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PROPAGATION: Oct 29, 30, Low Normal; Oct 31, Below Normal; Nov 1, High Normal; Nov 2, Low Normal; Nov 3, 4, High Normal; Nov 5-7, Above Normal; Nov 8, Above/Low Normal; Nov 9-12, Low Normal; Nov 13, Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
202	267	149	10/20	106	9	2
106	240	163	10/21	100	5	2
209	221	170	10/22	90	15	3
198	210	182	10/23	88	18	2
195	203	193	10/24	89	15	4
189	188	202	10/25	90	17	2
185	174	200	10/26	90	13	3

JALBK TO OPERATE BY1PK

Kan Mizoguchi, JALBK, who was involved in the initial set-up and operator training at BY1PK, has received permission to operate BY1PK on SSB early next month. Beginning Nov 3, he will be on three days, hoping for six hours of operation each day. Look for him on 14.145 and 21.245 MHz, 0100-0400Z and 0600-0900Z. Kan will concentrate on working U.S. East Coast and Europe. Michio Ogawa, JALMIN, will be along also, but it is not known if he has permission to operate. QSL info to be announced.

JARVIS/PALMYRA

IF EVERYTHING IS ON SCHEDULE, the AD1S boat has departed Honolulu for Kiribati, where it will rendezvous with operators for the Jarvis expedition. Final team make-up is: AD1S, WA2MOE, H44SH, W0RLX, AD8J, and DJ6SI. Operation will be Nov 5-10 as follows:

SSB: 28.6, 21.3, 14.195, 7.2, and 3.795 MHz
CW: 25 KHz up from bottom band edge

QSL direct to AD1S, except JAs may QSL to the DX Family Foundation. It does not appear at this time that Jarvis stands any chance of DXCC acceptance as an entity separate from Palmyra, but no guarantee!

KINGMAN REEF

SURPRISE! Baldur Drobica, DJ6SI, will be on the Jarvis team, as mentioned above. Following that operation, he will travel to Christmas Island and perhaps be on a day or two as T32_. Then, he will depart, on about Nov 13, for Kingman Reef, apparently alone, for two days of KH5K operation. Travel time from Christmas Island to Kingman is uncertain, depending on ocean currents. It would be advised to look for DJ6SI/KH5K as early as Nov 15. Usual DX frequencies.

KERMADEC: Jim Smith, VK9NS, writes that planning for an operation in late January or February continues. ZL3AFH is now on Raoul (Kermadec) and ZL1AM0, on his return from Niue (ZK9RW) worked ZL3AFH portable Kermadec last week! Warwick will not be particularly active until later in the year, and he does not like pileups.

CORRECTION: In Issue 208, we said that WA6AUD (West Coast DX Bulletin editor) was the only journalist elected to the CQ Magazine DX Hall of Fame. Actually, RSCB DX News Sheet editor Geoff Watts was so honored in 1977. We would still like to encourage CQ to nominate Rod Newkirk, W9BRD, who wrote "How's DX?" in QST for nearly thirty years!

W5RK/1P "Pelican Island" has been deliberately ignored in these pages, because our understanding is that use of the "1" prefix by U.S. amateurs violates our treaty obligations. We have word now that both Washington and Geneva agree.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: the only recent report of A6XJC, on 14.090 RTTY Oct 9, may not even have been for real. This was a list operation (on RTTY), with "A6XJC" claiming an Italian QSL manager. But the Italians have investigated and claim no knowledge, so the operation was probably bogus. A6 XJC continues elusive.

XU1SS QSLs are not appearing yet from the burst of activity in early October. It is not yet known if the 40 Meter operation listed in this issue's BANDPASS was legitimate. Nothing heard from XU1SS on 20 Meters SSB since Oct 14.

NEW STATIONS appearing are VK2LHI (QSL to WA2BFW) from Lord Howe, and VK0CK on Macquarie, apparently a replacement for VK0GC, who has now left the island. VK0CK QSLs to VK2BGZ. OH2JL/T5 has now left Somalia for Finland after a brief flurry of activity; latest word is that his QSLs will be counted for DXCC. A last-minute addition to operations for last weekend's CQ Phone DX Contest was JA3YKC/JD1, Ogasawara, QSL to JA3YKC. The Tuvalu operation mentioned earlier may have signed T2YKC in the CQ Contest; if so, QSL to JA2VUP.

