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# The DX Bulletin

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

PROPAGATION FORECAST: Sept. 6, High/Low Normal; Sept. 7, High Normal; Sept. 8, 9, 10, High Normal; Sept. 11, High/Low Normal; Sept. 12, Low Normal; Sept. 13, 14, 15, High/Low Normal; Sept. 16-20, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

BAJO NUEVO/SERRANA BANK is just about completed when you read this. The group was about 24 hours late getting to HKØAB Bajo Nuevo, and thus about the same time behind schedule getting to HKØAA Serrana Bank. They are between the two spots as this is written. QSL information: the box number (584) printed last week is correct; the callsign should be HK3DDD, not HK3BDD (which is what the official press release from the radio club said).

ZL1AMO AND ZL1AZV CONTINUE active from the Pacific. They operated as A35EA and A35TW, respectively, from Tonga, then last week as ZK2EA and ZK2TW. QSL CW contacts to ZL1AMO and SSB contacts to ZL1AZV. Their callsigns for Western Samoa SW1 Sept. 4-7 were not known at presstime. After that they are back to Tonga Sept. 8-13.

JUAN FERNANDEZ As of Sept. 3 nothing heard of the CEØCJA operation which was planned to start Sept. 1.

JUAN DE NOVA (TDXB Issue 52, p. 1) is now expected to begin September 14; the group still leaves Germany on the 9th.

INDIAN OCEAN OPERATION by AA6AA and N6ZV continues; KA6S has returned to the States. Following their operations as 3B8ZV, 3B9ZV, and AA6AA/3B8, the two operated from the Comoroes as D68XX and D68GA. QSLs for these go to ZL1BIL. Please send only one envelope per operation, and separate envelopes for each operation/callsign.

At last count about 8,000 contacts had been made from the Comoroes. They are using "standard" DX frequencies except 7070 on 40 Meter phone. There has been no 160 Meter operation. Some contacts were made from the FRØFLO station and QSLs for these should go to his address.

Next stop, which might be in progress at this time, is Tromelin, for which they reportedly do have a license. After that, operations from 5Z4 and TL8 are possible.

FRANZ JOSEF LAND'S ONLY OPERATOR UA1PAL is expected to leave September 15, and will not be replaced in the foreseeable future. He has been very active the past two weeks or so on 15 and 20, both CW and SSB.

ET3PG operations have ceased for the present, reasons not known. J28AZ has also not made his proposed visits to Addis Ababa (Issue 51).

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BAND CONDITIONS appear to be several weeks ahead of what they were two years ago; 10 Meters opened Aug. 29 Japan/East Coast, and 10 has in general exploded in the past two weeks, with all continents coming through with good signals. Low band reports are also starting to pick up as static diminishes. The disturbance predicted for Aug. 30 happened about 12-24 hours late, and was of short duration.

PZ1DR and his manager WD4NBX have a regular schedule on 14240 at 1230Z, after which PZ1DR usually moves above 14280 to work others. WD4NBX is John M. Kemp, PO BOX 955, Lebanon, TN 37087

Jack Sproat, YB0ACL/W4LCL leaves Indonesia Sept. 14 after 14 months there. He was on the air for nine months and made over 12,000 contacts on 10 and 15 Meters, using an HW-101 and low two -element quad. Understandably, his manager W4QO has not yet caught up with the QSL demand, and Jack will be helping as soon as he returns (to Florida) and gets settled. If you haven't got a response to your QSL request by Oct. 1, send another to John Sproat, W4LCL, 4981 SW 94th Terrace, Cooper City FL 33328.

ARRL News is that their cash flow position continues excellent and their financial situation is stable. They are now operating "comfortably in the black." The latest Assistant Directors' Letter lists the companies which are not allowed to advertise in QST: DSI, Bash, SST Electronics, Communications Technology Group, Long Path Radio, Daring On Industries, and Bilal Co. These are all for bad customer relations, unacceptable products, and one for rubber checks...but Bash is excluded for compromising the FCC examinations...articles on Bash's study guides have appeared recently in other amateur magazines.

