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PROPAGATION: Mar 26, 27, High Normal; Mar 28, Low Normal; Mar 29, Below Normal; Mar 30, Low Normal; Mar 31, High Normal; Apr 1, Above/High Normal; Apr 2, Low Normal; Apr 3, Below Normal; Apr 4, Low Normal; Apr 5-8, High Normal; Apr 9, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Date	Flux (84)	Alpha (84)	K (84)
212	211	103	3/15	122	10	2
189	230	116	3/16	136	10	2
176	233	119	3/17	119	20	2
174	229	119	3/18	134	23	2
169	224	119	3/19	129	14	3
177	219	122	3/20	128	15	2
183	214	117	3/21	127	7	2

CLIPPERTON CANCELLED: all fourteen operators left Manzanillo Mexico for home last week when it became apparent there would not be a boat available to take them to Clipperton. The expedition has been scrubbed for the time being, but the license and landing permission are still good for some time, and several members of the team are working on a re-start somewhere down the road. There is simply nothing else to report at this time.

KERMADEC: the operation began Mar 18 and, if the team stays their planned ten days, will still be in progress when you read this. Call-signs being used are as predicted last issue (see Bandpass). Much time is being spent on 40 and 80 Meters, thereby depriving some of at least one contact, as the time might be better spent on 20 or 15 Meters. The CW operators often listen both down and on their own frequency, as well as the announced "up."

CHINA: K7JA operated from BY1PK only, apparently, on Mar 19. The pileups left many wishing that radios were sold with childproof on-off switches. Also as predicted, several JA operators put BY4AA on the air Mar 17, and VE7BC has been active at BY1PK. VE7BC's schedule was to continue from Beijing Mar 22-24, then be at BY8AA Mar 26-30. He will be in China until at least April 7, itinerary for that first week of the month not known. He likes 14.145 and 14.195, apparently does not work CW.

CAMBODIA: latest word is that XULSS has lost the digital readout on their radio and they are off the air. We know a number of people who have operated under similar circumstances and, of course, blind hams do it every day!

BURMA: JA8BMK writes to say that after May 1, he will no longer handle QSLs for Burma stations XZ9A, XZ9B, XZ9C, 1Z9A, and 1Z9B. The reason is that the logs are just too difficult to get. We think it is probably also discouraging to handle QSLs which do not count for DXCC. Jin says that after May 1 "all unused cards will be destroyed by fire."

U.A.E. K6UA/A6, still active, has been heard to say that he is "in dry dock" and knows it will be thumbs-down in Newington.

ETHIOPIA: "ET3PS" reported on 20 SSB Mar 22, 1500Z; no indication of validity.

A LOT OF BRIEF NOTES

This is not yet our week month year to get organized...

DXAC is NOW voting on DXCC status for the Pribilofs...SP5EXA starts from Svalbard as SP5EXA/JW in June, for a year...W1WY, in May CQ Contest Calendar column, comments on just what we noticed recently on 160 Meters: operation in the window instead of split frequency work. 160 was a lot better band when most radios didn't have it and you had to go to some effort to get on the band...rumors around that some "South Africans" going to Marion Island...KC7UU/5N6 will be there perhaps as long as five more years, and he'll keep trying for a 5U Niger license; he says the same thing the Hensons said, the PTT says "OK" to amateur radio but the Military goons say "no"...

VU2GDG on 20 Meters reports still working on Andamans permission but nothing definite yet...Reagan's 1985 budget contains something of interest: cuts in funding for the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) would cause termination of WWV's broadcasts of geophysical alerts and publication of the "Weekly Preliminary Report and Forecast of Solar-Geophysical Data." If you use these services and don't want them stopped, write to Harold Leinback, Acting Director, Space Environment Laboratory, NOAA, 325 Broadway, Boulder CO 80303.

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No word as we write this of W6QL/CEØZ (as of Mar 22); KALILA writes to announce that he will be managing QSLs for CEØZIA, who is on Easter Island...amateurs in Toronto are using special prefix CK3 Mar 22 to Apr 4, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the City of Toronto...the Atlanta Radio Club is seeking nominations for their scholarship program for high school seniors; chairman KB4IT points out that most of their scholarship recipients have been DXCC members

TRAVELS WITH THE EDITOR

"THAT @#\$\$ S.O.B. was such a LID he never should have gone on an expedition! I spent more time trying to work him than he spent getting to the island!"

How many times have you heard that, or even (horrors) said it yourself? We got to thinking of the difficulties of travelling to and operating from an unfamiliar, remote location, and decided to refresh our memory (we did operate from PJ9 and VP9 in the '70s). Now don't get mad that we didn't warn you of our brief DXpedition last week, as we made only one QSO.

