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PROPAGATION: April 24, 25, Low Normal; Apr. 26, 27, High Normal; Apr. 28, 29, High/Low Normal; April. 30, May 1, High Normal; May 2, Above Normal; May 3-6, High Normal; May 7, High/Low Normal; May 8, Below Normal; May 9, Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

## KINGMAN/PALMYRA

ADØS, KB7NW and W6HTH opened from Kingman Reef as ADØS/KH5K on Wednesday, April 15. They had planned on operating from Palmyra first, then Kingman, but rough seas dictated a landing on Kingman first. They should be on now from Palmyra (starting about Apr. 24).

This group was found primarily on SSB, working mostly split but with some "simplex operation" as time went along and the pileups thinned out. They even checked into the Arifkaaner Net on their second day of operation. This is the fourth operation from Kingman Reef since it became a DXCC entity in 1974.

## CHINA

Although HR Report and some others are reporting rumblings of a fall China operation by a Chicago area group calling itself the "Echo DX Club," our sources indicate any such operation is (still) unlikely.

Steve Hawley, WA4UAZ, is presently serving with the U.S. Consulate's office in Hong Kong, signing VS6JR, and he makes a trip to Beijing periodically (about once per month). Steve says there will be no operations from China, as far as he can tell, in the foreseeable future.

It is interesting to note that no call-signs have been mentioned in conjunction with the "Echo DX Club."

## DAYTON HAMVENTION

The place to be this weekend at Dayton seems to be the downtown Daytonian Hotel; all available suites at Stouffer's were taken by a bunch of Rotarians. One suite at the Daytonian will be manned by members of the No. Illinois DX Association and the Michigan DX Association. The Kansas City DX Club will also have a suite, probably with some contests and games; take your 35 mm. slides in a Carousel to show off.

## SECOND ANNUAL COUNTRIES

### NEEDED SURVEY

It's that time of year again...time for you to tell us what you need in the way of DXCC entities to make the top of the Honor Roll. Use the enclosed form, which is more-or-less self-explanatory. If you have to circle a lot of numbers and find the box containing 1-318 gets too crowded, just send us the whole sheet with the numbers on the master list circled.

Return the form as soon as possible, no later than May 31. We intend to have the results in print by July 1. So far as we know the TDXB survey is the biggest of its kind; in a frenzy of magnanimity we are even giving past subscribers the opportunity to participate. Last year's survey brought 822 valid responses, and passing a thousand this year should be possible.

The 1980 results were in TDXB Issue 47; for those of you who don't have that one, the top 20 needed were:

(1-10)

(11-20)

BY China	CEØ San Felix
VS9K Kamarans	3Y Bouvet
XZ Burma	3X Guinea
ZA Albania	FR J. de Nova
VU Laccadives	FR Glorioso
VK Heard	9U Burundi
7O PDR Yemen	XV Viet Nam
XU Kampuchea	HK Malpelo
FB8W Crozet	YA Afghanistan
VU Andamans	4W N. Yemen

Back in Issue 85, the ruminations about what countries have not been on in the past twenty months should have mentioned St. PaulVE1, not Sable; and VP8 S. Georgia has been on, cutting the total to 26 unavailable since TDXB started. Have you worked them all?

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One DXCC country which will surely drop out of our top twenty needed is the Republic of Guinea, thanks to Ian Doncaster, VK4NIC/3X. Apparently Ian shut down for good on or about April 22, instead of the end of the month as originally planned. During his stay, the station was operated by Karl Renz, K4YT, and also for a short stint by W4LZZ. Also due thanks for their help in this operation are the International DX Foundation, which gave Ian equipment, and to QSL Manager John Parrott, W4FRU, who threw in some gear as well as answering the requests for cards.

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Say hello to Lloyd and Iris Colvin, W6KG and W6QL, if you see them at Dayton or next weekend at the International DX Convention at Visalia. They are back in the States now following their most recent travels, which included Rhodes, Crete, Israel, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Fr. St. Martin. Their final operation, from Martinique, resulted in 12,000 FMØFOL contacts, many in the two weekends of the ARRL International DX Competition.

The Colvins will take to the road again in September and would like to activate some really rare spot, e.g., Kamarans, China, Burma, or Albania. If you have any ideas as to how they might obtain operating permission for any of these, they will be all ears.

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OHØXX/OJØ and OHØXZ/OJØ managed 11000 contacts during their stay on Market Reef late in March, almost equally divided CW and phone. Two-thirds of the contacts were outside of Europe, including about 200 North American and Japanese contacts on 40 and 80 Meters. To avoid the ice floes which make landing difficult and dangerous during the winter, they chose to take a helicopter from their base camp on the Aland Islands; it required five trips to get all the gear to Market. This is some explanation of why Market Reef is traditionally activated in July!

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WA6BJS says the Afirkaner Net will cease operations for the summer on Apr. 29, and will open again on 21355 at 1800Z about September 1; meanwhile, weekend sessions of the gathering may sometimes be held by W2PPG and others, at least through the first of June.

Harve, KH6GB, expects to operate again from Wake Island about June 1; in the past he has run very low power and has been difficult to hear east of Death Valley, but he plans to take "high power" along this time.

ZL1AMO is rumored to be operating from the Solomons at this very moment, through the first of May; however, it seems as if

ZL1AMO is always rumored to be operating from somewhere!

Another rumor, published elsewhere, is that the group led by JA8BMK, originally intending to try for the Andamans and later slated for only Tunisia (with a spin-off group operating from the Maldives), now plans a multi-country Asian operation through the month of May. As JA8BMK is a TDXB subscriber and has written with his plans thus far, the veracity of this rumor is in great doubt.

