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PROPAGATION: Mgr. 27, High Normal; Mar. 28, Low/Below Normal; Mar. 29, Low/Below Normal; Mar. 30, High Normal; Mar. 31, High/Low Normal; Apr. 1, Below Normal/Disturbed; Apr. 2, High/Low Normal; Apr. 3, Low Normal; Apr. 4, High Normal; Apr. 5, High/Above Normal; Apr. 6-8, High Normal; Apr. 9, Low Normal; Apr. 10, Below Normal; Apr. 11, High/Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

ANDAMAN ISLANDS

A letter from JA8BMK (of 9N1BMK fame) says he and a couple of local friends are going to try for Andaman Islands permission the first of April, in conjunction with several unnamed Indian amateurs. If they do not have a license in hand by the end of March, their alternate plan is to operate from Tunisia, going directly there and bypassing India completely.

The note was not particularly optimistic, so smart money is on 3V8, from which the operating frequencies will be:

SSB: 3570, 3798, 7070, 14170, 21270, 28570
CW: 7 KHz up from lower band edges

They may also do 160, 6 Meters, and RTTY
QSL to JA8BMK

ALBANIA

When Dick Spenceley talks, people listen; KV4AA phoned on 3/23 to say he had worked one ZA2LQ, who claimed to have been licensed two days and said he is F2LQ, Rene. Trouble is, the Callbook lists F2LQ as "Guy." The Freq. was not mentioned but we will guess 20 CW.

And Frank Turek, DL7FT, will be at Dayton and "Fresno" where all can gaze upon the ZA license he says he has in hand.

KINGMAN/PALMYRA

No change in plans for this early expedition (see Calendar and past issues) except that W6TPH has dropped out of the team. It now appears it will be a two-person operation, with ADØS and KB7NW. George, ADØS, says they hope to stay on 10 Meters until the band closes, then move down in frequency, camping on 28595, 21295, and 14205, plus "25 Up" on the CW segments. They may also try the 15 Meter Family Hour (0000Z) 21345 a couple of times. And they are taking 6 Meter gear.

TOKELAU

A recent conversation with Baruch, 4Z4TT, has him going to ZM7 sometime in April; his boat ride for this month was scuttled. He is taking a two-element tribander to leave on the island in case one of the residents develops a lust for DXing.

If this operation comes off, it probably will result in a cancellation of the VK9NS and friends' operation from ZM7 planned for the end of May.

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K6LPL/CEØZ made about 10,000 contacts from Juan Fernandez in four days of operating; he was on the rainy island two days before being allowed to operate by the Chilean military authorities there.

Most of Dave's QSOs were on 10 and 15 Meters, with a little time on 20. His low power and a very high noise level on 40/80 made contacts on those bands difficult. Dave says his only objective was to give a new country to as many as possible, thus the concentration on two bands. Constant requests to the low bands for contacts by some guns slowed down his operating unnecessarily.

Several Chileans showed up on the island just as Dave was leaving, to undertake an operation which had been rumored for at least a year. Now the rush is on to see who can put San Felix on the air first: the locals or K6LPL!

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Al Van Buren, K7CA, is vacationing in Chile and operating /CE3; will be there about two more weeks, then back to Ecuador to close out his two-year assignment. He will be back in the states at the very end of April and is hoping to make "Fresno." Al's using Ten-Tec gear and an 80 Meter centerfed and will be on 3505 this weekend (3/28 and 3/29).

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Subscriber Julius Lieberman, ZS6AF, will visit Japan until April 9, then fly direct to Mauritius, with hopes of some 3B8 operating time. Listen for him; he likes 10 Meters especially and mostly SSB.

10 Meters has been red-hot and can be expected to remain so for most of April; one of the treats has been JH1LBR, who brings goodies such as 9M2 and 9M8, among others, to 28670 around 0000Z.

Asians have not started coming through on 10 long path in the mornings as we write this, but should be any day now. A few JAs have been heard during the morning (1200Z) opening to Asia, amid the YB, DU, HS and VU stations. Also, VK6s in Western Australia are coming through over the North Pole into the U.S. again.

Speaking of Asians, both DULFZ and HS4AMI are going to be in the States during April; HS4AMI plans to make Dayton, but DULFZ wasn't sure, as he will be concentrating on the East Coast (no, Dayton is not on the East Coast!).

