
The DX Bulletin

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NOTE: The next issue of *The DX Bulletin* will be March 10, back on schedule.

HOT NEWS? CALL THE DX BULLETIN: 203-871-6251; LEAVE A MESSAGE!

PROPAGATION FORECAST: March 6, 7, Low Normal; Mar. 8, High Normal; Mar. 9, 10, 11, 12, Above Normal; Mar. 13, High Normal. Mar. 14, High/Low Normal; Mar. 15, Low/Below Normal; Mar. 16, Low Normal/Disturbed; Mar. 17, 18, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

CHINA OPERATION BY ZL1ADI WILL NOT TAKE PLACE... Chuck, ZL1ADI, writes: *It is with much regret that I have to inform you that our trip to China is off until further notice. Everything was progressing smoothly until I went to get my visa and license documentation to forward to the ARRL DXCC desk. The Chinese had assumed that Ron (ZL1AMO) and I were Kiwi's, since we had ZL callsigns and all correspondence to date was between BY and ZL. When they found out that I am an American, it put a damper on things. When the problem started between the U.S. and Russia, the lid was completely put on for at least the time being.*

HEARD ISLAND... Jim Smith, P29JS, is still making arrangements for an operation which will use the callsign VKØRM to begin sometime around March 10. A Kenwood TS120S, remote VFO and vertical antenna are the projected equipment, which the operators can become familiar with as they spend ten days at sea signing VKØRM/MM. QSLs will be handled by VK3AKK direct; no bureau cards, please. A note with your card would be appreciated by Con Veenstra, the expedition leader, and also by Bob McManama, the VKØRM license holder.

INDIAN OCEAN UNION... Here is the full text of the letter which went to all those who had contributed to this group: *"We are returning your contribution you made to our expedition trust fund in Dallas, Texas, at Commonwealth National Bank. We were all set to go when an unexpected hurricane destroyed the island of Reunion and several of the out-islands like Glorioso, etc. Rescue efforts are now underway in these areas. Supplies are non-existent (sic), and so is our expedition at present in these areas. We thank you very much for your early support, and hope that we can count on you again when things look more favorable for such a trip. K5CO and N5AU have decided to try for some of the rarer Pacific islands, possibly in the very near future. Should you hear some exotic Pacific call signs on in the near future, it will probably be Gordon and Scotty at it again. We feel, however, that it would be unfair to use these contributions for such a trip, as they were made for certain islands in the Indian Ocean which are impossible at the present time. Again, thanks for your support."*

-N2KK, K5CO, N5AU /s/

BURMA!!!! Dr. George Collins, VE3FXT/HS4AMI, will be in Burma Apr. 15-June 15, to operate a UNICEF station, XZØONU. There will be a total of six operators, using a TS120S and beam antenna. All QSLs (route to be announced later) will be (cont'd p. 2)

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

Low Bands EL2AV/7045/02E/16 PP0MAG/3506/00E/14 4Z4KX/3505/05E/17
CM1RH/7004/01E/21 FG0AYO/FS/7034/01E/16 PP0MAG/7004/01E/19 K9EF/8R1/3527/03E/17
C31IU/3502/04E/16 HZ1HZ/7044/01E/16 VK9NS/7004/12E/19

Africa
A22GV/21285/20E/23 ET3PG/14265/14C/20 XT2AW/14217/21E/16 3D6BP/21260/19C/19
CN8CW/21050/21C/18 H5AA/14202/23C/16 XT2AU/14242/04C/18 5N0DOG/21306/02C/18
CN2AQ/28039/15C/20 J28AZ/14225/14C/21 XT2AX/21290/22C/18 5U7BE/28749/14C/23
C5AAM/28630/18E/16 DK5BT/ XT2AX/21290/23W/18 5Z4YW/21050/18E/17
C5ABV/14312/22C/16 ST3/21287/21E/16 ZD7SD/21266/20E/16 5Z4YV/28044/20E/17
C5ABV/21258/22E/23 SU1AL/14205/14C/21 ZD7HH/28582/21E/18 6W8BG/21280/14C/20
EA8LD/21354/21C/17 TN8AJ/21330/21E/20 ZE1FE/14067/05E/19 6W8FZ/21292/22E/21
EA9HV/21107/16E/25 TU2DP/14226/23E/16 ZS2MI/28766/15C/23 6W8GT/21310/23C/18
EA9GZ/21338/23E/18 TU2JA/21296/00C/22 3B6CD/28581/16E/17 7X4AN/28503/19C/20
EA9GT/21100/20E/17 TZ4AQS/21280/16E/17 3B8CF/21278/18C/19 9J2FC/28553/19C/17
EA9IE/28738/13C/18 TZ4AQS/21281/20C/17 3B8CJ/14202/02C/20 9L1CA/14204/23C/16
ET3PG/14271/04C/20 VQ9JJ/14220/03C/16 3B8DA/14225/03C/18 9Q5VT/21024/18E/18
3B8CF/14027/03C/21 9Q5VT/28016/21E/18
9U5AC/21290/21W/16

