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

PROPAGATION: Aug. 2, High/Low Normal; Aug. 3, Low Normal; Aug. 4, Low Normal; Aug. 5, High/Low Normal; Aug. 6, High Normal; Aug. 7, High/Low Normal; Aug. 8, 9, 10, High Normal; Aug. 11, Low Normal; Aug. 12, 13, 14, High Normal; Aug. 15, High/Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

SOMALIA 500DX is expected to continue active through about August 14. Operator I2YDX, Guiseppe De Gasperin, is an agricultural consultant in Somalia for a 25-day stay. He's running low power to a vertical, expects to make 15,000 contacts if conditions hold up. Mid-way through his operation there had been no CW operation, as Guiseppe did not have a key with him, but he has been trying to locate one. His operating schedule on Saturday, July 26, was as follows:

0800Z 21290-21300

1500Z 21290-21300

2000Z 14205-14220

2300Z 7080-7085

This is not a concrete operating schedule but might be a good basis for looking.

QSLs to I2YAE, G.C. Broggin, Via Roma 1, ISPRA VA 21027 Italy

VK9ZG also continues active from Willis, almost exclusively on SSB. Has been heard and worked as early as 0600Z in North America and as late as 1300Z, anywhere from 14195 to 14335. Has been about strength S7 on the East Coast, peaks about 1200Z, and the operators do have split frequency capability. They have been found a few times talking back home to Australia above 14200. The group still intends staying on Willis through the end of 1980; after that, apparently the weather station will be automated and chances of more amateur operation there will be reduced.

BAJO NUEVO/SERRANA BANK: The Radio Club of Bogota Colombia met Friday, July 25, and firmed up plans for operations from these two rare spots. They will open up from Bajo Nuevo, signing HK0AB, about August 16, and from Serrana Bank, HK0AA, one week later. Francisco, HK0BKX, of San Andres, has been asked to participate in the operation; that would ensure at least some CW operation. No particular frequencies have been mentioned.

IRAQ: Conflicting reports on the YI1JY operation mentioned last week indicate starting dates of mid-August, early September, and later in the year. HR Report says they (the Jordanians) have permission now and the activity might start as early as mid-August. It is assumed that the operation will be from the YI1BGD club station. Best bet for last-minute information would be to find a JY station and ask him or her.

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**JUAN DE NOVA:** DK9KD and others from the April Glorioso operation plan to leave Cologne West Germany September 9 for a try at Juan de Nova. This will be via Reunion, where the group made such a good impression in April that an invitation to return was extended.

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** A6XJC, whose name is Jan, received a license to transmit on July 11, and has been worked on 15 Meter SSB. His address is Box 5708, Dubai, but QSL to PEØMGM, M.J. Groote-ter Mors, v d Capellenstr 21, 7514 AW Enschede Netherlands.

**K4YT,** Karl Renz, on a business trip in Africa, appeared July 17 from his first stop at 5T5DX. Other prefixes on his itinerary are: 6W8, D4, J5, C5, 3X, 9L, 9G, TU, TZ, XT, 5U, 5V, and TY. He will operate wherever licensing is possible. Ref. TDXB Issue 45.

**W4MGN,** Ed Richmond, is at his last stop, the Gambia, operating C5ACC through the end of July. His second stop at Senegal (6W8JI) has been cancelled. QSL routes for Ed's various operations is in TDXB Issue 39, p. 2.

**ARRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** (at the National Convention in Seattle last week) details are sketchy at press time, but the following is of interest: The Board resolved to support initiatives encouraging the FCC to expand PHONE BANDS for U.S. amateurs, apparently along the lines recommended by some members of the Western Washington DX Club (Ref. TDXB Issue 45). Included would be 14150-14175 Extra Class, 14175-14200 Advanced, and probably 14200 and above for General Class. Also 7075-7100 for Extra Class, which would produce, for the first time, two non-contiguous band segments.

**ARRL'S CONTEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE** recently voted to recommend that the ARRL March International DX Contest, formerly the International DX Competition, be returned at least in part to pre-1980 rules. That would mean retaining single-band competition, one weekend per mode, but would eliminate "DX-to-DX" contacts, which was the main change tried during the 1980 Contest. The activity would revert to its original concept of "the world working the U.S. and Canada."

This CAC recommendation was approved by headquarters staff and is expected to be implemented for the 1981 International DX Competition/Contest.

**DXCC** administration (Newington) turn-around time has been reduced to about 18 days, thanks to an increased staff. FB!

