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PROPAGATION FORECAST: July 4, Low/Below Normal; July 5, Low Normal; July 6, High/Low Normal; July 7,8, Below Normal; July 9, 10, Low/Below Normal; July 11, High/Low Normal; July 12, 13, High Normal; July 14, High Normal; July 15, Above Normal; July 16, High Normal; July 17, 18, 19, Above Normal; July 20, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

W4MGN'S AFRICAN OPERATIONS began very close to the original schedule published in Issue 40, page 1; Dr. Ed Richmond appeared signing 6W8JI on June 23. He will be in West Africa for two months doing pedagogical research in functional literacy and language teaching; his hamming while there should not be construed as a full-fledged DXpedition. Ed will be meeting educational representatives in seven countries, and will be using available stations in each country at the invitation of the local hams. That means limited DX operating, according to the time made available to Ed by the station owner.

Many African countries do not allow CW operation, under penalty of prison; if the station owner has a key and permission to work CW, Ed will use that mode. Most operation will be on 10 and 15 Meters, with swings down to 20 when conditions dictate. Operation will be strictly contest style, with no lists, no skeds, and no "listed-for-my-friends" funny business. Ed says he'll work according to propagation, i.e., west-to-east across North America. And when the pileups get out of hand, Ed says he will get "very verbal to any idiocy." Ed is a language professor.

K5YY'S EIGHTH DXPEDITION begins shortly after July Fourth in the Pacific. Since none of the stops are super-rare and it is a vacation first, expedition second, San Hutson will concentrate on unusual bands/modes, trying to operate about 50/50 CW and SSB. San will not deviate from the following general operating schedule:

0800 UTC 40 Meter CW on 7020; NO SSB
1000 UTC 80 Meter CW on 3520; SSB after CW worked out
04-0800 20 Meters, alternating CW on 14020 and SSB on 14195
23-0200 10 Meters alternating CW on 28020 and SSB on 28600
15 Meters only if 10 is not active

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| Leave Arkansas July 4 | 5. Niue ZK2, one week, late July |
| 1. American Samoa KS6 | 6. Western Samoa 5W1 (22-29) |
| 2. Western Samoa 5W1 | 7. KS6 American Samoa |
| 3. Wallis Island FW0, one week,
mid-July (Jul. 11-18) | 8. Back home to Arkansas |
| 4. Western Samoa 5W1 | |

QSLs to Dr. San Hutson, Box 5299, Little Rock AR 72215 USA.

DO NOT send QSLs to
San until AFTER Aug 10!

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ASIAN JUNKET BY W6RZO, Bob Dreher, began about July 1, with Bob in Baghdad, Iraq, attempting operations from YIIBGD. Bob intends to operate whenever possible from a number of countries, according to the following rough schedule:

Iraq YI through July 3 (YIIBGD)	Singapore through Aug. 21
Pakistan through July 10 (AP2AA)	Indonesia through Aug. 28
India through July 17 (VU2IJ)	Philippines through Sep. 4 (W3WYP/DU)
Sri Lanka through July 24 (4S7EA)	Peking China through Sep. 11
Thailand through July 31 (HS1ABD)	Tokyo Japan through Sep. 18
Laos through Aug. 7	
West Malaysia through Aug. 14	

Callsigns in parentheses are the ones Bob figures he's most likely to be using; QSLs to Bob Dreher, USICA MGT/TCE, Room 320, 1776 Penn Ave., Wash., D.C. 20547 USA.

W8LMB, ANOTHER USICA TEAM MEMBER, leaves mid-July for Africa, and will also operate whenever time and local conditions permit. No definite itinerary is available at this time, but the following countries are on his ticket:

Nigeria 5N2	Camerouns TJ	Chad TT8	Kenya 5Z4	Somalia 601
Benin TY	C.A.R. TL8	Burundi 9U5	Seychelles S79	
Congo TN8	Zaire 9Q5	Rwanda 9X5	Ethiopia ET3	

Finally, Karl Renz, K4YT, leaves mid-July for Africa, under the same circumstances as W6RZO and W8LMB. Karl's countries list includes:

Mauritania 5T5	Guinea Bissau J5	Sierra Leone 9L	Mali TZ	Togo 5V
Senegal 6W8	Gambia C5ACO	Ghana 9GILM	Voltaic Rep. XT	Benin TY9ER
Cape Verde D4	Guinea 3X	Ivory Coast TU	Niger 5U7AG	

QSLs for these K4YT operations to W2TK, Robert Renz, 366 Rutherford ave., Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 USA.

