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PROPAGATION: Dec 5, Below Normal; Dec 6, Below Normal/Disturbed; Dec 7, Low Normal; Dec 8, 9, Below Normal; Dec 10-13, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
180	156	178	11/24	80	5	1
183	163	169	11/25	81	10	3
195	182	173	11/26	81	16	4
190	196	163	11/27	83	17	1
197	214	171	11/28	87	8	1
200	226	166	11/29	89	13	2

CHINA: K1MM was allowed two hours of operating from BY1PK, 0000-0200Z Nov 25. There was no propagation to the Eastern U.S., although he was heard in W9/W0. As he prepared to leave Beijing for Chengdu, Bill had not received permission to operate BY8AA.

CAMBODIA: readers outside North America have reported XU1SS as follows: 21 MHz CW Nov 14, 0930Z, 14 MHz CW on Nov 14 (1130Z), Nov 15 (1130), and Nov 16 (1200). 21 MHz CW again Nov 20 (0930-1130Z). They were audible and workable in the States Nov 23 and 29, both times around 14.030 MHz at 1100-1200Z. Two different CW operators have been heard, and both are excruciatingly slow. They follow the Chinese pattern of exchanging complete information with each contact, including QSL Manager. We still have no reports of anyone having received a QSL via J1LHQG.

FM0GA IN DOUBT: On Dec 1, N6ZV was still signing D68GA, and saying there were problems in getting to Mayotte. You should know by now if he made it. If the Mayotte operation had to be scrubbed, the plan was to spend a few days on Reunion as FR0GA, then go to the Seychelles more-or-less on schedule Dec 4-9. He has been saying "QSL via FM0GA," and we did receive a note which read FM0GA, Don Jones, PO BOX 9, Fort-de-France, MARTINIQUE 97251, French West Indies.

KERMADEC: a couple of people say ZL3AFH/K was worked by W4 last week, on 3795 at 07-0800Z. We have no firsthand reports and we have not yet begun dragging ourselves out of bed at that time to look for him!

BURUNDI is the goal of KC7UU/5N6. Some reports have him currently in Canada and others place him in the U.S., but he will return to Nigeria in January and then try to go to Burundi, which was #23 in this year's Survey.

League in turmoil

ARRL PRESIDENT W4KFC DIES

Vic Clark, W4KFC, died of a heart attack Nov 25 at age 66. He had been an active amateur for fifty years, involved in ARRL affairs for several decades, and had been elected President by the Board of Directors in March 1982.

ARRL presidency has been assumed by First Vice President Carl Smith, W0BWJ, of the Rocky Mountain Division. Although the usual bi-annual election of President was scheduled for the Board's next meeting, in April 1984, something may happen sooner, as there is talk of a special Board meeting perhaps as early as this month.

This power vacuum comes at an especially bad time for the League, which is wrestling with several pressing problems. The imminent start-up of the Volunteer Examiner Program has been cited as the initial reason for a possible extraordinary meeting this month. The Board has also recently been "flexing its muscles" (one director's own words) in the area of Newington staff matters, an area traditionally assigned to management in Newington at the Headquarters.

Another recent ARRL venture, instigated mainly by the Board, is the "ARRL Call Directory" of U.S. amateurs, which has met with indifference in the marketplace. The League's directory differs from the Radio Amateur's Callbook in that the ARRL publication is assembled from, and only from, FCC master tapes of U.S. licensees. If the traditional Callbook were to fail as a result of the competition, the DX Callbook would die with it, as the League has no data base for foreign amateurs.

Vic Clark was one of amateur radio's (and the League's) greatest assets. His passing has come at a very bad time. Clark was in the oftentimes lonely position on the Board of understanding how and why the League works. His December QST page nine editorial "Team Spirit" is his epitaph.

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SPACE SHUTTLE: W5LFL's first major opportunity for much of the U.S. on Dec 1 bowed to the Cable News Network: they conducted an interview right through the 1530Z pass!

