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HOT NEWS? CALL THE DX BULLETIN: 203-871-6251; LEAVE A MESSAGE!

PROPAGATION FORECAST: Jan. 28, Low Normal; Jan. 29, High Normal; Jan. 30, High/Low Normal; Jan. 31, Feb. 1, High Normal; Feb. 2, High/Above Normal; Feb. 3, 4, 5, 6, Above Normal; Feb. 7, High Normal; Feb. 8, Above Normal. TNX N4XX. N4XX also says the monthly mean sunspot number from Zurich for December was 182.2, down from November's 185.0; looks like we are now headed down toward a minimum which is expected around 1986 or 1987. Still several years of prime DXing ahead, tho!

A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED to aid Jan Gould, WA6YQW, seriously injured during the recent operations from Palmyra and Kingman Reef. This fund is NOT for trip expenses but for one participant who faces months of rehabilitation from an accident incurred as a result of giving DXers a "new one." Send what you can to: In Trust for Jan Gould Fund, c/o Norm Friedman, W6ORD, 5400 Lindley Avenue, Apt. 312, Encino, CA 91316. TNX WA2NHE.

BRIEF NOTES,,, someone from West Germany is at the embassy in Kampala, Uganda; as political conditions improve there, amateur radio activity may be permitted again. There has been no legitimate activity since 5X5NK left on July 1, 1977... A7XA has a schedule with K3RS at 2000 Saturdays on 14255...TA2KS is on most days on 14235 from 1500 to 1600, and again around 2230; QSLs are via G3SJP...Hold your cards for K6LPL/KH5 temporarily; with the personnel difficulties from the expedition the QSL managers have yet to be nailed down...5NØDOG may be active on 160 by now, 1810-1815...Mauritius was hit by a cyclone in mid-December; 3B8DA just had power restored to his QTH on Jan. 15..WB9TTM is making arrangements with TN8AJ to get documentation to the DXCC Desk; TN8AJ is on 21155 Saturdays around 1430; he works Europeans on SSB then listens for others on CW. Normally, a list is taken on CW for him to work the following week...And now our source in Albania says ZA3KL really is there, in Albania, but does not have a license from the government; as they say, work them first...PY1MAG will start from Trinidade as PYØMAG on or about Feb. 1; he will be there two months, because that's the interval between transportation in and out of the island...Look for CEØZG from Juan Fernandez starting Mar. 1 for five days, on 14210, 21210 and 28610...But don't look too hard 'cuz we haven't been able to comfirm that one yet...9U5AC is reported on various frequencies and at various times on 20 and 15; he often signs just "5AC"...New officers of the Southern Cal. DX Club are W6SP, Pres., N6AHU, V.P., WA6WZO, Treas., and W6PN, Sec'y...KP2A, former KV4KV (Desechoe) will be 4S7DX, starting the first of March, for six months; he also has eyes on VS9 Maldives...Newcomers to Thailand have to wait four months and attend four meetings of the local radio club before getting licensing...Please use the enclosed form and let us know what you worked! TNX.

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December 22, 1979

The Board of Directors
The American Radio Relay League, Inc.
Mr. Gay Hillis, WAUG, Board Liaison
225 Main Street
Newington, Conn. 06111

Subject: Second 1979 Semiannual Activities Report of the DX Advisory Committee

Gentlemen:

There are two basic areas of committee activity to be reported on: the work of subcommittees and the results of balloting on agenda items. Some of the activities of subcommittees which are described are a follow-up to those mentioned in the previous report.

The report of the International Friendship subcommittee, chaired by Daryl Kiebler, WBEUN, was referred by the Board to the Membership Affairs Committee for study.

Minute 39 of the January 1979 Board meeting had instructed the Membership Affairs Committee to conduct a review of the DXCC Awards program in concert with the DXAC and General Manager. Some of the recommendations made by DXAC subcommittee chairman San Huston, K5YY, to the Membership Affairs Committee were adopted. A notable exception was that the recommendation for an annual rather than a semiannual Honor Roll listing, initially accepted and announced in QST, was negated by Board action.