Dwight Sipler, AI3E, is on Kwajelein Atoll, Marshall Islands, now through July 15; will put AI3E/KX6 on whenever possible, time permitting. The last time Dwight was there only 10 and 20 Meters were working at the station. Dwight didn't know if 15 Meters had been fixed yet or not. He will be operating exclusively CW except for one or two phone patches home to Pittsburg. AI3E, 1876 Shaw Ave., Pgh, PA 15217 USA.

The W9DXCC Convention every September in suburban Chicago always features the "DX Countdown," and the one last standing with the highest DXCC total has been W9BG, Ross Hansch, always just a little red-faced knowing that everyone is sitting and looking for "Mr. DX." Sadly, another DXer will take that place in 1980, as Ross Hansch, W9BG, passed away June 22. Ross hammed and chased DX for nearly sixty years.

GUERNSEY, Along with the GU5AEG operation July 18-30 by DJ9NX, DK7WC and DJØWQ will sweep onto the island to sign GU5DJC and GU5DKJ, July 19-Aug 2. QSL home C/B adr.

ST. LUCIA... Al Crespo, J6LIR, phones to say he will be active in the Radiosport Championship, July 12-13, with a KW and beam at 90 feet; did not specify if the operation would be SSB, CW, or both. QSLs to WB6FCR, Al Crespo, 31 Mizpah St., San Francisco, CA 94131 USA.

HI2 CATALINA OPERATION (TDXB Issues 41 and 43) second weekend was postponed from the last weekend of June to the July Fourth weekend; they had transportation and equipment troubles but expect to run the second half of the operation July 4, 5, and 6.

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

Africa

CN8AK/21027/23C/23
CT3AR/21276/19W/18
C5ADP/14270/01E/27
EA9JH/14006/11E/24
EL2AV/14237/08W/24
FH8CL/21331/04E/21
FR7BX/14008/12E/22
FR7BP/14028/13W/25
FR0FLO/14278/09E/20
FR0FLO/14210/11C/24
FR0FLO/14215/13W/27
J28CC/21282/04E/21
J27CC/21281/04E/27
ST2FF/
ST0/14024/03C/26

K5LBU/

ST0/21278/04E/21
ST2FF/
ST0/21295/01C/27
TL8JM/14025/23E/21
TL8JM/14027/05W/23
TL8WH/14284/14W/24
TL8JM/14024/16W/27
VQ8DM/14328/12C/26
VQ9TT/14202/13W/20
VQ9CT/14026/11C/23
VQ9TT/14206/12E/25
VQ9CT/21025/17W/25
XT3AA/21290/18C/20
ZD7HH/21295/19E/19

ZD8MH/28560/21E/26

ZE2JS/14025/13W/24
ZE2JK/14237/13W/24
ZE3JJ/14213/14W/27
ZE8JW/14010/14W/25
ZS2CP/14024/15W/25
ZS6CP/14023/14W/22
3B8CJ/14225/13W/23
3B8CJ/14204/14W/27
3B8CF/21026/04E/21
3B8CF/21027/04C/25
3B8CF/21030/04C/26
3D6BQ/14229/14W/24
3D6BS/14225/15W/24
G3JKI/
5A/14220/08W/24

G3JKI/

5A/14035/00E/26
5H3KS/14205/12W/27
5N0DOG/14222/05E/23
5T5JD/14263/08W/24
5V7HL/14220/03E/25
5Z4NY/14201/14W/25
6T1YP/28025/04W/22
6W8HL/14273/08W/24
6W8JI/21292/20C/23
8Q7AV/14215/12C/26
9J2FC/21295/23W/25

Asia

AP5HQ/14209/13W/24
A6XJA/21260/18C/24
A7XZ/21023/14W/21
A9XCE/21030/04E/21
CR9A/21025/03W/26
CR9A/21026/16C/27
DU9RG/14217/10C/24
DU9RG/14212/10E/25
DU9RG/14207/11E/26
K5ESS/
DU2/21290/14W/19
HL9TS/14033/14W/22

