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PROPAGATION: Nov 12, Low Normal; Nov 13, High Normal; Nov 14-18, Disturbed; Nov 19, Disturbed/Below Normal; Nov 20, Disturbed; Nov 21, Low Normal; Nov 22, High/Low Normal; Nov 23-27, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Date	Flux (84)	Alpha (84)	K (84)
230	232	162	94	11/1	71	5	3
238	247	157	102	11/2	71	25	3
246	262	150	99	11/3	70	14	3
261	270	143	99	11/4	73	17	3
272	259	139	104	11/5	73	15	3
302	249	145	107	11/6	73	13	3
278	246	145	106	11/7	72	11	3

BHUTAN: Seiji Yokoi operated as JA1WXH/A5 on Oct 18, and as A51SY Oct 20, with verbal permission only. With poor conditions he worked only about ten stations, in India and Indonesia. Pradhan, A51PN, is due to get a new FT757GX transceiver soon, and may be able to use it where he works, in Phuntsholing. His friend A51TY is no longer an oficial of the Wireless Telecomm, having moved up to an administrative post in the government. Pradhan says that several applications for DXpedition permits for Bhutan have been rejected.

<u>CHINA</u>: Ten Japanese visited Chengdu Oct 19-21, where they participated in a fox hunting competition, and operated as BT5CD on 40 and 20 Meters; each operator gave his own callsign as QSL information, for this operation only.

Our speculation that BY8AA in Chengdu has been off the air merely because 15 Meters is dead is probably correct, according to a recent visitor to China. A rotator was delivered to BY4AA at Shanghai, and the visitor then "operated" for several hours, mostly listening to a dead 20 Meter band. In between, he worked several hundred JAs on 40. This visitor was greeted with blank stares when he broached the possibility of a guest operator in the CQ WW Contest coming up...the professional radio operators at BY4AA had almost no idea of what the Contest is about, and even less notion of why someone would fly halfway around the world just to operate BY4AA that weekend.

ARRL International Affairs Vice President Dick Baldwin, W1RU, was in China mid-October, and he joined the JA group in Shanghai for the fox-hunt. Baldwin also visited the stations in Chengdu (BY8AA) and Beijing (BY1PK), accompanied by JARL president Shozo Hara, JA1AN.

 $\overline{\text{TAIWAN}}$: The BVOBG "Barry Goldwater expedition" for the $\overline{\text{CQ}}$ CW Contest is <u>cancelled</u>. The group, which had grown in size, was simply unable to overcome the considerable logistical problems in time. They hope to try again, one goal being to set up a station which could be used in the future by visiting operators. The demand for BV contacts has been greatly reduced the last year or so, except on 80 Meters. As for expeditions for Contests, the ARRL Competition is probably out because only one or two bands are likely to be open to North America, and then only for a few hours.

BANGLADESH: Word is that every visitor is asked "Do you have a transceiver" by Customs at Dhaka Airport! Maybe the answer is to take a separate receiver and transmitter. Several YAESU employees out of Japan are visiting Bangladesh on a regular basis, and they have permission to make tests between themselves only, signing S21AA and S21DX. These are probably the callsigns which will be used for making amateur radio contacts outside Bangladesh, but only if and when permission is granted. The JAs are optimistic.

SOMALIA: The word that OH2JL was rescheduled to arrive Somalia Nov 18 is apparently incorrect, as T52JL has been appearing on 20 SSB (14.195 at 1600Z), working mostly Europe. Other reports have him on at 2000Z, a better time for North America; Nov 18 may turn out to be his departure rather than arrival date.

MARION ISLAND: We now have fairly certain word that the next group of people assigned to ZS2MI will include a ham. This new group will arrive Marion Island early next year, for a stay of six months, allowing for plenty of chances to work ZS2MI.

BOUVET: Our ZS2MI source also advises there is talk that a radio operator will be on Bouvet for perhaps a week or two, sometime this winter while S. Africa has a scientific team on the island. This ham is awaiting permission to join the group.

PETER I: Several JAs have been issued 3YOAA by the Norwegian government with permission to land Jan-Mar of both 1985 and 1986. Although they are working feverishly to hammer out details, a 1985 operation is unlikely. This will be a new DXCC country as soon as an operation takes place.

INDIA: The new Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi (son of the murdered Indira) is licensed as VU2RG. It is not known if he has ever been active on HF. He will be Prime Minister at least until India holds their planned elections next year (if they hold them). If things settle down, this could be the perfect time for VU2GDG and others to push for permission for an Andamans operation.

AFRICAN SPOTS: Tom Gregory, N4NW, is stationed in South Africa and will have antennas up shortly. He operated the <u>CQ</u> Phone Contest from Swaziland signing, we believe, 3D6DX. Last week he had a good signal on 15 from Lesotho, signing 7P8DE, and he will try to be on from there again when his work schedule permits. Tom and Charlie, AB4Y (who is stationed in Mozambique) are looking into the possibilities of operating from the French islands of Tromelin, Europa, and Glorioso. The best time frame is July/August, before the typhoon season begins. Transportation possibilities are currently being looked into.

