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PROPAGATION: Nov 5-7, Above Normal; Nov 8, Above/Low Normal; Nov 9-12, Low Normal; Nov 13, Below Normal; Nov 14, Disturbed; Nov 15-18, High Normal; Nov 19, High/Low Normal; Nov 21-22, Low Normal; Nov 23, 24, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	ALPHA (83)	K (83)
185	174	191	10/27	90	5	2
177	185	184	10/28	90	5	1
189	191	177	10/29	92	14	5
205	204	169	10/30	91	32	4
215	210	168	10/31	94	25	1
230	232	162	11/1	94	15	3
238	247	157	11/2	102	23	3

KINGMAN REEF CANCELLED

BALDUR DROBNICA, DJ6SI, had to cancel both his participation in the current Jarvis/Palmyra operation and his Kingman Reef operation which was to have followed Jarvis. The captain of the boat taking the crew to Jarvis would only allow five radio amateurs on board, and Baldur, being "last in," was "first out." DJ6SI is trying to arrange an African trip sometime soon, and a Kingman Reef operation is possible sometime next year.

JARVIS

AD1S/KH5 is on as you read this. Issue 213 had frequencies, times, and so on. Three of the team members have T32 callsigns for Christmas Island, and will be on, emphasizing the "low bands," after Jarvis. T32AQ QSL to AD8J; T32AR QSL to W0RLX; T32AS QSL to AD1S.

DL1VU PACIFIC TRIP

Holland's DXPRESS announces that DL1VU will begin Pacific Ocean operations Nov 17, probably exclusively on CW. There is no set itinerary, durations of stay depending on "if Karl likes the place and if costs are not too high." Here, from DXPRESS, are the spots:

KH2, KH0, KC6, C21, T2, T30, T31 (depending on transportation), T32 (maybe), KH1 (depending on transportation), 5W1DC, ZM7VU, ZK2VU (time permitting), ZK1XG, ZK1XGN (?).

Karl will use an FT77 (100 watts), and wire antennas. QSL routes to be announced from each spot, with probably different managers from most.

SPRATLY: 1S is still on the DXCC List following a lopsided DXAC vote. 1S1CK by DULCK (last Spring) still does not count for Spratly credit. The New York Times, in an Oct 27 story, reported that U.S. oil drilling ship with 79 people aboard had disappeared in the S. China Sea. As of Nov 3, the search for the ship was still in progress, with little hope of finding anything. The ship, the Glomar Java Sea, had been in the 3500-square mile area leased by China to oil explorers. The Chinese reported fears that the ship had been blown off course, into waters claimed by Viet Nam. This would be the area in which the DJ6SI Spratly crew was attacked last April.

CORRECTION: DXPO '84 will be in Washington D.C. area next September, under leadership of W2GHK. DXPO '85 is tentatively scheduled for Atlanta GA.

DESECHEO: WP4ATF and HI3RST/W4 are trying to raise money for their Desecheo operation proposed for the first week of January. They say they expect to make 3,000 contacts on SSB "and occasional CW operation." If you want to send some money, address it to Jose I. Maldonado, PO BOX 449, Palmer PR 00721.

SM0DJZ and SM0AJU will sign 5H3BH from IAN ZANIA again this year, Nov 22 to Dec 6, including the CQ WW CW Contest. Look for them "50 KHz up," except 30 up on 80 and 40. QSLs for this operation only to Jan Hallenberg, Siriusgatan 106, S-19500 Mersta, Sweden. All other 5H3BH QSLs still go to SM0EAI.

THREE GREEKS will activate Rhodes (Dodecanese) Nov 20-27, including SV10L/SV5 (SSB, 80-10), SV1NA/SV5 (CW, 80-10), and SV10E/SV5 (Oscar satellites). QSL to their home calls.

K4YT's AFRICA TRIP was cut short; Washington cancelled 5R8, 3B8, 5H3, and 9J2. Karl notes that per his original schedule, he would have been at 5R8AL for the CQ CW Test. Karl had a new IC-740 lined up for 3B8DA but the cancelling of that stop will prevent him from getting the rig to Alex. A reminder, too, that QSLs for all K4YT operations go to W2TK.

QSLs: W4FRU's new address is PO BOX 5127, Suffolk VA 23435...HK0TU QSLs are already in the hands of many...no XU1SS QSLs received yet...SU1RK via DL5JP.