HM1AQ/14024/13E/23
HM1DC/14024/15W/25
HS5AID/14036/10C/18
HS1ABD/14205/10E/22
HS5AID/14032/15W/23
HS4AMA/21290/14W/19
HS1AMM/21308/19E/20
HS1ABD/21355/22E/22
HZ1AB/14224/01E/26
HZ1AB/14027/12W/26
HZ1AB/21307/04W/26
JY5ZM/14222/03W/22
JY3ZH/14224/04E/25

JY3ZH/21298/13W/19
OD5FB/14210/03W/22
TA1NAG/14276/02C/22
UD6DLJ/21260/23C/21
UD6DFY/21039/04E/23
UD6DFY/21028/03E/24
UF6CX/14203/00E/26
UG6JJ/21297/18C/21
UI8BU/21034/01W/23
UL7FB/21024/01E/23
UK7GAA/21027/03E/25
VU2BUD/14216/12E/23
VU2BBJ/14221/12E/23

VU2KMK/14028/13W/24
YB9ADA/14061/09C/21
YB0BWW/14219/12C/26
YC9UZ/21290/14W/19
4S7RM/14225/10E/22
4X6BD/21295/05E/21
9K2DR/21279/02E/22
9M2DW/14224/15W/23
9V1TL/14027/15W/22
9V1UL/14249/11E/22
9V1UL/14241/12W/25
9V1UD/14025/14W/27
9V1TL/21030/16C/23

Europe

K5CN/
CT2/21026/19C/23
C34UN/14276/05E/21
EA6GB/14266/00E/27
GM3UTN/14004/04E/27
JW2CF/21025/17W/21

M1C/14212/00E/23
M1C/21311/09E/20
M1C/21300/23E/24
OH2BDA/
OH0/21025/01C/19
OH2BDA/
OH0/21022/15W/21

SV0AW/21355/19E/20
SV0AO/21305/04E/21
SV0AM/21025/01E/22
SV0AA/5/14027/00E/26
SV0AA/5/21025/15W/21

U1N/14024/05W/25
U1N/14208/02E/26
UA2FAL/21312/01E/24
UA2FBH/14049/23E/26
ZC4MT/21295/04E/27

Oceania

A35AM/14025/08C/21
A35AM/14025/10E/22
A35AM/14026/10E/25
FO8DP/14205/06C/23
FO0RS/14230/12W/26
FO8EW/21015/00W/22
FO8EW/21027/03E/23

FO0RS/21280/00W/24
H44DX/14241/10E/24
H44AJ/14201/12C/25
VE3BRI/
H44/14201/12E/25
K6ZJ/
KH2/14041/15W/27
KG6JAR/14255/09W/21

KC6DC/14245/11W/24
WA6AHF/
KH8/14220/11C/23
WA6AHF/
KH8/14241/10E/24
P29AX/14293/07E/23
T2ADE/14227/12W/27
T3AY/14273/07C/23

T3AC/14283/12E/25
T3AC/14206/13C/26
VR6TC/21351/00E/25
YJ8GG/14224/15W/19
5W1CR/21024/09E/20

Elsewhere

CE3CKE/21330/00E/27
CX6CP/28074/16C/18
C6AEK/14043/02C/21
FM7WW/14282/11E/24
FM0FJE/14218/04E/27

HH2BM/14205/00E/26
HH2KW/14256/12E/25
HH2VP/21029/21E/22
HI2AJF/28550/14W/21
HK3YH/14026/01E/26
HK3EAD/28602/03E/27

HK0EHM/14203/00E/24
HK0BKX/21020/16W/22
HP1XFZ/14295/00E/21
HP1XCM/21410/17W/22
KC4AAA/14219/13C/24
KG4WC/14026/01E/19

PJ2KI/28546/18E/26
PY2TUO/28006/23W/21
TI2KC/14200/04E/23
KA4EIN/
TI4/28554/22E/26
VP2AK/14286/11E/24

(Over)

JDL1YA is Minami Torishima, 14295 with WB6LED through July 10; SV0AA/5 Rhodes CW only near Extra band edges; 3B9AE 14241 at 0300 UTC several times per week. 5H3KS Fri. and Sat. 14205/11-1200 UTC, long path.