ARRL is now putting out a monthly news sheet aimed at the public relations and FCC crowds. The latest issue features amateurs' activities associated with the Mt. St. Helens volcano eruption. On the international scene, the news sheet advises that the Liberian Minister of Posts and Telecommunications recently announced that amateur radio is being restored in that country. The newly formed Solomon Islands Radio Society has been accepted into IARU membership, the 111th such member. H44 has thirty licensed amateurs, mostly in the capital city of Honiara.

GOT TIME? GOT MONEY? Read this anyway. Lindblad Tours of New York and Westport Conn offers their "Explorer" cruise, which begins in Singapore on a ship which carries 92 persons and a "fleet" of inflatable rafts called zodiacs for shore excursions. They stop first in Malaysia, followed by Christmas Island, then Cocos Islands, Kerguelen, Heard, McDonald, Bouvet, and Ushaia at the very tip of South America. And (are you ready?) it only costs \$15,430 for a private room (air fares extra).

*If the Dayton Hamvention is any indication we could cram at least ten hams into that room.*

OY7ML sends money for a subscription and says please cease and desist sending cards for the following pirates: OY2LP, OY4NA, OY5CD, OY7G, and OY5JA. Club station OY6FRA will be active in the coming contests, with a new beam on an eighteen meter tower. OY7ML is the only Faroes station active on 160 Meters.

HK3LR/MM was the boatload of Colombian hams on their way to Bajo Nuevo. You can get a special QSL card through the expedition route of HK3DDD, Box 584 Bogota.

TR8EE is new to Gabon, origin unknown, will be there about two more weeks.

George Adkins, AD1S, writes that his operating haunts listed last week are still in effect, except the Saturday schedule with KC6DC at 0530Z is kaput; 1300Z still OK.



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

## LOW BANDS

C31UB/7002/03C/26	LZ2ZZ/7004/00C/24	U050GK/7006/03C/25	3B8ZV/7016/23E/24
F3NB/7004/04W/24	PY7ZZ/3510/01E/27	U050DN/7008/01C/26	AA6AA/
FR0FLO/7195/03E/14	PP7CAR/7001/00C/26	YB0WR/7203/11C/23	3B8/7005/00C/24
GD4BEG/7003/01E/13	TF3YH/7005/01C/28	Y07WO/7014/05W/24	4S7MX/3501/14W/23
HA1ZZ/7005/02W/21	TG9XGV/7006/02C/27	ZS3LK/7007/01C/24	4S7MX/3504/13W/24
HB9AHA/7007/04W/24	TL8JM/7005/01C/24	AA6AA/	4U1UN/7010/01W/21
J73D/7006/01C/27	UK6LAZ/7001/02C/22	3B8/3507/13W/23	4U1UN/7022/00E/27
KG4AH/7007/02E/22	UK9AAN/7007/01C/24	AA6AA/	6W8EN/7085/08C/25
	UK5QCT/7007/01E/13	3B8/7005/14W/23	