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WE ARE GRATEFUL to Floyd Gerald, N5FG, who came up with his "annual" list of countries not on in 1983. While there are a few weeks left before we enter Orwell Country, here's the list, with year of last operation in ():

A51	(81)	VU7L	(71)
C9	(76)	XF4	(82)
CEØX	(72)	XV	(75)
D2	(79)	XW	(79)
ET3	(80)	XZ	(65)
F08/C	(78)	YA	(74)
FR/C	(82)	YVØ	(79)
FR/J	(81)	ZA	(71)
FR/T	(82)	ZL/K	(77)
FW	(82)	ZM7	(82)
KH1	(82)	ZS2M	(80)
KH5K	(80)	1S	(79)
KP1	(82)	3B6	(82)
KP5	(81)	3Y	(79)
S2	(81)	4W	(75)
T31	(82)	5A	(77)
TY	(82)	5U	(80)
VK9M	(82)	70	(70)
VP8		9G	(81)
(Sand)	(81)	Abu Ail	(82)
VU7A	(76)		

Total: 41

This is an on-going project, and if you have any corrections, especially to the "last acceptable operation." please let IDXB know. All but fifteen of the 315 current DXCC countries have been on the air since we began writing IDXB in August 1979.

The Annual DXCC List in December QST always seems to have something of interest... for example, the highest mixed total which is not an Honor Roll member is 355! Incidentally, there are fifty-two deleted countries.

YASME REPORT: W6KG and W6QL are currently operating from Ecuador, after making 8000 contacts from W6KG/HKØ San Andres. Their next stop will be the Galapagos. On San Andres, they worked from the home of Francisco, HKØBKX, for about two weeks. The pair report San Andres is a South American's version of Bermuda; most of the locals speak Spanish. Power outages are numerous and often long-lasting, making San Andres a tough spot for serious radio contest work.

DESECHEO operation by HI3RST/KP5 scheduled for Jan 6-8 will depend on proper documentation for Newington. It has to be obtained from the U.S. Department of the Interior. It is also assumed that HI3RST has proper reciprocal licensing for the U.S.

NOTES VK2BQQ in the CQ CW Contest reportedly on Lord Howe, although he wasn't heard signing /LH...DJ6SI/9L1 on now, on schedule, Gambia next (see Calendar)...A6XWT promises QSLs from past operations, says he's sending license papers to ARRL for examination...DF3NZ/ST2 likes 3795 at 2200 and 0300Z, also 40 CW at 0300Z...XT2BR is a new ham with Yaesu and TET beam...J28AZ is talking (again) about S Yemen 70 operation...W4WMQ is sending an amplifier to 5R8AL...3X4EX (LA2EX) is trying for S9 Sao Tome permission...FB8WJ and FB8WK like 20 SSB mornings and evenings, 40 CW at 0100 and 0300.

Four Years Ago in IDXB

November 1979 was the month of the World Administrative Radio Conference, for which ARRL had been planning for years. The Conference had limited press coverage of the happenings and we were limited to capsule summaries of events. We carried the first report of amateur radio's gains in Issue 16, announcing three new bands at 10, 18, and 24 MHz. Four years later, U.S. amateurs still have use of only one of those three bands!

Rockwell-Collins announced their new KWM-380, an event because it had been twenty years since they last brought out an all-new radio. New management at CQ Magazine took over for the December 1979 issue, and the National Contest Journal had a re-organization. ARRL Headquarters announced that their 1980 International DX Competition would be changed, to a virtual copy of the CQ Worldwide DX Contest. The changes were met with much opposition, and in 1981 the original format returned.

ORZ DX started in November 1979 with K5FUV as editor; they are still in business today but none of the original staff are left.

K1MM was in Africa, and operated at several spots, including FRØMM. Several Americans were on Diego Garcia, using their new VQ9CI club callsign. Two Japanese groups operated from the West Carolines, S2BTF was available on the 15 Meter W7PHO group, and rumors were that ZL1ADI might get permission to operate from China. Jim Bullington was operating from Chad as N4HX/TT8, to be followed by TYA11 and (now) 9U5JB. East Coast 6 Meter operators were working Japan, Guam, and New Zealand on 50 MHz, and the West Coast was working into Africa. KA1BQ was TLØBQ for a week, tried without success to get Congo permission... TN8AJ was on from there but very elusive.

As for IDXB, we had begun in August with someone else doing the printing and mailing; in November, we bought an offset duplicator and folding machine and began doing all the work ourselves. First Class postage was 13 cents!

