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NOTE: The DX Bulletin will not be published next week; staff vacation.

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PROPAGATION FORECAST: Feb. 23, 24, 25, Low Normal; Feb. 26, High/Low Normal; Feb. 27, High/Above Normal; Feb. 28, High Normal; Feb. 29, High/Above Normal; Mar. 1,2,3,4, Above Normal. TNX N4XX.

ONE FCC MONITORING STATION wrote up 200 advisory notices from the recent ARRL International DX Contest CW weekend, for amateurs observed not meeting FCC rule 97.84A, which says you must identify the station you are working. The practice of not signing the other station's call during contests has become more common the past few years, particularly in the heat of CW contest battles. The rule originated in the days when there were "banned countries" which U.S. and Canadian amateurs were prohibited to work. Now, on Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Personal Radio Bureau advises it plans to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to change the identification rules. The 200 notices sitting in Washington will not be mailed to the offending amateurs as a result. The NPRM would eliminate the requirement for identification of the station you are working, unless international third party traffic is involved. The Personal Radio Bureau is now awaiting comments from FCC staffers on the matter.

HEARD ISLAND plans continue to look promising, with Jim Smith, P29JS, mentioning a March 10 starting date. A license has been obtained for the scientific expedition leaving Australia for Heard, and the callsign VKØRM will be utilized. As we stated before, a "controlled" operation will take place, probably done by P29JS himself.

CHINA also continues to lead the interest charts; JA6HOZ, in a letter to OZ3Y, says he intends to be QRV from China in the near future...VE7BC also plans to be there in April, according to HR Report, and of course ZL1ADI is still stirring interest with his plans for March.

ARRL CW CONTEST ACTION was marred by a solar flare which disrupted conditions the first day, Feb. 16, but the bands rebounded fairly well the second day. K1MM appeared from Tahiti signing FOØDX. He will be in Australia and New Zealand between weekends and then operate the ARRL Phone Contest, 1-2 Mar, as VS5MM from Brunei. Also on were VP2MOC (K2JOC), VP2ML (operated by K1ZZ), K7CA/HC1, VP2KAH (YASME), N6YK/VP2A, W1BIH/PJ2. From here on the US East Coast, during the first couple of hours on 10 Meters, Europeans were workable only on the Long Path.

THE DIRECTORY OF QSL MANAGERS, previously published by Gary Yarus, WBØMSZ, will continue under the direction of W6GO and K6HHD, Jay and Jan O'Brien. The directory is a computerized listing of over 4,000 DX stations and their QSL managers. (cont'd p.3)

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PPØMAG on now, all bands, CW only.

ZF1?? by W1ELU, 18-27 Feb.

K2FJ/BVP2A and K7SE/VP2A, 24 Feb.-9 Mar. By K3OMI and friends, 27 Feb.-4 Mar.

VP2K by So. Mich. DX Contesters, 25 Feb.-8 Mar.

W7KHN/KH9, 27 Feb.-3 Mar.

VPl by Kansas City DX Club starts 26 Feb.

ARRL Phone, 1-2 Mar.

VS5MC by K1MM for ARRL Contest, 1-2 Mar. HV3PQ by WA2KEC and friends, 1-2 Mar.

4S7DX by KP2A, Mar. and Apr. ZLIADI there first of Mar.

By N6NI, 9K2DX and 9K2JP, starts 4 Mar. for 5-6 days Possible operation as VKØRM begins about 10 Mar.

W2BBK/PJ7, 10-24 Mar.

K2FJ/PJ5 and K7SE/PJ5, 11-23 Mar.

VK9XT by VK3OT, 12-24 Mar.

W30GY/VP9, 14-18 Mar., 10/15/20 ssb and cw.

Win a trip there, 15-16 Mar. VP2V?? by K7SE, 25-30 Mar.

9AlONU by Bologna Italy DX Gang, 27-31 Mar. VP2E for WPX Contest by K8ND and WD8ALG.

By <u>CQ</u> Magazine, Phone, 29-30 Mar. CEØZG, maybe, 1 Mar., five days, ssb.

XZØUT by HS4AMI, 15 Apr.-15 Jun.

18-20 Apr.

By Noviomagum DX Group (Netherlands), 15-19 May.

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