## Africa

CN8BD/21275/20E/24	J28CC/14218/14C/24	3B6CD/14035/11E/26	6W8IJ/21275/19E/23
CT3AR/28610/18E/29	SU1BA/14212/01E/26	3B8AS/14034/14W/18	6W8IA/21347/01E/30
C5ACC/21256/20E/23	W5JMM/	3B8ZV/14201/03C/25	7X2LS/28595/18E/29
D68XX/21027/00C/30	SU/21379/20E/24	3B8ZV/14030/11E/28	8Q7AV/14212/12C/23
D68AP/21302/21C/28	S79RD/21278/21E/23	3B8ZV/21283/18W/23	8Q7AV/14212/12E/29
D68XX/21027/03E/30	TR8EE/21299/00W/25	3B9AE/14241/04E/25	8Q7AZ/21282/18E/22
EA8QE/14049/00W/22	TU4AW/21310/19C/24	5N0DOG/14043/04E/26	8Q7AZ/21278/20E/28
EA8IT/14237/01C/24	VQ9TT/14222/00E/22	5N0KUY/21329/23E/22	9G1KB/14209/23C/25
EA8AK/28507/20W/29	VQ9TT/14227/12E/25	5N0KUY/21325/23E/27	9G1RF/14345/01E/26
EA9GT/14028/06C/22	VQ9TT/14219/12E/28	5N0MAS/21037/18E/28	9G1AP/14206/02E/29
EA9GK/28015/18E/29	ZE3JJ/28525/19W/1	5N0DOG/28530/00E/29	9G1RF/21300/18E/24
EL2P/14206/00E/29	ZS3KC/28532/19E/28	5V7HL/21291/21W/24	9G1RF/21332/22E/25
FR7BP/14020/13W/18	3B6CD/14034/12C/22	5V7HL/21290/22C/24	9J2LL/14220/22E/23
J28CC/14202/14E/22	3B6CD/14247/11C/23	5Z4YV/21290/22E/25	9J2KL/28030/20W/24
	3B6CD/14028/11E/25	5Z4YV/21292/23E/26	

## Asia

A7XA/21300/19E/24	OD5FB/14213/03E/21	VS6JR/14210/10C/25	4S7VG/14211/12C/24
A7XD/21300/20E/22	OD5FB/14213/03W/23	VS6BB/14204/10E/26	4S7EC/14216/10E/25
A7XD/21310/18W/24	OD5AT/14290/03E/24	VU2BBJ/14220/11C/23	4S7EA/14205/12E/26
A7XD/21281/19E/25	OD5NG/21295/15E/26	VU2BX/14208/11E/27	4S7CF/14202/01C/28
A9XCX/21333/20W/25	TA1MB/14027/05C/21	VU2HI/14212/12E/31	4S7DJ/21312/20C/28
DU1MEL/14226/11E/22	TA1MD/14204/02E/25	VU2WTR/21027/13E/19	4S7RM/28615/18E/29
K5FSS/	TA1MD/14213/02E/26	VU2HF/21076/18E/19	4X4CW/21254/12E/23
DU2/14218/11C/22	UA0KSC/14013/11E/29	VU2LQA/21290/16W/24	4Z4RG/21027/20C/24
WB5LBJ/	UF6DZ/14222/04W/20	VU2LQA/21290/16E/24	4X6BV/21288/20E/25
DU6/21344/01E/26	UF6FBA/14272/03E/24	VU2BBJ/21292/19E/24	4Z4XW/28520/20W/29
HL9KE/14208/12E/21	UF6FBH/14237/03C/29	YB5IE/14236/11E/27	5B4HN/14200/02E/26
HL9TH/14240/12C/24	UF6CR/14295/00E/29	YB2AG/21350/15E/22	8J1HAM/14042/12E/22
HL9TS/14040/11E/26	UH8HBR/21030/19C/24	YB2ML/21356/17E/22	9K2EW/14222/03C/22
HS4AMI/14205/12C/24	UK7BAL/14018/11E/28	YI1BGD/14228/13E/23	9K2EW/14222/04W/22
HS1AMS/14224/10E/26	UL7MAR/21045/20C/24	YI1BGD/14285/14W/23	9M2SQ/14225/15E/23
HS5AID/14035/11E/27	VS5MS/14225/15E/23	YK1AO/14206/14W/20	9M2CF/14250/10E/24
HS1ABD/14025/10E/1	VS5TX/14214/10C/25	4S7EC/14015/13W/18	9M2LC/14250/10E/1
JY3ZH/14220/23E/27	VS5TX/14214/11E/25	4S7CF/14232/00E/22	9M2MW/14250/10E/1
JY3LH/14221/01C/28	VS5MS/14225/11C/25	4S7EA/14208/01W/23	
OD5FB/14210/03W/20	VS6GY/14020/13W/18	4S7CF/14202/00E/23	
	VS6DD/14214/11C/22	4S7VG/14226/12E/23	

