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PROPAGATION: Dec 19, High Normal; Dec 20, Above Normal; Dec 21, High/Low Normal; Dec 22, 23, Low Normal; Dec 24, High Normal; Dec 25, High/Low Normal; Dec 26, 27, Low Normal; Dec 28, 29, High Normal; Dec 30, 31, Above Normal; Jan 1, High/Low Normal; Jan 2, 3, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
175	297	241	12/8	102	18	4
191	305	243	12/9	101	9	3
186	287	279	12/10	112	3	1
215	278	272	12/11	111	19	1
239	260	259	12/12	106	34	4
252	226	247	12/13	104	21	3
261	199	243	12/14	104	19	4

LACCADIVES

LATEST INFORMATION is VU7WCY will begin about Monday, Dec 19, for a two-week operation. Group leader is VU2RBI and other operators are VU2s MY, TU, RM, and RYL. They will use transceivers and dipoles...as someone observed, a dipole at 50 feet is better than a beam at 20 feet. No indication yet of QSL routing.

XU1SS CAMBODIA continues to appear on 20 Meters longpath, the latest being Dec 15. They have operated CW on 14.335 MHz a few times. Signals on Dec 15 were very good but XU1SS worked mostly JA stations. A few U.S. and Canadian stations did break through.

DL1VU ended his Saipan KH0 operation on Schedule Dec 8, skipped E. Carolines, and went straight to Nauru, where he's signing C21NI. No indication of how the rest of his itinerary will be affected.

SM0M 1A0KM rumors are flying of a January operation, but a letter just received from Mario I0MGM makes no mention of it.

BY4AA now seems to be the most active station from CHINA. BY1PK has apparently been worked in South America, on 14.100 at 0700Z or so. The BY8AA operators told K1MM last month that the only time they can be depended on to be active is 0100-0200Z (as we knew). There is no longer propagation to most of North America at that time on either 15 or 20 Meters.

YASME W6KG and W6QL are operating from the Galapagos as W6KG/HC8. They report that long-time resident HC8GI passed away on Dec 12. From Ecuador, Lloyd and Iris made 5000 contacts. Two earthquakes in Quito while they were there "were strong enough to rock the operating table." The local radio club meets every week.

The 1982 ARRL Annual Report just hit the mails. Needless to say, much of the information is very dated. They reported an 8 percent membership drop during 1982, attributed to the latest dues increase. As of December, 1983, the membership has stabilized and has been around 132,000 since the end of 1982.

FOUR 160 METER DXCC applications have hit the Newington DXCC Desk in the past week of so...they aren't official yet. Here's the list of those who have made this very steep grade:

W1BB	K4CIA	N4WW	NOTE that <u>none</u> of these is from the European Mainland. However, one of the latest applications <u>was</u> , from West Germany.
W1HCT	W9NFC	N4SF	
W8LRL	N4JJ	W4PZV	
KV4FZ	PY1R0	W5SUS	
K1PBW	N4EA	G3RPB	
W4BRB	G3SZA	W6RW	
W2QD	PA0HIP	KH8AC/W1	
W2DE0	K5YY	AA1K	
W4QCW	GD4BEG	GI3QQR	
W4YWX			

SANITY FINALLY REIGNED at the Dec 12 meeting of the Federal Communications Commission, where the commissioners voted to abandon the idea of a "No-Code license." The ARRL gets full credit for this defeat, as they apparently just paraded too many examples of handicapped and otherwise impaired licensed amateurs before the Commission to show that most anyone can learn the Code. There was also support from various government agencies, who asserted that they still depend on amateurs for a pool of code-trained people. Incidentally, both 73 and CQ magazines supported the no-code license idea.

SINCE THE LACCADIVES VU7WCY operation is scheduled to last about two weeks, please phone in any info you pick up this week for inclusion in Issue 220, especially pertaining to band openings, etc. Thanks.