Gus Browning, W4BPD, is talking about making another DXpedition soon. He now owns a boat capable of sleeping six, although he plans only three people to go along. Gus says they plan a leisurely trip to a number of islands, and he is hoping to begin in a few months. You might want to ask him how things are going if you see him at Dayton. It is not certain what effect this extended trip would have on his DXers Magazine (which is still published bi-weekly).

Winter newsletter of the International DX Foundation (IDXF) is out, with some membership statistics and details of last summer's African operations by W4MGN (under IDXF auspices). IDXF has 300 paying members, 243 of which are U.S. amateurs. They are encouraging more participation by amateurs in other countries. In addition to the various expeditions they have mounted, and the rig and QSL assistance they provide to resident DX stations, IDXF offers sustaining (\$25/year) members QSL address and IRC service. Contact them at PO Box 117, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

IDXF's next firm venture is A51 Bhutan, this coming October, with seven persons making the trip. They intend to provide some gear for Pradhan, A51PN, to keep and use. Before or after Bhutan they will try to stop in Nepal and Macao.

DF3NZ/ST2 says he likes Jim Beam; is that any relation to Gin Pole? Or how about a Vodka Collins S-Line?

U.S. stations in the Zero District, especially North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, are invited to join a gathering on 28597 at 1530Z on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; the purpose being to give DX stations the opportunity to work those elusive last few states for their WAS award.

VK9NYG hopes to be louder soon if efforts by VK5QX and VK5CCT pan out; Frank, 'NYG, is stationed on Cocos semi-permanently, and still uses a 40 watt rig and dipole on 10 Meters. VK5QX, an experienced operator, may again visit Cocos later this spring and put the station on the air for some heavy operating.

Some Australians are talking about running an Operation Woodpecker on May 1; the Woodpecker probably affects VK stations more than any others, and they are bitter that it has not gone away after almost five years of existence. They are going to try to obtain media publicity for their campaign, claiming that, if nothing else, the Woodpecker could sometime prevent a Mayday call for help on the hambands or elsewhere. The target date for the campaign is May 1, a Russian holiday of great political and military significance.

Don't forget the CQ WPX (Phone) Contest this weekend; it has bloomed into a major activity the past few years. Manager Bernie Welch, W8IMZ, says to mail your logs directly to him at 7735 Redbank Lane, Dayton, OH 45424; enclose a self-addressed postcard which he can mail back to you confirming receipt of your entry. Last year, the world top multi-single entry was lost somewhere and did not make the final listings. BEWARE!

PROPAGATION (Thanks KH6BZF)

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
3/3	248	5	2
3/4	255	13	2
3/5	231	52	6
3/6	216	13	3
3/7	205	17	4
3/8	205	10	3
3/9	206	4	1
3/10	206	7	2
3/11	204	7	2
3/12	191	10	3
3/13	204	21	4
3/14	211	33	5
3/15	212	16	3
3/16	189	12	3

Note to Everett: you might be surprised at how many of us keep track of these numbers, and publishing them makes it easier than listening every day for WWV; flux-watching becomes very important when propagation becomes dismal in a few years.-Ed.

