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Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Date	Flux (84)	Alpha (84)	K (84)
251	236	148	3/1	151	15	3
246	232	141	3/2	146	15	5
248	234	143	3/3	141	29	4
255	249	146	3/4	125	26	2
231	251	149	3/5	120	11	2
216	241	141	3/6	110	5	2
205	232	134	3/7	111	17	3
205	216	130	3/8	107	24	3
206	195	124	3/9	105	21	4
206	184	117	3/10	104	14	2
204	181	104	3/11	100	13	3
191	183	104	3/12	100	11	2
204	188	97	3/13	101	10	3
211	204	97	3/14	116	18	2

CLIPPERTON EXPEDITION is still on tap as this is written (Mar 15), with all fourteen team members in Manzanillo, Mexico, awaiting arrival of their sailboat. Problem is, there's no wind. They have been looking for a faster boat locally, without success. Either way, expected departure date for Clipperton is Friday or Saturday, Mar 16 or 17; a fast boat will put them on the island the weekend of Mar 16/17, slow boat to Clipperton would put them there about Mar 21 or 22. Because of the delays, it is possible that one or two team members will have to drop out due to other commitments. There is no truth to rumors that the group's license or landing permission will run out if they don't get there soon. The group is somewhat CW oriented...look for the F08 Tahitian operators and DJ9ZB to operate SSB, and the rest of the group to favor Code. Above info courtesy Ross Forbes, WB6GFJ.

DXCC HONOR ROLL DEADLINE is March 30, and your QSLs must have been received in Newington (not postmarked) by that date! This is for the listing which will appear in July QST (see IDXB Issue 223). New "counters" are TN8EE, 1SLCK. Newington is being coy about accepting the new VU7WCY cards...send them in anyway. Newington also denies rumors that something might be happening along the lines of accepting QSLs from Burma's Karen State XZ5A etc operations.

KERMADEC EXPEDITION was scheduled to leave New Zealand Mar 11, 4-5 days in transit, and may be on the air when you get this sheet. Operators are ZL1s AAS, AMO, BQD, and ZLØAJW, who anticipate a ten-day stay. Heard Island DX Association President Jim Smith, VK9NS, in a Feb 22 letter, stated his reasons for pulling out of the expedition...mostly they center around his wishing to conduct a "group operation," using one "neutral call-sign" and a neutral, central QSLing point. There were also problems in coming to terms on the sharing of funding, equipment, and other details of the major operation. "It is hoped," Smith writes, "that with H.I.DX.A. standing to one side, matters can now be straightened out and the expedition made a success."

NO indication of what callsigns the four operators will be using, but a guess would be they'll use their own calls with the figure "8" in them (indicating Kermadec under New Zealand's new system), although that might be too logical. QSLs for 'BQD and 'AJW go to ZL1BQD, and QSLs for 'AMO and 'AAS go to ZL1AMO. ZLØAJW, who has been heard on the bands lately, is W6REC; QSL to him.

CHINA will reportedly be activated again by JA1BK, JA1MIN, and JA1EFT, just about the time you get this; look for BY4AA at Shanghai. And, according to Westlink Report, VE7BC's planned trip, commencing Mar 20, will include Chip Margelli, K7JA (ex-K7VPF), Chip's wife Janet, WA7WMB, and Fred Hammond, VE7HC. A press release from Margelli's employer, YAESU Electronics, notes that the Margellis are the first Americans invited to China for the express purpose of operating amateur radio. They will be working from BY1PK at Beijing and helping with training of operators. Note that this arrangement does not signal any sort of movement toward "reciprocal operating" arrangements between China and the U.S. Incidentally, K7JA is a world-class contest op.

OTHER TOP TWENTY NOTES: ZA2R operations last month were phony, according to OH2BH, although some Finns were in Tirana at that time... XU1SS list operations continue on 14.334 or so at 1200Z, but there's a lot of help from the list masters (report relaying, etc)... VU7WCY (second operation) QSLs hit many North American mailboxes last week, via California...

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NOTES

...VU2GDG has a slip of paper enclosed with each VU7WCY QSL, saying that the cards have a better chance of reaching you if they're mailed outside of India, and he even asks that you give him a call on 20 Meters and let him know that your card arrived!...K6UA/A6 appeared on 80 CW Mar 11, worked a few miscellaneous U.S. types, then spent most of an hour calling West Coast friends, without success; no indication of validity of this operation...Maybe DUICK read our Issue 229, as there are already rumors that he'll go back to the island which counts for Spratly, possibly as early as this Spring...sorry there was no advance word of the 1A0KM operation on Mar 11 (none of the news outlets had it in time). S.M.O.M. was on 160 Meters that night, for the first time...

