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

PROPAGATION FORECAST: Nov. 29, High/Above Normal; Nov. 30, High Normal; Dec. 1, High Normal; Dec. 2, Above Normal; Dec. 3, High/Above Normal; Dec. 4, High Normal; Dec. 5, Above Normal; Dec. 6, 7, High Normal; Dec. 8, High/Low Normal; Dec. 9, High Normal; Dec. 10, High/Above Normal; Dec. 11, High Normal; Dec. 12, 13, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

CHATHAM, SI!

KERMADEC, NO.

Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, activated Chatham as anticipated last week, signing /C mainly on CW, as is his wont. Unfortunately, rumors that he would make a stop on Kermadec were false, as were rumors that a ZL3MA/Kermadec operation would be taking place about the same time. VK2CX was quoted as saying, on the Pacific DX Net, that word from the New Zealand government indicates no applications have been made for permission to operate from Kermadec.

BURMA

JA1KSO, Nob, disavows all rumors about him going to or operating from Burma; he was the "JA DXer" alluded to on these pages last issue.

IRAQ

Erik Sjolund, SM0AGD, has kept in touch with some of the YI1BGD operators since he was in Iraq a couple of years ago. Erik got a letter from them in late October, written only a matter of days before the conflict with Iran broke out.

YI1BGD's tribander had been taken down as the club station moved to new quarters, and was not up yet; they use an Atlas 210X and complete Drake station (which was do-

nated by King Hussein of Jordan).

Operators Majid, Kamal, Arshad, and Saad (the letter continued) hope to begin a training program for prospective new hams when the fighting ceases. For now, there are problems in importing materials for the courses. They will be aiming for a level midway between the U.S. novice and technician classes.

The club members all being students or busy workers, QSLing has been a problem for them. They did process 700 requests in October. Further requests go to the club's new address:

RC Baghdad Scientific Center
PO BOX 5864
Baghdad, Iraq

As for the continuing rumors about an operation from Iraq by other Arabs, the operation appears to still be on, scheduled for late January or early February, and will include six operators from Jordan. This time frame is mid-year holiday for the students and would enable the Iraqis to participate in the operating. Length of the operation has not yet been determined.

CONGO

TN8AJ has been active again, (cont'd)

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QSLs

Call	To
A35VU	DL2RM
CN8AD	F8JL
EA9EU	I8UDB
FG0GCV	F6GCV
FM0GDE	F6AOJ
HM5KY	W4KGH
SP5RR/J3	K1CC
J6LOU	KA4BOT
J73A	K2TJ
J73D	W2OB
LU3ZY	LU2CN
OA4DX	N4DW
OX3PT	WA2TTI
P29NBF	K6UJV
SV0BL	K9QXY
TU2HW	WA8RTF
T2AAF	JA7SGV
VK3DCU/2	K2UO
VP2KW	WB2KSL
VP5EE	WB4RRK
YI1BGD	see p. 1
ZB2EO	K3MNA
3D2GM	PA0GMM
6W8IH	Box 3024 Dakar
8Q7KK	K2FV
9J2BO	W6ORD
9M2KG	JA3XYM
9X5DX	DL2OP

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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC (plus West, Central, East coast report)/Date