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SOMEONE DID ASK what we mean by "Usual DX Frequencies," and it bears repeating. On CW, simply 25 KHz up from the bottom band edge is the spot where expeditions should camp, as it allows both listening down and listening up, at the operator's discretion.

On SSB, "usual frequencies" is trickier. On 80 Meters, 3795-3800 is the range to look at, operation being both transceive and split. On 40 Meters, well-equipped expeditions will transmit in the 7050-7100 range and have the capability to listen on their own frequency and a frequency above 7150, either simultaneously or by throwing one switch. 20 Meters is an unsettled band since U.S. amateurs gained the 14.150-14.200 range for SSB; the historic expedition frequency was 14.195 and is still used by many, but 14.145 seems more logical for expeditions now. You should look on both frequencies. 15 and 10? Simple. 21.295 and 28.595 (occasionally 28.495).

Speaking of well-equipped expeditions, no operation deserves to be called a serious one unless split frequency equipment is used. On CW, it can be done with R.I.T. if the available range is at least 5-6 KHz. ON SSB, a split of at least 10 KHz is required.

As for breaking the split frequency pileup quickly, you absolutely must be able to listen both to the DX station and to the pileup itself. A few minutes spent listening to how the DX tunes will pay dividends...when he says "up ten" does he start listening up ten and tune down, or start at his frequency and gradually tune up ten? Maybe he goes back and forth. Find the last station he worked and transmit there; if this does not work after several tries, you know the DX is re-tuning after every contact. Personally, while we find little use for digital readout radios, situations like the above are where they shine...if you are keeping your eye on the readout and accidentally transmit on the DX's frequency, you will see it instantly!

As long as we are lecturing, one final note. This business of only signing the suffix of your callsign is an absolute disaster. A good operator will get your full callsign almost every time. If he has to ask for your prefix, his contact rate is halved. No one ever became an accomplished operator without contest experience. And let's face it...the operators running nets and most lists have no such contest experience. We remember writing about this a few years ago, after hearing a complete idiot trying to make a list. Then a familiar contest operator took over (out of frustration), an N4 as we recall, and made a list of fifty stations in about three minutes!

It used to be that most expeditions were by good operators...OH2BH, W4BPD, W9WNV, etc. Nowadays, who gets to go most often depends on who has the time and money to spare. When a pileup gets out of hand, the fault is always that of the DX station, who either has control of the situation or does not. When the DX operator is good, almost everyone gets through. When he's not, that's when the most skill is required on the pileup end.

RADIO CLUB ARGENTINO is making their annual expedition to the South Orkneys Dec 20 to around Jan 20. Operators LU6ETB (SSB) and LU9EIE (CW) will sign AZ5ZA. Look on 1825, 3748, 7085, 14195, 21295, and 28595 SSB, and on 1815, 3505, 7005, 14025, 21025, and 28025 CW. QSL to LU2Z, Box 100, 1428 Buenos Aires.

Also active from S. Orkneys are Nick, VP8AOD, SSB only, no low bands; VP8AOH, mostly 20 CW from 0100Z Sundays, and VP8ALD, who likes 40 and 80.

BANIER ISLAND was the destination of TR8JD, TR8YL, TR8GM, and possibly others, beginning about Dec 18. Abnier Island is between Corisco Island (part of Eq. Guinea) and the capital of Gabon, Libreville. They were hoping for callsign TR0AB; QSL to F6AJA.

ZL8AFH on KERMADEC is still working locals on 80 Meters, but nothing else. Jim Smith, VK9NS, of the Heard Island DX Association, wrote a long letter detailing troubles in getting permission for his proposed February Kermadec operation. The New Zealand amateur society is the culprit; they apparently want an "all New Zealand" operation. England's DX News Sheet says that "Twenty-four members of the Chiltern DX Club (of England) have signed a petition urging the NZART to reconsider its position and support Jim Smith's plans for a Kermadec expedition this spring."