Asia
A7XA/14266*/13C/18 DU1REX/28551/01E/19 JT1AN/14225/02C/19
A4XGY/21345/19C/17 DU9MVC/28602/01E/19 TA2KS/14223/15C/18 VS6DX/14228/14C/19
AP2AD/14212/02C/19 HL9KE/28591/00C/18 UH8HBR/21015/15C/18 YB0ADT/14027/14C/19
AP2MQ/14213/03C/18 HM1QD/28543/01E/19 UH8HAI/28511/13E/21 7Z2AP/14208/15C/16
HZ1HZ/28016/12E/17 VS5JM/14203/17C/17 9K2BE/21354/20C/17

Europe
FC6EFC/28040/15E/18 W6SOT/ OX3BA/14206/04C/18 TF3IRA/14005/01C/17
HV3SJ/28501/17E/17 LX/21299/19C/17 OY9R/21354/19C/17 UA1PAL/14029/03C/20
HV3SJ/28603/15E/24 LX0RL/14035/15C/17 SV0AM/14200/23C/16 (FJL)
JX9WT/28750/12C/25 OH0NJ/14223/23C/17 SV0AP/28542/16E/17
OH0NJ/14242/13C/18 TF3IRA/28100/18E/17

Oceania
FK8DD/14029/04C/18 KC6TR/14202/15C/16 W6ENK/ VK9NS/28030/20C/25
KC6DC/21345/00C/18 KX6QC/28030/02W/19 KH4/21355/19C/18 3D2ER/14220/03C/17
KH3AA/21026/02C/19 T3AC/28010/21C/17 5W1BZ/28005/22E/17

Elsewhere
FB8ZO/14260/01C/19 HC8GI/21345/00C/16 PY0AH/28505/21E/16 VP8QG/28510/23E/20
FM7WE/14215/03C/18 HK0BKX/14032/04C/18 PZ1BT/21292/19C/19
PY0JY/14216/03C/17 VP8AI/14030/03C/17

BURMA CONTINUED... numbered and certified by an official of UNICEF. No linear amplifier will be available unless someone comes to the rescue with one; if interested, write to Dr. Collins at Department of Geology, Khon Kaen Univ., Khon Kaen, Thailand. Proposed frequencies are now: 14195, 21300 and 28440, with possibilities for 40 and 80 Meter operation also, on 3805 and 7075.

ON6BC WRITES... "Due to sudden changes in TZ4AQS's professional situation in Mali, Jan will close down his station on the 17th of April, 1980. To help clear up the demand for TZ, I will very probably visit him for about 15 days. Starting on the 29th of March I will be activating TZ4AQS on all bands, 80-10, in the form of a one-man dexpedition. Special effort will be made for CW and low bands (80-40). Unfortunately, neither Jan nor myself own a small linear amplifier, so everything will have to be done using about 100 watts. Cost for the trip will be about \$1300 U.S. Any help or any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Yours sincerely, J. Denecker, ON6BC"

Frequencies: 28025, 21025, 14025, 7003, 3503
28495, 28595, 21295, 14195, 7066, 7085, 3795

