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PROPAGATION: Apr 5-10, High Normal; Apr 11, Low Normal; Apr 12, High/Low Normal; Apr 13, High Normal; Apr 14, High/Low Normal; Apr 15, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

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### SALAD DAYS

VASTLY IMPROVED 20 Meter conditions and continuing excellent propagation on the lower bands, combined with several DXpeditions, are making the first two weeks of April the most interesting in months for DXers.

Although 10 Meters is virtually unusable for long distance work, 15 Meters has rebounded with good transequatorial propagation and some east—west openings as well. It is worth taking a look for long path propagation on 15 around 1200Z for the next month or two.

The reliable 20 Meter springtime upswing in conditions has begun somewhat earlier than usual this year, and the improved conditions can be expected to continue into May, on-and-off. Examples:

Hordes of USSR stations, sporting special WW 2 40th anniversary callsigns, populate 20 meters, especially on CW, in both morning and evening. They have been joined by a bevy of Mongolian stations; "JT1AO has been showing almost daily with strong signals over the Pole, and he has been working without the (benefit?) of a list," K9RHY reports. The usual VUs, APs, and assorted other Asian countries are also in on these openings.

The Chinese stations' assigned hours of operation are now coinciding more closely with openings to North America and producing more contacts. "There has been a lot of activity heard from China here in the Chicago area with almost all the known BY stations worked in the past month, all on 20 SSB," K9RHY's report continues.

In addition to appearances by BY5RA, BY1PK, and BY4AA on 20 Meter list operations (14.225 starting at 2300Z), they also have shown on CW and RTTY from 0000 to 0100Z. VE7BC was expected to be operating from some of the Chinese stations just about now, also.

Last word from Jamaica was that the 6Y5NR-led group was on schedule for Navassa, aiming for an April 4 starting gun. They plan to use the call 6Y0NR/KP1. Combine this with Clipperton, followed closely by 3B7 St. Brandon by SM0AGD and LA7XB, and you have activity at a feverish pitch this week.

THE UGANDA operations by DJ6SI and DJ5RT were not cancelled as we had heard...5X5WR came on first, on Mar 28, followed by 5X5BD (DJ6SI) the next day, from the QTH of 5X5GK. Unfortunately, the 5X5GK DXCC status is still in limbo, and only time will tell if the Germans have anything more concrete in the way of paperwork.

WA6VNR was about a week late getting his Pacific operation going. He showed as 5W1FC from W. Samoa March 24, spent several days on Tonga as A35CQ, joining ZL1AMO (A35EA) on the island. Next stop scheduled was Tuvalu, T2CQ, to be followed by Niue and Fiji.

Word of a Cyprus RAF Bases operation by PAOGMM was received too late for advance publicity; Guido began operating as ZC4ZN Mar 28 and continued through the <u>CQ</u> WPX contest last weekend. He was giving out CW contacts on request. QSL to him with the usual honorarium.

The Midway operations by KD7P and NA6T also continued through the WPX weekend, with emphasis outside of the contest on CW and the low bands. Unfortunately, their operating times on 80 and 160 seemed to coincide with openings to the Western reaches rather than the east coast. No word if any Europeans had any luck working this rare one on the low bands.

The Christmas Island operation also began as predicted, with VK9XB hitting the bands Mar 26. K9RHY reports working him at 1345Z on 20 SSB. "He was working Europeans and Asians and took a standby for North Americans," Bob says. "Solid signal on the short path, peaking S9, first working on his own frequency, then going split."

DL7AH/3X is reported intending to continue into May, with low-band emphasis. 3X4EX has already cleaned up much of the demand for Guniea QSOs. Incidentally, 3X4EX (LA2EX) is saying that he is not going to renew his license when it expires in June.

When you read this you will know if the Clipperton operators were able to activate Revillagigedo on their way to FOOXX; they reportedly did get a license at the last minute, and on Mar 30 the FOOXX/MM operator said they expected to be in the vicinity of Revillagigedo around 1900Z; they would make a decision at that time. Also under consideration was a stop at XF4 on the way home from Clipperton.