OUR PREDICTIONS of upcoming DX Advisory Committee recommendations were right on target: they have now officially recommended separate, endor-seable DXCC-type awards for RTTY, Satellite, SSTV, and 160, 80, and 40 Meters (by a vote of 13 to 2, one no-vote).

Main reaction to the "DXAC Papers" (TDXB exclusive in issue 228) was one giant yawn, most readers wondering why the Guidelines were so spooky. The DXAC has now recommended that the ARRL Awards Committee prepare a set of accreditation rules, and publish them in QST. Vote on this one was 15-to-1!

YASME: the Colvins left Easter Island Mar 17 for Santiago Chile, and anticipated departing almost immediately for Juan Fernandez. Look for W6QL/CE0Z to last several weeks, starting now.

3X4EX (LA2EX) reported returned to Norway on March 8. He was on the air Mar 3, reporting symptoms of a heart attack, with no medical care available. No other information at this time.

A FINAL NOTE

NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND would move both a home and a home business at the same time. TDXB moved both a home and a home business at the same time, last week. We are especially grateful to all you who have kept us in touch with what's been happening; you truly wrote this issue! We expect to be completely organized again sometime in the next week month year. If you hear a very weak CW signal, it will be K1TN, trying to work Kermadec with a dipole!



(l-r) DF 6FK, IIUNO, DJ6SI; both Germans survivors of 1983 Apratly attempt.

LETTERS

ONE LOYAL subscriber wrote, asking "How come you didn't publish info on W6KG/CE0A?" But of course we did, in issues 227-229 indicating they would be on from CE0 Easter or Juan Fernandez, following Paraguay. Even the Colvins didn't know which island they'd be on from until after they got to Santiago.

ANOTHER subscriber didn't renew his subscription because of late delivery...there's nothing we can do about poor Second Class service, and we are frankly tired of the complaints.

MANY wrote to agree with our comments on Hy-Gain hardware. Late models of the TH5 and TH7 (the TH6 is discontinued) have better clamps, but how many dealers still have the old style on their shelves, yet to be sold?

TDXB stock in Alaska has risen since we published the "DXAC Papers" and the ADXA submission for Pribilofs status. One KL7 reader says we didn't really treat the issue unfairly but rather that TDXB was used as an "instrument" by others. Actually, we have tried to take no stand in the matter.

WA6AUD, Hugh Cassidy, dropped us a note...he regretted not making the Visalia convention last year but will make the 1984 event. He is busy varnishing his boat and hosting the occasional questioning QRPer. We read his column in CQ Magazine whenever it appears.

ARRL's new President Carl Smith, W0BJW, appears to be on the ball...he saw us (mis)quoted somewhere and dropped a letter this way for an explanation. Problem solved. At the League's Board meeting Mar 19, an election for President will be held, the two contenders being Carl and Larry Price, both, coincidentally, former TDXB subscribers, both now too busy for much DXing.

Bob Locher, W9KNI, sent a copy of his just-published book, The Complete DXer. We will review it here in the next week or so. Meanwhile, if you can't wait, it's available for \$12.95, postpaid, from Idiom Press, Box 583, Deerfield IL 60015.

KB9UV wants it known that many VK9Y QSLs are going to the wrong managers...he (KB9UV) is manager for VK9CCT/Cocos, VK9YA, VK9CGR/Cocos, and VK9YB. VK9YC is via G4MBF. And long-time readers at the Akademisk RadioKlubb of LA1K are getting QSLs for "JX5AA," a pirate. Charlie Curle, AD4F, handles cards for VU2VS, but logs are slow, so be patient, please. HH2CQ back in the ARRL Phone Contest QSLs to WD4IKI.

NOTE to G3ZAY: permission granted to publish the "DXAC Papers" in your RSGB DX NEWS-sheet.

HAMS in the NEWS DEPARTMENT: King Juan Carlos of Spain, EA0JC, will give this year's commencement address at Harvard University. Tony England, W0ORE, will be on the March 1985 Space Shuttle, hoping to do some "experimenting" instead of just operating. And K6ARO is the new U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