GALAPAGOS by HC1SK/8 scheduled for Dec 27 to Jan 2 by SM6DYK. Operation both SSB and CW, with CW 80-10 and SSB on 28495, 21295, and 14195. QSL SM6DYK.

JA1DNG/YI worked in Europe two weeks ago... Trindade may be either PYØT or PY1DØQ, often not signing /T; he likes 10 M CW... 4U1VIC in Vienna counts for WAE, CQ DX and CQ Contest separately, but does NOT count for DXCC...DL7NS/HBØ in January says he will look especially for W6/W7 etc on 80 at his sunrise time...HSØA active in CQ CW first Thailand activity in some months...

DON'T FORGET: your DXCC Honor Roll QSLs must arrive at the Newington DXCC Desk no later than Friday, December 30, 1983.

AP2MQ 14186 02W 20	FO8JN 21322 23E 15	UK9AAA 7002 12E 23	3D6AN 28565 15E 25
AP2MQ 14192 13E 21	FR7BP 14023 12E 16	UAØZCR 3503 13C 25	3D6BF 28760 15E 25
AP2MQ 14222 02W 23	GD4VGL 3510 01E 22	UK7GAB 14198 12E 22	3V8AS 3800 04E 29
AP2ZA 14281 14E 23	HC2XA 7007 00E 22	UK8AAK 14025 12E 22	3X4EX 21335 20C 13
AP2ZA 14178 13E 24	HH2VP 7002 02E 22	UK8EAB 14050 12E 16	3X4EX 21335 23E 15
AP2MQ 14213 12E 25	HH2MC 1829 04E 23	UK8EAB 14032 13E 18	3X4EX 21335 17E 17
A22ME 14034 22E 22	HK1AMW 1833 09E 26	UK8EAB 14209 12E 22	3X4EX 14243 00W 27
A35ZM 21041 23W 14	HK1QQ 3506 03C 18	UK8HAA 14232 12E 23	4K1F 14006 22E 23
A4XJW 14191 12C 18	HKØBKX 14035 00E 23	UK8JBD 14201 12E 18	4K1GDW 3512 04C 16
A4XYX 21313 14E 19	HKØBKX 21024 15E 23	UK8JBD 14052 13E 18	4K1GDW 14023 22E 21
A4XJX 14181 14W 22	HL9TH 14242 02W 24	UM8MCO 7011 00E 22	4K1GDW 7004 03E 23
A4XJP 21031 15E 23	HP1XJC 3506 02C 19	VK9WCY 28596 23E 18	4S7RM 3795 01C 25
A4XJW 14209 14E 23	HP1AC 7008 12E 24	VK9NS 3798 12E 1	5H3BH 7001 21W 24
A4XRS 14213 14W 24	HT1JCC 14031 13E 22	VP2EEW 3800 03C 22	5H3WCY 7003 00E 24
A4XJW 14212 14C 25	HZ1AB 7006 12E 25	VP2KBZ 7009 01C 20	5H3WCY 14207 16W 25
A4XKB 14212 14E 25	ISØOMH 7006 01E 22	VP2KAC 3502 02C 25	5H3WCY 28534 14E 25
A4XJV 14214 13C 26	JF1IST 3795 12E 24	VP8AQA 14197 04E 15	5H3WCY 3504 03E 29
A4XJW 14210 12E 28	JA5DZE 3503 12E 25	AP8AOH 14015 03E 22	5H3WCY 3505 03E 30
A71AD 14191 14W 18	JY7TS 14202 14W 18	VP8ARA 14025 01W 23	5N8AFE 21335 17E 21
A71AD 14227 15W 19	JY7ZH 14225 13E 19	VP8AQA 14239 02W 23	KC7UU/ 5N6 14024 22E 23
A71AD 14185 16W 25	JY9TS 14200 14C 24	VP8AQA 14212 01W 27	KC7UU/ 5N6 14025 21E 24
A92P 14191 13E 16	J88AH 7002 00E 18	AP8AOD 14202 01C 30	5W1BZ 28551 20E 20
A92F 14181 13C 25	KC4AAC 14212 01W 27	(S. Orks)	5Z4CV 21335 20C 13
BY1PK 14020 00C 25	AH2G 7007 13W 23	VS6DO 3796 12E 18	6V3HL 28550 19E 26
BY1PK 14019 01W 25	KHØ/ DL1VU 3504 12W 25	VS6DO 7001 12E 24	6V1AR 28595 15E 27