You can operate from 4U1VIC, the Vienna International Center, says OE3ZOC/NK4N, with little red tape involved. You are asked to contact either John or Dick Olsen, OE1ZOS/K7AWD, both in Vienna. You must have your amateur radio license and identification, preferably a passport, with you, and you can operate only if one of the club members is present. 4U1VIC counts for DXCC the same as Austria.

QSL HELP NEEDED

\*By W9DH: FR7AM/G (72), G4AVW/ST3 (83).

\*By KC8JX: (VP2KAH (80), ZA2AU (67); 5R8AG (73).

\*By AA5C: JT1KAF, AP2MC (80); 6W8IM (80).

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### THE CONTINUING KENWOOD SAGA

Trio-Kenwood in California wrote to say "the very popular TS-930S will remain in our HF transceiver line," contrary to what one of our readers heard when he was in Japan recently. That reader stands by what numerous Japanese radio dealers said. Perhaps Kenwood means that the TS-930S is not discontinued until U.S. dealers have exhausted their stocks of that model.

An excellent summary of the new TS-940S's features by K8HVT appears in the current issue of "Scuttlebutt," the newsletter of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club. Hal was in Japan in mid-February and got details of the new rig but there were none available for him to buy and bring back to the States.

Hal characterizes the 940 as an updated 930, "not an entirely new rig." That would further indicate little need for Kenwood to produce both. The main difference between the two radios is the "LCD dot matrix sub-display." Of the other upgrades, they are by and large simply glitz and glitter, and they add more knobs and buttons to a radio which, in the opinion of many serious operators, already has too many.

# Five years ago in The DX Bulletin

(April 10, 1980): We included a response sheet for the First Annual  $\underline{TDXB}$  Countries-Needed Survey. Credit W1NG for reminding us that the Survey was something others had done in the past and which was worth continuing. Incidentally, the 1985 Survey sheets will be in your hands sometime in the next few weeks.

Your editor was trying out a new antenna and worked 4S7VZ and 9V1UK on 10 Meters...long path at 0400Z in total darkness! N4HX evacuated Chad as that country entered a long period of civil war. The IDXF was trying to organize an expedition to Bhutan; unfortunately, they ran into a licensing brick wall. A number of expeditions were just beginning or ready to begin that week, including YV0, ST3, and VS5.

# 15/10

KEY TO BANDPASS: Callsign; Frequency; UTC; day of month; state.

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### NOTES

One addition to the Antenna Forum program for the Hamvention is a presentation by Dr. Bill Maxson, N4AR, entitled "Here's how to put up yagi antennas, construction and results." Bill is a professional DXer who moonlights as a surgeon.

K8GG reports that the flea market spaces for the Hamvention have all been sold. Your editor remembers when there was no flea market at the Hamvention. In fact, we remember when the entire affair was held at the downtown Dayton Biltmore hotel! And another thing...it seems there are some problems with reservations at the Stouffer's hotel. It might be prudent to reconfirm if you have a room there.

The Kansas City DX Club will be conducting their usual suite madness at Dayton this year; their club program director is also on the lookout for additional material to add to their collection of video tapes and slide presentations. They currently have the following available for loan to other clubs:

"Contest Night Live" is a 30-minute video contest spoof.

"Tonganoxie Island" is another half-hour video, this one a spoof on DXpeditions.

Three slide/audio presentations include the club's 1983 contest operation from V3, the 1983 KOCS Pacific expedition, and the 1984 XX9CS operation. If you would like to borrow any of these, contact WOJLC. If you have programs to swap with KCDXC, contact KOUAA.

The TDXB Sticker Bank desperately needs transparent DXCC stickers for all levels 290 and above. The Bank exists to provide, when possible, stickers to those who have received the new style opaque stickers and don't want to put them on their certificate. Please dig around in your DXCC records and see if you have some of the transparent stickers to spare.