On June 6, 1979, we requested that the report of the DX Operating Techniques and Ethics subcommittee, chaired by John Kanode, W4MM, be published in an early issue of QST. It was highly gratifying to see it appear in the "How's DX?" column in September 1979 QST.

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The Countries List Criteria subcommittee (Jim Spencer W2SRI, chairman) has been drafting a set of guidelines to assist in interpreting the Criteria. The subcommittee's work will continue into 1980.

DXAC members voted on several internal agenda item questions. The following items all failed by vote of the committee and no recommendation was made. In the committee's opinion, none met the mileage separation requirements of the points of the Criteria listed.

1. "Do the Antipodes and Bounty Is. jointly (as one entity) meet the Countries List Criteria by reason of Point 2(a)?"
2. "Do the Central and Southern Line Is. (VR7) as one entity meet the Countries List Criteria by reason of Point 2(b)?"
3. "Does the island of Tierra del Fuego meet Point 3 of the Countries List Criteria?"

The following item passed by vote of the committee and recommendation was made to the Communications Manager: "Should the DXAC recommend the following to the HQ Awards Committee: in the ARRL DXCC List, change 'Brit. Phoenix Is.' to 'Central Kiribati', 'Gilbert & Ocean Is.' to 'Western Kiribati', and 'Line Is.' to 'Eastern Kiribati'?" By this vote, the DXAC recommended certain names for three areas of Kiribati and recommended that the creation of this country should not cause any changes to the DXCC List other than names, i.e., no deletions or additions.

The committee also voted on the following agenda item: "Should Okinawa Tori-shima (711) be deleted from the ARRL DXCC List because it does not meet or never has met any of the DXCC Criteria for separate country status?" As of this writing, however, all eleven member ballots have not been officially reported.

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The following item failed by vote of the committee: "Should the DXAC recommend to the Board the establishment of a new operating award per Minute 49 of the July 1979 Board meeting?" Whereas no written input was received by the committee from any sponsor of this proposal, DXAC members made several comments. Some are summarized or quoted following the relevant suggested requirements of Minute 49.

"1. Two-way single mode contacts."

This was supported by member comments.

"2. Only contacts between citizens of countries that have a national society holding membership in the IARU shall be considered valid."

The question was raised as to whether countries which are not IARU members should be excluded. Also, how is the issuer of the award to know the citizenship of both operators in contact?

"3. A minimum of 100 confirmed contacts with 100 different IARU countries to be required."

The possibility of satisfying this requirement was questioned due to the inactivity of some of the 105 IARU countries.

"4. A suitable fee shall be established by the General Manager."

This fee would probably not cover all the real costs associated with the award and would open the door for consideration of fees for DXCC and other awards.

"5. A minimum of fifteen minutes solid copy and conversation to be required."

How is the issuer of the award to verify the duration, completeness and content of the contact? The operators at both ends may not know enough of

a common language to hold a 15 minute QSO. To quote member comments directly,

"A good overseas ragchew should be its own reward... Injecting an award hunting approach will only lead to hypocrisy, rather than new friendships, and a pre-emptory dumping of a QSO once the magical 15 minutes is reached." Another

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member suggested this scenario: "Imagine 10 to 20 stations wanting to work a semi-rare or rare country for DXCC which does have membership in the IARU and some joker is holding him in a QSO for 15 minutes. Enter stage left, 15 carriers, 1 whistler and scores of nasty and/or obscene remarks."

Other committee comments were not directly applicable to the suggested requirements of the award. The presumed intent of encouraging international friendship via DXing was lauded. However, why establish a new operating award when we can't even keep up with our present DXCC? The backlog at the DXCC desk is reputed to be 2 to 3 months, the annual DXCC and semiannual Honor Roll listings are not always published in QST on time and the change to Rule 9, made over a year ago has yet to be fully implemented. It was suggested that if the DXCC program can catch up, an endorsement to the present DXCC awards could be considered which would incorporate requirements similar to those suggested in Minute 49.

