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PROPAGATION FORECAST: July 27-30, High Normal; July 31, Low Normal; Aug. 1, Low/Below Normal; Aug. 2, High/Low Normal; Aug. 3,4, Low Normal; Aug. 5, High/Low Normal; Aug. 6, High Normal; Aug. 7, High/Low Normal; Aug. 8-10, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

## OKINO TORISHIMA

Japan's Okino Torishima reefs, which gained DXCC country status on 30 May, 1976, will cease to count after 1 December, 1980. This run of less than five years is the shortest of any entity on the DXCC list, and the tale behind Okino Torishima is an interesting one.

In December, 1975, the president of the Japan Amateur Radio League, Shozo Hara, JA1AN, visited ARRL headquarters in Newington. During discussions of various matters, including the upcoming WARC 79 frequency conference, it was mentioned that 1976 would be the 50th anniversary of the JARL.

Following these meetings, early in 1976 a telephone call from Hara to ARRL General Manager Baldwin resulted in a meeting of the headquarters staff Awards Committee; a request had been made for country status for Okino Torishima, in honor of the JARL anniversary. Although the reef did not meet the criteria for separate country status, and against vociferous objections from some of the staff members, a decision was made to grant the request, provided an operation was mounted to Okino Torishima.

A critical factor in the decision was the fact that Japan would be one

of the ARRL's greatest allies in the WARC 79, with the JARL having the necessary funds to aid the amateur cause at the conference. Thus, country status for Okino Torishima.

In June, 1976, the JARL conducted a massive DXpedition to the reef, at a cost reputedly near \$50,000. It was necessary to build a scaffold on the reef for the operators, the spot being totally under water many hours per day. The scaffold was left in place for future operations. 7J1RL (Radio League) was the first of only two operations from the reef over the past four years.

Objections to the reef's DXCC status continued over the years, from Japanese DXers as well as others around the world. It is more than mere coincidence that no change in status came until *after* the successful conclusion of WARC 79. Okino Torishima had served its purpose.

The deletion at this time is a result of a recommendation by the DX Advisory Committee, which was approved by the Hq Awards Committee and subsequently by League management. After 1 December, the current countries total on the DXCC list will be 318, affecting Horror Roll status for many. Meanwhile, QSLs for the reef may continue to be submitted for credit.

7J1, R.I.P.

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MORE DXCC NEWS... Three South African "homelands," Transkei S8, Bophuthatswana H5, and Venda T4 will not receive separate DXCC status at this time, and QSLs from those spots will count as South Africa.

All of these "homelands" are still very much under the thumb of South Africa. Transkei, for example, after four years of "independence," finds itself mired in poverty and tribalism, almost ignored by the rest of the world, save for its powerful neighbor, white-ruled South Africa" (*U.S. News and World Report*). According to that publication, S.A. is the only nation which has an embassy in Transkei and the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity refuse to deal with any of the homelands.

THE ARRL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1979 came out early last month. We quote from paragraph 1.16, DX Advisory Committee Matters:

*"1.16) The DX Advisory Committee internally considered many new countries for separate status during 1979. None failed to carry by vote of the DXAC, save one, the latter failing to be accepted by the ARRL Awards Committee. Thus no additions were made to the countries list. This is caused mostly by the change in Countries List criteria eliminating separate administration from country consideration."*

This appears to be nonsense; the double negative "none failed" throws the reader off until the paragraph has been read a couple of times, after which the impression is that all failed to carry. There were NO new entities added to the DXCC Countries List in '79. As we read in another publication recently, "interesting, but when does the English translation come out?"

SOMALI REPUBLIC 60ØDX has been active the last few days and it is said a 25-day stay is intended. Has been heard only on 20 Meters, operating CW one day on 14025 and SSB the next on 14205, around 2000Z. QSL to I2YAE.

SERRANA BANK HKØ operation for the first week of September is planned, according to Francisco, HKØBKX of San Andres. It is possible that the Columbian group will make a stop at Bajo Nuevo either going to or coming from Serrana Bank. Francisco knows of NO plans for a Malpelo operation.

IRAQ JY3ZH says a major operation from Iraq is planned for sometime in 1980, to include both Jordanians and Iraqis. They hope for the callsign YI1JY. Cards will be handled by WA3HUP.

David Perrier, W1DDV/C6A, will be operating from the Bahamas for the next 14 months; presently using dipoles but a 90-foot tower with 7 element TET tribander and 6 and 2 Meter beams is in the works. QSL manager N7YL.

Charles Gessner, WA3UFI, and friend WA3IZH will operate from Grand Cayman Island ZF1 August 10-16. They will be staying at the Spanish Bay Reef Diving resort, and using a Ten Tec transceiver and trap vertical. Both expect to have ZF1 call signs but not yet received. QSLs for both operators go to WA3UFI, 2748 Glenn Lane, West Mifflin, PA 15122.