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Follow-up report

GRENADA

OUR ISSUE 213 STORY ON GRENADA has brought some feedback, almost all of it positive. We did have a long phone conversation with one of the participants in the amateur radio communications, a person peripherally involved in the news business. While he pointed out a handful of discrepancies (mainly things no one could have known when we wrote the story on Oct 27), he failed to change our mind on any major conclusion we had come to.

Even conservative columnist William F. Buckley, in his November 2 newspaper column, admitted that delaying press access to Grenada "was mistaken but not censorship." According to Buckley, the day we wrote our account of the communications action (Nov 27) was the first day that any significant number (fifteen) of reporters were allowed on Grenada. They were "under military supervision."

Here in Vernon, as in many cities and towns across the country, the local press came to us for information. Our local paper, with the wire services at their fingertips, ran several stories based on our information, finishing up with a major, half-page article based on our October 31 issue of The DX Bulletin.

The caller mentioned above pointed out a couple of things which bear mentioning...in the beginning, KA20RK/J37 was in communication with a specific few amateur stations in the states. He was soon besieged with hams offering their services for things like phone patches to places such as Outer Fencepost, N. Dakota. You know how it goes...although ARRL literature has preached for decades that we should keep our traps shut in an emergency unless we are specifically needed, many hams just can't resist breaking in. Barettella, a brand-new ham, learned about this quickly!

So the State Department got FCC to authorize operation first on 14.140 MHz, a stupid decision. After that came the move to 14.351.

The word currently making the rounds is that Barettella was instructed to speak in ciphers because he was being monitored by opposing forces on Grenada. We have also been told that many of the students at the Medical College ("True Blue") did feel endangered. It would not be unreasonable to speculate that some of them thought Barettella's transmissions were acting as a "homing device" for the "enemy."

Our final analysis is that communications between Barettella and the U.S. government in the states got back to the military invasion force, and enabled them to most accurately assess the situation near the College. So we still believe amateur radio came out of this one looking very good, indeed

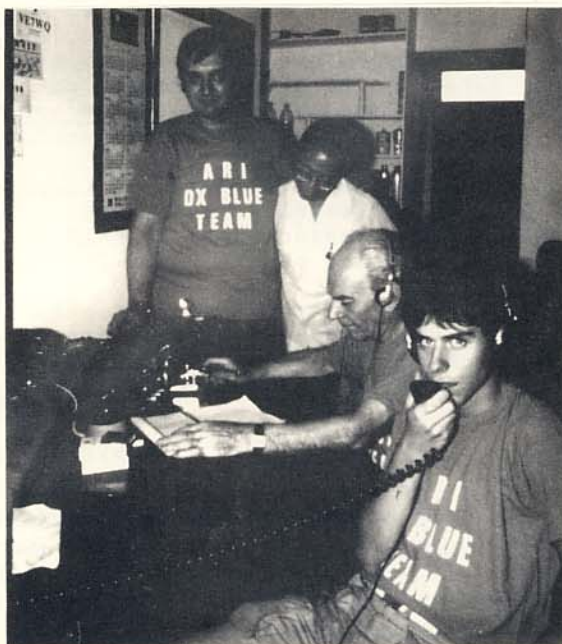
Unfortunately, the upshot of Grenada is that the government has been forced to reiterate a point made before---it is not allowable for the news media to walk into your hamshack and get direct information from a sealed off area for the purpose of selling that information to the public. At least not when a de facto news blackout is in effect. It does give one pause...this writer monitored the Grenada communications, then sold the story to you, his subscribers! Hmmm...

TAIWAN REPORT BY I2MQP

I2MQP/BV was the second expedition by the "Italian DX Blue Team," the first having been during the summer of 1983, from North Africa, which resulted in many records being set on UHF, SHF and EHF. The Taiwan operation was possible thanks to BV2A and the Chinese Radio Association. The operation was cut short by an entire weekend, due to three earthquakes and a typhoon. 5300 contacts were made: 1.3K with Europe, 800 USA, 2.3K Japan, and the rest throughout the world.

Propagation was very poor (Mario says), with no USA on 10 Meters (only three Europeans), very little DX worked on 15 due to QRM from JA, and very brief openings to the USA on 20 Meters.

The Italian DX Blue Team, founded by I2JQ in October 1982, plans more expeditions which will be announced later.