REMINDER: the New England DXCC Annual Banquet is Saturday, Nov 5, at the Concord Lodge of Elks, on Baker Avenue off Route 2 in W. Concord, Mass. Afternoon session begins 2 pm, banquet at 7 pm. Guests K8CW, W3AZD, WB4ZNH. Walk-ins are welcome!

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Report and Comment

AMATEURS PROVIDE GRENADA COMMUNICATIONS

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, the United States invaded the Caribbean island of Grenada. A communications blackout ensued almost immediately, with the U.S. press unable to either travel to Grenada to report the action or even speak by telephone to island residents. As this is written (Oct 27) the blackout is still in effect.

As is typical of unpleasant situations, the Grenada invasion has been a public relations bonanza for amateur radio. For the first two days, the media based their reports almost entirely on reports from amateurs who had been monitoring one Mark Barettella, KA2ORK, operating portable from the medical center on Grenada. Newspapers and radio and television stations all over the country interviewed hams, quoting them extensively concerning the situation on Grenada.

On the first day of the invasion, KA2ORK/J37 appeared on 15 Meters SSB, working mostly any and all comers, passing news of happenings on Grenada. The usual jammers were present but in general the operations went smoothly, with messages being collected in the U.S. for possible later relay to Grenada. Barettella's outgoing messages were of a general nature, mostly just to say that no students had been injured. The students on Grenada were seemingly as interested in learning what was going on as those back in the U.S. were.

On Wednesday, Oct 26, the operating procedures had changed---KA2ORK had been moved out of the amateur bands, to 14.351 KHz, ostensibly to avoid interference within the bands. Several U.S. amateurs, claiming to have received "official" permission from the government to operate above 20 Meters, were in contact with Barettella. Occasionally, a well-intentioned amateur would transmit on 14.351, apparently under the impression that blanket permission had been granted for operation on that frequency in conjunction with the Grenada situation. The annoyed few on 14.351 would immediately demand that the "unauthorized station" identify. Some did, and the reply was always "you are operating illegally, the FCC is monitoring this frequency, and you will be prosecuted." Less well-intentioned amateurs did not identify themselves, of course.

Many who listened to the communications on 14.351 observed several curious things. Much of the conversation was in cipher, although it did not take listeners long to determine what such terms as "True Blue" meant. "It's starting to rain in the valley" translated to "We have finally seen some American troops in the vicinity." And so on. The "authorized" American amateurs on the frequency all had ties to the government, with "open phone lines" and the like. For the most part, their operating manner was reminiscent of military/government procedures. This writer, a former air traffic controller, instantly recognized many of the quirks of government radio technique.

What struck many listeners as odd was the nastiness with which the "authorized" amateurs chased others away from the channel. There was never any life-and-death traffic conducted, and much of the time the frequency was quiet, being "held open" for Barettella's use.

Another odd bit was that, toward the end of the communications (which ceased at 2010Z on Oct 26), the communications became more and more "official," with questions concerning matters unrelated to human welfare being directed at Barettella. It was as if the U.S. military had been unable to set up its own communications and that Washington, as well as the media, was depending on KA2ORK and his radio station for information.

Consider what the situation might have been had it not been for KA2ORK's chatting with radio amateurs: another "Falklands situation," perhaps. Remember that Great Britain's Prime Minister Thatcher lowered a curtain on the media during her invasion of the Falklands and news was scarce for weeks, not days. It is certainly possible to speculate that the U.S. moved Barettella to 14.351 and limited his communications to certain "authorized" amateurs in order to control his remarks. After all, he (and the amateur radio community) were doing just fine within the amateur bands. Suddenly, amateurs were no longer "self-policing."

Three days after the invasion, the amateur radio community should be asking why KA2ORK was effectively gagged (by moving him out of the band and limiting to whom he could talk). It is possible that the media blackout is linked to the KA2ORK communications. We hope that time will tell.