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BRIEF NOTES... VE3HRS says any contacts with VE3HRS/TZ during Sept. and Oct., 1979, were bogus. Someone was using that callsign and the name "Jack" while VE3HRS was actually in the Congo (TN). Ken returned to Mali in mid-January to continue his geophysics survey, amateur radio being on a time-available basis only...HR Report for Feb. 22 says Mt. Athos will be activated mid-April by SVIJG and friends, the same group which went there last August...I8KDB says TLØBQ cards began going into the mail on Feb. 18; they are answering some 5,000 so the process will take time. Giampaolo says priority is being given to those needing the card for DXCC Honor Roll...DL2AA/NIDL made about 1200 contacts as VK8GK/Lord Howe, 27-31 January. Karl used an IC-701 and vertical on 40-10 Meters, and he left the vertical and coax at the Blue Lagoon Lodge for other visiting hams to use. The operation was made possible through the cooperation of Toshi Sakagami, JA1PQC, Dick Hoffman, VK2AGT, and the Thompson brothers on Lord Howe. "Super place to spend some time," says Karl...American Public Television is running a series on Sunday evening on Charles Darwin and the voyage of the Beagle; there has been fascinating coverage of the Galapagos and Tierra del Fuego...5X1AA is phony... A few IRCs or a couple of stamps may speed up your TN8AJ card from WB9TTM...ARRL DX Advisory Committee member John Kanode, N4MM, will be leading a big DX forum at the Roanoke Division Convention in Charlotte, NC, 22-23 Mar; John says y'all come, get involved and express your views to the DXAC...HL9WZ manager WA2JOC has a new address: William Dickerson, 352 Crampton Drive, Monroe, MI 48161...the 8Z4A operation from the S/A Neutral Zone 10-21 November, 1979, included the following members of the Royal Jordanian Radio Amateurs Society: JY4s MB, NA, YJ; JY3ZH; JY5s US, MK; JY9s OD, BB (cont'd p. 4)

AVES ISLAND should be on for the CQ Magazine WPX Contest (SSB) 29/30 March, signing YVØUSB. Principal operator and group leader is YV5USB.

OKINO TORISHIMA POSSIBILITIES are mentioned by JA6DDT for the end of April. JA6NEM and JE6NLL intend 48 straight hours' operation portable 7J1, beginning either April 30 or May 1, on 10 and 15 Meters SSB, 28595 and 21295. Also mentioned as possible sites of operation by these two are: YJ8, 3D2, P29, H44, A35, and KC6 E/W.

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CALENDAR

Trinidad	PPØMAG on now, all bands, CW only.
Sri Lanka	4S7DX by KP2A, Mar. and Apr.
Sint Martin	W2BBK/PJ7, 10-24 Mar.
Sint Martin	K2FJ/PJ5 and K7SE/PJ5, 11-23 Mar.
Christmas Island	VK9XT by VK3OT, 12-24 Mar.
Bermuda	W3OGY/VP9, 14-18 Mar., 10/15/20 SSB and CW.
Bermuda Contest	Win a trip there, 15-16 Mar.
Roanoke Convention	ARRL Division convention, Charlotte, NC, 22-23 Mar.
British Virgin Islands	VP2VGB by K7SE, 25-30 Mar.
San Marino	9A1ONU by Bologna Italy DX Gang, 27-31 Mar.
Mali	ON6BC at TZ4AQS for concentrated effort, starts 29 Mar.
Anguilla	VP2E for WPX Contest by K8ND and WD8ALG
Aves Island	YVØUSB for WPX Contest by YV5USB and friends
WPX Contest	SSB, by CQ Magazine, 29-30 Mar.
Burma	XZØONU by HS4AMI, 15 Apr. - 15 Jun., 10/15/20
Mt. Athos	By SV1JG and friends, "mid-April."
Fresno DX Convention	18-20 April, reservations to N6VI by 10 April.
Okino Torishima	30 Apr. or 1 May, 48 hours, 10/15 SSB only. Details p. 3.
Luxembourg	By Noviomagum DX Group (Netherlands), 15-19 May.

Brief Notes...(8Z4A cont'd): In addition to the Jordanian operators, the following helped: 9K2DN, 9K2CM, 9K2KA, HZ1TC and J28AA...UA1DJ says that all USSR special call signs beginning with RX1, RZ1, RW1, RK1 and RL1 are for the 1980 Moscow Olympics, and QSLs for these prefixes can go to QSL Manager UA1DJ, Box 930, 196006, Leningrad, USSR... The next issue of *The DX Bulletin* will be March 10.

THANKS TO...

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