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PROPAGATION FORECAST: September 23: High Normal; 24: High Normal; going to Disturbed; 25: Disturbed; 26/27: High Normal; 28/29: Above Normal. Thanks N4XX.

N6DX cancelled his stop at Niue, ZK2, and proceeded to Tonga early; his original plan was to be at A35 until about September 27. His 5W1CF operation netted a number of contacts on 6 Meters.

The American official expected on the air from CHAD is Jim Bullington, N4HX. No word on when he expects to be operational.

Japanese licensing proceeds apace: JL1 prefixes are exhausted and they have started on JM callsigns.

VE3FXT is stationed in Thailand and has been heard operating from HS4AMA; he expects to be there two years and awaits his own HS callsign.

HS1WR will be visiting the US following his participation in the WARC; he will in NYC October 8, followed by Orlando, Washington, DC, Fargo, ND, Las Vegas, and finally Los Angeles October 23-31. If you would like to coordinate a visit at your local club, etc., talk to Fred Laun, HS1ABD on the air.

The following information on the recent CHINA activity will appear in Japan's premier amateur radio magazine:

"... JA6HOZ created a lot of excitement around the world, although very short-lived, on July 15, when he got on the air from Kwangtung, China for almost one hour on 20 Meters. There were a lot of conflicting stories floating around, including one in HR Report stating that the pile-up was so tremendous that the Chinese officials put the station off the air, which was not true. To set the record straight, here is the true story of the events as told by JA6HOZ, Yuji Shimada.

"He works for a large chemical company in Japan, and has travelled to business trips to China previous-

ly, and has had visitors from China in Japan on occasion. He has for some time wanted to have the opportunity to operate from China, and finally, through his Chinese business associates arranged for a 'five minute' demonstration of ham radio from the Canton city hall, to be conducted only while local government officials were in attendance.

"He put up a 20 Meter dipole at the Canton city hall, set up his rig, and three high-ranking officials came to see the demonstration. He went on the air on July 15 on 14120 at 0607Z and closed down at 0702Z. As soon as he went on the air, a jammer came on the frequency, began whistling at first, and then proceeded to play music. Yuji wanted to QSY of course, but he could not, as he was given permission to operate only on 14120 kHz. When the jammer briefly ceased operating now and then, he (Yuji) attempted to have a QSO, and succeeded in having a couple of JA QSOs. He managed to keep the attention of the city officials for almost a full hour.

"He did not receive written permission, as he desired, but only the oral permission from the local officials, and only for the single frequency, and only for the period that the officials were present.

"Yuji says we should not expect to hear him on from China again and, in his opinion, China is many, many years away from granting permission to its own citizens to operate ham radio, not to mention non-Chinese..."

THE DX BULLETIN gratefully acknowledges the help of Fred Ihara, JA1ADN, Editor of *CQ Ham Radio* (JARL) in finally setting the record straight in this matter.

1979 NEW ENGLAND DXCC MEETING: OCT. 6, 1979

All radio amateurs interested in DX are invited to attend the 30th NEDXCC Meeting and Banquet to be held at the Holiday Inn of Waltham, Mass., on Saturday, October 6, 1979. YLs and XYLs are, of course, most welcome. The evening program will be highlighted by New England's own roving DXer, Bill Poellnitz, K1MM, F0MM, FG0MM, FM0MM, KG4MM,

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CE0ZM . . . etc. Bill will present a slide show and tell the exciting story of how he survived the 1S1DX expedition.

The afternoon program will begin at 2:30 pm in the Patio B area. It will include Roger Burt, N4ZC, who will give a slide show and talk on the first Desecheo operation which counted . . . KP4AM/D.

Hugh "Cass" Cassidy, WA6AUD, the recently retired editor of the *West Coast DX Bulletin*, will speak on that newsletter's glorious history.

There will be a \$2.00 fee to those attending the afternoon program only. A cocktail hour with a cash bar begins at 5 pm. The banquet will be served at 6 pm in the Terrace room with choice of Broiled Scrod (\$11.75) or London Broil (\$12.50).

