

# The DX Bulletin

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PROPAGATION FORECAST: Feb. 4,5,6, Above Normal; Feb. 7, High Normal; Feb. 8, Above Normal; Feb. 9, Low Normal; Feb. 10, High/Low Normal; Feb. 11, High/Above Normal; Feb. 12, High Normal; Feb. 13, High/Low Normal; Feb. 14, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

HEARD ISLAND expedition from Australia commences 29 Feb., with a ten-person crew. Jim Smith, P29JS, is determined to have a station come on the air from Heard, and he has contacted the leader of the expedition with three suggestions as to how that might be accomplished. If someone does operate, it will not be a licensed amateur, so restraint will be mandatory on our part. P29JS proposes a "controlled" type of operation, such as was conducted when VKØPK was on from Macquarie last year. Jim suggests that those DXers not needing a contact with Heard Island refrain from the frequency if and when a station does come on.

REGARDING DON MILLER, W9WNV: Many will remember this famous DXpeditioner from the turbulent 1960's. The California Supreme Court on January 17th voted 5-2 NOT to review the murder-conspiracy-arson case of Don Miller. No reason was given by the state supreme court for denying a hearing. The appeal to the state court was considered the last-ditch appeal to keep the case from going to trial in the Indio court in southern California. A trial date was expected to be set last week and the trial probably will commence in mid-February. Originally expected to come to trial last July, it had been set for a January 11th date but this was stayed on January 8th when the attorney for Miller filed a petition for the hearing. Don Miller continues free on \$50,000 bail.

BRIEF NOTES... Last week we began dating *The DX Bulletin* the day you should receive it, depending on postal service. If your issue regularly arrives later than Monday, complain to your local postmaster. And we are now "letter folding" to see if that helps the Postal Service recognize it as being First Class matter... WIAW's on-the-air DX bulletin resumed January 18, with information being provided out of the Boston area by the Southern New England DX Ass'n... It's now OK to send your QSLs to K6LPL at his c/b address; members of the So. Cal. DX Club will be assisting with the job of answering... FB8ZO of Amsterdam Island has been on 20 Phone, will be back on at 0000 UTC 6 Feb. and about every third evening thereafter; lately, a list has been run by N1ACW... 9K2DR worked on 28005 CW on Jan. 22, said he proposes to be on the low ends of the CW segments on odd days of the month... More new USSR callsigns include U4KAZ, UL1A and UN6A... U.S. News and World Report, Feb. 4 issue, says insiders at the Postal Service predict a boost in First Class rates will be announced this spring, to take effect early in '81; 18 cents... DJ9ZB was turned down in a request to operate from "Lakshadweep," better known as the Laccadive Islands; the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs said neither Indian nor Foreign nationals are allowed such operation... N2KK, K5CO and N5AU still hope for permission to operate from the islands of Glorioso, etc, but licenses are not in hand... more of this on last page...

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**NEW RULES FOR THE ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX COMPETITION**, announced in December QST and to take effect this month, were in opposition to recommendations of the League's Contest Advisory Committee. Those responsible for the changes came under fire at January's Board of Directors meeting, and the changes will be reconsidered with contestants' input solicited for review. Here is what the CAC year-end report to the Board said:

The ARRL DX Contest

The DX Contest had presented the biggest problem to the Contest Advisory Committee in 1979. In the Fall of the year, the Communications Manager contacted the Chairman of the Committee with several ideas that would change the format of the Contest. Basically the change would allow DX stations to work other DX stations along with U.S. and Canadian stations. The reasoning was that it would increase the number of stations that would be on for the Contest. I, as chairman, agreed, but pointed out that if the DX could work other DX, he may not look very hard for the W/VE stations. This is a contest for the W's and VE's. After some discussion, the Communications Manager asked for and received a telephone ballot of the members of the Contest Advisory Committee concerning the possible format change and several points associated with the change. These points included 1) points per QSO, 2) multipliers, and 3) exchanges. The Committee voted in a one-member majority that the contest should be changed. But the Chairman recommended that since there was not an overwhelming majority, that the contest not be changed until 1981 at the earliest. This would give additional time to study this very significant change. Disregarding this recommendation, Headquarters has implemented this change for the 1980 contest. The CAC had also voted on and recommended the following:

1. That a DX station receive 3 points for each QSO with a U.S. or Canadian station and one point for a QSO with another DX station.
  2. That the multiplier for the DX station be the total number of States, Provinces and DXCC countries worked on each band, and
  3. That the exchange be a signal report and a consecutive serial number.
- NONE of these recommendations were accepted by Headquarters.

The Contest Advisory Committee strongly feels that these significant changes to the ARRL DX Competition were done without the study that was required and that the stateside and Canadian hams will be hurt and not helped by them. The CAC therefore recommends that the paramount task of the 1980 CAC is to study the DX Contest in detail and to make its recommendations known in time for the 1981 DX Contest."

The Board's concern was not so much with the changes themselves, although the new rules do result in a virtual carbon copy of the CQ Worldwide DX Contest. Rather, the concern was for the precipitous manner in which the changes were made and published in QST, too late for comment and/or reversal.

The DX community may or may not desire that the two major contests of the year be virtually identical in format. Questions now being asked include: Why have the DX and Contest Advisory Committees at all if they are to be ignored? What other secret changes such as this might be in store? Willenough DXers and testers provide input on the rules changes to allow a proper re-evaluation? Will Headquarters even consider actions proposed by the DX Advisory Committee (and printed here last month)?

The editor welcomes and values your comments on these and other topics. Thank you.

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**NEED IRCs?** ZLIADI has a bunch, 30¢ each, minimum order 50 (\$15.00); send with an SASE to Chuck Rademacher, 1-826 The Rotonda, 8350 Greensboro Drive, McLean, VA 22101.

Please say you saw it in THE DX BULLETIN. Thanks!



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

<u>Low Bands</u>	HH2VP/7002/06C/20	SV0AH/3516/04E/21	VS6DO/3790/14C/17
CM6RC/7030/06W/20	J7DBB/3502/04E/21	UA9KAI/7005/05C/20	ZD8TC/3516/07C/21
EA6CE/3797/04E/19	J7DBB/7008/02E/23	UG6GAI/7005/05C/19	ZE2JS/7003/04C/20
FG7AS/3505/04E/21	KX6PI/3516/07C/21	UQ2GIY/3502/04E/21	3V8AA/3793/05E/20
GD4BEG/7020/09C/20	LA0BY/3788/04E/21	UQ2GFM/7001/04C/20	4Z4DX/3777/04E/21
GM3YOR/7025/09C/20	M1C/7013/02C/19	VQ9KK/3517/23C/20	5T5JD/3512/07C/20
HH2MC/3778/04E/21	SV0AH/3594/05C/20	VQ9KK/7006*/13C/20	5Z4YV/7009/04C/22

<u>Africa</u>	TN8AJ/21156/15E/26	ZD8TC/14030/21E/24	5Z4CW/21280/18E/25
A22GV/21280/19C/23	N4HX/TT8/21360/18E/26	ZS2MI/14227/04E/21	6W8GC/14292/04C/18
OK3TAB/D2/14225/06E/23		ZS3JJ/21303/19E/24	6W8AR/21355/19E/27
D4CBC/21314/19E/24	N4HX/TT8/21262/18E/27	ZS3KC/21309/19C/17	6W8MW/21317/19E/20
EA8VV/14225/02C/19	TU2GU/28502/15E/21	3B8DA/14201/04C/19	6W8AR/28739/15C/19
EA8JE/28582/19E/20	VQ9TC/21282/19E/26	3D6BW/28521/21C/20	9G1WA/14025/00C/19
EA9GK/14002/01E/18	KT2AU/21305/00E/22	5N0DOG/14220/07E/25	9G1RU/14219/00C/21
EA9HA/21355/19E/26	ZD7HH/21318/21C/20	5N0SMF/21325/19E/27	9J2BO/28525/16E/22
EA9GD/14199/19E/24	ZD7BW/14249/04E/27	5T5JD/14218/20C/19	9J2TJ/21278/20E/27
J28AZ/14252/06E/25	ZD7BW/21280/18E/25	5T5ZR/21355/19E/27	9L1SC/21313/17E/22
ST2SA/14252/06E/25	ZD8KG/21310/21E/24	5Z4YW/21257/19E/21	9Q5GB/21310/19C/20