Amateurs in Greece are using the SW prefix during the Olympic Games.

Victor Rivera, KA7HRK, will operate from ZK1 Cook Islands the entire month of August; he is a Novice operator (28100-200, 21100-200)

The first QSLs from ON6BC's April TZ4AQS operating have started to show up.

W2BHK and WA7UUF report that they and others have received cards for UØY for contacts made last October (CQ Zone 23).

8Q7AZ, Ramesh, is the son of 8Q7AV and QSL address is: Four Winds, Male, Rep. of Maldives.

One K6 got a YI1BGD card by working the station a second time months later and asking what had happened to his five envelopes and 15 IRCs. Others have used hand-addressed envelopes, currency, etc.



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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./Time (plus West, Central, East coast report)/Day of Month.

## Africa

A22GV/14203/14E/19	SU1BA/21303/01E/20	XT2AY/21277/00E/19	60ØDX/14208/21E/22
A22GV/14202/14W/19	SU1AL/21335/00E/22	ZD8RB/28619/21E/22	60ØDX/21307/20E/25
A7XD/21288/21E/17	W5JMM/	3B8AS/14033/11E/20	7X4AN/14015/00E/21
A7XD/21300/20E/24	SU/21275/18E/24	3B8AS/14246/13E/19	7X2ED/14024/02E/24
C5AAA/14278/01E/21	S79MC/21294/18W/17	3B9DB/14027/11E/22	8Q7AZ/14210/16W/21
C5AAA/14227/00E/26	S79MC/21294/19C/17	3D6BS/14215/13E/19	8Q7AZ/14210/11C/28
C5ACC/21310/19C/24	S79MC/21321/18E/24	5H3KS/14230/14W/19	9G1AP/14217/01E/26
C5ACA/21302/19E/24	S8AAW/14223/15W/19	5H3JR/21383/20E/24	9G1RF/21291/18E/24
D4CBC/14205/07E/24	TR8IG/21024/15C/21	5NØDOG/14217/03W/21	
EA8AT/21008/23E/22	TU2GH/14214/07W/21	5NØDOG/14032/03E/24	
EA9GT/7016/01E/12	VQ9DM/14225/15W/22	5NØRMJ/21357/17E/24	
EA9EO/14284/07E/24	VQ9RB/14208/22E/23	5NØKUY/21290/12E/20	
EA9HU/21023/23E/22	XT2AW/21322/12E/17	5T5DX/21295/16E/17	
FR7BX/14002/12E/20			

## Asia

AP2MQ/21306/01W/17	HZ1AB/14285/03E/21	UD6DHC/14035/22E/23	OE5GML/
AP2MQ/14213/12E/24	JY3ZH/14220/00E/23	UF6CX/14021/02E/24	YK/14207/21E/23
AP2MQ/21297/18E/24	JY5ZM/21275/23E/21	UG6GAF/14250/21E/23	4S7EA/14208/00E/21
A4XIU/21313/01C/25	OD5AT/14285/04E/25	VS5RP/21008/23E/22	4S7DJ/14210/12E/24
A4XIH/21280/18E/25	TA2HIA/14013/02W/17	VU2BBJ/14202/12E/28	4S7CF/14215/13C/27
A4XIH/21280/18E/25	TA2HIA/14012/00E/21	YB9ADA/14060/13E/19	9V1OI/14208/12E/28
A4XIH/21280/18E/25	TA1MB/14241/05E/25	YBØACL/21320/15E/20	9V1TK/21015/18E/20
A6XJC/21280/17E/25	UD6DB/14215/02E/22	YB1ZZ/21322/14E/24	

## Europe

CT2QN/14200/00E/24	GJ3GPL/7012/02E/11	M1C/14220/00E/24	TF3NA/21280/18C/23
C31IR/21025/19C/22	GU5AEG/21033/14E/20	OHØAM/14219/05W/20	TF3YH/21321/16C/25
EA6BG/21300/20E/17	GU5AEG/21032/23C/22	DJ6SI/	RK50/14208/12E/28
FØCH/	GU5DKJ/21328/18E/24	OHØ/14026/20E/23	RL10/14052/12E/28
FC/14275/22E/20	ISØIKR/14033/03E/24	SV1SW/14022/02E/23	RM30/21306/04E/23
GD4JUJ/14192/21E/19	WD4JKT/	SVØAO/21287/02E/25	RT20/14023/12E/28
	LX/21320/03E/24	TF3YH/14202/13E/27	9H1GC/21305/20E/17