Dennis Pugh, K7VAY, will operate from Andorra as C31UI sometime during August; Dennis also holds the callsign DA2AA. QSL to Box 76, APO New York, NY 09611

*"The Radio Club of Concepcion (CHILI) has a very good opportunity to go to Juan Fernandez Island (Call will be CEØCJA) between 8-15 August. Frequencies: 3750 7085 14210 21310 28550. QSL manager CE5CJA." /s/ CE5CN*

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DODECANESE ISLANDS,,, SV0AM/5 will operate for two weeks beginning Aug 15. Usual DXing frequencies, split frequency. Address needed by TDXB.

GUADELOUPE,,, Dave Curran, WD4RCO, an airline pilot, will operate FG0FVB some-time during August, depending upon his flying schedule, on 80-6 Meters. QSL to WA7IRD.

VP2MFU, active from Montserrat June 17-25, is Karl Jensen, KB7KQ. He reports excellent low band propagation and many Europeans worked on 80 Meters. QSL Box 275, Redmond, WA 98052 USA.

HONOR ROLLER K4BBF has had a job transfer and needs to sell his mountaintop home in Huntsville Alabama. He's adjacent to a 2000-acre state park yet only four miles from the city. 80-foot tower can stay with the house. Contact Al Watson, 3606 Skyview Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801.

JERSEY DX GROUP (GJ2LU, GJ4HSW, etc.) meets Monday-Friday 14210 at 0500Z.

KC6DC on West Carolines still works from an ADIS list every Sunday at 1030Z, 14270.

YI1BGD QSL received by one reader took ten weeks, an envelope, and five IRCs.

NO Glorioso cards from last April's operation have been received yet.

Has anyone got a card from U0Y (last October, Zone 23)? Box 88 blues.

DX2F was from the Clark Air Force Base, Phillipines, commmerating DU/W friendship, ceased operation July 9.

USSR Special Olympic Award (ref. TDXB, Issue 42) apparently has NO fee; just apply per instructions in Issue 42, but send no stamps, no IRCs, etc.

Something to do during the slow DX months? Try chess on the air with Jim Luciana, WA2SNN. Write him for a sked: RFD 1, Box 111-H, Egg Harbor, NJ 08215.

The Capitol Hill Amateur Radio Society, W3USS, has petitioned the FCC to reconsider its decision not to issue any new licenses to club stations. In the petition, signed by W3USS president Dave Siddall, K3ZJ, the Society contends that the FCC procedures leading to its decision violated the Administrative Procedure Act, and the decision itself contravened the public interest standard of the Communications Act.

This is the first time in the Society's eleven-year history that it has taken such action. The Society is a club of licensed amateur radio operators who work on Capitol Hill and pool their own private resources to maintain and operate club station W3USS.

The petition suggests that the burden of 4000 club station licenses out of 375,000 station licenses is far outweighed by the fact that these clubs serve the public interest by equipping and preparing members to provide communications at times of natural disaster.

Commenting on the FCC's actions on the rulemaking, Siddall did not criticize the Commissioners or the staff, specifically noting that this action was not the result of a general "anti-ham radio" campaign, but rather the result of faulty procedures. "They don't appear to have taken any cognizance of reasonable alternatives..."

Club station trustees and other interested persons should contact K3ZJ for additional information: David Siddall, President, Capitol Hill ARS, PO BOX 73, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.