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ARRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT

MANY ITEMS affecting DXers were considered by the ARRL Board of Directors at their meeting Oct 25/26. President Price's written report called for an ARRL membership campaign to add 25,000 new League members in 1985, and he proposed a program to increase the number of licensed amateurs by ten per cent a year through 1990. Not only is League membership currently in a tailspin, but many of the new Novices, former CBers who were licensed around 1977-78, have let their licenses lapse, causing a decline in total amateur population figures.

DX Advisory Committee Board liaison Kanode presented the Committee's report, which included the possibility of additional endorsable DXCCs, further revision of the Countries Criteria, DXCC status for the Pribilof Islands, denial of status for 4U1VIC, and offering an "Honor Roll sticker" for DXCC certificates.

Remember that the latest DXAC vote on the Pribilofs was an 8-8 tie; later in the Board meeting a motion was made to include an advisory committee operating guideline to deal with such tie votes...however, the Board vote was a tie, so the matter was Tabled.

The Board, under pressure from representatives at the Geneva International Center, ordered the General Manager to prepare a "briefing paper" on DXCC status for 4U1VIC by Dec 1, and further instructed the DXAC to reconsider 4U1VIC's status once again, no later than Jan 20, 1985.

A motion to remove non-ARRL members in the U.S. and Canada from Honor Roll and overall DXCC listings in QST

was lost. The Membership Affairs Committee will study the feasibility of charging for all DXCC pins. Minute 101 orders the ARRL Awards Committee and the DXAC to "maintain a written record covering DXCC countries decisions. This record shall describe the general rationale behind each decision, including precedents, other arguments, and dissenting opinions. This record shall be made available to League members."

The Board also directed the DXAC to study the feasibility of adding deletion criteria to the Countries List (Minute 103). Minute 105 directs the Membership Affairs Committee to study the way in which applications for country status are reviewed by the DXAC and by Headquarters staff, "to make the process one that will be fully understood and supported by the participants in the DXCC program, and to ensure that the necessary resources are available for a full and impartial review of such applications."

Minute 108 directs that in the ARRL DX Competition and in the 10 Meter Contest, the District of Columbia will count as a separate multiplier...these are the two contests in which states, rather than ARRL sections, are counted as multipliers.

Finally, please note that we are not making any of this up! Minute 60 directs the Management and Finance Committee to "study the desirability and feasibility of relocating Headquarters from Newington, Connecticut to an alternate site." The Committee is to report to the Board in January, 1986. Directors Sullivan and Diehl asked to be recorded as voting against this motion.

BRIEF NOTES 5U7LD documentation papers in Newington, but signed by officials of the government of Nigeria, not Niger, so they probably will not work...ST2SA, Dr. Sid, reported in Europe on 20 SSB, 1500Z...YIOBIF active Nov 1-20 from the Baghdad International Fair, but we have had no reports of contacts...N6TJ rumored will operate EA9KF for the CQ CW Contest late this month...several Big Guns were heard saying they worked "an S9" during the CQ Phone Contest, but no callsign was mentioned...PS7AAW/Fernando appeared on nets only around Oct 30; he's gone now but PY2AJK rumored going to Fernando at the end of Nov...several readers sent copies of their letters to FCC regarding PRB-1; thanks, and nice going...Mike Lamb of AEA has a sense of humor, we can report. He read our bogus letter re. DR DX (Issue 258), and promptly sent a unit. We will report on it as soon as we can get our hands on a Commodore 64...

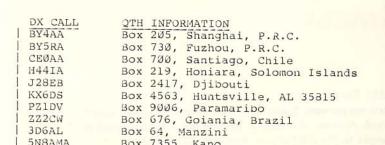
We have heard that ETO is no longer making amateur power amplifiers; if so, that is another real blow to the failing U.S. amateur radio scene... VE2USA in the CQ Phone Contest was by the K8AQM group; QSL to KA8SEW...heard in the ARRL SS CW Contest was VE8QST, which is a legitimate callsign, 'QST being assigned to Canadian "bulletin stations"...VK9MR QSLs to VK2WU only, nobody else...YR6A both weekends of the <u>CQ</u> Contest is a special call for the Radio Club of Brasov County Romania; QSL PO Box 98, 2200 Brasov 1...five newly licensed Egyptians, according to QRZ DX, calls SUIRR, SUISR, SUIHK, SU3AM, and SUIIA...N4SF rumored planning VS6DO operations Nov 19-23, 40-160 Meters...the 80 Meter frequencies in Issue 262 really originated in ON4UN's book "80 Meter DXing", which makes the info several years old, but we think it is still accurate...