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DX LOCATION FOR SALE



ANTENNA FARM, 6 acres redwood forest in scenic Santa Cruz mountains. 45 minutes from San Jose, 30 from Santa Cruz beach. Excellent quiet DX location all directions; 7° horizon to SW. 30 full delta power. 123' Blaw-Knox free-standing tower with full size 3-element 40M and 6-element 20M beams. Also crank-up with TH6DXX. 1925 square feet in house & garage, 960 in shop/ham shack. Shake roofs. 30 gpm well, 10,000 gallon redwood tank. Half mile excellent paved road from State highway. Near shopping and schools. \$350,000 by owner, terms up to 1/2 as 1st TD. W6MUR (DXCC 318/351). Callbook QTH or 408-336-8800.

BANDPASS: Elsewhere

VP2MEZ/14311/22E/20	ZF2CD/14026/04E/25
VP2MFU/21386/04E/23	ZP5NW/21055/00E/21
VP2MX/21413/04E/23	ZP5NW/28019/14C/18
VP2MBV/28553/18C/25	4U1UN/14028/14E/21
VP2SAA/14295/11E/24	6Y5DL/14287/11E/21
YSIMS/28600/13W/20	8P6OK/28536/20E/26
ZF2CD/14009/22E/20	9Y4NP/28617/03E/27

MARTINIQUE: WB4IWW and KU4J will operate from FM7 July 7-13, including at least part of the Radiosport Championship, on 80-10 Meters SSB and CW. QSL to home calls:

WB4IWW, Dennis McCluskey, 604 19th Ct.
SO, Birmingham AL 35205.

KU4J, adr. next issue (not in '80 C/B!)

The Richardson Wireless Klub (suburban Dallas) cancelled their Field Day operation last weekend for the first time in 15 years; the temperature on Saturday was 112 degrees F. (42 degrees C).

Connecticut's Connecticut Wireless Assoc-iation made over 1,200 contacts in the 2A low-power battery class, using WIRM/I.

The shipment of new 5Band DXCC plaques finally got to Newington: they are wood instead of Naugahyde backing. Same ceramic plaque.

WARREN HAMFEST in Warren Ohio August 17 will be a DXers dream: shows/talks by Bob Schenck, N200 (1S1DX Spratly slides)...Hugh Vendegrift, WA4WME with his just-put-together "13 greatest DXpeditions of all time" presentation (including 1978 Cliperton)...and Randy Rowe, NØTG, with slides of '78 Navassa operation. Get registration information from Warren ARA, PO BOX 809, Warren OH 44482.

Bulletin Deadlines: BANDPASS, Monday in Vernon; News Items, Tuesday in Vernon; Telephone, 1300 UTC Tuesday. Bulletin mailed Wednesday.

UPDATE TO N6AV'S 10 METER REPORT

Note: This update is reprinted from the bulletin of the Southern California DX Club; the first part of the article was reprinted in The DX Bulletin, Issue 37.

"As can be seen by the 28 MHz activity report, 10 Meters had some fantastic long path openings in late April. The April 19 opening was over two hours in duration and included Africa, Northern Europe, and the Middle East. The Glorioso operation (FRØACC/G) was copied on 28.495 SSB from 0630 to 0730 UTC, with a pile of 5-7 and 5-8 Europeans calling --- I couldn't believe my ears, and neither could K6NA and several other SCDXC members. He never listened above 28.500, however on April 21, the FRØACC/G called W7GN on 28.543 about 0700Z and stayed on Frequency to work a number of SCDXC members.

"After the FRØ QRT we drooled as HZ1HZ worked VKs with a 5-7 at 0800. During all these openings the ZS/ZE peaked at about 250 degrees and the Europe/FRØ/HZ were straight south. Signals were generally 5-5 and most of the stations contacted were using beams pointed to south pole. Best signals were HB9BFQ a with a 3 element Yagi at 110 feet, DK5UF with a 5 element at 75 feet and HZ1HZ, using a 6 element Telrex Yagi. G3IYY was heard on three occasions and uses a bi-square antenna. The only propagation note detected was that VK and ZL signals became "echo sounding" during the openings to Europe. The VK/ZL boys say that 0800 long path openings to Europe are fairly frequent on 28 MHz, although their short path to Europe is much longer than from W6, and therefore the long path is much shorter than our path of 16,000 to 17,000 miles. It should be noted that short path openings to Europe during April were sparse, with April 18 being the last day I heard the short path open, although I have not been too active at the normal 1500 time.