Here's a correction to the N5FG list in Issue 217: the last operation from Kermadec was ZL2AJU/K, in July, 1978. Those QSLs do count for DXCC. The operator was a weatherman and only made a handful of contacts. VE7DX (who sent the ZL2AJU info) says he and a few others worked ZL8AFH on Nov 23, 3799, at 0750Z. Mike says a W6 came on, insisted on a 40 Meter QSO, and Warwick pulled the plug. Mike hasn't heard him since!

QSL info/help needed: 9L1DR (12/81, K4MRZ); DF3NZ/ST2 (9/82, K4MRZ); VS9AQ (8/60, K1MEM, operator not G3MIR); 9U5DM (1961, op Roger, K1MEM).

STILL NO XU1SS QSL received in Vernon...the one we reprinted last issue was a blank sample! HK0TU QSLs are just about finished up. Lots of complaints on file about getting cards from FR0FLO, and YI1BGD QSLs have slowed to a trickle, too. Finally, N6ZV is pulling a fast one by saying QSL to FM0GA instead of his California address, dollar bills being preferable to 20 cent stamps.

A22BW on 80 Meters lately has been a phony; the real one is bouncing cards and saying he hasn't been on that band in months... Republic of Vanatu (YJ) can now be QSLed via the ARRL outgoing bureau...Art Bean, W7AMX, passed away Nov 9, 1983; he was the first W7 DXCC both before and after WW II, and first W7 on the DXCC Honor Roll...

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

SPECIAL BANDPASS
FOR THE LACCADIVES

VU2LB 14050 13E 2
VU2GI 14182 13C 4
VU2REC 14010 13E 4
VU2YY 14214 13C 5
VU2BX 3501 12C 6
4S7EA 14211 13C 6
VU2BX 3503 00E 7
VU2GI 14185 13E 8
VU2GI 3513 12E 9
VU2GI 7011 13E 9
VU2JNA 14176 13C 9
VU2BX 3506 13C 12
4S7RM 3799 12C 10
4S7WP 7005 12E 13

AP2MQ 14197 13E 12
A22ME 14042 00E 6
A22ME 14048 23W 7
A4XXC 14015 14C 9
A4XJW 14176 13C 9
A4XJX 14195 13E 12
A71AD 14208 14C 9
A71AD 14210 14C 10
A92P 14217 14C 4
A92BW 3799 02E 9
WA8MOA/

A9 1826 23E 8
BY4AA 14028 01W 8
BY4AA 7007 12E 13
CE3DNP 3515 02E 5
CN8CU 14178 13C 10
C01RCB 7006 02E 7
CP8FS 7010 03E 7
CT2EC 7007 23E 5
C21NI 7002 11E 12
C31LD 3794 05E 8
C31NP 7006 04E 12
EA6BD 7013 00E 8
EA5YU/

EA8 21014 13E 4
EA8ZJ 7004 22E 4
AM8ABH 3507 01C 7
EA8YV 14197 17W 7
EA8LS 3796 00E 8
FB8WK 7013 02C 7
FB8WK 3795 01W 8
FB8WJ 14228 18W 8
FB8WK 21024 13E 9
FB8WJ 14205 03E 11
FC9VN 7004 21E 3
FC9VN 1831 06E 8
FG7BG 7008 06C 4
FG7BP 7004 06C 7
FG7CH 21278 18W 7
FG7CW 14034 02E 8
FG7CL 7010 11E 11
FK8BU 7010 13C 6
FM7WO 7006 00E 7
FM7WD 14020 21C 7
F08KP 7006 03E 10

FR7BP 21024 18W 4
FR7BP 7001 02E 7
FR0FLO 3789 02C 9
FR0FLO 14190 13E 13
FR0FLO 21299 18E 14
FY7AN 3795 06C 10
GD4BEG 1834 05E 11
HB9CM 1832 06E 8
HB9AMO 1842 06E 11
W6KG/
HC8 7014 03E 12
W6KG/
HC8 7009 03E 13
VE3LKU/