## Oceania

A35JL/14285/06E/24	JD1YAA/14212/12W/21	T3LA/14208/09C/25	ZK2YY/1805/13W/21
A35JL/14223/10E/24	AEØL/	VK9ZG/14207/10E/21	ZK2YY/3780/12W/21
FB8ZO/14028/10E/24	KH2/14020/10E/21	VK9ZG/14247/10E/22	ZL1BIL/1809/13W/21
FOØRS/21345/04E/18	N6HR/	VK9ZG/14240/12E/22	3D2SC/21292/00E/24
FW8SC/14036/09E/20	KX6/7008/11E/19	VK9ZG/14243/07E/24	
	T3AC/14285/07E/19	YJ8IR/14220/07E/24	

## Elsewhere

CE1BLL/21360/20E/18	FM7AV/14220/22E/23	KC4USV/14260/07W/21	KA4EIN/
C6ANU/14217/01E/25	HC4WA/28038/17W/20	KC4USV/14274/10E/23	TI4/28560/20E/24
FB8XY/14245/13E/22	HH2VP/21028/23C/18	TF3CC/	YS9VH/21315/07E/24
FB8ZO/14006/10E/20	HK1RCB/28015/17W/20	OX/14202/13E/27	9Y4CRD/28610/19E/25
FB8ZO/14223/11E/23	HK3YH/7002/01E/19	PZ1BK/14207/22E/23	
	J6LOU/14206/03E/18	TI2LA/28030/17W/20	

bulletin deadlines: Bandpass, Monday in Vernon; News Items, Tuesday in Vernon; Telephone, 1300 UTC Tuesday.

Reporters needed: write or phone for a supply of report forms and postpaid envelopes.



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Kurt Meyers, W8IQ/W8IBX, is a Bible school teacher in Cameroun, has a Drake SSR-1 receiver, but is unable to obtain permission to transmit or even possess a transmitter.

A last reminder of the Warren Ohio Hamfest, Sunday, August 17, at the intersection of State Rt. 5 Bypass and State Rt. 45. The Saturday evening dinner features WA4WME, Hugh Vandergrift, and his presentation of the "Greatest Expeditions." Other programs include NØTG on Navassa '78, N200 on Spratly '79, etc. Good prizes, too.

Latest issue of the bi-monthly National Contest Journal is out, with lots of letters from its readers, and a chart of sunrise and sunset times at various spots around the world, for the IARU Radiosport and WAE CW contest weekends. These times are extremely valuable for DXers, especially on 40 and 80 Meters. Editor is Randy Thompson, K5ZD.

PROPAGATION (from KH6BZF)

W9DXCC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flux</u>	<u>Sunspots</u>	<u>Alpha</u>	<u>K</u>
July				
7	148	145	16	3
8	148	170	12	3
9	150	150	9	2
10	159	135	5	3
11	168	132	11	2
12	172	171	5	1
13	191	204	11	2
14	203	n/a	7	3

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association, takes place this year Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Arlington Park Hilton, northwest of Chicago.

Guests will include Collins Radio product engineer manager WØECK, ARRL Communications Manager W1XX, Dr. Wayne Overbeck, N6NB, and W9JUV, who will be this year's banquet speaker (W9JUV compiles *HR Report*). More next week.

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## MORE SURVEY RESULTS

Local Honor Roller Vince Sgroi, K1RM, came up with the following call area breakdown of the ten most needed countries. The first figure is percentage of respondents in the call area needing that country, while the number in parentheses indicates that country's ranking in the overall list. Thanks, Vince! (Original Survey in Issue 47).