"Additionally, the band has been very consistent to VK/ZL about 0200; the VK novices bend my "S" meter and I can't believe they run only 30 watts. VL3NZL was 30 dB over 9 so I asked what his antenna was--- a seven element Yagi on a 40-foot boom at 52 feet! Also note that long path on 21 MHz was frequent in April and May with some of the signals like YU3ZV, LZ9MAY, etc., coming through 20 dB over S9. Wow, sunspots are great!"

Jerry Hagen, N6AV

Note: with the ARRL Board of Director's meeting coming up late in July, this letter also seemed timely:

May 22, 1980

To Robert B. Thurston, W7PGY
Director, ARRL Northwest Division

Dear Mr. Thurston:

I have been instructed by the trustees of the Western Washington DX Club to communicate to you the following letter. The Western Washington DX Club, by the way, represents over 525 amateurs, of whom approximately 90 percent are members of the ARRL.

We strongly urge the ARRL Directors to petition the Federal Communications Commission to expand the frequencies available to U.S. amateurs for phone use. We request the following segments of the amateur bands be allocated for such use:

3750-4000 KHz
7050-7300 KHz
14100-14350 KHz
21200-21450 KHz
28400-29700 KHz

The primary reasons for our request are threefold. First, those portions of the bands identified above which U.S. amateurs are currently precluded from using are grossly underutilized. Several members of the Club recently maintained a watch, for example, over the segment from 14.100-14.200 MHz for a period of several weeks, and were shocked and dismayed by the lack of use by foreign amateurs. The amateur frequencies are a precious and finite resource. We can ill afford to waste them. In view of the projected rate at which the U.S. amateur population is expected to grow, the tremendous overcrowding which currently exists in the limited portions of the amateur bands allocated for phone use by Americans will only intensify.

The second reason for our demand is that the artificial advantage given to foreign hams years ago because of their limited, relatively primitive equipment and small wire antennas is no longer appropriate. Foreign amateurs now generally possess expensive, sophisticated equipment which enables them to be fully competitive with U.S. hams. Thus, the rationale for the special protection which we so benignly granted foreign amateurs years ago is no longer valid.

Finally, the confinement of U.S. amateurs to narrower ranges of frequencies than those available to hams of all other countries constitutes an unacceptable and unwarranted form of discrimination. Given the tremendous contributions of American amateurs and technology to the field of amateur radio over the years, it is ironic indeed that U.S. hams are singled out for such prejudicial treatment.

We implore the League's directors to bring pressure to bear upon the Federal Communications Commission to take prompt action to expand the American phone bands. This is an opportunity for the League, on the heels of its important contribution at WARC-79, to use its considerable influence to effect an essential and long overdue change on behalf of America's amateur radio operators.

Sincerely,

Richard Bennett, N7CY
Secretary, Western Washington DX Club

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To The DX Bulletin from George Wagner, K5KG

"Just a note for you with some things fresh on my mind after the operation from K5KG/OH0. I am on a plane back to Houston from Aland Islands. I met Eric Sjolund, SM0AGD while in Stockholm, along with many other Swedish hams. Eric tells me he will not be on any other operations for at least six months. He has taken a leave of absence from his Swedish Foreign Service job to try something different which will keep him out of Stockholm. If it works out, he will apparently not return to foreign service and its associated DXing. He says after six years of that traveling he must settle down. I found Eric to be a very personable fellow.

I have just spent a week working K5KG/OH0 from the Aland location of Kee, OH0NA/OJ0MA. Kee literally has the keys to the lighthouse on Market Reef; he worked there as a caretaker from 1965 to 1977 but now drives a pilot boat in the port of Mariehamn, Aland. Kee must accompany every expedition to Market Reef to take care of a weather recording/telemetry computer which can be bothered by close radio transmitters. No one can go to Market Reef without Kee, and if anyone tries, the place will be put off limits to further operations. The amount of operation from OJ0 is purposely limited to keep it semi-rare. Kee says he plans an operation from OJ0 in late July/early August for the European VHF contests and will also be on the HF bands some. As of June 20, the operation for the weekend of July 2-3 was "not approved."