## Europe

CT2CB/21293/20E/24	GW5NF/28026/18E/29	OH0AM/21030/12E/31	UA1PAL/21251/06W/24
CT8USA/21291/14E/23	GW3AHN/28595/17E/31	SV1KP/14207/05W/25	UA1PAL/21019/02C/29
CT2CQ/28575/20E/29	M1C/14212/03W/20	SV1IW/5/14208/01E/27	ZB2EO/28020/18E/29
EA6BG/14221/02E/23	M1C/14210/00W/25	SV1IW/5/21023/20C/22	9H4K/21309/20C/23
EI6S/28550/12E/31	M1C/14217/01E/27	TF3YH/14207/01C/23	
GM3YOR/28030/17E/31	OH1TQ/	TF3YH/21253/16E/28	More.....
	OH0/14025/05W/25	UA1PAL/14017/01C/29	

PLEASE NOTE NEW DEADLINES: Bandpass, Monday in Vernon; News Items, Monday in Vernon; Telephone, 1400 UTC Tuesday.



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## Oceania

A35EA/14025/04W/26	H44DX/28532/23W/24	KH0AC/14228/11E/26	VK9ZG/28885/23W/24
A35EA/21026/04E/25	H44DX/28530/03C/26	P29RY/14218/13C/23	VR6TC/21350/00E/27
A35TW/21295/04W/26	K6SAD/	P29LB/14225/12C/24	YJ8BG/14225/11E/28
A35EA/28595/02C/26	KH2/14228/11E/29	T3AT/14076/09C/22	YJ8NPS/28530/02C/26
C21BS/14300/11C/24	AH2E/14201/12E/30	VK9CCT/14224/14W/22	ZK1CF/21306/03C/22
C21BS/14339/11E/30	KC6DC/14210/11E/28	VK9NL/14333/11E/26	ZK1CF/21345/02E/24
FK8DA/14030/12E/27	KC6DC/21280/02W/21	VK9NI/14219/10C/27	ZK2TW/14195/12E/29
FK8DA/14041/11E/28	WA4CEH/	VK9NL/14025/11E/1	3D2AF/14205/11E/26
FO8GM/14228/11E/31	KH8/14248/12C/23	VK9ZG/14218/10E/25	
H44SH/14221/14C/24	WA4CEH/	VK9ZG/14205/10E/28	
	KH8/14287/11E/28	VK9ZG/28885/00W/22	

## Elsewhere

CE3AA/21027/02E/2	FM7WU/14005/02E/28	W2AAF/	ZF1MA/14206/03C/29
CE9AF/14265/01W/25	FM7WO/21028/02C/26	KP2/14221/11E/27	4U1UN/14025/04C/21
CO7AM/28538/00E/29	FP8HL/14204/02E/23	LU8ESU/28914/00W/21	4U1UN/14254/15E/22
C6ADV/14205/10E/1	FP8HL/14240/11E/23	TI2AW/21258/12E/31	4U1UN/14025/23C/22
FB8XY/14225/14E/22	FY7YE/14018/10E/30	TI2LA/28030/17E/31	4U1UN/14029/12E/28
FB8XY/14224/14C/26	HH2VP/14028/02W/21	VE8JP/14054/11E/26	8P6AH/14290/11E/28
FB8ZO/14235/12C/23	HH2B/14304/02E/26	VK0WW/14125/09E/1	8P6AE/14235/10E/30
FB8ZO/14014/13E/26	HH2BM/14205/01C/28	VP1PI/14196/12C/22	8P6LB/28585/11E/23
FB8ZO/14240/03C/29	HK0FBF/28590/18E/29	VP1BW/28593/23E/25	K9EF/
FB8ZO/14022/11E/29	HR1RMG/28595/00W/21	VP2AZF/14300/10E/30	8R1/14026/11C/24
FG7AS/14028/03W/20	KC4AAA/14284/10E/24	VP2MH/14267/11E/26	9Y4HM/14223/04W/27
FM7AV/14012/21E/20	KC4UXV/14260/09E/1	VP2MGS/21321/20E/22	9Y4LQ/14287/11E/30
	KG4KK/21295/19E/27	VP8PP/14292/20E/28	