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

Low Bands	AH2G/7007/12E/15	UAØFDD/3509/12E/14	Please mail reports
A7XE/7005/02E/13	N4ADJ/	UG6GBD/7003/02E/16	to reach Vernon by
HM1JJ/7005/14W/15	KH2/7005/11E/20	ZD7ZM/7005/00E/13	Monday. Thanks!
<u>Africa</u>	FRØFLO/21297/11C/16	VQ9XX/28017/19C/18	5Z4PR/14202/04C/12
A22ZM/21278/19E/17	FRØFLO/28592/12E/13	XT2AW/14016/19C/17	5Z4CF/14213/04C/12
A22PH/28522/21C/16	DK5BD/	XT2AU/28751/14C/19	5Z4YV/14031/21E/14
A22ZM/28568/18E/18	ST2/21036/16E/16	ZD7ZM/14030/01E/19	5Z4YV/28030/20C/15
CN8AT/21022/19C/17	DF3NZ/	ZD7BW/21345/01C/13	5Z4YV/28030/20C/17
CN8EA/28559/16E/15	ST2/21286/00E/21	ZD7AL/21281/00W/14	6W8IJ/21306/18E/20
CT3AB/21286/18E/21	DL2VK/	ZD7MG/28555/13C/15	DJ6SI/
C5AAP/14018/00W/15	ST3/28443/14E/14	ZD7BW/28541/21C/16	6W8/28024/19C/18
C5ASD/14026/00E/20	SU1AL/14205/02W/14	ZE1FN/14042/14C/19	7X2LS/21355/20C/16
C5ACA/21294/19E/17	W5JMM/	3B8CF/14028/03E/18	7X2KBS/21295/18E/20
C5AAP/28008/16C/14	SU/21294/19E/16	3B8DB/28016/12E/19	8Q7AV/14211/12E/14
C5ACA/28579/19C/15	W5JMM/	3B8DB/21302/03C/16	9G1EN/21312/11C/17
C5AZ/28504/17E/15	SU/28750/13C/15	3B9CF/14029/02E/13	9G1GQ/21304/21E/16
D68AM/21355/20C/14	TL8RC/21296/21E/16	3B9CF/21030/20C/15	9J2KO/28020/16C/17
(List)	TL8RC/21292/23C/19	3B8AE/	9Q5DD/21292/21E/17
D68AM/21285/20C/17	TL8CN/28020/20C/16	3B9/28751/14C/19	9U5JM/21280/18E/14
EA8QP/21023/00C/17	TL8CN/28538/21E/20	VK4NIC/	(List)
EC9AU/21020/17W/17	TU2AW/21329/22E/18	3X/21299/22E/17	9U5JM/21280/18E/21
EA9JE/21276/00E/17	TU2DP/28583/23E/17	5NØFCA/14202/05C/12	
EA9HU/28760/13E/16	TU2DP/28560/00C/17	5T5JD/28749/13C/15	
FR7BX/14021/15W/15	VQ9XX/14028/03C/18	5U7AF/21296/22E/16	
<u>Asia</u>	HM1AQ/28021/23C/16	UI8OAG/14039/03C/18	VU2WTR/21015/18W/17
AP2MQ/14233/02C/11	HS1BV/21298/21E/19	UJ8SAO/14028/02E/13	VU2FBT/28003/13E/21
AP2HA/14036/13E/16	HS4AMI/28540/13E/21	UK8JAA/14054/03C/18	4S7RM/14026/13C/17
A4XGY/21297/05E/20	HS4AMI/28507/14E/23	UL7NAN/14216/02C/12	4S7DJ/14206/02E/20
A4XIY/28604/12E/13	HZ1AB/14055/01C/20	UM8NAP/14015/03E/13	VE7AAZ/
A4XIH/28017/15E/18	HZ1AB/28570/14C/14	UM8MBA/14035/03C/20	4U/14204/05W/13
A7XD/21297/16W/15	OD5FB/14214/03C/15	UM8MAQ/28073/13E/21	(Syria)
A7XD/28751/14C/19	OD5LX/14010/03E/19	VS6EY/14026/12E/13	5B4ES/28566/11C/13
A9XCE/14020/03E/19	TA2TAT/14027/02E/20	VS6CZ/14029/16C/14	9M2RN/28670/00E/15
A9XCE/28018/16E/16	TA2TAT/28035/13E/13	VU2NKR/14211/02C/12	9M8PW/28670/00E/16
BV2A/14025/12C/18	UH8BAO/28534/12E/19	VU2LQA/14216/02C/12	
DULEFZ/28549/13E/19	RH8HCV/28506/12E/19	VU2KMK/14027/02E/14	
HMØU/28506/02E/16	UH8HCM/28540/13E/19	VU2TF/21280/05E/15	
<u>Elsewhere</u>	JA8AQN/	KS6DV/21370/02C/15	VP8WA/21349/01E/16
A35JL/21370/01E/16	JD1/28025/22C/15	M1C/14025/01C/17	VP8WA/28521/23E/18
K7CA/	J3AAC/21029/04E/14	P29BG/14202/09C/12	YJ8NPS/28592/03C/15
CE3/28015/19E/23	J73RM/28506/17E/15	SVØAW/	YJ8NPS/28575/02C/18
CEØCJA/14209/03C/19	KB7IJ/	9/28610/18E/18	ZK1AC/14275/10C/19
C21BS/21345/00E/16	KH2/21345/00E/16	VK9NL/21058/04E/14	ZK1CG/14236/07E/19
C31SD/21289/21E/17	NH6D/	VK6GU/28006/13E/21	ZK1CG/28515/00E/16
FB8YH/14014/03E/19	KH3/21009/04C/20	VK9NS/28025/22E/17	4U1UN/21355/19C/14
FC6PPH/28557/17E/15	K6SAD/	VK9NS/28595/00C/17	9H1CH/14002/05W/15
FO8GM/14002/05W/15	KG6/14207/11C/12	VP2KQ/21284/21E/16	
	KG6SW/14202/09C/12	VP8PU/21349/01E/16	

HELP!!!

