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PROPAGATION: Feb 20, High Normal; Feb 21, Above Normal; Feb 22, High Normal; Feb 23, Above Normal; Feb 24, High Normal; Feb 25-27, Low Normal; Feb 28, 29, High Normal; Mar 1, High/Low Normal; Mar 2, Disturbed; Mar 3,4, High Normal; Mar 5,6, Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

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n/a	n/a	94	2/14	132	25	3
n/a	n/a	91	2/15	129	35	5

KERMADEC: still nothing from Jim Smith...
this is a bad sign. ZLIAMO is now on the air
proclaiming a departure date of Mar II or 12
and a five-day boat ride to Kermadec. He
says "the permit expires Mar 31" but it's not
clear if that is his permit or Smith's. Anher publication says donations should be
sent c/o ZLIAMO, and they are right in noting
that it's "confusing." Something smells here.
If ZLIAMO wants money, he should write directly to us, to QRZ DX, and to LIDXB.

DL1VU continues at 5W1DC, until about Feb 22, then he goes to $\underline{ZM7VU}$, his last stop.

A cryptic letter from Finland just came, mentioning "testing" on 14.200 from Tirana, signing ZA2R. Apparently this station was heard in Europe last week but no contacts were made.

The Hensons have not been heard from Niger; as we recall, N4NW/TU2NW checked on possible 5U licensing, and got nowhere. Additionally, a former WN2 novice, now with the U.S. Dept of State in Niger, also ran into a brick wall trying to get a 5U license. But he's still trying. Rumors are that the Hensons will go to Tunisia if they can't operate from Niger.

G8GRN/5X gave up on the pileups and "asked for help." A few helpful types tried to explain to him how to work split frequency with his IC720A, but that failed, so now they're trying some list operations at 2000Z on 14.180, PY2PE et al in charge. QSL G4CTQ.

CQ advertising manager Jack Gutzeit, W2LZX, didn't get either J6LZX or J6LCQ; he ghed J6LJG Feb 9-14.

 $\frac{N}{\log k}$. Victor, ZK1CG, sends a card advising that he's not part of the operation to start about Feb 20; he and wife Marsha have a new baby girl to tend to. Ron Hill, K60ZL/ZK1XL will sign ZK1MA from Penrhyl Atoll Feb 20 for a month. Mostly CW on 160 to 10, with some RTTY. QSL to ZK1CG, Box 618, Rarotonga, Cook Is, Pacific via New Zealand.

Fr Marshall Moran, 9NlMM, will make another of his biannual (or so) visits back to the U.S. starting Sept 4. Ed Konop, W3WGS, is in charge of arrangements and "is looking for DX Clubs in the larger cities to have him for a guest for two to three days."
We are certain that Fr Moran will make his usual appearance at the W9DXCC (he's from Chicago) and probably at other conventions. If you want to help, write W3WGS at 125 Wetzel Rd, Pittsburg PA 15209.

MORE KERMADEC: all skilled dedicated DXers have now worked ZL8AFH, who is available on 75 Meters after 0700Z and also on 7085 at 0730-0800Z. The latter is a DX net and Warwick has just recently acknowledged W/VE CW callers there. No, he's not yet in the Vernon Logbook.

CAMBODIA: reported rig problems are now fixed and XUISS is being worked again, although not much Stateside...conditions will improve as spring approaches. The same applies to the China stations...possibly the easiest way to work China was BY8AA on 15 Meters, but the band hasn't cooperated for about six months now. Peak conditions will most likely occur in late April/early May.

A recent issue of Long Skip lamented that the Canadian member of ARRL's DX Advisory Committee, VE3QA, is not a member of CanaDX, Canada's national DX club (Long Skip is their monthly publication). Of the sixteen DXAC members, five are TDXB subscribers. Here's the list: K2NY, VE3QA, N9MM, WØSFU, K5OS, K8DB, W2QM, WØSR, W1DA, W7GN, K6SSJ, W4FRU, NØRR, W4VQ, N6RJ, and K5DB.

About a month we carried several reports from people who had heard and/or worked "A6ASS." Now other publications are saying Ahmed's call "is really A6XAS." So did dozens of DXers copy the callsign wrong in the same way, or what? Maybe the government changed his callsign. Anyhow, QSL to Box 6200, Abu Dhabi.