We made 3050 contacts as K5KG/OH0 in six days, 54 pct on CW. Managed WAS and 112 DXCC countries. 40 and 10 Meters were not open to North America but conditions on 20 and 15 were pretty good. QSL direct to my home (George Wagner, 11502 Quail Creek Drive, Houston, TX 77070 USA).

Anyone planning to operate from the Aland Islands should allow three months for a license, and should apply through the SRRL national organization in Helsinki.

Thanks for carrying the announcement in The DX Bulletin; I think it helped greatly."

VISITOR'S DAY AT THE W6AM RHOMBIC FARM was a sunny California day in early June. There was no trouble handling the 500 hams and friends who showed up. 431 even signed the guest books. The W6AM rhombics worked well, with W6GC and K6SVL guiding the "on the air" activities. Many stations were worked both DX and Stateside.

The base 2 Meter rig and W6AM/mobile parked outside came in for their share of activity. 200 cars were neatly parked in the recently cut 24 acre hay field, and were well handled by members of the Rancho Palos Verdes Association. Mel Hughes K6KSY and family served the refreshments donated by the Association. Peter Von Hagen, WA6HXP had run a story in the local paper and on cable TV, inviting residents of the five towns on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Virginia Reynolds and Don Wallace, W6AM, happily met their friends and neighbors. Many had wondered about the 61 poles! Their curiosity was satisfied.

The latest issue of the bulletin of the Southern California DX Club had a one-page article on W6AM; some highlights: Don was issued the call 6OC in 1912, at age 13. Following service in WW I, Don became involved in representing radio manufacturers and traveled the West Coast, operating 40 mobile CW and becoming well-known. In the late 30's Don was instrumental in obtaining an excellent radio site for Press Wireless...120 acres in Palos Verdes which, in 1944, became the home of W6AM. At 365 countries, W6AM has been at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll the past 25 years. He is still active in the pile-ups. As for ham radio's newcomers, W6AM's philosophy has been "Don't make it too hard to get in - you can learn the rest after you're in."

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are experimenting with photoreduction of pages like this, in order to increase the amount of material which can be packed into each page. It will take several issues to finalize type styles, amount of reduction, etc., but the end result will be about 40% more material per page, at no loss of readability. Using photocopy machines for this type of work is unacceptable, as the copy quality is lousy. If you find that the reduced copy is difficult to read, please let us know.

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Editor, The DX Bulletin:

from Herb Schoenbohm, KV4FZ June, 1980

I write in response to letters from irate members of the DXAC. Those letters appeared in the June 9 issue. The confusion exhibited by two members of the DXAC as to how or why Desecheo counts stands as an indication that the rules of DXCC have been either bent or misinterpreted deliberately. Let's get down to the brass syntax.

The word foreign in the DXCC context has always meant exactly that. It has never meant "DXCC country." The framers of the DXCC rules made it quite clear in Criteria #3, which states "separation by land which is foreign to that country." How clear do they have to make it? In fact, in another section referring to station location they refer to "DXCC country" which for ARRL DXCC is not the same as foreign country.

I'm not sure if either member of the DXAC (who wrote) knows why Desecheo is a DXCC country because their reasons appear to be in conflict (a clarification appeared in Issue 43 - Ed.). Mr. Hutson, K5YY shows an apparent lack of knowledge of the true political relationship between the U.S. Virgin Islands and federal government. He stated in his letter that "the U.S. Virgin Islands are administered by the U.S. Department of Interior." Nothing could be further from the truth. The Revised Organic Act passed by the United States Congress in 1954 changed all that. It is important that if the DXAC renders decisions on Desecheo or any other place they must avail themselves of the true political and/or geopolitical status that exists today.

The decisions made on behalf of Water Island and Desecheo were made on misinformation. I would hope your bulletin would afford me the chance to correct the picture. The Virgin Islands are administered by a popularly elected governor and a unicameral legislature. We even have an elected Congressional representative. The Interior Department has no administrative function in the government of the Virgin Islands. Ironically, a case could be made for the fact that our Congressional representative has oversight on the Department of Interior by virtue of his membership on the House Interior Sub-Committee!

As far as Desecheo is concerned, it is Puerto Rico. A wildlife refuge there is managed in trust for the people of Puerto Rico by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior. In fact, F and WL pay rent annually to the commonwealth for this privilege.