Following K1MM's evening presentation on the Spratly assault, the program will conclude with short discussions by Don Search, W3AZD, ARRL Assistant Communications Manager for DXCC . . . Tony Berg, W1OT, Chairman of the ARRL's DX Advisory Committee, and finally John Sullivan, W1HHR, ARRL New England Division Director

Reservations are an ABSOLUTE MUST. Send your check and an SASE for return of your tickets to:

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Your check must be received no later than September 30!!!

Make your accomodation arrangements directly with the Waltham Holiday Inn, Totten Pond Road at the Winter St. Exit (#48) of Rt. 128. Their number is 617-890-3000.

Correction: In Issue #4 we should have said that the FCC will be closing their Laurel MD and Grand Island NE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT FACILITIES, *not* monitoring stations. The goal is to have one of those facilities in each state, eventually.

The Australian group going to LORD HOWE island for the CQ WW Phone contest will be signing VK2ATZ/LH and will be on 160-6 Meters. They will work CW before the phone contest commences. QSLs will be handled by VK3OT. The operators will include VK3OT and VK2s, BYX, AOT, AAM, AKX, AGT, NDK, VFT and NUN.

We understand QSLing for the ZS6AF/T4 operation in the new Venda Republic will be handled by ZS4MG. His C/B address is S. Coosner, Box 325, Kroonstad 9500, OFS, Republic of South Africa.

In a June 11 memo, the chief of the International and Operations Division said the following to the chief of the FCC's Enforcement Division:

"It has come to our attention that the monitoring network has been issuing notices of violation to US amateurs communicating with amateurs in Thailand. Monitoring Branch was advised by Treaty Branch that the Commission no longer has a 'ban list' (sic) of countries with which amateur communications are prohibited. The 'ban list' has not existed since at least April 5, 1978."

Now that we have all breathed a sigh of relief, word comes from HS1ABD that he will be monitoring 3517 kHz each day at 1130Z.

The Northern California DX Foundation, Inc., has sponsored more DXpeditions than there's room to list here; some three dozen in the past five years. They are always happy to get donations of working equipment for deserving rare ones, plus you can become a member of the NCDXF. Five dollars gets you a handsome certificate. If you can contribute more to this 'Private Operating Foundation' write to P.O. Box 717, Oakland, CA 94604.

The DX Club of Puerto Rico has elected KP4AM President and Alex Mootoo, 3B8DA as their first honorary member. They have also approved a new award to be offered by the club, the All Caribbean Award for contacts with at least 25 DXCC countries in the Caribbean Sea area. Complete rules will be out soon.

From BOTSWANA, former A2CBX, now A22BX says the new A22 prefixes there became effective September 2. They were originally going to ride out the A2 callsigns through the end of 1979. A2CBW/A22BW has gone to Germany but will be back in Botswana in November.

It seems that VO6ONT is a special call to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the telephone in Newfoundland.

That TH8JM call was issued to the US Embassy in Bangui, Central African Republic, by the French government, when the C.A.R. was connected with France. The feelings of DXCC are that the French-issued license expired when they pulled out and TH8JM does not count.

More bad news . . . that fine TL8AZ operation is unknown by the person designated QSL manager. Ditto ST2MR. Ditto 3Y1VC on 40.

If you're in the DALLAS area check 147.87/27 at 9 pm Dallas time on Wednesday evenings for a new DX information net.

BANDPASS: All reports for BANDPASS are invited, especially concerning QSOs with rare countries, rare CQ zones, unusual band openings and contacts on 160, 80, 40, and 6 meters. In the listings below, an asterisk (*) following the frequency indicates long path. E, C, and W stand for Eastern, Central and Western North America. Reports from amateurs outside North America are welcome and will be listed separately.