TWO CORRECTIONS...when we quoted the West-link Report last week regarding China operation by K7JA and others, we quoted them literally. Fred Hammond's callsign is VE3HC, not VE7HC. He is the one in the transformer business. And the ARRL Board Meeting was Mar 26, not Mar 19.

Licensing for our expedition was no problem, and we had it in hand for many years. Finding a friendly local amateur to let us use his station took several inquiries, however. Although the time frame for the expedition was set, our actual departure was always in doubt...we ended up leaving around midnight, after a phone call that all was set. In our haste, we did forget to take a gift for our host.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM JOHN SWEENEY, K9EL, who travels in the Far East, had information on a number of countries of interest...he says amateurs in Singapore are "very tightly controlled," and short term operations are not permitted. John dropped in on 9V1TL for some listening; some prearranged schedules with W9s back home did not pan out. Checking into SEANET were 9M2, VS5, VS6, CE, 9N1, KC6, DU, 9V1, YB, T3Ø, 1Z9, 5Z4, 3B8, A4, VK, JA, VU, HL, and VP2. John observes that most of these stations are running low power and are never heard in the rest of the world.

Our expedition station was set up and ready, even having a keyer, so we travelled light, taking only headphones and a logbook. The trouble began when we found it had been too many years since we'd used a Drake C-Line, and many minor adjustments were necessary. As for the keyer, our host's paddle had contact spacings of about a half-inch and, not wanting to ruin his settings, we lived with it.

Over at Hong Kong, K9EL found that visitors can obtain a permit for /VS6 operation in about 30 minutes. The local club (HARTS) can supply a "loaner" rig, helping you avoid the Customs hassle. There's even a 2-Meter repeater if you're so inclined. During the ARRL Phone DX Competition, John says he could hear JA stations working most of the U.S. on 40 and 80 Meters, but the only State-siders he could hear were the West Coast.

So all our planning still resulted in doubts as to the expedition until the last minute, a late-night trip through unfamiliar territory, wishing to be kind to our host yet operate the radio instead of make small talk, and having our operating time shortened by sheer exhaustion. And our boss is not particularly sympathetic to the absolute necessity and importance of either putting a new country on the air or working a new one, so we had to make a quick return to the office and get back to work. We'd already used up all our sick leave in working the Laccadives!

Other info John picked up: locals there in the Far East have not heard anything out of A51PN for at least two years, confirming our reports. K9EL/VS6 had several chats with XU1SS, they being very active on 21.160 at 1100Z. One VS6 has been known to arrange schedules with XU1SS, if you want to do it that way. Over in the Karen state of Burma, although the local Hong Kong papers were reporting that the State was under fire by the central government, K9EL/VS6 listened to 1Z9A, who reported nothing of the kind.

By now you have probably surmised that our expedition was over the back roads to a local DXer's house, to work ZL8AM0 for a new one. In retrospect, it was easier than unpacking the radios and slinging a dipole out the window at the new house. And we had spent a few hours on his tower, helping with antenna work. Some of the hassles of a real DXpedition which we didn't have include: getting lots of time off from work, expense of transportation, passports and Customs, answering thousands of QSLs, and listening to the bitching from those not fortunate enough to work us. But then, we didn't manage to get a suntan, either!

And a final note: K9EL says all the hams he visited had truckloads of QSLs from all over the U.S., Canada, etc, so if you want to work the Far East, don't hesitate to call "CQ." And you're better off doing it on SSB, as many of the stations John visited didn't work CW, and some didn't even have keys.