<u>Asia</u>	HS1AIV/14214/02C/20	UK8AAN/14225/03C/23	YI1BGD/14042/13E/21
AP2AD/14225/02E/27	HS1WR/14205*/16W/20	UH8HBR/14027/13C/20	YI1BGD/14207*/13C/24
AP2MQ/14211/14C/21	HS4AMI/14210/17C/20	UH8HAS/14247/06E/23	YI1BGD/14252/06E/25
AP5MQ/14217*/13C/20	HZ1AB/14224/13C/19	UI8AFA/14027/12C/20	YI1BGD/14264/14C/20
AP2TN/14206/13C/24	HZ1TC/14252/06E/25	UI8ACU/14225/03C/23	YI1BGD/14265/17C/20
AP2HJ/14207/03C/23	JT1BG/14209/03C/19	UJ8BQ/14244/03C/19	4S7RM/14016/01C/19
AP2MQ/14220/04C/23	JT1BG/14210/03C/20	VS6CT/14199/16C/19	4S7JA/14216/13C/19
A4XGY/14220/07E/25	JT1BG/14208/02E/27	VS6CT/21345/00C/20	4S7VG/14024/01C/18
A4XIK/14252/06E/25	JT1KAI/14209/02C/20	VU2UH/14028/14C/20	4S7DA/14222/02C/19
A4XGY/21345/18E/25	JY5MB/14235/06E/23	VU2GI/14197/18C/20	9K2DR/28005/15C/22
A7XD/14214/19C/19	TA2KS/14222/16E/27	VU2CK/14210*/13C/20	9K2DJ/14252/06E/25
WB5LBJ/DU/21344/01C/23		VU2CK/14220/02C/21	9M2FR/21344/01C/23
HM1DK/14227/00E/20	UG6GAF/14232/06E/23	VU2JNA/14197/18C/20	9N1MM/14210/02C/22
HS1ABD/14210/18C/20	UK8AAC/14201/02C/22	YB0ADT/21345/00C/19	9V1UH/21344/01C/27

<u>Europe</u>	HV3SJ/14216/20C/20	LX9DD/21280/18E/25	UA2FAL/28522/14E/20
EA6DX/21380/19E/25	JW8FG/28593/20E/21	M1C/28580/14E/25	UK1PGO/14252/02E/20
EA6GG/14212/00C/20	JW7FD/14207/02C/23	OX3ZM/28656/19E/26	ZB2FA/14212/22E/18
GD4GWQ/21280/18E/25	JX9WT/14218/23C/20	TF3GCN/21034/18C/20	9H1FN/21355/18E/27
GJ4HSW/21355/20E/21	LX2FM/14224/20E/21	TF3TH/21280/18E/25	

<u>Oceania</u>	KC6MJ(E)/21345/00C/19	T3KC/28012/01E/28
AH2E/28534/23C/19	W6ENK/KH4/28516/21C/20	T3LA/14225/02C/19
KC6DC(W)/21345/00C/19	KH0AC/21345/00E/27	3D2BM/14216/13C/23