MALPELO HKØTU WRAP-UP

HKØTU earlier this month made almost 21,000 contacts, 9,000 by one CW station and 12,000 by three phone stations. Although all but one of the expeditioners climbed to the 300 meter summit of the hill, lack of footing prevented carrying a station there. Two stations were at 150 m asl, one at 200 m. They built a heliport at the top for "next time." Tropical downpours and high winds lowered the antennas on several occasions.

The operators felt they had satisfied the W6-W7 demand this time; both the NCDXC and SCDXC had contacted the operators with advice on working the U.S. West Coast. About 300 JA stations were worked, mostly on long path. Although the

SSB stations had shut down at 0000Z on Oct 17, the CW station was kept in operation until 0230Z, because a good opening to Japan was in progress at that time. The first QSO of the trip had been on Oct 12 (exactly on schedule) and was through HK3DBQ, via phone patch, with Colombian President Belisario Betancur, who "greeted the gang and wished them 'plenty of DX.'"

Conventions wishing to obtain a program on the 1983 Malpelo operation should write to LCRA president HK4BHC (who was on the trip), c/o Box 584 Bogota. A professional TV cameraman was along, and many of the operators took their own snapshots. (TNX K3ZO/HK3NBB).

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

A71BJ 14198 03W 16	J28DP 14007 21E 13	VK2LHI 14207 10E 24	3D6AK 21023 18E 16
BY8AA 14016 02C 26	J28DP 7004 03E 19	(Lord Howe)	3D6AN 14219 06C 22
CE0ERY 14211 03C 19	J28EC 14035 23E 20	VK9NS 1804 11E 21	3D6AL 28505 12E 23
CE0FQU 7079 07C 23	J6LCV 3778 01E 24	VK0CK 14193 10E 24	4K1F 14029 21E 15
CN2AQ 3795 07C 23	KX6JM 21296 01C 17	(Macquarie)	4K1F 14026 01C 19
CP6EE 14013 09E 18	KX6OA 14305 04C 22	VP8QG 14243 02C 18	(S. Shetlands)
CX6CW 14014 10E 18	N2EDQ/	(Falklands)	4S7NE 7007 12C 18
C53EK 14222 03C 17	KH7 14310 03W 15	VP8QG 14243 03C 19	4S7EA 14195 12C 20
D44BS 28520 12E 23	N2EDQ/	VP8AQ 14250 02C 21	4S7NE 7006 11E 21
EA6CJ 7005 23E 19	KH7 14310 04C 22	VR6KY 21305 00C 18	4S7NE 7006 12E 22
EA8AAU 1834 04E 24	KE4UX/	VS6DO 7003 13W 14	5B4IT 28516 13E 23
EA9IE 21196 13C 15	KH9 21297 00E 23	VS6DO 7195 11C 16	KC7UU/
EL2AK 28563 15E 23	LX1BI 3793 03E 22	VS6DO 7002 11E 22	5N6 7002 00E 20
FB8ZQ 10105 01C 25	PZ1DT 14005 02C 15	VU2DZ 14190 12E 19	5R8AL 21335 19C 12
FC9VN 14023 21E 15	9Y4RD/	VU2BK 21022 13E 21	5R8AL 21021 20C 22
FG7AM 1827 05E 23	SU 21335 18E 17	VU2GI 14199 12C 26	5R8AL 28600 11E 23
FO8JP 28017 17E 20	9Y4RD/	V3FB 3795 11C 18	5Z4DE 28597 17C 22
FO8CW 14248 04W 18	SU 28600 15C 23	XU1SS 14195 12C 14	6W8DY 7090 07C 23
FO8JY 7007 07C 23	TF3SA 28012 17E 16	XU1SS 7004 11E 21	7P8CL 14025 04C 22
FR0FLO 14190 14W 13	W3TTS/	YB0SSS 21271 02W 15	7X2BK 28596 16E 16
FR0FLO 7079 02C 15	TF 14019 22E 17	Y1LBD 14221 14W 17	7X2LS 3796 06C 22
FR7CY 14205 02C 18	TJ1AF 21355 20E 17	YJ8RG 21345 23C 18	9J2HD 21307 19C 22
FR7BT 14027 05E 22	TL8ER 21020 20E 16	6C1AO 14220 14W 18	LA2WW/
FR0FLO 3792 02E 25	TL8ER 14030 21C 19	(Syria)	9L1 14305 22E 21
GU3HFN 28030 17E 16	TR8DR 14010 00C 17	YN1RXA 14013 22E 16	9M2PV 7005 13W 14
HC8GI 21355 18C 16	TR8JD 21010 15E 22	YS1GMV 28023 16E 16	9M8PW 14271 10E 24
W6QL/	TR8IG 7008 06C 23	Y83ANT 14014 00C 17	9U5JB 28700 19E 23
HK3 7010 00E 21	TU2DD 14056 22E 16	(Antarctica)	9V1VP 14227 14W 13
W6QL/	TU2NW 14200 01C 19	AB2HP 28497 14E 23	
HK3 28550 21E 23	TU2NW 3799 00E 22	ZL4PO/C 28538 00C 19	Please mail reports
HL4XM 7007 13W 14	T2ADX 3507 10E 26	Z22JK 14160 13E 16	to reach Vernon by
K0SD/	T32AB 7006 12E 17	Z24JS 28033 17E 16	Wednesday, or phone:
HR2 21355 18C 18	T32AB 7006 03C 19	Z21GC 14179 23E 22	
HZ1AB 14232 13W 13	T32AB 7004 02C 24	3A2EE 3799 05C 22	203-871-7699 (24 hours).
HZ1HZ 14023 21E 15	T77V 3786 05C 23	3A2AL 7008 02C 24	
JD1BDA 7006 09C 20	UK1PAC 14208 02C 20	3B8CF 3506 02C 15	Best contributor of in-
(Min. Tor)	(F.J.L.)	3B8CF 7005 02E 16	formation each month
JH4RHF/	UK9HAC 7007 11E 22	3B8CF 14200 03E 17	wins a free year of TDXB.
JD1 7006 12C 24	UA0/YT 14036 02E 15	3B8DA 14186 02C 21	
JT0APE 14019 01C 25	UA0YT 14019 00E 20	3B8CF 7007 02E 22	
JY3ZH 14220 14W 18	UI8ABS 14042 03W 17	3B9FK 28502 12E 23	
JY8RF 7053 03E 24	UI8AHW 14042 03W 17	3B9FK 7004 01C 24	
JY8RF 3791 04C 24	VE8YQ 14332 21C 21	3D2DM 14328 06W 17	