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

## Africa

EA8ZJ/14025/10E/17  
SU1MI/21016/15E/15  
F6FGU/  
TL8/14165/04C/16

XT2AW/14020/08E/18  
XT2AW/21322/12E/17  
3B6CD/14030/12W/15  
3B6CD/21025/03C/15  
3B8AS/14243/13W/12

3B8CF/21025/04E/16  
5H3KS/14211/13W/12  
5N0DOG/21336/12E/13  
5N9WAH/21297/01E/15  
5T5DX/21314/19E/16

5V7HL/14220/07E/16  
5V7HL/21293/11E/15  
5V7HL/21598/12W/15

## Asia

AP2MQ/21295/01E/17  
A7XGI/21029/03E/12  
A7XD/21290/20E/17  
HL9TS/14031/11C/15

HM2JN/14030/11C/15  
HM2JN/21030/13E/10  
HS1ABD/21030/19E/12  
OD5HQ/21324/21E/16  
TA1MD/14207/02E/17

UF6CX/14020/02E/17  
UF6FCO/21020/19W/9  
VU2BBJ/14202/12W/14  
YA1SS/14025/01C/15  
YA2IH/14029/12C/15

YB7AM/14243/13W/12  
YC1GJ/21300/17E/15  
9V1TL/14223/12W/16  
9V1SS/14218/14W/16

## Europe

CT2AK/7095/07W/12  
CT2QN/14025/20C/14  
C31XQ/14258/03C/15  
C31IR/21031/16W/15  
C31IR/21029/19E/15

EA6BC/14212/02W/15  
GJ2LU/14210/05E/16  
GU4EON/21301/16C/15  
JW1UW/14210/18E/16  
M1C/14208/02W/15  
M1C/14208/04C/15

M1C/21300/14E/14  
OY9R/21297/19E/16  
SV0BI/21355/00E/12  
SV0AO/21326/01W/16  
UA1PAL/14033/15W/13  
UA1PAL/14225/04C/15

UK2GAE/21034/23W/15  
ZC4MT/14203/03C/15  
3A2EE/14310/04E/12  
DF3EK/  
3A/14036/06W/15  
5B4DI/14250/03E/15

## Oceania

A35YY/3798/10W/14  
A35YY/7090/08W/15  
A35YY/28595/21E/13  
FK8CL/14046/11C/13  
FK8CL/14044/12E/13  
FK8CW/14028/10W/17  
FO8EW/21022/07E/15  
H44GR/14227/10W/14

H44SH/14212/11W/15  
H44DX/14199/12C/16  
AH2E/14273/11E/13  
AH2E/14217/10E/15  
WA4EHS/  
KH2/14040/11C/15  
W6ENK/  
KH4/28595/22W/13  
KS6DV/14030/11E/19

AH8A/28512/02W/13  
KH6GB/  
KH9/28553/22W/13  
AI3E/  
KX6/14023/14E/16  
P29AX/14287/10E/14  
T3LA/7004/08W/14  
T3AY/14231/10W/11  
VK9NL/14069/09C/15

VK9NL/14026/10W/17  
VK9ZG/14285/07E/16  
YJ8SR/21053/09E/13  
YJ8SR/21055/04W/14  
YJ8NPS/28595/00W/14  
ZK1AC/28568/19W/13  
ZL3MA/C/14033/08C/14  
ZL3MA/C/14031/11E/15  
5W1BZ/28011/01W/13

## Elsewhere

CX2CT/28600/01E/21  
FB8XY/14240/13E/13  
FM0FJE/14215/04E/16

FP8AG/14221/11W/15  
FP8HL/14210/01W/16  
FP8HL/14028/00E/18  
HC4JL/14009/11E/17

HH2VP/21027/02C/17  
J73B/28590/18E/12  
KC4AAA/14284/10E/13  
VP2MX/21365/02E/12

VP2MGT/14278/19E/19  
VP2MAP/14280/01E/21  
VP2VZ/14025/07E/17  
YS9BH/21330/01E/21

## QSLs

A35AM via W6PYV  
A35JL via K9AUB  
A35YY via K5YY  
CR9A via WB2KXA  
C31HD via F6BII  
C31IR via F6AUS  
C31TT via EA2TV  
C5ABK via G3LQP  
K5FSS/DU via W7PHO  
EC9AA via EA1QF  
EP2TY via JR3WRG  
FB8XY via F6CIU  
FB8ZO via F6EYB  
F0CH/FC via HB9TL  
FM0FJE via F5VU  
FM0XF via REF Bur.  
FR7BP via W0AX  
FG0FOO/FS via N6RA

FW0DD via VE3ODX  
DF4GV/HB0 direct  
HC8EE via HC1MM  
HP1XEK via DL1HH  
HS5AID via AG6D  
H5AA via ZS4MG  
JW1UW via LA1UW  
AH8A via WB6FBN  
W6ENK/KH4 via WB9MFC  
KG4KK via N6AWD  
KG4WC via K4EXA  
WA0TPD/OA8 via N4CQ  
W9GW/PJ7 direct  
P29LB via WB2FLB  
ST2FF/ST0 via OH2MM  
K5LBU/ST0 via WA4ZQQ  
SV0AM via WA4DEP  
SV0AO via KA2FRP

SV0AT via AF4B  
SV0AU via W3FYT  
SV0BC via WB7NCF  
TG9XGV via K4CLA  
KA4EIN/TI4 via N5ANA  
TL8WH via W5RU  
TY9ER (7/80) via N200  
T3AY via WB6LED  
VP2MBV via WD4GXT  
VP2MO via KA4BOT  
VP2MX via VE1ASJ  
VP2VZ via W2LTP  
VP5AA via W4ZR  
VP5JAX via JA2VUP  
VP9WB via K3QMX  
VQ9CT via W6IMX  
VQ9JC via WB7DOZ  
VQ9TT via KB5MZ