## QSL INFO

A4XIH to G4GIR	FM0FJE to F5VU	UA1PAL to UA1OSM, Box 47,
A7XA to DJ9ZB	FP0FOM to W1IHN	Archangel
A7XD Box 4747 Doha Qatar	FP0FON to W1IHN	VK9CCT to VK5QX
CO7RCB Box 52 Camaguay,	FR0FLO Box 200,	VK9ZG to VK3OT
(NO IRCs)	Tampon via 97430	VP2KC to W4HR
CS1BI to CT1XK	France	VP2MM to W1CDC
CT2CE to AG1K	HK0BKX to WB4QFH,	VP2VGA to WA3UBN
CT2DE to WB3IFD	Box 1139 W. Palm	VP8PP to N6TKV
C31MJ to EA3NE	Beach FL 33402	VQ9CY to K5HK
C31MK to EA3WZ	HS1AMI to VE3DPB	VU2RAK to WB0TNY
C31MS to EA3MS	H44PD Box 350 Hon-	YJ8DH to JA3ARY
C31TD to WA3OMQ	iari Solomon Is.	YJ8IND to Box 39, Port
C31UB to DL7HZ	H44SH to AD1S	Villa, Vanvatu (add New
C31UI to K7VAY	J28AZ to I8JN	Hebrides for the next
C31UN to DF3HN	KG4KK to N6AWD	few months)
C31UZ to WB7VDN	KG4WM to WB1COR	ZK1CF to ZL2AQF
C5ABK to G3LQP	W6SOT/LX to KA5CCD	ZK2YY to K5YY
C5ACC to KB4GQ	OH0SUF to OH1PA	ZL3MA to WB8WMS
C5ACO to W2TK	OH0XZ to OH2KI	3B8DB to K5BDX
DX3UB to JA3UB	OJ0MA 8/80 to OH0NA	3B8ZV to ZL1BIL
WB2UUK/DU to WB9MFC	PJ2FR to K2TJ	3B9ZV to ZL1BIL
D68AP to WB2OHD	P29LB to WB2FLB	3D2EI to W5RBO
D68XX to ZL1BIL	DJ1US/ST3 to DF2RG	3D6BS to N7RO
D68GA to ZL1BIL	SV0AO to KA2FRP	4S7EA to WB9OQU
EA9GJ Box 544 Cueta	SV0AT to AF4B	5H3AA Box 83, Bagamoyo
EL6A to K4SE	TL8JM to W5RU	5Z4YV to JA2AJA
FB8XY to F6CIU	TU2IJ Box 520 Adidjan	600DX to I2YAE
FB8ZO to F6EYB	TU4AT to HB9BTQ	8Q7AZ, Four Winds, Male
FM7BW to WB4IWW	TU4AW to K5TC	9G1RF to WA1ZFS
FM7WW to WB4AXN	T3AT to G3XZF	5N0KUY to J11IMO



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## PROPAGATION (Thanks KH6BZF)

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
8/5	129	5	2
8/6	146	13	3
8/7	139	12	2
8/8	142	5	1
8/9	155	10	4
8/10	169	13	3
8/11	179	8	2
8/12	185	9	2
8/13	190	8	1
8/14	192	11	2
8/15	187	7	2
8/16	191	20	5
8/17	200	7	1
8/18	211	17	3
8/19	197	19	3
8/20	189	11	3
8/21	190	10	2
8/22	177	10	2
8/23	170	8	3
8/24	163	7	1

The DX News Sheet from England says JA7SGV, JH7BBK and DU1JB are traveling in the Pacific, with the following operating schedule:

VS5, Sept. 3-6	3D2 Oct. 7-11
4S7 Sept. 6-11	A35 Oct. 11-18
8Q Swpt. 11-16	5W1 Oct. 18-23
VK2 Sept. 17-20	T3 Oct. 24-27
P29 Sept. 21-27	T2 Oct. 28-30
H44 Sept. 27-Oct. 2	C21 Nov. 1-5
YJ Oct. 2-7	ZM7 Nov. 6-10

The German DARC DX News Letter advises "DK3FW/YI with TS120 and Windom for longer time active. 21178 SSB 1650. On Christmas vacation in DL then again back to YI." We have neither heard, nor heard of, this station.