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

AP2SQ 14196 13W 8	HKØBKK 7024 02E 9	UF6FFZ 3506 02E 7	4S7EA 14203 12C 6
AP2MQ 14199 02E 10	HKØBKK 14023 03C 9	UF6FFJ 7009 23E 8	4S7NMR 14207 12C 6
A22ME 14226 22E 3	HKØHEU 21294 22C 10	UL7EAR 14011 04C 5	4S7CF 14192 12E 8
A4XYS 14207 12C 8	HL1CX 7011 11E 6	UK8JBD 14221 12C 6	4S7NMR 14211 12C 8
K6UA/	HL9SN 14034 03E 6	UJ8JKO 14218 02E 10	4U1UN 21028 23E 8
A6 3506 01E 11	HP3FL 1825 07E 2	UM8NAV 14026 02C 5	4X4NJ 1825 03E 10
A92DQ 14226 16C 6	HP1AC 3504 11E 7	VK6HD 3799 22E 2	4Z4DX 1827 02E 10
CEØGBL 14235 03E 3	I5NPH 1831 04E 4	VK6CW 7005 11E 6	4Z4MR 1831 03E 10
W6KG/	IØJX 1833 04E 10	VK6LK 3796 22E 10	5B4JE 3801 05E 6
CEØ 14025 22E 5	(Italy new to 160)	VP2KCA 1830 05E 11	5B4EP 1848 03E 11
W6KG/	ISØSTO 14021 22E 7	VP8LP 14211 00E 8	5H3BH 14216 22E 3
CEØ 21016 21C 5	ISØOMH 28020 13C 10	VP8KF 28004 15E 10	5N1ARY 3793 23E 6
W6KG/	JT1BR 14022 13C 8	VP8ML 14192 00E 12	5N1ARY 3795 04E 7
CEØ 28025 23M 5	JY3ZH 14225 13C 6	VR6KY 28599 17E 9	5T5CJ 3788 07E 1
W6KG/	JY3ZH 14223 14C 8	VS5TT 7005 13M 7	5T5CJ 3789 08E 2
CEØ 28026 23E 6	KC6DS 14310 03C 6	VS6DO 3794 12C 1	5T5RD 14235 01W 9
CEØZIJ 14248 04E 6	(E. Carols)	VS6DO 3795 11E 7	G8GRN/
CEØFCM 14075 02E 6	KC6HA 14310 03C 6	VS6DO 14195 13C 8	5X 3801 04E 6
W6KG/	(W. Carols)	VU2GI 3521 01E 2	G8GRN/
CEØ 14023 03E 7	KC6DF 14309 05W 8	VU2BX 14031 13C 5	5X 3801 04E 7
CEØFQV 14205 04E 7	KC6HA 14309 05W 8	VU2BK 7004 02E 6	5Z4JR 14025 15M 3
CEØAE 14243 03C 9	KC6DS 21290 22C 10	VU2BEJ 14208 13W 8	5Z4ED 7006 22E 11
CEØFCM 14234 03W 9	KL7GKY 3805 09E 4	VU2TS 7004 02E 9	6W1DY 3789 08E 2
W6KG/	KL7U 3797 04E 6	VU2GDG 14190 12C 9	6W1HL 28020 16E 4
CEØ 28547 17E 9	KX6OI 14347 05W 9	VU2GI 14196 13E 11	6W2EX 7010 07E 6
W6KG/	KX6PO 21290 22C 10	N4JDX/	6W8LR 28531 22C 8
CEØ 14024 03C 9	AH2AV 14197 13E 8	V3 21026 00E 9	6Y5IC 1822 05E 10
W6KG/	N2EDQ/	XU1SS 14335 12E 4	7P8CL 14213 04E 6
CEØ 21010 21C 10	KH7 14310 04W 9	YB5ASO 7001 23E 2	7P8CL 21294 17E 9
CEØFCM 14236 03E 10	AH9AB 21292 20C 2	YB5ASO 7004 11E 6	7X2MB 3506 05E 8
W6KG/	LX1PS 3798 23E 6	YBØAFA 14021 13C 6	8R1RBF 21335 19E 11
CEØ 14026 22E 11	OA8CP 3801 04E 7	YBØARA 14195 15C 6	9H1CG 1828 04E 11
CM4RCB 28574 19E 11	OX3XR 21026 19E 3	YBØAFA 14019 12C 8	9J2BO 21023 23C 3
	OX5RJ 7056 11E 4	YBØARA 21034 00E 10	9J2BO 28017 16E 10
	OZ1FJB/	YJ8RG 28576 21E 4	9N1MM 14220 12C 9
CO2PE 7006 05E 8	OX 14026 02E 6	YJ8TT 14310 04W 9	9N1RNK 14201 13E 11
CN8CU 14022 22E 4	OX3BB 14021 22C 10	YS1OD 14029 03E 8	9U5JB 28590 21C 3
CN8CU 7031 02E 9	OY8R 14235 00E 12	ZB2EO 3507 23E 2	9V1TL 14227 16C 8
CT2BQ 7009 02E 6	P29KY 7008 13M 29	ZD7BW 7043 07E 4	9X5KE 21354 20C 8