HI8 3510 01E 6
HI3JR 7002 00E 9
HK1AMW 1825 00E 11
HK0BKX 7002 03E 7
HM5BFC 14026 14W 4
HL0AKJ 21268 01W 6
HP1XJC 3508 02E 7
HP1XJC 7003 00E 8
HZ1AB 1850 21E 8
HZ1AB 14184 13C 9
HZ1AB 3789 13C 10
H44SH 14222 14C 4
IS00MH 7007 04C 7
JA1GQO 1811 12E 10
JW1CY 14022 23C 4
JW1UW 14228 15E 4
JX5DW 14021 13E 4
JY7ZH 14221 13C 5
JY8KV 21026 14E 7
JY7ZZ 21023 15C 9
J28CB 14027 13E 7
J73AH 3785 06C 2
KC4USX 14207 04E 4
AH2G 7007 14W 4
KG4CD 7000 01E 7
OX1WCY 14004 23C 4
OX2WCY 28030 18E 4
OZ1LO 1832 05E 11
PA0HIP 1826 07E 8
KC2PE/

PJ3 7007 02C 8
PZ1DV 3505 01E 7
PZ1DT 7019 03E 8
PZ1DV 3505 00W 8
P2LAY 7009 12E 13
(St. Vincent)
DF3NZ/
ST2 7081 14W 4
G4ABI/
ST2 21020 14E 4
SV1SQ 7005 00E 5
SV1NA 7002 01C 7
S42HZR 14027 21E 7
S42HZR 7011 04E 13
S83H 7001 03E 13
TA1UA 21026 13E 10
TF3PMN 21025 17E 4
TF3CU 14021 22E 8
TF3KG 1832 06E 11
TG9NX 14021 13E 4

KD4LI/
TI2 7005 06C 4
TI2PZ 3501 02E 5
KD4LI/
TI2 14011 14C 7
TL8ER 14008 21C 4
TR8IG 7004 22E 4
TU2NW 14024 20C 8
TR8WCY 14015 23C 8
T30AT 14018 19C 7
T32AB 3797 06C 2
T77C 21029 15E 3
T77V 3792 05E 8
T77C 21027 15C 9
UA2AG 21009 14E 4
RQ2WCY 3509 22E 4
UA9LCM 7002 11E 7
RV0WCY 7007 03E 10
UA9CBO 1832 01E 11
UA9LCU 7002 11E 12
UK0UAB 7018 11E 12
UD6DLO 7002 00E 14
UF6FCO 7002 22E 10
UK7PAL 3507 02E 7
UL7RAS 3502 01E 7
UL7GDN 14033 12E 10
UK7LHA 7006 11E 12
UH8DU 14029 13E 4
UH8DU 14027 13E 7
UI8AHA 14027 12E 15
UJ8JAS 7001 21E 3
RJ8WCY 14184 12E 9
VK3MR 7002 21E 4
VP2ES 1824 05E 11
VP2KBZ 3506 23C 4
VP2KBZ 7002 01C 6
VP8AOD 14235 05E 4
VP9BK 3515 02E 5
VR6KY 3800 03E 13
VS6DO 3790 13C 14
V2AZI 21028 13E 5
XE1MD 1831 05E 8
XU1SS 14335 11E 11
XU1SS 14195 11E 12
(CW)

XU1SS 14009 12E 15
YI1BGD 14210 04E 3
YI1BGD 14214 14C 9
(CW on request)
YS1RG 14015 22E 6
ZB2EO 3503 23E 6
ZK1CG 14230 17W 7
ZL4PQ/C 3794 12E 10
ZS5WT 7007 03E 7
Z22JS 7014 03E 8
3B8CF 3504 01C 6
3B8CF 3505 01E 7
3B8CF 7005 02E 7
3B8CF 21011 18C 9
3B8CF 3506 01E 13
3B8CF 7003 02E 13
3B9FK 7006 02E 2
3B9FK 7004 01E 6
3B9FK 7003 01C 10