C31QG (DL7QG) and C31QH (DL7UN) will be on Sept. 5-16, including operation in the WAE Phone Contest Sept. 13-14, mostly on 10, 15 and 20 Meters.

The VP2KC contest team, which set an all time multi-transmitter record in the CQ World-wide DX Phone Contest last year, will NOT be back there this time, but several of the team members are looking for a "serious contest station from which to operate this year." Either DX or stateside. If you've got something, contact Wayne Mueller, W4LVM, at 404-993-7766 or write to his c/b address.

Australian novices have both phone and CW privileges on 10, 15 and 80 Meters, low power. The license is a lifetime one, if desired. Rumors coming out of Washington indicate that the U.S. novice license, now five years and renewable upon retaking the examination, may revert to being time restricted.

Latest issue of the National Contest Journal is out (\$5/year, PO Box 732, Round Rock, TX 78664). After changing editors a year ago, the NCJ is now going to rotate between members of their Board, changing editors every year. Next in line is K5RC, followed by W2GD, KØTO, and N6SF. The NCJ is composed almost entirely of thoughtful letters and articles written by *subscribers*.

It is significant that DXing is the only facet of amateur radio which is able to support custom newsletters and bulletins on a more-often-than-monthly basis. The NCJ is published only six times *per year*. Of course, contest news does not have the critical time value that DX news does.

Another interesting newsletter is Mail-A-Prop by George Jacobs, W3ASK, PO Box 1714, Silver Spring MD 20902. It is a super propagation forecast every other week, and a two-month trial subscription is available for \$6. Annual sub. is \$30.



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CONVENTIONS COMING UP include the W9DXCC, DXPO 80, Houston COMvention, and the NEDXCC Scrodfest. At least two of these will include the "14 Greatest DXpeditions of All Time" presentation by Hugh Vandegrift, WA4WME. Below is his official press release on the presentation, which is "non-commercial and purely for the enjoyment of hams":

## SAMPLE PROGRAM RELEASE

The 14 Greatest DXpeditions Of All Time plus the 1954, 1958, and 1978 Clipperton Island DXpeditions will be the super 2-hour adventure show to be presented at (place) on (date) at (time). Outstanding color slides, provided by the participating DXpeditioners themselves, and narrated live by Hugh Vandegrift, WA4WME, veteran of the 1978 Clipperton Island DXpedition, are aimed at family entertainment. This is not a technical forum and, therefore, will appeal to YLs, XYLs, VHFers, HFers, and DXers alike. The 14 greatest DXpeditions segment (prior to the Clipperton's segment) is not meant to be a substitute for the full length mono-DXpedition presentations currently on the hamfest and banquet circuits, i. e., N200 or K4SMX with Spratly, NØTG with Navassa, Ed Cushing with San Felix, et. al. WA4WME's show is a few slides of each of the greatest DXpeditions to allow audiences the chance to see and hear the logistical problems, personal sacrifices, and dangers involved in planning great efforts in DXpeditions and to see color slides of the operators, operating stations, and geographical environments of each great DXpedition. For over two decades, Clipperton Atoll remained #1 on most versions of the DXCC Most Wanted Countries List. Over 4 years went into the planning of this trip in which 17 amateurs representing 3 countries journeyed 1800 miles into the vast Pacific Ocean west of Panama and in six days captured over 29,000 QSOs world-wide on seven bands. Clipperton Island is an uninhabited remote volcanic atoll used by the French Navy for nuclear weapon testing. The fantastic logistics and adventure of this DXpedition is narrated live by WA4WME with the support of the best movies and slides taken by the entire Clipperton team. The movies and slides are shown simultaneously on adjoining screens in a unique method of synchronization wherein the subject matter (on both screens) is always kept related. This is the chance to hear the monumental logistical details and political intrigue involved in planning a DXpedition of this magnitude--a \$42,000 venture, the most expensive single DXpedition in history. This is the chance to see and hear about the top 17 DXpeditions of all time. Don't miss it--come early--and enjoy informal contacts with friends and chat with our guest speaker. Many of us only dream of an adventure such as this--here is a man that has lived it.