80	3 ...	UTC	SEPT	4S7RZ	003	13C	10
VP2SQ	798	O2E	11	4U1UN	035	13W	12
VQ9KK	505	23E	8	5N4BPC	201	23E	12
				5N0DOG	290	03E	12
				5T5JA	029	06W	8
40	7 ...	UTC	SEPT	5V7GE	287	21C	11
EA8QP	012	00E	12	5W1CF	220	10E	15
FM7AV	010	00E	12	9G1JM	305	04E	12
KG6RT	005	10E	10	9H1EV	208	23E	11
OY2J	001	02E	9	9H1FN	265	07W	4
VP8SB	010	00E	13	9M2FK	028	11E	12
VQ9KK	005	14W	10				
VQ9KK	012	15W	8				
ZD8TC	004	00E	12	15	21 ...	UTC	SEPT
				HH2VP	031	23W	10
				KX6PP	355	19E	15
				OH2EE/OH0	283	11E	17
				TA2FM	038	13E	10
				UD6DFY	008	18W	9
				VS6HG	256	02E	14
				ZB2EO	025	23E	9
				4S7EA	322	00E	9
				6W8MW	272	23C	8
20	14 ...	UTC	SEPT	10	28 ...	UTC	SEPT
AP2KS	207	12E	12	A22BW	ssb	20E	8
A35SM	027	05W	11	CT3AF	585	12E	16
BV2B	221	12E	12	D4CBC	ssb	17C	10
CN8CG	020	21C	10	FG7BG	ssb	15C	12
DK6AS/EA6	028	17C	11	FP8HL	008	17C	9
FC6CNI	007	00C	12	GU4CHY	040	15W	9
FK8CW	222	11C	6	HH2V	557	23C	8
FR7BE	195*	13C	8	HS1ABD	ssb	18E	7
FR7BE	048*	13W	9	JE1HJJ	038	22E	14
FR7BU	030*	13W	13	KC6RA	630	00W	10
HH2VP	029	03E	12	LU3ZY	027	17W	10
HS1ABD	018	10E	14	LU3ZY			
KA6DH	203	11E	14	(S.Sand)	028	16C	12
OD5FB	212	03W	8	S79MC	540	19C	9
OD5FD	209	03E	9	S8AAT	539	15C	10
SV9JI	214	15W	10	ZS6AF/T4	600	16E	13
TA2KS	211	05E	12	VQ9JC	593	18C	8
TF3LJ	004	20E	12	VU2GO	010	19E	10
TF3IRA	006	00C	10	XT2AT	520	17E	13
TR8DX	220	23E	6	XT2AW	ssb	20C	12
UA1PAL	025	12C	10	YB0ADT	ssb	16E	7
UD6BW	033*	14W	9	ZC4CZ	025	17E	10
UK6DAJ	038	13W	13	ZD7BW	510	22W	12
UI8FAI	209	02C	12	ZD8TC	027	19C	10
UK8JBB	040*	13W	12	ZS3KC	532	18C	9
UL7FP	030	13W	11	3B6BU	569	15E	13
UM8MBA	026	02W	10	3B9CF	530	17W	8
UM8NAP	028	02W	10	3D6BW	568	17E	13
UR2RWA	018*	13W	12	OE8HFL/HB0	569	15E	13
VK9XW (X)	225	15W	10	9G1RU	553	15E	13
VP8QE	008	00C	11	9H79ED	535	17E	13
VQ9JJ	217	12W	8	9J2BO	514	21E	8
VS6DO	215	12E	17	9X5MS	528	20E	9
VU2TS	035*	13W	10	9X5PP	650	19C	9
ZB2EO	033	23W	10				
3A2LA	033	22C	10				
3A2LA	022	00E	11				
3A2HB	240	21E	11				
3B8AD	025	12C	11				
3B8DB	026*	13W	11				
3B9CF	240	02E	12				
3V8ONU	203	05W	10				
4S7FG	004	12C	11				

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WA4JTI's POETRY CORNER

I woke this morning, so early at dawn,
 And looked at the paths, both short and long,
 The band was yet sleeping, so quiet and serene,
 It did not take long to survey the whole scene.
 A band that is silent is not unlike death,
 The stillness that lingers, just after the last breath.
 But one must have hope, for that is the key,
 That drives us all onward, DXers like me.
 I lolled in my chair, viewing my walls,
 Noting many exotic and far-away calls.
 They come and they go, in an endless procession,
 Stirring all the Deserving with a burning obsession.
 "Is it all worth it?" I whispered, wanting to know,
 To follow a crusade, so plodding and slow?
 To chase the exotic to the ends of the earth,
 To labor so seriously, forgoing all mirth.
 After pondering these thoughts, I started to tune,
 Surely the world would be awakening soon.
 Finding some chatter at the bottom of the band,
 I peaked my receiver with a quivering hand.
 Ah, yes!!! They were there, yet their signal not strong,
 But I knew it was Peking, and the path it was long.
 Such a pleasure to try to work one that you've missed,
 But alas! The grief one endures just to get on the list.