DX CALL	QSL TO						
A35JD	ZL2BJU		KA4JRY/DV9	KA4JRY		5H3DM	G3NXX
A71AA	DJ9ZB		K4II/VP9	K4II		5N5RNS	WB9VPG
A82LC	SM4CWY		LZ0KZZ	LZ1YE		5W1DZ	WB2LVB
CE3DNP	WB6WOD		OH9TH/4U	OH9RJ		5Z4MX	SM3CXS
C30AAL	F6EYS		OX3AX	OZ5DX		7X2BK	F6EWK
C30AAN	DL8OH		PJ4CR	WB2LCH		9J2JN	KB2ZP
DL7NS/HB0	DL7NS		SJ9WL	SM4FTF		9N1MM	N7EB
EL2Z	K0LST		TL8TX	K0VZR		9X5WP	WB6VKD
EL7C	DK5VI		TN8EE	F6ECX		9Y4RD/ST0	KA2DDJ
EN6A	UK6AAJ		TU2NW	AK3F		9Y4RD/SU	KA2DDJ
FB8WI	F6GXB		T32AB	N7YL			
FK8CR	F6EWK		T32AF	WH6AIF/KH6UR			
FM0GA	N6ZV		T77C	M1C			
FM7WD	W3HNK		VK0GC	VK3RK			
FP0HXP	KB5CA		VK9ZS	VK6YL			
FY7YE/FM7	W5JLU		VP8AQ	GM4GRC			
F0AHY/FC	DL4FF		VQ9DF	WB6YBY			
F0AOJ/FC	HB9ASZ		VU2JXO	WA3TLB			
F6EYS/HB0	F6EYS		VU83CP	VU2CP			
G6ZY/EA6	G6ZY		V3TV	G3ATK			
HB9AAX/ET3	HB9MK		XT2EB	DF5EO			
HH2JR	KA5V		YB0ARK/9	VK5IV			
HH2VP	W1FJ		YB2ACN	W8VX			
HL9TA	K0LST		YB3ARK	K2LQ			
HZ1AB	K8PYD		YB5ASO	W4BBP			
H5ADX	ZS6J		ZD7CW	N4CID			
JD1GQK	JN1GQK		ZF2DZ	KC3DA			
JW1UW	LA1UW		ZL2BKM/C	ZL2HE			
JX6BAA	LA7JO		ZP5XDW	N4DW			
JY9TS	WA3HUP		ZS3E	K8EFS			
J28ED	W2TK		ZS6FU	WB4LFM			
J37AH	W2GHK		1Z9A	W7PHO			
J39CM	WB2LCH		3A2ARM	I8EEQ			
J6LCV	KA6DFI		3A3EE	F9RM			
J73DF	N4CRU		4K1GDW	UQ2GDW			