3B9FK 7007 01E 12
4K1D 7006 03E 8
(Antarctica)
4U1UN 21286 15E 3
4U1VIC 21336 16C 3
4U1ITU 7007 03E 10
4U1ITU 7004 01E 14
4U1ITU 3506 02E 14
4Z40Z 14179 16W 8
5N3RTF 14175 14W 7
6Y5IC 1828 05E 11
7P8CL 21025 13E 4
7X9AMC 14020 16W 8
7X2LS 14186 16W 8
8P6AU 3506 00E 5
DF2AL/
9L1 28618 15E 3
DJ6SI/
9L1 10100 03W 4
DJ6SI/
9L1 3502 03W 5
9L0WCY 3502 02E 7
9V1VP 7003 14W 4

Please mail reports
to reach Vernon by
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203-871-7699 (24 hours).

Thanks to three readers
who phoned 12/15 with
late information on
VU7WCY.

N4SF/6Y0 QSLs to:

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(Next issue: the
monthly QSL list).

CALENDAR

CHINA BY1PK, BY8AA, BY4AA all active; I 218, 219
 CROZET FB8WJ, WK both active 15-80 M
 LACCADIVES VU7WCY starts Dec 19 to Dec 27; I 217-219
 GALAPAGOS W6KG/HC8 on now
 NAURU C21NI by DL1VU on NOW

S ORKNEYS AZ5ZA Dec 20-Jan 20; I 219
 BANIER ISLAND TR0AB started Dec 18; I 219
 KERMADEC ZL8AFH on 80 SSB only; I 219
 CAMBODIA XU1SS on CW mostly; I 217, 219
 SRI LANKA 4S7TKM by K4TKM now to Dec 24

4U11TU By K8GG Dec 19-21, Low Bands
 GALAPAGOS HC1SK/8 Dec 27-Jan 2
 SMOM Rumored in January, 1A0KM
 DEADLINE DXCC Honor Roll QSLs in Newington 12/30
 GLORIOSO Rumored January by FR0FLO

DESECHEO HI3RST/KP5 Jan 6-8
 LEICHTENSTEIN DL7NS/HB0 Jan 6-28
 CONTEST CQ 160 M, Jan 27-29
 KERMADEC H1DXA Still trying for Feb/Mar 84
 CLIPPERTON FO0XZ Mar 5-23
 CONVENTION Int'l DX, Visalia, CA Apr 13-15 1984

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 LU2DX, KB1BE, K2UFM, I2MQP, KC7IG, KM9J, N4KG,
 KC9J, K9EL, K0CS, K6IR, KY6I, K4BAI, N4NO, W0BW,
 WD5AAM, KW9N, K0CVD, K1SA, KE7X, W3AZD, YASME,
 W7ULC, KA2K.

LETTERS

Name withheld, from Indiana
 (This is real)

"I don't believe a single one of your subscribers buy the bulletin to read your editorials or your score of countries worked. Your prime concern is to print valid information about current and future DXpeditions.

"For you to waste an entire page to espouse your own warped ideas of how the government should conduct communications is more than you should expect your subscribers to endure. Then, to make matters worse, you wasted another half-page in a kind of a pat-on-the-back rebuttal, one-sided and all yours. My reply to your so-called 'follow-up report' is HOGWASH, and I believe you lied when you said 'almost all of it positive' (the feedback-ed).

"If this country ever believes all of the tripe that the Media puts forth, Heaven help us! Why don't you just find us a nice DXpedition going to the Laccadives or Andamans, and report that?"

THE EDITOR REPLIES: You may be right. Thank you for considering The DX Bulletin as part of the "Media," which we take as a real compliment. Have a nice day!

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