BY4AA on; I 209, 212 China 3B9FK now to Dec Rodrigues N2EDQ/KH7 14.310 @ 03-0400Z Kure Need reports A6XJC OH2JL/T5 try 14.305 at 1900Z Somalia Burundi 9U5JB (N4HX) on now, likes SSB FB8WI/WJ due in Nov Crozet VKØGC leaves any day for U.K. Macquarie 5R8AL likes net 21.335 @ 1900Z Malagasy HB9AAX/ET on again; I 212 Ethopia 9Y4RD due on any day now Egypt W5LFL/mobile launches Oct 28 Space Shuttle Rumored Oct 22-30 by K6MYC and Easter Is W6JKV, 2+6 Meters only Convention New England DXCC Nov 5; I 209 ADIS/KH5 starts Nov 5; I 208, 209 Palmyra T31/KH1 by T3ØDB in Nov; I 212 Canton Bouvet Weak rumor of new operator in Nov FRØFLO talking about Jan '84 Glorioso

CQ PHONE TEST OCT 29/30

Tuvalu JA group, I 211 ITU 4U1ITU by K2LE rumored W7IR/SV9 Rhodes rumored Zone 2 W8BI/VE2, I 210 Argentina L2X by LU2DX, I 211

St Maarten PJ7A I 212 Lord Howe VK2WU/LH

VP2VDH, N6CW group, I 209 B.V.I. Belize V3Ø I 209

YASME Someplace in S. Amer.

ZF2FL by N6RJ Caymans Jersey GJ6UW, I 210 Seychelles S79MS rumored; I 212 VY1CC, I 212 Yukon

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Will take care of it next issue. - Jim

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