XT2AW (7/80) via W2HAZ  
YB9ADA via W5SVN  
YJ8SR via G3TZQ  
YV0AI via YV3LP  
ZD8MH via G4DDH  
ZL3MA/C via WB8WMS  
4N1U via YU1EXY  
G3JKI/5A via F6CYL  
5B4DI via K4BF  
5H3KS via DK5EC (recent)  
5V7HL (7/80) via WB2KXA  
5W1BP via ZL1VW  
5W1BT via WA6AHF  
5W1CR via ZL1BCG  
5Z4WD via DF7GX  
6T1YP via OH2BH  
6W8JI via WA4VDE



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## QSLs (continued)

AP2MQ, direct, Callbook Address, three IRCs, absolutely NO currency  
 KA8ENL/CE2, Casilla 99, Vina del Mar, Chile  
 C6AEK, Box F-996, Freeport Bahamas  
 EA9JE, Box 213, Mililla (Spain)  
 FP8HL, Box 1107, St. Pierre Island  
 FR7BX, Box 53, Reunion Is., Leport  
 HKØEHM, Box 842, San Andres Is.  
 KH3AA, Box 4, APO San Francisco 96305  
 KC6MM, Mike McCoy, PO BOX D, Ponape, East Caroline IS.  
 OA8AA, R. Steel, Box 2492, Lima Peru  
 SU1AL, Box 109, Giza Egypt  
 TA1MB, remove Bakirkoy from Callbook Adr; Box 1167, Istanbul, Turkey  
 TA2TAT, Box 133, Ankara Turkey  
 TR8MX, Box 177, Libreville Gabon  
 VK9NL, PO BOX 103, Norfolk Is.  
 VP1BEH, Crown Agents, Box 118, Orangewalk Town, Belize  
 YJ8NPS, Box 27, Port Villa New Hebrides  
 DF3EK/3A, Karl Buenck, Ringstr. 30, Kleve D 4190, West Germany  
 4B4MDX, Box 21-167, Mexico City 21, Mexico  
 5N9GM, Box 1488, Kaduna Nigeria  
 5N9WAH, Box 2012, Kaduna Nigeria  
 8P6OK, Box 948, Longale, CA 90260 USA  
 9VIUL, Box 1200, Singapore

## PROPAGATION (from KH6BZF)

Date	Flux	Sunspots	Alpha	K
6/30	177	110	10	2

### July

1	157	138	6	2
2	150	144	3	1
3	143	160	5	2
4	142	126	10	3
5	151	154	20	3
6	145	155	14	3
7	148	n/a	14	3
8	148	n/a	12	3

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THE LED NET is run by WB6LED and K9AUB, 14285 starting at 0600, with lists taken at 0530, on Thurs., Sat., and Sun. Recent shows on this gathering include T2XYL, KHØAC, KH6GB/KH9, VK9ZG, and KC6MM (WCI).

## LOOK WHAT YOU'RE MISSING...

August issues of several magazines, in alphabetical order:

CQ:LU7XP article on an expedition to Staten Island (off coast of Tierra del Fuego) for 1979 CQ WW CW Contest...DX Column by Rod Linkous, W7OM, who was anxiously awaiting our SURVEY...W3ASK propagation column and N4XX Washington column.

Ham Radio Horizons: WA4FJF on getting DX QSLs... W9KNI's DXers Diary is back (and good)...VS6EZ article all about amateur radio in Hong Kong... W6SAI column on 30's radios...K5FUV's DX column tells how to operate DX "nets."

73: VU2ST on emergency communications in India... W4LVM on the record-breaking VP2KC 1979 CQ WW Phone Contest operation...down Memory Lane with W1FK and 50's radios...DX Column featuring color photos and food for thought.

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# CALENDAR

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Willis Island	VK9ZG on NOW; Issue 47, p. 1
Corsica	FØCH/FC through July 28; Issue 45 Calendar
Guernsey	GU5AEG through July 30; Issue 41
	GU5DJC and GU5DKJ through July 30; Issue 45
Thailand	W6RZO at HSLABD through July 31; Issue 45
Andorra	C3LIU by K7VAY sometime in August; this issue, p. 2
Montserrat	VP2MM by W1CDC Aug. 2-30
Juan Fernandez	CEØCJA Aug. 8-15; this issue, p. 2
Grand Cayman	By WA3s UFI and IZH, Aug. 10-16; this issue
WAE	European DX Contest, CW, Aug. 9-10
SEANET	Phone Contest, Aug. 16-17
All Asia	CW Contest, Aug. 23-24
Philippines	W6RZO visiting W3WYP/DU, Aug. 28-Sept. 4
Serrana Bank/Bajo Nuevo	Sometime in September by Colombians; this issue, p. 2

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