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QSLs: KU8U has been receiving cards for a "VP2EES," active last December; he is not the manager...K1HDO looking for help with 5AITK, David Keeler, active in 1969 ... We would like to know the current call and/or whereabouts of former K3RLY, of the INDXA back in the early 70's, as he was manager for a number of stations...KC4AAA was operated by W7XU in September 1982, and has logs and QSLs ready to send out ... TN8EE QSLs are now valid for DXCC credit... We continue hearing locals on 2 Meters plying others for QSL information of the most basic type; for one lousy SASE (large) anyone can get a samply copy of the W6GO/ K6HHD QSL Manager's List (Box 700, Rio Linda CA 95673)...N2TM/SV5 in Jan 1984 was a bootlegger; QSLs being returned...VKØGC Macquarie QSLs won't go out until March; Graham isn't home yet so VK3RK does not have the logs ...

Note from JH1FDP: (1/28/84)

Some DX news sources have rumored an XW operation by JA DXers...not true!

We have a slide show (26 slides) on XUISS, to loan to interested clubs...write to THE JAPAN DX NEWS, PO BOX 42, Urawa, Saitama 336 Japan. Please send enough to pay for the postage.

---CTØBI by CT4NH and CT4UW will be from BERLENGA ISLAND (IOTA ref EU-40) Mar 16-18. QSL to either home call, C/B address.

--- About those Fearless Predictions last issue for the Feb 18/19 ARRL CW Contest... well, 10 Meters was open CT to Europe Sat, Feb 11, again Thursday, Feb 16, and today, Friday, Feb 17, as we write this! Looks like maybe the only thing we were off on was the band opening time...1100Z was too early, and 1300Z is more like it.

---DXAC has still not completed their vote on country status for the Pribilof Islands. Their slide show was well-received at a recent meeting of the Connecticut DX Assn; contact KBIBE if you want to borrow the show.

P.S. Please send in information for publication whenever you can, as we are running very low on material. We may "skip" an issue in the next 2-3 weeks, as this typewriter won't work very well packed in a box.



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DX ASSOCIATION: (1-r K3UA VP, K3MC Bull editor, AD8J, Pres, KB3KV Sec'y, KF3C DX Information, KJ3Q Treas). The club operates a repeater repeater 145.37, and they have a quarterly newsletter.

Tom Gregory, TU2NW/N4NW will be active through May, at which time he transfers to S. Africa. He's on 160, and plans activity in the ARRL SSB Competition and CQ WPX Contest. Before the ZS assignment, Tom'll be in the U.S. Jun-Aug, and will be travelling; you can schedule him for a club meeting by writing directly to him at ROC Abidjan, Wash DC 20520. QSL manager is AK3F, Mike Hayden, PO BOX 573, Gettysburg PA 17325.

--- Some new club officers for 1984:

*Southern New England DX Assn: Roy Gould, KTIN, Pres Rick Ferland, KCIR, VP/Sec Bill Ross, NIAZL, Treas Jim Dionne, K1MEM, Activity Chair

*Carolina DX Assn:

Ted Goldthorpe, WA4VCC, Pres Roger Burt, N4ZC, VP Gary Bader, KD4RH, Sec/Treas Murph Rateree, W4WMQ, Bull editor

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

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CALENDAR

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YASME	Colvins at W6QL/ZP5 NOW; next are CEØA and CEØZ	Contest B.V.I.	ARRL Phone DX Mar 3/4 K9GL group Feb 27-Mar 12
KERMADEC	ZL8AFH 0700-0800Z, 20, 40, 80	AVES	YVØAA starts about Feb 28
Cambodia Jamaica	XUISS on again 1300Z, 14025 +/- KJ8G/6Y5 now to Mar 14	Caymans	ZF2HL (AA5B) and ZF2HM (K9RS) Feb 28-Mar 7
S Shetlands	XQ9BSC rumored on now	B.V.I.	VP2VID by W4JVN Feb 29-
Bahamas	KØGVB/C6A now to Mar 1		Mar 10
Falklands	VP8KF by G3VPW now to end of Mar	Water Is.	KB1LC/KP2 Mar 1-6
Nevis	<pre>VP2KBD (K1IJV) and VP2KBE (K1IJU) now to Mar 2</pre>	KERMADEC	Latest departure date for HIDXA group Mar 11; I 227
Cocos	TI9J due on any day	Clipperto	n Starts about Mar 10; I 225
St Maarten Niger	K2KTT/PJ7 now to Feb 24 No sign of Hensons; maybe Algeris;	Oman	GFT activity Mar 9-16; I 226
	I 226, 227	CTØBI	Berlenga Is Mar 16-18 I 227
St Maarten	-By K4LTA, N4FKO, now to Mar 8		
Samoa Fiji	K2FJ/KH8 and 5W1ER rumored now Rumored by K2FJ after Samoa	China	BYIPK by VE7BC etc end of Mar
Maldives	8Q7AH by HB9TL now to Feb 27	Contest	CQ WPX SSB Mar 25/25
Caymans	ZF2GW by W2 group FEb 27-Mar 6	DEADLINE	

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