<u>Elsewhere</u>	HH2JR/28600/22C/20	HR2RAN/14226/03C/19	VP8QG/28509/23C/21
CO3VM/14200/18C/20	HI7XWL/14025/11C/23	J7DBB/14207/01C/20	VP8AI/28050/20C/16
FP8HL/28523/16C/20	HK0BKW/14202/14C/20	J7DBB/21280/19E/25	4U1UN/28620/17C/20
FY7YE/14002/19E/24	HK0BKX/21283/20C/20	VP1SC/21289/21C/20	8P6JA/14200/00E/20
HC5CN/14030/01C/23	HK0BKX/21283/20C/20	VP2VEJ/21280/18E/25	8R1W/14203/01C/22
HC8GI/21355/19E/27	HP2XSG/21355/19E/27	VP8PJ(F)/21340/01E/28	

TIPS: AP5HQ with A51PN and S2BTF daily, 1400, 14240; ET3PG 14-1600, 21250; N4HX/TT8 on CW in 2-3 weeks; TA2KS daily 15-16, 14222; VR6TC Tuesdays, 21352, 2300; 4U1UN 16-2000 Sundays, 14215; OK3TAB/D2A is QRT.



Trinidad  
 Reunion Island  
 International DX Contest  
 Antigua  
 St. Kitts  
 Heard Island  
 Belize  
 International DX Contest  
 Sri Lanka  
 Antigua  
 China  
 Netherlands Antilles  
 Sint Martin  
 Bermuda Contest  
 British Virgin Islands  
 WPX Contest  
 Juan Fernandez  
 Fresno DX Convention

# CALENDAR

PYOMAG on now, mainly CW  
 FRQCGP starts 3 Feb. by N2KK, K5CO and N5AU  
 ARRL CW, 16-17 Feb.  
 By K3OMI and friends, 27 Feb.-4 Mar.  
 VP2K by So. Mich. DX Contesters, 25 Feb.-8 Mar.  
 Scientific exped. leaves for VKØ 29 Feb;  
 VPLA by Kansas City DX Club starts 26 Feb.  
 ARRL Phone, 1-2 Mar.  
 4S7DX by KP2A, Mar. and April  
 K2FJ/VP2A and K7SE/VP2A, 24 Feb.-9 Mar.  
 ZL1ADI will be there first of Mar.  
 K2FJ/PJ5 and K7SE/PJ5, 11-23 Mar.  
 W2BBK/PJ7, 10-24 Mar.  
 Win a trip there, 15-16 Mar.  
 VP2V...by K7SE, 25-30 Mar.  
 By CQ Magazine, Phone, 29-30 Mar.  
 Still hoping, CEØZG 1 Mar., five days, SSB  
 World's biggest and best, 18-20 Apr., details next week

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MORE BRIEF NOTES...The Colvins, on their YASME venture, did not make it to Martinique as planned; they are operating from Dominica as J7DBB and will be there until 10 Feb... 14 operators are going on the Kansas City DXC to Belize, and they plan to operate multi-transmitter in the ARRL Phone Contest if appropriate power sources are available; otherwise, multi-single...3C1AB in Equatorial Guinea, Alberto, is joined by 3C1NE, 3C1NM, and 3C1JP, all operating from the same station; Look for them daily at 2100 around 14205, and QSLs go to EA1QF, c/b since 1977. They are working SSB only...K2FJ, see Calendar above, will be concentrating on 160 Meters, will also be on other frequencies, though, including the Afirkaner Net and the Century Club Nets on 7234 and 3905. Contacts with either K7SE or K2FJ can be QSLed to their home addresses...During the CQ CW Contest last November, PJ2CC set a new world record with 11,786 contacts, 154 Zones and 522 Countries; the operators were K4BAI, WIBIH, W1GNC, K3EST, K3KU, WB4SGV, K4VX, and YU3EY/KA3EHD...There are stations 4legit. in A6: XJA, SB, SP and XX. A6XJA regularly operates 14340 at 1800...Thanks all!

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