In 1979 the ARRL DXCC/DXAC liaison Gay Milius, W4UG, wrote a letter to each DXAC member which was reprinted in the West Coast DX Bulletin. It underscored the fact that Desecheo did not qualify for DXCC under Rule One and that Rule Three was the determining factor. Actually, Desecheo could not have qualified under Rule One since no accredited operation took place from there before March 1, 1979. Desecheo could not have been on the Countries List at that time because of the ARRL requirement that no new country can be added to the list until a bona fide accredited operation has taken place from it. It did not make the deadline.

Now the DXAC Vice Chairman is emphatic in his letter that "Desecheo qualifies under Point #1 not Point #3" contrary to what the DXAC chairman says on the matter. Desecheo would never have been made a DXCC entity except by the fact that immense pressure was exerted to allow a large DX club to save face, not to mention the commercial involvement of manufacturers. The idea was to apparently create a DX preserve such as the Canadians have with Sable Island, the Venezuelans have with Aves and the Japanese have with Okino Torishima.

So Desecheo emerged despite the promise from our DX leaders that the integrity of DXCC would (in the wake of the Okino Torishima debacle) never again be breached. The main point of my disagreement with the present DXCC Chairman and Vice Chairman is not only the clear indication that the rules have been bent but the fact that the same criteria which prop up Desecheo as a DXCC entity are the ones that are used against Water Islands. When we agreed on the fact that both Water Island and Desecheo are controlled by Interior and we are aware that neither Puerto Rico nor the U.S. Virgin Islands are controlled by Interior, it is logical to deduce that Desecheo is to Puerto Rico what Water Island is to the U.S. Virgin Islands. Simply stated, what's good for Desecheo is good for Water Island!

Even after members of the DXAC have been introduced to new reasons to look at both locales they refuse to even place the situation on the agenda for deliberation. The tampering with DXCC rules in order to appease certain special interests goes back years. The skeletons of Okino Torishima are still rattling in the closet. The members of the DXAC are in a position to remedy past errors. Let's all insist that they do.

CALENDAR

Aland Islands	By OH1LW and OH1MA, through 6 July; Issue 42
Catalina Operation	Weekend of July 4, 5, 6; this issue. HI2 prefix.
Marshall Islands	AI3E/KX6 through 15 July; this issue
Willis Island	Rumored but not yet heard; VK9ZG may be on now; Issue 42
Sable Island	VELAI/VX1 ENDED 1 July
Market Reef	OH2AP/OJØ on through 5 July; see K5KG letter this issue
Revilla Gigedo	4A4MDX and 4B4MDX July Fourth weekend; issue 44
Liberty Island	K2LI 4-6 July; Issue 44
South Yemen	Still rumors for 7, 8, or 9 July; Issue 43
Ivory Coast	TU by W4MGN starts after July 5; Issues 40, 44 and this issue
Benin	TY9ER by W4MGN starts after 12 July
Sri Lanka	4S7TK by JALELY, including Radiosport; Issue 43. 9-15 July
Pakistan	AP2AA by W6RZO 3-10 July; this issue
Corsica	FØCH/FC, 10-28 July; CW 19 up, SSB 3775, 7090, 14194, 14275, 21194, 21275, 28492, 28520
Radiosport Champion.	By IARU, 12-13 July, details in all the monthly magazines
India	VU2IJ by W6RZO, 10-17 July; this issue
Samoa	American KS6 and Western 5W1 by K5YY, second week July; this issue
Wallis Island	FWØ by K5YY one week, mid-July; this issue; (11-18 Jul)
Sri Lanka	4S7EA by W6RZO, 17-24 July; this issue
St. Lucia	J6LIR by WB6FCR for Radiosport Championship; this issue
Maldives	8Q7 possible by JALELY following Radiosport; Issue 43
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Niue	ZK2 by K5YY, one week, late July; this issue (22-29 July)
Montserrat	VP2MMby W1CDC, 2-30 Aug.
WAE	European DX Contest, CW, 9-10 Aug.
SEANET	Phone Contest, 16-17 Aug.
All Asia	CW Contest, 23-24 Aug.
Philippines	W3WYP/DU by W6RZO, 28 Aug. - 4 Sept.; this issue

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