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

A22ME 21334 16E 11	HKØHEU 3794 00E 12	UJ8AS 3508 00E 17	3B8CF 14045 03C 17
A35JL 14179 07W 12	HKØHEU 28592 13E 18	UM8IE 14024 02E 10	3D2HE 14140 04W 10
A4XYS 14187 12C 19	HL9FY 14310 03W 17	UM8MCY 14227 15C 10	3D6AN 14195 13C 14
A4XRS 14195 14W 17	JALCGM 3503 11E 16	UM8MBV 14017 01C 15	3D6AN 14206 13C 15
K6UA/	JT1BR 14012 04E 13	UK8MAS 14195 03W 17	3D6AL 21292 18C 15
A6 7001 02E 15	JY3ZH 14216 14W 10	VK9NS 7005 13M 10	3D6AN 21286 18C 16
A7RFL 21006 13E 11	J37AE 7010 00E 16	VK9NS 28029 23C 11	3D6AL 14164 13C 18
A92BH 3797 23E 11	KC6JA 14309 04E 16	VK9NS 28554 02W 16	4K1F 14220 03E 10
BY4AA 14195 03W 17	(E. Carols)	VP2KBD 7014 11E 16	4K1ANO 7005 23E 16
BY4AA 14195 12E 17	KC6HA 14309 04E 16	VP8KF 14020 03M 15	4S7EA 14200 12C 16
BY1PK 14145 01C 19	(W. Carols)	VP8LP 14189 03W 17	4S7EA 14211 12C 18
BY1PK 14145 02C 21	N2EDQ/	VP8KF 14024 02C 21	4S7EA 14208 12C 19
W6KG/	KH7 14310 03M 12	VR6KB 14179 07W 12	4U1VIC 14026 12C 16
CEØ 14239 07W 12	N2EDQ/	VS6DX 14227 14C 11	5B4EP 1847 03E 11
W6KG/	KH7 14310 04W 17	VS6DO 14179 13C 15	5B4MD 28637 15E 18
CEØ 7012 12E 13	AH8A 14310 04W 15	VU2GDG 14166 12C 12	5H3BH 21335 18C 13
W6KG/	AH8A 21335 18C 15	VU2REC 14195 13C 14	5N1ARY 21287 22C 11
CEØ 14026 00E 16	KX6OI 14310 04W 10	VU2GDG 14204 14W 15	KC7UU/
CEØFCM/	KX6DS 7006 10E 16	VU2CK 14154 12C 16	5N6 14022 23E 16
CEØZ 14020 13E 9	KX6OH 21296 02W 17	VU2BK 7004 01E 17	5N1ARY 28550 21E 18
CEØFCM/	KX6DS 7006 11E 18	VU2EA 28555 16E 17	5T5RD 14309 03W 16
CEØZ 14235 02E 10	OD5LX 14034 02E 16	VU2GI 14199 01C 19	5W1EJ 14213 04C 12
CN2AQ 21039 12E 17	OY8R 14227 15C 15	XU1SS 14336 14C 11	5Z4DJ 28545 17C 17
CN8MK 28511 15E 18	PZ1DV 3508 02E 12	YBØARA 3506 14M 10	6W1CC 7007 09E 17
CO7FM 21007 00E 17	PZ1DV 7006 23E 15	YBØARA 7006 14M 11	7P8CM 28520 16C 8
CT4BD 1832 06E 11	PZ1AR 28543 18C 17	YB2ARH 21027 00M 12	7Q7LW 21292 16E 12
CT2FN 7005 00E 16	P29FG 14191 04W 10	YC1DVW 21026 01C 12	7Q7LW 21292 18C 12
CT2DG 28576 17C 17	P29FG 14195 07W 12	YBØARC 14242 12C 12	7Q7LW 28509 15E 18
CTØBI 14197 04E 16	P29KY 7005 11E 15	YB5ASO 7004 11E 13	7X2HM 21286 18C 14
OH1MA/	P29JM 21291 20C 17	YI1BGD 14207 17C 17	8P6QM 7007 12E 13
CT3 14020 12E 17	P29FG 14200 14C 18	YI1BGD 14213 12C 18	9N1MM 14215 01W 13
CT3DJ 21022 00E 17	SVØAA 1838 04E 11	YN1JCC 14024 00E 12	9N1MM 14217 12C 15
C21BD 14295 05W 10	SVØCJ/1 7006 00E 17	ZB2EO 3508 23E 12	9Q6RN 21309 00W 13
C21RK 21290 20C 17	TL8ER 21023 22M 11	ZB2JCR 7005 23E 15	9X5WP 21282 20E 17
C31LD 1840 06E 11	TL8ER 21282 16E 12	ZB2EO 21014 13E 17	9Y4VU 21025 00E 16
C3ØLAZ 21292 18C 14	TL8ER 21292 19C 12	ZD7BW 21335 17C 15	
C53AL 14243 01W 13	TL8ER 14019 21M 13	ZD7BW 21335 17C 17	
C53EK 28862 17C 17	TL8ER 14025 22E 16	ZD7TM 28040 16E 17	
KK7K/	TR8JLD 3502 01E 12	ZD9CC 21335 18C 15	
DU2 7011 14M 11	TR8IG 7005 23E 12	ZF2AD 7001 11E 15	
DU7RLC 14210 15C 13	TR8DR 28516 21E 18	ZK2RS 21302 03E 13	
DU6BE 21288 01W 15	F6BFN/	ZL7OY 21290 00C 18	
DU5Q 21261 22E 15	TT 21020 14M 11	ZL8AMO 7006 11E 18	
D44BS 28576 18C 17	F6BFN/	ZLØAJW/8 14015 12E 18	
D68WB 21280 18C 15	TT 21022 14E 13	ZL8BQD 28512 23E 18	
EA6KC 21025 12E 17	F6BFN/	ZL8BQD 28511 00E 19	
EA8AGF 3510 02E 12	TT 28020 14E 17	ZLØAJW/8 7002 11E 19	
EA8BB 28605 18C 17	F6BFN/	ZL8AMO 7009 12C 19	
EA9KJ 7005 02C 14	TT 21335 20E 17	ZL8AMO 14027 02E 19	
EA9JE 21294 21C 14	F6BFN/	ZL8AMO 14299 04C 19	
EL2BB 14149 00E 17	TT 21335 19E 18	ZL8AAS 14195 12E 19	
FB8WK 7003 04M 7	TU2NA 21250 15E 11	ZL8AMO 7025 11E 20	
FB8WK 7003 03C 14	T3ØCH 14310 03W 10	ZL8AMO 14026 05E 21	
FB8WJ 28549 13E 18	T3ØCH 14332 05W 10	ZM7VU 28026 23E 11	
FB8WK 14032 13E 18	T3ØCH 14310 04C 11	ZM7VU 21025 23E 12	
EB8WJ 14190 13C 18	T3ØAT 28548 01W 12	ZM7VU 7005 08E 13	
FC8TT 1835 05E 11	TL8ER 21335 18C 15	ZM7VU 3504 07E 14	
FKØAQ 14015 13C 18	T3ØAC 21019 01E 17	ZM7VU 21026 21E 17	
FO8JN 28554 23C 11	T77C 28022 14E 17	ZM7VU 28025 19E 17	
FO8EW 14010 04C 13	UA9YGO 3504 01E 17	ZM7VU 14024 03E 18	
FO8EW 14016 03C 14	UQ2PQ 1850 04E 11	ZS1CT 7005 05M 13	
FO8JP 28537 02W 16	UD6DKU 7008 14M 17	DF3LK/	
FO8EW 14024 04C 17	UD6DHC 14022 03E 17	ZS3 28066 13E 17	
FO8KP 14025 09E 17	UL7EAQ 14006 02C 14	ZS3KB 28527 16E 18	
FR7BP 14016 13C 11	UL7LAR 14018 03E 17	DF3LK/	
FRØFLO 14194 13C 15	UL7GAA 21027 12E 17	ZS3 28053 16E 18	
FRØFLO 14194 14W 15	UK8EAB 14026 13E 17	1Z9A 14174 14W 17	
FR7BX 14028 13E 17	UK8EAB 21024 13C 21	3B8CF 7006 03E 13	
FRØFLO 14195 13C 18	UK8JBD 14230 12C 16	3B8CD 14030 13E 13	
FY7AU 28010 18C 17	UK8JBD 14188 14W 17	3B8FG 14188 11C 15	
GD4BEG 7004 02C 15	UI8AAH 14030 13C 13	3B8FG 14021 03C 16	
HI8JAG 1827 05E 10	UI8AEK 14029 14C 13	3B8FG 14196 13C 16	