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

AP2AU 14226 12C 26	FRØFLO 7080 02W 29	T2RAA 7010 12E 26	Z23JO 28577 14E 30
A22CA 14260 14E 22	FRØFLO 7058 14W 29	T2RAA 14015 13C 28	3B8CF 7007 02E 22
A24JH 28578 12E 22	FRØFLO 14220 03E 29	T2YKC 7054 13W 29	3B8CF 28045 15E 23
A22TE 14210 23E 30	FRØFLO 3789 02C 30	T2YKC 28570 22E 29	3B8CF 14045 03E 29
A22BW 28523 14E 30	HBØBHA 7004 23E 27	T3ØDB 14310 03C 23	3B8FG 14200 12E 31
A22BW 3793 04C 30	H44GP 21370 01W 27	T32AB 7002 02E 25	3B9FK 7005 01E 25
A4XAB 7002 00E 13	FR7CDL 28021 23E 28	T32AF 21295 01E 29	3D2DB 14310 03C 23
A71BJ 28568 14E 22	JA3YKC/	UK1PGO 14227 15C 28	3D2CM 14333 06W 23
A71AD 14227 15E 23	JD1 7082 12W 29	UAØYT 14017 01W 20	3D2ZM 21045 00W 26
A71AD 14227 14W 28	JD1YAA 21300 22E 30	UAØBBN 7004 10E 27	3D2ZM 28527 22E 29
A82LC 21345 00C 24	JY8RF 3775 03E 30	UV9WD 7002 02E 28	3D6AN 14177 04E 23
A82LC 28537 18C 24	J28DS 14009 20E 22	RW9A 3645 12C 30	3D6AN 21345 19C 23
A92DQ 14227 15C 27	J28DS 14027 21E 24	UK2FBR 7005 23E 27	3D6AL 28507 12E 23
A92P 21321 13E 30	J28DP 7008 02C 27	UK7PAL 7002 02E 24	3D6AN 14157 13E 31
BV2A/Ø 14021 12C 26	KC4AAA 14293 04W 21	UI8CB 14019 02W 29	3X4EX 14219 22E 23
BY8AA 14015 12E 26	KC4AAA 14245 03E 22	UI8IF 14043 02W 26	4K1GDW 14205 09E 19
CEØAE 21331 22C 22	KC4AAA 14300 03E 28	UJ8JCQ 14043 02C 20	4K1GDW 3507 01C 26
CEØFCM 14197 03E 22	KC4AAA 14240 23E 30	UJ8JCQ 14048 02W 26	4K1GDW 3509 03E 27
CEØZAD 14207 01E 25	AH8B 3805 11W 29	UM8MAQ 14051 02W 23	4U1UN 14028 14E 29
CN8MK 28545 18E 23	AH8A 21350 01E 29	UM8NAA 14040 04C 28	4U1ITU 14042 13E 22
CN2AQ 7002 21E 23	AH2B 3782 12E 2	UM8MKF 21042 13E 28	4U1ITU 7012 03E 23
CN2AQ 28523 18C 25	LULZA 14207 01E 25	VK9WCY 28594 00C 23	5B4BD 21300 15C 20
CT2CB 14021 21E 23	(S. Orkneys)	VK9NS 28595 00E 29	5B4IT 28518 15E 23
CT2CB 3789 02C 24	KX1BI 3792 03E 22	VK9NS 3790 12E 30	5H3BH 21354 18C 23
CU3AR 7080 08E 30	OY8R 14332 14C 24	VK9NS 7080 07E 30	KC7UU/
KF6ME/	PYØT 28012 23E 28	VKØCK 14193 11E 24	5N2 14025 23E 22
DU2 28502 00C 25	P29PR 3506 12C 21	VP8ANT 1820 05E 30	KC7UU/
KA3DLV/	G4ABI/	VP8QK 14238 02E 22	5N2 7005 03E 31
DU2 21022 14E 29	ST2 21017 17E 23	VP8QG 14203 02C 24	5R8AL 21020 20C 22
D68AM 14235 03E 23	9Y4RD/	VQ9DF 14227 02W 27	6W8CC 21028 23E 22
EA8RL 28028 17E 23	SU 21335 16E 23	VS5HG 21370 01W 28	6W8HL 21019 13E 29
EA8YG 1833 05E 30	SU1RK 28650 19E 30	VS6DO 7002 11E 22	7P8CL 28028 17E 23
EA8RCT 7049 05E 30	S83H 28016 19E 22	VU2LK 14185 01E 25	7P8DB 14200 04E 29
EA9MV 14028 22E 24	W3TTS/	VU2GI 14173 13E 31	7P8DB 3785 03E 30
EA9EU 1807 05E 30	TF 7002 23E 24	YI1BGD 14203 13W 28	7X4BL 21355 19C 23
ED9CM 14200 22E 30	TF3SA 14025 21E 26	YV3ANT 1825 06E 30	8Q7QA 14189 02W 21
ED9CM 28550 18E 30	TJ1AF 21370 20E 30	Y83ANT 14012 23E 26	9J2HD 21308 20C 22
FC9UC 7080 01E 30	TL8CK 21290 21E 22	ZB2FK 28019 17C 27	9N1MM 14235 01W 27
FK8DK 7002 12E 26	TL8ER 14031 20E 22	ZD7BW 21354 18C 23	9U5JB 28700 19C 23
FK8CE 28015 23E 28	TL8ER 21006 12E 28	ZK1DA 28630 22C 22	9U5JB 21280 18E 29
FKØAQ 7095 13W 29	TR8IG 7004 23E 25	ZK1CG 14310 03C 23	9X5MB 28542 19C 23
FK8EV 14014 13E 29	TR8DX 21323 21E 29	ZK1CG 28510 23E 29	
FM7WO 7010 11E 27	TR8DX 14206 23E 30	ZK1CG 3792 12E 29	Mail reports to
FM7WU 3507 03E 29	TR8GM 28650 21E 30	ZK2RS 14310 03C 23	reach Vernon by Wed,
FO8JP 28527 01C 23	TU2NW 3793 05C 23	ZK2IK 28550 23C 29	or phone:
FO8AA 14010 13E 29	TR8DX 14185 03E 29	ZL4OY/C 3820 12C 29	
FO8JP 28550 23E 29	TU2NW 21270 17E 29	ZL4OY/C 3812 12E 30	203-871-7699 (24 hours).
FO8IW 14209 05E 30	TU2NW 3773 04C 29	ZS3GB 28620 18C 24	
FR7BT 14052 03C 21	TU2NW 14195 23E 30	ZS3GB 28620 14E 29	Best contributor of
FR7ZN 21292 19C 28	T2RAA 3507 10C 26	Z21DR 7005 22E 23	information each month
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CALENDAR