CE3AKK 7016 02E 22	KC6DS 14310 04W 24	VS6DO 3783 10E 25	DK7PE/ 6W8 7001 01E 24
CEØFQU 14215 13E 22	KC6VD 21330 20E 26	VU2LE 3795 00E 16	DK7PE/ 6W8 3501 03E 24
CEØFQU 14217 05W 25	KG4CD 21026 19E 19	VU2TN 14210 12E 22	DK7PE/ 6W8 28012 14E 25
CN2AQ 3508 04C 16	KG4AW 14026 22E 19	VU2GI 14191 13C 26	7P8CL 7004 04E 22
CN8ED 21276 13E 17	KX6PO 21290 22E 18	V3CAG 21030 21W 25	7P8CL 7006 03E 23
CN8CX 7028 23E 19	KX6PO 14310 04W 24	V3CAI 3503 03E 29	7X2KGT 21315 13C 14
CO6AR 3778 04E 21	KX6OH 3790 11E 25	XT2BR 14221 00W 23	7X2BK 28528 15E 19
CM2ZH 7027 04E 24	KX6OI 14265 06W 25	XT2TR 14243 01E 26	7X5AB 3800 04E 29
CO1RH 3510 02C 25	KX6OH 14293 02W 27	XT2BR 14220 01W 27	8Q7AV 14186 13E 18
CT1AOZ 1837 01E 29	LU3MCO 3514 03C 13	XU1SS 14023 13E 23	8Q7QJ 14002 13E 23
CT2AK 3794 02C 15	LU9EIE 1826 06E 24	XU1SS 14020 13C 29	8Q7BW 7002 13E 25
CT3AF 14156 13E 17	LX1JP 21346 14E 19	YI1BGD 14208 14W 25	9H1FBS 21025 13E 16
CT3AF 21285 17E 17	OD5ME 21335 17E 21	YJ8RG 21286 23E 15	9J2LG 21289 20C 12
CT3BQ 3516 07C 26	OX3SG 14211 21E 19	YJ8RG 14285 06E 17	9J2LG 14198 19E 19
CX1BY 7001 05E 23	OX3SG 21275 14E 21	YN1MAT 3794 12E 21	9J2DS 21304 18C 24
C53T 21028 16E 23	PT7AQ 3502 03C 18	YN1MAT 3799 11E 1	9L1DR 28517 13E 24
C53T 14029 23W 23	PZ1DV 3799 03E 28	YS9RVE 3803 03E 29	9M2HB 14203 12E 19
C53V 14022 00E 25	P29BS 14265 06W 25	YV1OB 1836 23E 29	9N1MM 14197 12E 23
K2BDY/ DU7 14152 14E 17	DF3NZ/ ST2 14224 12E 22	ZK1CG 14310 03W 20	9N1MM 14235 01W 24
N6IUF/ DU2 14202 00E 19	SV1NA/ SV5 21020 14E 22	ZK1DA 14220 14W 24	9U5JB 28609 17E 20
D44BC 28562 15E 19	S79SM 14028 13E 21	ZK2ZM 21014 00C 26	
D68GA 1825 02E 26	S83H 7004 04E 18	ZK2ZM 28037 20E 26	
D68GA 3505 02E 30	TALTA 14026 13E 22	ZL4OY/C 21345 22C 12	
OH2MM/ EA8 7007 01W 22	TALUA 21029 14E 25	ZP5XDW 14026 00E 16	
EA8ADP 3794 23E 24	TF3SV 14227 17C 24	ZS3KC 28505 16C 20	
EA8AU 1833 05E 30	TI2PI 7018 05E 23	Z21GN 28600 18W 24	
EA9MO 14207 22E 18	TJ1AF 21335 18W 24	Z21AJ 28627 16E 27	
EA9KQ 7002 00E 22	TN8EE 21294 22C 18	3A2LF 14215 15W 19	
EA9KQ 7003 01E 23	TR8JLD 14029 00E 15	F9UW/ 3A 14202 14W 22	
EL2AC 14236 02E 16	TR8JLD 21009 19W 24	3A2EE 3799 00E 24	
EL2P 7006 00E 22	TU2NW 14202 21E 19	3B8CF 3505 02E 24	
FB8WJ 14201 03C 19	TU2JT 28031 17E 19	3B9FK 7003 01E 22	
FB8WK 7006 01E 24	TU2JT 7004 06C 21	3B9FK 7004 01E 24	
FG7CG 21055 19E 19	T3ØDB 14295 02W 27	3B9FK 21021 14E 25	
FG7AM 1824 04E 29	RQ2WCY 1831 05E 29	3D6AL 28645 15E 18	
FM7CX 21020 18E 19	UKØAMM 7009 02E 22	3D6AL 28650 15E 19	
FP8AP 14016 13E 18	UA9AED 7004 11E 23	3D6AN 21329 19E 19	
		3D6AK 28033 15C 20	
		3D6AK 21031 17W 24	