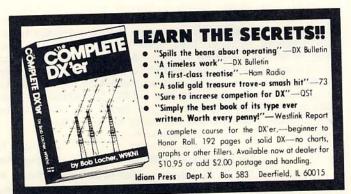
FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE DX BULLETIN

November 14, 1979: 3COAB Annobon was successfully completed by a team of Spanish operators; one pilot had overflown the island and refused to land. The group returned to Gabon intending to look for a suitable boat but found another plane and pilot to take them to the island instead. 8Z4A was in progress from the Saidi Arabia/Iraqui Neutral Zone, which was deleted from DXCC status at the end of 1981. K1MM returned from operating VS6DO during the 1979 CQ WW Phone Contest and announced a trip to Africa which might include ZS, 3B8, and FR7.

At the WARC in Geneva, working groups were toiling six days a week to finalize their proposals before the official conference start. There were "no unpleasant surprises for amateurs."

The new ownership and management of \underline{CQ} Magazine had their first issue out. We ran the addresses of organizations which were sending aid to Cambodia, where starvation was worldwide news. The Colvins were on St. Lucia, N4HX/TT8 showed occasionally, KP4Q reported working Hawaii on 6 Meters and then set his sights on working Japan on that band. N5AU, K5CO, and N2KK hoped to include Tromelin and Mayotte in an expedition scheduled for late November.





CALENDAR

SOMALIA S SUDAN FERN DE NOR. CHINA

T52JL by OH2JL NOW to Nov 18; 1263 ST2SA reported in Europe, 20 SSB PYOAJK/PYO rumored Nov 24-30 BYs 1PK, 5RA, 4AA active, 20-80M

CAMBODIA LESOTHO

IRAO

XU1SS 20 SSB Only, Tues, Thurs, Sundays, with VS6CT or DU9RG, 1200Z 7P8DE by N4NW on-and-off; Issue 263 CAPE VERDE D44BC very active, including 160; op is

DJ6QT

YIOBIF NOW to Nov 20 for Baghdad Intl Fair

CANADA KERGUELEN ANTIGUA HONG KONG WILLIS

Using XL/XN prefixes NOW to Dec 13 FT8XA rumored by ex-FB8WK Nov 18-21 KA2DIV/V2A continues, mostly CW By N4SF Nov 19-23, Low Bands VK9ZA there now, likes 80/40 SSB, 08-1200Z

GUINEA MACOUARIE BANGLADESH U.A.E. S SUDAN

3X4EX (LA2EX) very active again, on 160, too VKOGC there now, VKOYL, too; need reports Recent/upcoming JA activity; 1263 A61AA on NOW; see Bandpass. Need reports TL8GE/STO one week a month; 14.236 net

GUINEA-BISSAU MALAGASY CHAD FIII 160 METERS

J5WAD 20 SSB and now on CW; 1260, 263 5R8AL on 15 SSB and now 40 CW at 01Z TT8CW very active now, most bands By K4YT rumored Nov 13-18 DXCC Endorsable starting Nov 1

CONTEST S SANDWICH **CGASAWARA** SAMOA AM SAMOA

ARRL Sweepstakes Phone Nov 17/18 Nov 15/17 by VP8ASR group; 1259 And Minami Torishima by KD7P soon; 1258 5W1EZ by JE1JKL Nov 20/21; 1261 NH6]/NH8 Nov 22-25 for CQ CW; 1261

TAIWAN CONTEST RODR IGUES "VENDA" "TRANSKEI"

BVOBG CANCELLED; Issue 263 CQ WW DX CW Nov 24/25 3B9CD by DK7PE rumored Nov 24/25 WA2HZR/V9 Nov 21-28 S8HZR Nov 29-Dec 5

XX9CS/XX9TN MACAO REPORT

XX9CS (KOCS) worked 75 Meters single band and XX9TN (W8TN) worked all bands during the CQ WW Phone Contest Oct 27/28. They note that paths to most areas of the world were poor, all weekend, on all bands. XX9CS managed 345 contacts on 75, only ten of them Stateside, while XX9TN worked about a thousand stations. Biggest surprise was lack of propagation to Europe on 75, with only a half dozen stations heard.

Highlights noted by KOCS include working BY4AA on 75 (a DU9RG list), and listening to BY4AA work "a few prominent U.S. West Coast stations" on 75. JT1AO was 30 dB over S9 on 75. Both operators agree it was more fun than operating from the States.

Licensing in Macao requires application and confirmation many months in advance. Then you appear in person to pay the fees and have your equipment When you want to stop it fro this case included the use of frequency measuring equipment and wattmeters, by three officials. Both stations were at the Hotel Sintra, with antennas on top of the 14-story building; RFI limited them to 50-60 watts on all bands except 75 Meters. (TNX KOCS).

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