Send flowers to Dan McLean, WA4JTI.

The late spate of operations from 3B-land are welcome, especially in light of word that starting next year all licenses issued by the government of Mauritius will require one-year's residence; thus, 3B6 and 3B9 may become quite scarce.

TL8JM will be back in the US Nov.- Jan., then returns to the C.A.R. for two more years. He has an FT101 with bum receiver.

The September 14 issue of HR Report says the callsigns for WA8CR's Eq. Guinea operation will be 3C1HZ, 3C1EA and 3C1DX. After five or six days they will try for Annoban, no callsigns mentioned.

W2TDQ and N2KA netted 13,000 contacts during their recent operations from the Grecian islands. They will have QSLs from the printer in October so don't send more than one request.

Keep watching the publisher's notes in The DX Bulletin for information regarding your subscription, mailing times, etc. All of the initial subscribers, i.e., those paying through September, will expire at the end of September, 1980. That is to say, if you paid in August and missed a couple of issues, you are still going to get a full year's worth, or more.

Here are four interesting rumors to ponder: let the DX Bulletin know if you hear more . . .

1. OE6CA will be A6XJA/70 in South Yemen later this year.
 2. "Someone has a 3C0 license for November; apparently *not* referring to the EA8CR group.
 3. C5ABK will be in CR3 Portuguese Guinea in December.
 4. The FCC wants out of the Amateur Radio licensing business and guess who would like to take it over?
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Tim Chin, EV2A/B took all his antennas down August 22 because of typhoon Judy and they are still down. Tim will put the aerals back up again in October. His call has been pirated lately.

Dave Schoen, N2KK/F0CGP sends the following tentative expedition schedule: Nov. 24, FR7; Dec. 1, FR7/T; Dec. 10, FH8; Dec. 15, FR7/G; Jan. 1 FR7/J; Jan. 10, 3B8; Jan. 12, 3B9; Jan. 20 5R8; Jan. 30; 60!!! Dave says K5CO and N5AU will be along, emphasizing low-band operation and plenty of CW. What more could DXers ask for?

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CALENDAR

TONGA REPUBLIC	N6DX as A35?? through about 9/27
ST. PIERRE ISLAND	FP8AA, FP0VI by K2RW, W2BHM, 9/24-10/6
FIJI ISLANDS	N6DX as 3D2??, 9/27-10/3
NE Division Conv.	In Hartford, including Spratty show, 9/28-9/30
NEW HEBRIDES	YJ8XR by DK6XR and DK7XN, 9/28-10/5
IRELAND WPX	Special callsign EJ2PV, 9/29-10/1, all bands
CAN-AM CONTEST	CW, 9/29-9/30
FERN. DE NORONHA	PY2XB/PY0 160-6 Meters, 9/30-??
OCEANIA	VKZL Contest, 10/6-10/7, Phone
QATAR	A7XAH returns first week of October
FRENCH OCEANIA	Tahiti, FO0XR by DK6XR and DK7XN, 10/6-10/10
NE DXCC MEETING	Reservations to W1RR by Sept. 30. Meeting 10/6
ANNOBON	And Eq. Guinea about 10/4 by EA8CR
BANGLADESH	S2BTF expected back on the air 10/7
ICELAND	By WB9s UXR, TOU, and AF9K, 10/8-10/14
OCEANIA	VKZL Contest, 10/13-10/14, CW
YASME	Iris and Lloyd Colvin expected to depart early Oct.
CORSICA	FC0FHN by DL1RK, CW ONLY, 10/13-10/27
RSGB	21 MHz Contest, 10/20-10/21
CQ PHONE CONTEST	Including the DX Bulletin trophies, 10/27-10/28
MONTSERRAT	11/4-11/17 by W1FB, W1CKK, WB1FSB, esp. CW and 160
MONACO	3A2CK, esp. CW, 12/23-??

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