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COMING SOON: more TDXB equipment reviews!
We have been loaned a new Yaesu FT-980, and
will have a Kenwood TS-930 soon, for an A-B
comparison. THANKS to MADISON ELECTRONICS
of Houston for making these new radios avail-
able for us to use. If you have either the

FT-980 or TS-930, we'd like to have your com-
ments about them, both pro and con.

Our resident TS-830/remote VFO is still
our standard of comparison in terms of the
most radio for the dollar.

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ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, VU2TS announced on 20 Meters that he'd just received a telegram giving permission for an operation from the Laccadive Islands. It will be an all-Indian crew, including active operators VU2BBJ and VU2RX, among others. Starting date is Dec 15, VU7WCY license good until Dec 30.

VU2TS also stated that "things are opening up for the Andamans, too."

CONTRIBUTORS

KR1G and KN8Z both phoned in the above Laccadives information, just as we were going to press. Thanks! They are both Contributors of the Month and both win a free year of TDXB.

KA1BU, DL7NS, W3AZD, DA2ER, K1XM, HC1SK, OK1TN, TG9VT, CT4UE, YASME, N5FG, JA1BGS, K3ZO, JA3GM, KA3R, AB8K, K2OLG, WA0AXH, K1MEM, W7HRD, W0BW, WD5AAM, XE1NI, K4BAI, N4NO, KE7X, K8EM, K6IR, KM9J, N4KG, WB8ZRL, K1SA, W3ICM, W0VX, W4VQ, KA1XN.

NOTE: this is the second time in a month that we have scooped all competition, thanks to last-minute phone calls from readers. A 50-cent phone call can win you a \$35 free year of TDXB. Please keep that in mind, and phone any time to 203-871-7699. Thanks!

CALENDAR

Rodrigues	3B9FK ends this month
Crozet	FB8WJ/WK on 20, 40; I 217
Jamaica	K4CXY/6Y5 ends Dec 6
Tunisia	3V8AS by DJ6QT ends Dec 10
YASME	W6QL/HC now, HC8 next
Tanzania	5H3BH by SMs ends Dec 6
Kermadec	ZL3AFH/K on 80; I 217
Saipan	KH0/DL1VU ends Dec 8
Seychelles	S79WHW by N6ZV to Dec 9
Cambodia	XU1SS on CW; I 217
Nepal	9N1MM by K4TKM Dec 5-14
Gambia	C5 by DJ6SI starts Dec 6
E Carols	KC6/DL1VU Dec 9-13
Contest	ARRL 10 Meter Dec 10/11
Virgin Is	W4JVN/KV4 Dec 10/11
LACCADIVES	VU7WCY Dec 15-30; I 217
Sri Lanka	4S7TKM by K4TKM Dec 15-24
4U1ITU	By K8GG, low bands, Dec 19/21
Nauru	C21NI/DL1VU Dec 23-Jan 1
Galapagos	HC1SK/HC8 Dec 27-Jan 2
DEADLINE	Honor Roll QSLs to New- ington by Dec 30
C Kiribati	T30CT by DL1VU Jan 2-20
Glorioso	Rumored by FR0FLO in Jan
Desecheo	HI3RST/KP5 Jan 6-8
Liechtenstein	DL7NS/HB0 low bands Jan 6-28
Tuvalu	T2UVA by DL1VU Jan 20-Feb 20

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