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CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

CLIPPERTON Cancelled for now; this issue
CHINA VE7BC from various stations; this issue
Until first week of April
ENDED ZM7VU (DL1VU) and ZK1XL (K6OZL)
ENDING ATØA Antarctica by VU2IF, late March

KERMADEC Continues until about Mar 28; this issue
FALKLANDS VP8KF by G3VPW ends this month
UGANDA No reports on G8GRN/5X this week
YASME W6QL/CEØZ should be on any day now
CANTON No sign yet of KH1/T31 by VE5RA/T3ØAT

SENEGAL By DJ6SI, CW only, starts Mar 28 per ARRL
DEADLINE Honor Roll QSLs in Newington by Mar 30
OGASAWARA By JO1CLZ, JO1GOF, Mar 27-30
MACAO XX9WW by JA1WSA end of Mar
MONTSEERRAT BY W8s AP, MMB, HAV, HAU, Apr 9-20

CONVENTION International DX, Visalia, CA, Apr 13-15
CRETE DF4RD/SV9 Apr 29-May 13, QSL DF2RG
RUMORED Andamans "soon", ZS2M soon (unlikely)
MORE RUMORS Desecheo in May by HI3RST, etc, postponed
from last January

K3UOC SCHEDULE Apr 14-17, K3UOC/PJ6, SABA
Apr 17-20, K3UOC/PJ5, ST. EUSTATIUS
Apr 20-22, K3UOC/PJ7, ST MAARTEN
Apr 27-29, K3UOC/PJ2, CURACAO
Apr 29,30, K3UOC/PJ3, ARUBA
Apr 30-May 1, K3UOC/PJ4, BONAIRE

KA1CI, JA8BMK, KA1BU,
KA1XN. K8GG, KM9J, W4VQ,
W4BAA, K5TSQ, WB8ZRL,
W7HRD, K8EM, KF4YM, KA3R,
K4BAI, N4NO, K4DLI, K1MEM,
KE7X, WD5AAM, N1CWU,
WB5ZKR, KØCVD, K2OLG, W1WAI,
DF2RG, K9EL, KB1BE, W8AP,
KB4IT, VE3EZU, KA1ILA,
WØJRN, KH6BZF, W7KRR, NQ6N,
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