By this report, the DXAC recommends to the Board of Directors against the establishment of a new operating award per Minute 49 of the July 1979 Board meeting.

In closing, I want to thank the DXAC members, our liaisons, and the Headquarters staff who have helped the DXAC. Also, thanks to the Board of Directors of the ARRL for your support of the DX Advisory Committee. It has been a pleasure to serve as DXAC Chairman for the past year. The 1980 Chairman will be San Huston, K5YY. We wish him well.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. Hartung C. J. Dozor
Anthony C. Berg, W1DT

1979 DXAC Chairman

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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./Time (+West, Central, East Coast)/Day of Month. *=Long Path.

<u>Low Bands</u>	HKØBKX/3515/02E/13 JA1PIG/PZ/3509/04E/13	UQ2GDM/7001/03C/14	
CO2DR/7005/05C/14	HM2IR/7002/12E/20 P29JS/7001/12E/16	UWØAJ/7010/04E/17	
C6ACY/3795/00E/20	HP1XOJ/3773/04E/17 SM5EAN/7006/05C/14	VP2VFW/3773/04E/17	
EA6CE/3797/03E/19	ISØLYN/3793/04E/20 VE3BVD/ST2/7010/04E/17	Y21UJ/3772/04E/17	
EA6BD/7015/22E/13	ISØOMH/7003/04C/14 SVØAH/3595/05E/20	3V8AA/3793/04E/20	
EA8FJ/7001/06E/15	ISØOMH/7002/01E/18 TI2CF/3793/04E/20	4Z4DX/3793/05E/18	
EA8LC/3797/00E/20	JA9BE/7002/12E/19 TI2PZ/7001/12E/18	7X4MD/3793/03E/20	
EA9FA/3793/03E/20	LZ1KVF/7002/04C/14 UJ8SAF/7016/22E/13		
FB8XV/7013/16W/13	OH5PT/7004/05C/14 UL7GW/7016/12E/18		
HAØKLE/7006/03C/14	OX3ZO/3777/04E/17 UO5OGK/7001/06E/11		
<u>Africa</u>	EA9EO/21033/21C/13	ZD7MG/14211/22C/15	6W8AR/21355/18E/15
CN8AK/21355/20E/14	EA9JE/28536/17E/20	ZD8TC/28017/23E/19	6W8IG/14215/22E/17
CN8BD/14212/22C/15	FR7BX/14025/02C/13	ZE6JL/21355/20E/14	7X2LS/28501/17W/12
C5AAK/14169/22E/17	VE3BVD/ST/21291/14C/13	3B8DA/14200/03E/19	7X2LS/21356/18E/11
C5ABK/21271/17E/11	VE3BVD/ST/14030/00C/15	3D6BP/21355/18E/19	7Z2AP/14226/16W/13
C5ACG/14230/23W/13	S8AAT/14205/00C/15	3C1HJ/14240/21E/15	9G1AP/14205/23C/15
D4CBC/14248/04C/13	TN8AJ/14214/23C/11	5L2AV/21286/20E/14	9G1DY/14195/23C/14
EA8CP/14029/04C/15	TN8AJ/21156/14E/11	5R8RC/14257/02C/14	9G1DY/14201/16C/12
EA8QP/14033/03C/15	VQ9DM/21326/16C/14	5T5AY/14175/22E/17	9Q5GB/21309/19E/20
EA9EO/21285/22C/12	VQ9JJ/21337/16E/13	5Z4VV/21355/20E/12	9U5AC/14297/20E/20
<u>Asia</u>	TA1MB/14222*/16W/13	UK8FAA/14014/04E/15	4S7DJ/14202/02C/18
A4XID/28552/18C/12	TA2KS/14222*/16E/13	UL7NB/14026/03E/15	4S7DA/14205/01C/15