<u>Low Bands</u>	J73B/3792/03E/14	UA9OBG/3507/11E/15	VS6DO/7004/14W/16
CN8AD/3513/07C/21	LA2GV/3789/14W/18	UA9OBG/3506/14W/15	YB9ADE/7009/12C/20
CN8AD/7001/07C/21	OA8CB/3528/10E/18	UO5OWC/3501/02E/16	YBØADI/7010/11W/22
DU6BG/3790/15W/15	OH2JA/3789/14W/18	UO5ODN/7014/03E/19	ZK1BD/3504/06W/15
EA9EU/3522/06E/15	OX3OZ/7004/02E/18	UD6DHC/7010/02W/14	F9UM/
EA9EO/7095/07E/13	SM5KTX/3789/14W/18	UD6CN/7003/02W/16	3A/3795/05E/18
FG7AM/1803/05W/15	DJ1US/	UF6FDR/7003/14W/14	4U1UN/1803/02E/20
FRØFLO/3793/13W/17	ST3/7003/22E/19	UF6FAG/7006/01E/18	4U1UN/7006/01E/20
HKØFBF/3780/07E/16	SVØAA/7005/06W/19	UF6DZ/7006/04W/19	5NØDOG/7016/05W/19
HM1BM/3512/15W/18	TF3YH/3792/08E/13	UF6CR/7010/14W/20	8Q7KK/7002/13W/17
HS4AM/7003/14W/18	T2AAF/7005/12E/15	UG6GBD/7004/14W/19	8Q7KK/3793/13W/17
H44DX/7005/11E/20	T3AF/3507/12E/18	UL7IBN/7003/03W/17	9M2KG/7003/13W/11
JD1AEV/3798/14W/17	T3AF/7006/10E/20	VP8AI/7007/03W/16	
<u>Africa</u>	J28AZ/14231/04E/18	ZD7HH/28595/19C/18	60ØDX/14210/04C/18
EA8VI/21031/21E/20	TJ1AC/21274/21C/20	ZS3TL/14228/15W/19	60ØDX/14202/04C/22
EA9HU/28573/12E/20	TU2IJ/21283/22E/18	3B8DB/14030/03C/18	6W8HL/21279/21C/20
FH8OM/14200/15W/17	VQ9RS/21355/18E/18	3B8DA/14013/15W/21	7X4AN/21029/21C/17
FR7BP/14004/03E/22	XT2AT/28544/12E/19	5Z4GM/14214/15W/17	9J2BO/14241/15W/21
<u>Asia</u>	JT1KAA/14031/01E/18	UI8AFA/14026/14W/19	YK1AO/14213/15W/20
A9XCE/14050/11E/19	JT1KAF/14021/10W/19	UI8OK/14011/03E/22	9K2DR/28034/13E/17
A9XDD/28750/13E/19	JY7BD/21276/17E/18	UI8IAJ/14021/02E/22	9M2MW/14251/11E/16
A9XDB/28750/13E/19	OD5MR/28555/13C/18	UM8MC/14020/02E/22	9M2GZ/28564/01C/15
BV2B/14214/15W/19	UAØDAA/	VS6CZ/14006/14W/19	9V1TK/21014/01E/16
DU6EI/28543/23E/17	U9U/14033/12E/18	VS6CT/28531/02C/15	
HL9TS/14036/01E/16	UH8EAD/14035/04C/15	YB9ADE/21258/21C/19	
<u>Oceania</u>	KG6RN/28555/00C/18	P29NBF/28574/02C/19	VK2AGT/14220/07C/18
FO8HA/21023/03C/19	KH3AB/14026/04E/20	T3AF/21028/02C/19	(Lord Howe)
H44SH/28575/22E/18	KHØAC/28693/01C/15		VR6TC/21351/00E/19
KB6ZJ/			
KH2/14046/14E/19			
<u>Elsewhere</u>	CO2RX/21245/00E/19	VP2SQ/14207/02W/18	VP8WA/21345/00E/20
CE9AK/21283/02W/17	FGØGDV/14211/12E/18	VP8PP/14238/04W/19	VP8QI/28645/19E/15
CN8MC/28548/13C/17	HKØBKX/28025/23E/17	VP8PP/21245/00E/19	ZP5RG/28593/21C/18
			4U1UN/21027/13E/18

BOARD MEETING (Continued)

for each director. Those with "normal" jobs ordinarily simply cannot obtain the time required, for few would give up their allotted vacations to attend board meetings, even if they are held in Florida in January.

As the directors are not paid for their service (although expenses are) some financial burden is bound to accrue to them, expenses which younger aspirants to office could not absorb.

Close on the heels of the folding of their *Ham Radio Horizons* magazine, Communications Technology, Inc., the publisher, has announced that *HR Report*, a weekly general-interest newsletter since 1975, is being cut back to every-other-week, beginning immediately. Citing escalating costs, particularly postage, the editor and publisher hope that the new format will result in more "rank and file" amateurs being able to afford *HR Report*. Instead of costing \$32.50 for 50 issues a year, it will now be \$18.50 for 26 issues.

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WB7RFA has been listed in some publications as QSL manager for a few USSR stations, including UP2BCW. However, Craig has not been successful in getting logs from any of them. To the best of our knowledge an arrangement such as this has never been worked out with stations in Russia.

The recent "list" phenomena has made it possible for the conductor of the list to monitor QSOs made, have cards printed for the DX station, and confirm the contacts that way. While this is an excellent way to handle those cases where cards have been difficult to come by direct from the DX station, the legitimacy of such confirmations has been questioned by some.

Speaking of those "lists," I1AGC says he does one for LU3ZY Tuesday and Thursday, 14290 at 2000Z. They have also been trying 7080 at 0030Z Fri. and Saturday, but propagation has not been cooperating (summer on S. Sand).