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
BY 87 (1)	BY 89 (1)	BY 95 (1)	BY 84 (1)	BY 89 (1)
XZ 83 (3)	XU 83 (8)	VS9K 93 (2)	VS9K 79 (2)	VS9K 88 (2)
VS9K 80 (2)	XZ 78 (3)	70 90 (7)	XZ 78 (3)	VU-L 88 (5)
VK9H 79 (6)	VK9H 78 (6)	VU-A 90 (10)	VK9H 75 (6)	ZA 85 (4)
XU 79 (8)	VS9K 79 (2)	XZ 88 (3)	XU 75 (8)	XZ 82 (3)
VU-L 73 (5)	FB8W 78 (9)	ZA 88 (4)	ZA 74 (4)	VK9H 80 (6)
FB8W 73 (9)	VU-L 76 (5)	VK9H 88 (6)	FB8W 73 (9)	FB8W 78 (9)
ZA 70 (4)	ZA 70 (4)	XU 88 (8)	VU-L 71 (5)	VU-A 78 (10)
70 68 (7)	VU-A 70 (10)	FB8W 88 (9)	VU-A 67 (10)	FR-G 77 (15)
VU-A 68 (10)	7J 69 (25)	VU-L 85 (5)	70 65 (7)	XU 75 (8)
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>
VS9K 82 (2)	VS9K 98 (2)	BY 91 (1)	BY 92 (1)	BY 88 (1)
70 82 (7)	ZA 84 (4)	XZ 86 (3)	VS9K 91 (2)	VS9K 87 (2)
ZA 81 (4)	BY 82 (1)	VU-L 86 (5)	XZ 85 (3)	ZA 85 (4)
VU-L 78 (5)	VU-L 75 (5)	VK9H 84 (6)	ZA 82 (4)	XZ 83 (3)
BY 76 (1)	70 75 (7)	VS9K 83 (2)	VU-L 78 (5)	VK9H 82 (6)
VK9H 73 (6)	3Y 76 (12)	ZA 83 (4)	VK9H 78 (6)	70 75 (7)
XZ 72 (3)	HK-M 73 (18)	70 79 (7)	XU 78 (8)	VU-A 75 (10)
FR/E 72 (14)	XZ 71 (3)	XU 76 (8)	70 77 (7)	VU-L 73 (5)
FR/G 71 (15)	FR/E 71 (14)	FB8W 74 (9)	FB8W 69 (9)	3X 73 (13)
HK-M 70 (18)	CEØX 67 (11)	VU-A 74 (10)	CEØX 68 (10)	XU 70 (8)

DA1WA/HBØ.

MAY 1980

THE AMERICAN RADIO CLUB OF WIESBADEN, West Germany (which also has German, French and Austrian members) concluded its fourth DXpedition to Leichtenstein with over ten thousand contacts and 144 countries worked. QSLs are now going out to over two thousand requests received direct. QSOs, many on CW, were made on seven bands.

At the peak of activity, the club had 12 operators, 25 antennas and six stations on the air. Many hours were spent working JA and W pileups. This year was the group's first time on 160 Meters, and although no transatlantic contacts were made, many Europeans were worked on Top Band.

Several stateside hams sent cards to the group's European manager, DJØLC. North Americans should send cards to:

Steve Hutchins  
Box 4573  
APO NY 09109 (15 cent SASE)

Jerry, DA1WA, President of the Wiesbaden Amateur Radio Club, reports that "the 1980 DXpedition was our most successful in terms of contacts, countries worked, and liters of wine consumed. See you next year."

# CALENDAR

Iraq	YI1JY possible anytime; this issue, p. 1
Somalia	60ØDX on NOW; Issue 48
	try 21025 and 21280, 1400-1700Z; 14025 and 14210, 1700-2100Z
Leichtenstain	WA4MBG/HBØ through Aug. 6, SSB only; Issue 47, p. 1
Willis Island	VK9ZG on now; Issue 47, p. 1, and see Bandpass, this issue
Andorra	C31IU by K7VAY sometime in Aug; Issue 48, p. 2
Guadeloupe	FGØFVB by WD4RCO sometime in Aug; Issue 48, p. 3
Montserrat	VP2MM by W1CDC Aug. 2-30
Juan Fernandez	CEØCJA Aug. 8-15; Issue 48, p. 2
Grand Cayman	By WA3s UFI, IZH, Aug. 10-16; Issue 48, p. 2
WAE	European DX Contest, CW, Aug. 9-10
SEANET	Phone Contest, Aug. 16-17
Dodecanese	SVØAM/5 Aug. 15-30; Issue 48, p. 3
Bajo Nuevo	HKØAB third week of August; this Issue, p. 1
All Asia	CW Contest, Aug. 23-24
Philippines	W6RZO visiting W3WYP/DU, Aug. 28-Sept. 4
Serrana Bank	HKØAA fourth week of August; this issue, p. 1

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Editor's Note: After mentioning "bootleggers" two issues ago we have received a half dozen responses, all in favor of at least some coverage for "Slims." OK, will do. Your assistance is needed to help identify for sure in some cases, particularly when someone else is signing a perfectly legitimate call sign. We will do the best we can.

Your input (letters, reports, tidbits) is especially appreciated during these slow summer months. Letters especially, which are the only way we have of knowing what is liked in TDXB and what is not. Please keep them coming!

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