CQ PHONE CONTEST (Oct 29/30)
QSL INFO

FG0WW/FS	K1DG
FG0KI/FS	K1KI
W6QL/HK3	YASME
JY8RF	N5AU
L2X	LU2DX
PJ7A	KLAR
T1LA	K6HNZ
T2ADX	JA3YKC
W8BI/VE2	W8BI
VP2VDH	N6CW
VP2VDQ	AI5P
VY1CC	C/Book
V30	N6ADI
2F2FL	N6RJ
3D2ZM	K6ZM
4V2C (Haiti)	NQ4I
N4SF/6Y0	C/Book
AA4V/6Y0	C/Book

CALENDAR

CHINA BY1PK by JA1BK Nov 3-6; Issue 213
 CAMBODIA XU1SS on but scarce; I 210, 213
 BURUNDI 9U5JB by N4HX on NOW, SSB
 RODRIGUES 3B9FK ends in December
 CONGO TN8AJ rumored Oct 25-Nov 17; need reports
 KURE N2EDQ/KH7 nightly, 14.310, 0300-0500Z
 U.A.E. A6XJC there now, need reports; I 213
 CROZET FB8WJ/WK new ops there in November
 SOMALIA OH2JL/T5 finished Oct 24
 MACQUARIE VKØGK has replaced VKØGC; I 213
 MALAGASY 5R8AL on 15 SSB and some CW other bands
 ETHIOPIA HB9AAX/ET3 has disappeared; I 207
 EGYPT 9Y4RD/SU on NOW, likes 15 M. lists
 TUVALU T2ADX/T2YKC NOW until Nov 1; I 211, 213
 RHODES W7IR/SV was rumored end of Oct
 LORD HOWE VK2WU/LH ends Nov 3
 B.V.I. VP2VDQ by AI5P ends Nov 1
 BELIZE V3Ø ends Nov 3; I 209
 YASME W6QL/KH3 ends early Nov; next stop??
 JORDAN JY8RF by KC5EA after CQ Phone Contest
 SEYCHELLES S79SM by JF3LAP to Nov 5; I 212
 S. MAARTEN PJ7A to Nov 2; I 212
 CONVENTION New England DXCC Nov 5; I 213
 PALMYRA (Jarvis) AD1S/KH5 Nov 5-10; I 209, 213
 CANTON T31/KH1 possible by T3ØDB in Nov; I 212
 TONGA A35ZM by K6ZM Nov 8 on
 CHRISTMAS T32 by DJ6SI Nov 11-13; I 213
 KINGMAN DJ6SI/KH5K about Nov 15; I 213
 BOUVET Rumored starts Nov for 10 months (?)
 FR POLY FO8 by K6HHD/W6GO end of Nov
 SPACE SHUTTLE W5LFL/mobile postponed until Nov 28
 TANZANIA 5H3BH by SMØs AJU, DJZ Nov 22-Dec 6
 ST MAARTEN PJ7A by W2GD, K3VW Nov 26/27
 BELIZE V3A Nov 23-29; I 209
 GLORIOSO FRØFLO trying for January
 KERMADEC ZL3AFH on NOW, more active early '84
 KERMADEC H.I.DX.A. aiming for Jan/Feb '84
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