A local got a card from TA1UA, for a contact back in July 1980. Operator Unal is an MD, and operates surreptitiously, as do all Turkish amateurs. Unal uses an old British Racal 17 receiver and a homemade two watt transmitter on CW and SSB, using all IC construction. He says the QSL bureau there is not operating now and QSLs should go direct to the addresses in the Callbook. No callsign on the envelope!!!

On November 14, a political coup in Guinea Bissau resulted in the ouster of the progressive government of Pres. Cabral and a takeover by a military major who was also prime minister. The new rulers' first act was to disavow an understanding of unity with neighboring Cape Verde islands. Cape Verde condemned the coup. The first country to recognize the new government was Guinea. Later, the new leaders said that plans for an eventual reuniting of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde have been merely shelved, not cancelled. No deletion from DXCC this week.

Here's a letter from an active DXer, a U.S. amateur on assignment in the Middle East:

"The everlasting discussion about selling QSL cards for a dollar each indicates the prevailing newcomer's attitude that the DX station owes him a contact and a QSL card for that contact. Such is not the case.

"In many parts of the world it is almost impossible to obtain an amateur radio license and every applicant is viewed with extreme suspicion by the authorities. In addition, establishing a station is very expensive because of equipment costs, air-freight expenses, and local import duties. (I have invested more than \$25,000 in mine).

"I have invested my time, my money, my reputation, and withstood very lengthy character investigations in order to be able to establish and operate my station for my own personal pleasure and satisfaction. I choose which calls receive my acknowledgement and answer QSL card requests by my own choice. I am not obligated to exchange reportw with anyone nor am I obligated to answer any QSL card request. I do answer over 1500 QSL card requests every month. In doing so I adhere to the following parameters:

"A properly filled-out QSL card for a valid contact with the correct time-date group in UTC and accompanied by a self addressed envelope with sufficient postage gets an airmail answer within five days. All others get answered through an outgoing bureau (the ISWL). Sufficient postage is defined as one green stamp or four valid IRCs for everywhere except to Europe, which requires two IRCs.

"Those individuals who do not like my procedures should not waste their time getting a report from me. Good DX hunting and 73 to everyone."

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G3JKI/5A is now saying he has all necessary documents for DXCC acceptance; no reports yet of any cards received via F6CYL or otherwise.

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J6LOU	KA4BOT
J73A	K2TJ
J73D	W2OB
LU3ZY	LU2CN
OA4DX	N4DW
OX3PT	WA2TTI
P29NBF	K6UJV
SVØBL	K9QXY
TU2HW	WA8RTF
T2AAF	JA7SGV
VK3DCU/2	K2UO
VP2KW	WB2KSL
VP5EE	WB4RRK
YI1BGD	see p. 1
ZB2EO	K3MNA
3D2GM	PAØGMM
6W8IH	Box 3024 Dakar
8Q7KK	K2FV
9J2B0	W6ORD
9M2KG	JA3XYM
9X5DX	DL2QP

CALENDAR

Rhodes W6QL/SV5
Chatham ZL1AMO/C
Niue by DL1VU
Sable Is. By VE1AI
Contest CQ WW CW

Ended last week; next stop Middle East
Ended last week; no Kermadec; this issue
On now; this issue
Maybe Nov. 29/30; Issue 62
Nov. 29-30

Djibouti J2ØKK
Djibouti J28LP
St. Martin FS7 and PJ7
Deadline CQ WW Phone
Willis VK9ZG

By N2KK just ending; issue 65
By K6LPL; Issues 64 and 65, through Dec. 5
By W1HCS, Dec. 10-18; this issue
Mail logs by Dec. 15
Leaving very soon; best bet 14205, 1200-1400Z

Contest
Abu Ail J2ØAA/A
Yemen 4W1
Peter and Paul
Sudan ST2

ARRL 160, Dec. 6-8
Dec. 5-7; Issues 61, 64 and 65
By N2KK, Dec. 8-15; Issue 62
PYØSA and PYØRA Dec. 12-14; Issues 61-63; RUMOR
By N2KK Dec. 15-22; Issue 62

S. Sudan STØ
Heard/
Mellish
S. Sandwich VP8SSI
Lebanon OD5KK
Cyprus 5B4KK
Kingman/
Palmyra

By N2KK Dec. 22-Jan. 15; Issue 62

Still talking about it...P29JS; Issue 64
Jan. 1-4; Issue 63
By N2KK Jan. 15-Feb. 4; Issue 62
By N2KK Feb. 4-11; Issue 62

By VK2BJL and others, April; Issue 63

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