## SAMPLE PROGRAM RELEASE

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DID YOU KNOW there is a *Middle East Economic Digest*? A subscriber in Ridayh, Saudi Arabia forwarded a copy of a recent edition...with some interesting information on 70 S. Yemen (which used to be called Aden). Daimaru and Nippon Electric of Japan have received color television transmitter orders totalling \$5.3 million. The transmitters are to be installed near the N. Yemen border and are expected to be delivered in about six months. Surely, the technicians necessary for installation will include some JA hams...

Chet Lambert, KX6PP, is now home at 1704 Sam Drive, Birmingham, AL 35235. He has all the KX6PP logs and a few for club station KX6BQ. Stateside call is W4WDR.



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August 19, 1980

Dear Editor:

I understand that ITU has assigned a prefix for North Korea. My question, then, is how come North Korea has not been added to the DXCC list of countries?

Ah, you say, there are no operators or operations from there. Well, then it would appear that the main consideration for a country to have DXCC status is that there must be operators and operations allowed. Agreed?

My next question is, how come we have places like China and a host of others where there has not been operations for years and probably will not be for a good many to come, if ever, and these countries are still carried on the DXCC list?

I agree with K5YY, and his talk at Dayton last May (April - Ed.), that the DXCC and the Honor Roll should not be easy to come by, but...it should not be something that is impossible to get. I think that under the present setup that is what we have.

I would like to propose the following for thought and discussion:

Why can't we take countries that have been inactive for years and remove them from the DXCC list and place them in what could be called a "suspended" or "inactive" status, until the time that operations do take place?

- (1) A time limit before suspension might be five or, maybe ten years. Maybe even a sunspot cycle.
- (2) They would still count for country totals for those that had worked them.
- (3) They would not have to be worked again by those already having them in their country total.

This would allow us poor souls that have little chance of ever getting on the Honor Roll a shot at the award. When China and the rest become active and are returned to the DXCC active list I would be more than happy to work them to remain on the H.R. The old chestnut about it being too much paperwork for ARRL is just not valid in my eyes. ARRL and DXCC is for the benefit of the membership and not the other way around.

/s/ Hal Beebe W9RY "Five Five DX Group"

## The editor replies:

Dear Hal: "Poor souls who have little chance of ever getting on the Honor Roll" are what make it the Honor Roll in the first place. We would much sooner see such DXCC entities as Desecheo deleted. O kino Torishima is already coming off. China, with a billion souls, may not have any hams at present, but China's presence affects our daily lives in a myriad of ways. To not have them on the list would be a return to the isolationist policies of the 1920's, 1930's, and 1950's.

Membership in the DXCC Honor Roll is not impossible to get. Look at the latest QST. The presence of the People's Republic of China on the DXCC list serves to constantly remind us of what we have which they don't. We believe that is a large part of what DXing (and DXCC) is all about.

# CALENDAR

WAE European Phone Contest, Sept. 13-14  
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More on Super Lasers...none of those c.b. aerials was nearly big enough, so we have put together the basis for a seven-element 10 Meter yagi, and now are awaiting the last few parts to complete it. All it needs is a name. With all the big guns and little pistols running around, maybe its 38-foot boom can qualify it as an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (for defense purposes, of course). Listen for it soon.

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