CHINA BY1PK operation by JAs ended Nov 3; BY4AA and BY8AA active; need reports from JA readers!

CAMBODIA XU1SS very little activity; need JA reports!

BURUNDI 9U5JB on now; I 211

IVORY COAST TU2NW reportedly now has 160 Meter permission

PALMYRA (JARVIS) AD1S/KH5 NOW to Nov 10; last 4 issues

CHRISTMAS T32 by AD1S crew following Jarvis; I 214

RODRIGUES Leaving next month (3B9FK)

KURE N2EDQ/KH7 still shows 14.310 @ 0300Z

U.A.E. A6XJC effectively off the air; need reports

CROZET New Ops FB8WJ/WK due this month

BOUVET Rumors of November apparently false

TN8AJ Rumored on now to Nov 17; need reports

VKØCK Has replaced VKØGC on Macquarie; no low bands

MALAGASY 5R8AL on SSB lists on 15, plus some CW

YASME W6QL/W6KG now on from Ecuador

TONGA A35ZM by K6ZM starts Nov 8

PACIFIC DL1VU starts Nov 17; Issue 214

ANGUILLA VP2ES by K8CV starts Nov 20

RHODES SV1s OL, NO, OE Nov 20-27; I 214

TANZANIA 5H3BH by SMØs AJU, DJZ, Nov 22-Dec 6; I 214

CANTON T3ØDB still talking about T31/KH1 this month

BELIZE V3A Nov 23-29; I 209

ST MAARTEN PJ7A by W2GD, K3VW Nov 26/27

FR POLY By K6HHD/W6GO end of Nov

SPACE SHUTTLE W5LFL/mobile launches Nov 28

GALAPAGOS HC1SK/8 Dec 27-Jan 2

GLORIOSO FRØFLO trying for Jan '84

KERMADEC ZL#AFH on now, barely

KERMADEC H.I.DX.A. Working on Jan/Feb '84

CLIPPERTON Coming Feb/Mar/Apr '84

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"Heard on 20 M SSB: 'VK3DNW will lead an expedition to the Andamans Nov 7-15. Call will be VU7WCY.'"

It hardly seems that an operation of this importance could be kept from the amateur radio press until this late, but stranger things have happened. Hope!

There is probably someplace in Tasmania that sounds vaguely like "Andamans," and they meant VK7WCY. Oh, well.

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