DA1EA needs IRCs

W3EVW NOT 5T5JD manager

WAØNAA wants to be a manager

YVØAA (79) via YV5DFI

Any info on S2KZ (2/81)?...W9SC

Any info on 5R8AG (73)?...W1VV

W4FOA has 7Q7AA logs (early 70s)

FB8XY cards from summer 80 now out

Address needed for KC6GZ...N5BBO

AA4NC looking for C9MET, 5U7AF, and
A9XBS, all in 1978

5A7KMY and 3A1EX needed by K7AGJ

KP2A new manager is WB2MSH, replacing
WB2VFT

KAlDS seeks info on FHØBT (1/78), 9L1CM
(3/79), JR7BVV/JD1 (11/79) and C9MET.

Anyone get a VE1AI/1 card from 12/80?

CALENDAR

Tunisia or Andamans		By JA8BMK and friends, first of April; this issue
Belize	VP1ØA	Tjrough Mar. 30 by K.C. DX Club; Issue 82
Market Reef	OJØ	Through Mar. 30; Issue 82
Easter Island	WALSQB/CEØ	Through April 3; Issues 77 and 81
Montserrat	VP2MFC	Through end of March by K1ZZ
Contest	CQ WPX	Mar. 28-29; this issue
Ivory Coast	TU4BA	Through Mar. 30 by K4YT; Issue 82
Mali	DJ6SI/TZ	Mar. 31-April 5
Ghana	9G1	Apr. 5-11 by K4YT; Issue 77
Palmyra	KH5	Apr. 15-20 by ADØS and KB7NW; Issues 77, 82 and 83
Tokelau	ZM7TT	Early April by 4Z4TT; this issue
Mauritius	ZS6AF/3BS	Apr. 9-15; this issue
Togo	5V	Apr. 12-18 by K4YT; Issue 77
Dahomey	TY	Apr. 19-25 by K4YT; Issue 77
Kingman Reef	KH5K	Apr. 22-26 by ADØS and KB7NW; Issues 77, 82 and 83
Contest	Co. Hunters	May 2-3, SSB
Convention	"Fresno"	Or Visalia; flyer enclosed
Contest	CQ WPX CW	May 30-31
Leichtenstein	DA1LX/HBØ	May 23-31; details later
Visitors' Day	At W6AM	June 20; details later
Market Reef	OJØ	Again, July 6 for one week; Issue 75

Thanks to...

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LETTERS

John Bohnert: "The BANDPASS needs a little
N9KW more balance with CW reports;

here is some from me. In your Issue 79 you made reference to the fact that 'VK9ZG cleaned up much of the demand for Willis last year.' I would urge you to make such a statement only if the op was active in at least SSB and CW modes and with approximate equal time given to each mode. I hold only one DXCC, CW mode only, and I have no interest in eithre mixed mode or phone DXCC. That is my choice, however. I could also argue in the reverse, for the SSB guys, too. But that argument is not usually necessary (look at the BANDPASS reports over a month)."

John: Well, let's see how many readers this reply costs me! I try to be "mode blind" when I sift through reports to make up BANDPASS. I am aware that some countries are sorely needed on CW and a few are the reverse. If anything, I probably tend to use a greater proportion of CW reports because there are fewer of them. I have not been accused of being pro-phone for a long time, like maybe never before, so I am flattered. If anything, I am CW oriented; as for my DXCC, I will work them any way I can. Have never bothered with either CW or phone chasing. If Heard Island comes on and they can only operate RTTY, you will see me lined up at the door of HAL Communications for my terminal (ASCII and ye shall receive).- Ed.

W1CDC warns that there is another "chain letter" going around DX circles, with some sort of religious overtones to it. We have not seen a copy yet. They are, of course, illegal.

DX hams are reminded that U.S. airmail rates are now 40 cents for a letter, not 31.

One of our Italian friends send a Black List of famous contest stations who do not answer QSLs. These Big Guns are warned that they mot getcalled by DX stations in future contests if they do not clean up their QSL acts. (Whew...K1TN didn't make the list).

NEXT WEEK: Another Big QSL List.

If you are getting sick and tired of the jerks coming up from below 28.000 and bothering your CW contacts, our FCC source says the only way to get action against them is to write your congressperson and make a complaint. Many of these "people" seem to know the Code, too, and they are probably in your local ham class.

Of course, many of them have been heard giving their street addresses for QSLing purposes...