## **QSL INFO**

3V8PS IN3RZY 4K1F UQ2GAG 5W1FC WA6VNR 9м2нв N4FFN A35EA ZL1AMO AP2ZA W6NLQ C50RCL CT1ASY C53EK BOX 2596 BANJUL CN8EL W2PD CT2CB N2DUR EA9MY BOX 412, MELILLA EC9FS EA9IB EL2CJ JF2QHC EL8M BOX 707 MONROVIA EM5BYY UB4YZZ EM5T UT4UWV EOOAAK UZOAWB E02QGL UQ1GQF EO9AYB UZ9YWA ER3A UZ3AZO EU1R UR1RWN EU6D UD7DWA EV4AS UZ4SWM EV6TA UZ6TWJ EV9AW UW9WR EW2C UC1AWC

EW6AA UZ6AWJ

FM5WE FM7WE HK5IXK NJ5X HL4XM BOX 211, KWANGJU 500 HV3SJ IODUD J39CM WB2LCH J5WAD W6CNA J88AQ W2MIG J99A TI2BR JT1AO W7PHO JW6VDA LA5NM KC6MR/KC6 JJ1TZK N1AAX/PJ4 KIRIF N5CJB/5N1 K4ZKG OX30A OZ1FAO PYOFNI BOX 4411 RECIFE 50000 TK5UC F5RV TU4BR KN4F UAIOT BOX 261 ROVNO 266000 USSR V2ACW WB40SN VQ9NC WA4MQW VQ9YR KA4SPA YS9CHE WAOJYJ ZC4MR G4SDJ ZC4ZN PAOGMM ZD7BJ BOX 25 ST HELENA ZP5XDW N4DW

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### CALENDAR

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UGANDA 5X5BD (DJ6SI) and 5X5WR (DJ5RT) began Mar 28; length of stay and DXCC status CLIPPERTON FOOXX April 4-11; I274, 281, 282 REVILLAGIGEDO XF4 possible after Clipperton; I282 MIDWAY By KD7P, ND6T, continues to Apr 8 PACIFIC WA6VNR has completed 5W1FC and A35CQ; ZK2CQ, 3D2CQ to follow this week GUINEA DL7AH/3X rumored continues until June BURUNDI Rumored ON5NT will operate 9U5JB April 5-15, no lists, no 160 NAVASSA 6Y5NR/KP1 Apr 4-9 ST BRANDON 3B7 starts April 12, by SMOAGD, LA7XB, 3B8CF, for 1-2 weeks; Issue 281 DJIBOUTI By KC7UU possible in April DXPress says ZL4DW/VR6AB there for PITCAIRN next two months, Saturday best CHRISTMAS VK9XB/XG continue to Apr 9 CRETE DF3GX/SV9 Mar 30-Apr 13, CW only FRANZ JOSEF UAIOT and EOIAOK both active BY5RA with W7PHO 14.227/0000Z; Issue 282 CHINA

Several readers have responded to our note in Issue 280 by sending their all-time countries-per-band totals, but we need a lot more before publishing an "honor Roll." Mention it to your friends who don't read TDXB and get them to send their numbers in, too.

Our goal is to have a chart of top DXers' band totals, similar to what Don Chesser, W4KVX, ran in his newsletter two decades ago. We would like to confine the numbers to current DXCC countries. Another thought is to limit the totals to QSOs beginning Jan 1, 1969; that was the starting date for 5-Band DXCC and the point at which many people started keeping track. We would like to have your thoughts

CARRIBBEAN K3UOC/PJ6 Mar 30-Apr1; /PJ5 Apr 2-4; /PJ7

Apr 5-7; /PJ2 Apr 18-20; /PJ3 Apr 20/21; /PJ4 Apr 22/23

CYPRUS Special action ZC4MR, ZC4EPI Apr 6/7

ZC4MR on lists 14.227/1630Z

RODRIGUES 3B9CD There until June MT ATHOS Rumored soon by IOSNY S GEORGIA

VP8DIS made a few contacts three weeks

ago; possible again in April

S SHETLANDS 4KlF there on 40, 20 CW

CYPRUS RAF bases DXCC credit Jun 1; I274 MOZAMBIQUE C90A active, no DXCC credit; Issue 281 **UGANDA** 

5X5GK active, no DXCC credit GUINEA/BISSAU J5WAD until November

VKOGC likes 75 SSB at 1000Z MACQUARIE

FIJI By JHIRNZ Apr 15-23 CONVENTION FRESNO, APR 19-21; 1271 HAMVENTION Apr 26-28, Dayton USSR "M" May 11/12 CONTEST

CONTEST CQ WPX CW May 25/26 VATICAN Rumored by I5FLN, I8AA end of June

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