A4XIK/14226*/16W/13	TA2KS/14222*/15W/13	UM8NAN/14051/04W/19	4S7VG/14023/01E/18
AP2MQ/14224/03C/13	UAØNH/21345/00E/13	UM8MBA/14014/03E/15	4X4VE/14206/14C/11
AP2MQ/14221/03E/19	UD6DK/14029/04E/13	UM8MBA/14025/03E/19	5B4HF/21284/18E/14
DU1EH/14200/22C/16	UD6DKW/14029/05E/13	UM8MAM/14033/04E/13	9K2EW/28508/13E/16
W7LPP/DU/14027/13C/15	UF6FCO/21053/23E/16	UM8APT/14022/04E/13	9M2FK/21345/01E/14
HM1DK/14205/00C/18	UH8DU/14019/04E/13	VS6BB/14028/12E/11	9M2FK/21358/00E/17
HM1SX/21345/00E/13	UI8LBA/14003/12E/15	VS6CZ/14026/16C/16	9M2FR/21345/01E/18
HS1WR/14207/02E/17	UI8LBA/14021/03E/19	VS6CT/14207/15C/12	9M2FR/21345/01C/15
HS1WR/14201/00C/14	UJ8BJ/14244/03E/19	VS6CT/21358/00E/13	9N1MM/14225/02E/14
HS1ABD/14029/14E/16	UJ8SAO/14026/05E/17	VS6DT/14025/15C/16	9V1UH/21343/00E/17
HS1ABD/14028/15C/13	UJ8SAO/14028/03C/13	VU2GO/28009/13E/12	9V1UH/21345/00E/13
HS4AMI/14207/15C/12	UK8AAN/14261/03E/19	YBØADT/14200*/16C/19	9V1TK/14010/12E/12
HZ1AB/14202/02E/17	UK8BAP/14216/13C/15	YBØACL/21397/00E/13	
<u>Europe</u>	HV3SJ/28693/18C/13	SV1LV/14020/01E/13	UK2FAA/14007/12E/17
CT2BP/14213/01E/18	JW7FD/14209/23C/14	SVØAE/21357/17E/14	ZB2A/14212/01C/16
CT2CB/28029/16C/13	JW7FG/21280/22W/13	SVØWEE/28572/15C/13	3A2HB/14248/21E/15
GI4ISV/14029/21C/14	JW8FG/21296/17E/19	TF3HN/28533/17E/20	9H1ED/14026/23C/14
GU2FLC/28583/16E/14	OY2A/28530/17W/18	UA1PAL/14030/02C/12	9H1FA/28005/15C/13
<u>Oceania</u>	FO8FW/14040/03C/14	KG6RN/14203/22C/13	T3LA/28015/17E/11
AH2E/28533/23E/19	KG6JAR/14026/13C/16	KHØAC/28616/00E/17	VR6TC/21350/23E/15
FO8FW/14038/03C/11	KG6RN/14205*/22C/13	T3LA/14195/02E/19	ZK2VE/21345/01E/14
<u>Elsewhere</u>	FP8AP/28026/18W/12	J6LCT/14222/23C/15	TG9ML/14026/00C/15
CO2AB/14026/13C/13	FY7YE/14050/03C/15	J7DBB/14208/01C/19	VP1APC/21255/20E/20
FB8ZO/14262/02C/13	HC2IY/14223/13C/15	J7DBB/21355/19E/15	VP1DD/14242/00E/18
FG7XA/14207/01C/15	HC2SL/14026/14C/15	OX3PA/14205/02E/17	VP2AZG/14207/00C/14
FGØFJ/14007/02E/17	HC8GI/21355/18E/19	PZ1CI/14204/01C/18	VP2ML/21309/17E/13
FM7WE/14210/01C/15	HK8EM/14030/03C/19	PZ2AC/14250/05E/12	(more p. 7)

More BANDPASS VP8AI/14021/02E/15 6Y5DA/14255/02E/17
VP9HE/14200/23C/16 VP8SB/14310/01E/13 WB4LRB/8R1/14224/02C/15
VP8VN/14275/02E/19 4U1UN/14025/14E/16

THE ARRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET in Hartford on Jan. 17 and 18; fifteen "minutes" are of interest to DXers. Here they are, with the therefors, whereas's, be it resolveds, etc., removed:

9. Noel Eaton, who led the IARU WARC team, elected to a newly created offi - International Affairs Vice President. Noel is VE3CJ.
11. Membership Affairs Committee Chairman Wicker reported "thumbs down" to the July, 1979 "100 IARU Countries Award" proposal.
20. Contest Advisory Committee Board Liaison Olson "commented orally on changes in the 1980 DX Test rules which he felt were not made in compliance with Standing Order 65 and which accordingly should be reexamined after the 1980 Test." (emphasis added).
21. DX Advisory Committee Board Liaison Milius gave the DXAC report (printed in full in this issue).
33. WØBWJ elected First Vice President and W4RA elected Vice President. Both are DXers.
40. President W2HD to appoint a committee to study possible uses and subdivision of the new 10 MHz amateur band - to report at the July, 1980 Board meeting.
44. On Director W3KT's motion, the Board unanimously directed the General Manager "to announce in the next possible issue of QST that the rules for the ARRL DX Contest will be reexamined for possible restoration in whole or in part to their previous status and that comment is solicited prior to June 15, 1980. (emphasis added).
45. The Membership Affairs Committee will study and report on "consideration be given to the publication of a bi-weekly DX publication by the ARRL."
55. The Membership Affairs Committee will study the incoming QSL Bureau organization; objective to increase efficiency and decrease workload.
61. Plans and Programs Committee to study petitioning the FCC to change 20 Meter Phone allocations as follows: 14150-14350 Extra Class; 14175-14350 Advanced; 14200-14350 General.
65. President W2HD to appoint a special committee to formulate guidelines for combatting the increasing malicious interference on the amateur bands.
78. OSL Bureau managers authorized \$4000 total for travel to hamfests, etc.
87. Dave Bell, W6AQ, who is Chairman of the Committee organizing this year's Fresno Convention in April, for his work in making amateur radio films for the public, was awarded the title "The Cecil B. DeMille of the Airwaves."
89. President W2HD directed to "seek the elimination of the existing restrictions on operations in the 1.8-2.0 MHz band at the earliest possible date" (in light of the fact that LORAN-A in Region 2 will be gone no later than Dec. 31, 1982.)

The numbers above refer, of course, to the Minute numbers in the official Board meeting minutes. The full minutes will appear in QST in a few months. We went over the complete Minutes carefully to pull those items of interest to you (and us).

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Just another list? Hardly. The eleven countries whose prefixes appear above all had changes of government in 1979, as despotic rulers were either exiled or assassinated. Unfortunately, not all the changes were necessarily good.

Viet Nam replaced Pol Pot in Kampuchea; the Ayatollah is in for the Shah, and Chad has a National Liberation Front.

Now XU, YA and 5X5 are working their way toward the top of our DXCC "need lists." But take heart that Equatorial Guinea, the Central African Republic and Chad have recently welcomed visiting hams. At the incredible speed with which world politics now moves, can any country be "rare" for long?

CALENDAR

Lord Howe and Norfolk International DX Contest
Antigua
Indian Ocean
St. Kitts
International DX Contest
China
Sint Martin
Bermuda Contest
WPX Contest
Trinidad
Juan Fernandez

VK8GK/LH by DL2AA, starts 27 Jan., usual freqs.
ARRL CW, 16-17 Feb.
By K3OMI and friends, 27 Feb. - 4 Mar.
N2KK and friends at FR7??, first week of Feb.
VP2K by So. Mich. DX Contesters, 25 Feb.-8 Mar.
ARRL Phone, 1-2 Mar.
ZL1ADI will be there first week of Mar.
W2BBK/PJ7, 10-24 Mar.
Win a trip there, 15-16 Mar.
By CQ, Phone, 29-30 Mar.
PYØMAG starting 1 Feb., mainly CW
Hope springs eternal...CEØZG March 1, five days, SSB

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W8GZX, K9IHM, K9QVB, W6PYV, W7HR, K6UFT, WØYK, W8UVZ, WA6CIL, N200, N4NW,
K5OVC, W6SN, YBØACL, N6AHU, IØwdx, N200, WA2NHE, KA1DTV, K1DP. We'd like to see
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