CT2DV 1832 02E 8	P29KY 3506 14M 1	ZD7BW 21345 19C 9	
C21RK 21292 20C 2	P29JM 21292 20C 2	ZD9GH 21334 19E 1	
C21BD 21252 00C 7	SM7BIC 1831 05E 11	ZK1DA 14218 04E 7	
C21FS 28505 00C 8	SV1EE 7002 02E 7	ZK1XL 3506 11E 1	
C21RK 14310 03C 9	SV1DO 7005 05C 8	ZK1XL 3505 11E 6	
C3ØLAZ 21294 17E 9	SV5OJ 14018 12E 4	ZK1XL 3504 11E 8	
C53AL 3793 23E 6	TF5BW 14030 00C 5	ZK1XL 7006 05E 8	
C53AL 3793 00E 7	TJ1QS 7001 05E 6	ZK1XL 28020 00E 8	
D44BS 21335 19C 8	TJ1QS 7001 05E 10	ZK1XL 28021 00E 9	
EA6PL 28024 16E 3	TL8ER 21025 15E 4	ZLØAJW 7005 11E 6	
EA8ZJ 14009 11C 6	TR8DR 14010 00C 5	ZLØAJW 14020 12C 8	
EA8AER 21033 13E 6	TL8ER 21027 13E 6	ZL8AFH 14220 06E 8	
EA9KQ 21292 19C 5	TR8JLD 14011 01E 9	ZM7VU 7004 06C 7	
EA9KQ 21292 19C 9	F6BFN/	ZM7VU 21026 23M 8	
FB8WK 14023 05E 6	TT 21254 20E 5	ZM7VU 14026 03E 10	
FB8WK 14026 12E 6	F6BFN/	ZP5AO 21029 00E 10	
FB8WK 7003 04E 7	TT 28550 20E 5	ZS3KC 28610 19E 4	
FB8WK 7004 03M 8	F6BFN/	ZS3KC 28510 17E 9	
FB8WK 7003 03C 9	TT 21020 14E 11	ZS3E 1825 05E 10	
FB8WJ 14182 12E 11	TU73 3803 04E 3	Z22JS 7007 05E 8	
FB8YK 7004 11E 9	T3ØAT 21033 19C 4	Z22JS 7013 04E 11	
FC8TT 1835 04E 2	T3ØAC 21032 21E 9	3A2LB 14090 13E 11	
FC6FPK 21031 16E 4	T77V 1842 04E 4	(RTTY)	
FK8CZ 28580 21E 4	T77C 7005 22E 6	3B8FG 14023 12C 8	
FKØAQ 28029 01E 6	T77C 7001 05E 11	3D2FR 7069 09E 3	
FK8AU 14217 05W 9	UK1PGO 14036 00C 5	3D2DX 7010 11E 5	
FM7WD 7005 11E 8	UA3QSM 1853 03E 3	3D2HE 7010 12E 6	
FO8JN 14243 13E 7	UAØLEL 3511 13M 5	3D2DX 28025 00M 7	
FO8DF 3509 11E 8	UQ2PQ 1851 04E 11	3D2HE 7008 10E 9	
FR7BP 14008 13C 8	UO5GQ 1850 03E 3	3D2DX 21021 00E 9	
GJ3MWR 3800 02C 8	UD6DHC 3506 02E 7	3D2DX 7011 10E 10	
HH2VP 1845 05E 8	UF6FFZ 3506 00E 3	4K1F 14212 04E 8	
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CALENDAR

KERMADEC ZL/K on NOW: THIS ISSUE
 CLIPPERTON FOØX on NOW; last five issues
 Falklands VP8KF by G3VPW ends this week
 Juan Fernandez W6QL/CEØZ on NOW; QSL YASME
 N COOKS ZK1XL by K6OZL ends this week

Uganda G8GRN/5X mostly 20 SSB; until about June
 Tokelau ZM7VU by DL1VU ends this week; last stop
 CHINA BY1PK by K7JA and others NOW; this issue
 DEADLINE HONOR ROLL QSLs in Newington by Mar 30
 Contest CQ WPX SSB Mar 24/25

Oman GFT activity ends Mar 26; Issue 226
 Antarctica ATØA by VU2IF ends this month
 Ogasawara By JO1CLZ and JO1GOF Mar 27-30
 CHINA BY8AA possible by VE7BC after BY1PK
 Cambodia XU1SS still on 20 and 15 mostly SSB

Canton T31/KH1 rumored starts Mar 25 by VE5RA
 Macao XX9WW by JA1WSA end of Mar, per JH1FDP
 Andamans VU2GDG working on this Spring
 Convention International DX, Visalia, CA, Apr 13-15

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