Countries mentioned were 7X, EA9, CN, SV, YK, AP, VU, HS, and DU, but don't hold your breath. We will know more if and when they are heard from Tunisia.

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Herb, KV4FZ, who has been of great help to visiting hams on the Virgin Islands, is on the lookout for a used 2 Meter duplexer for his repeater. Write direct to him if you have a line on such an animal.

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PROPAGATION  
(Thanks KH6BZF)

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
3/30	209	10	3
3/31	219	--	4
4/1	228	17	5
4/2	213	--	8
4/3	221	12	3
4/4	220	8	3
4/5	226	5	3
4/6	235	10	2
4/7	242	--	3
4/8	269	11	3
4/9	273	12	2
4/10	276	11	3
4/11	271	29	5
4/12	251	53	5

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Ham radio received some publicity following the Jonestown mass suicides in Guyana two years ago...here is what NY Times columnist\* had to say in an article which appears in this week's issue of the New Republic:

"Any ham radio operator will say that the joy of his hobby is listening in on conversations from all over the world. Yet to record and disclose monitored communications is technically against the law. When the FCC monitored People's Temple communications (all of which was in rudimentary code in the last six months), it did so under its law-enforcement prerogative. (The communications were in the ham bands-Ed.). The FCC argued that Jonestown was a test of the 'confidentiality' of all amateur radiocommunications. The commission so passionately wanted to maintain this principle it even charged at one point that if it turned over Jonestown (cont't p.4)

\*James Reston



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

Low Bands:	HFØPOL/7000/01E/13	ADØS/	ZS3KC/7085/04C/16
HFØPOL/7000/01E/12	ISØOMH/7004/03C/16	KH5K/7165/08C/18	9V1UY/7013/13W/17
S. Shetlands)		UI8ADN/7002/01E/15	
<u>Africa</u>			
A22DN/14284/05E/14	S79RD/21279/23C/15	3B8CF/21031/03E/12	7X2LS/28625/21C/15
A22ZM/28509/19E/12	TL8CN/14018/22E/13	ZS6OX/	7X4AN/21277/11C/15
A22BX/28525/21E/16	TU2JJ/14204/00C/12	3D6/28525/21E/16	8Q7AZ/28522/19E/16
D4CBC/21306/21C/12	TU2EH/21277/22E/14	VK4NIC/	9G1RD/28613/12C/15
D4CBC/21265/21E/17	TYA11/14197/21E/13	3X/14219/00E/14	9G1RD/28612/12E/15
D4CBC/28601/15C/14	ZD7BW/21365/23C/12	VK4NIC/	9L1NP/28593/15E/14
EC9AV/21027/23C/16	ZD7AL/21298/22E/14	3X/21326/20E/12	9U5JM/21280/18C/11
J28DA/14041/02C/15	ZD8FS/21026/22E/14	5N6FKB/21363/23E/16	9X5PP/21292/20E/16
S79WHW/14247/02E/16	ZD8FS/28035/19C/12	6W8IH/28035/22E/16	
	ZS3AM/21290/22C/12	7P8AF/21255/21E/12	
<u>Asia</u>			
A4XIH/21280/20C/14	JY5YA/21269/21E/12	UH8EAD/21015/03E/16	5B4KE/21313/13C/15
A4XIZ/28595/21E/17	OD5LX/21025/02C/16	VS6EY/14024/12E/16	5B4KE/21313/00C/15
HL9JV/14202/12W/16	TA2TAT/14028/01E/15	VU2UDO/14002/13C/12	9N1MM/14284/01E/16
HZ1AB/14223/03E/16	TA2TAT/14028/02C/15	VU2DX/14014/12E/14	9V1UY/14001/12C/12
	TA2TAT/14027/02E/16	VU2UGI/14213/02E/15	9V1UQ/14015/11E/16
<u>Elsewhere</u>			
VP8AEO/	FG7BM/14017/03W/14	KH3AB/28575/01C/17	VK9NL/28046/12E/16
CE9/28547/00C/12	FH8OM/14225/03C/12	ADØS/	VK9NYG/28530/13C/15
CEØAE/21340/00E/12	FK8DP/14060/05W/16	KH5K/14205/12C/18	VK9NYG/28512/14E/15
C31IQ/21021/21E/17	FO8HA/21032/03E/16	ADØS/	YB8AEG/14203/12E/17
N7ET/	HKØBKX/14006/01E/18	KH5K/21298/01C/17	YBØBAZ/28509/14E/15
DU6/14030/13C/15	H44DX/28568/02C/11	ADØS/	YJ8NPS/28522/00C/17
KA5BXG/	J73AF/21260/22E/14	KH5K/28590/18C/18	ZK1XJ/14239/11C/14
DU2/14035/13W/16	J73CB/28535/20E/12	P29LB/14256/12C/14	9H1EL/14206/22E/15
N7ET/	KA1CG/28535/00E/17	P29DC/28690/00E/12	
DU2/28010/00C/16	(Min. Torish.)	SVØBL/14234/04E/15	
FC9UC/14207/07C/16	WA4BVB/	(Rhodes)	
	KH2/28582/00E/12	VK9NL/14028/11E/15	

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QSLs

A22ZM via KA2GNJ	JY9RC via W1CKA	VP1MK via NØBNY	W3IVP/5N1 via W4FRU
WALSQB/CEØ K1RH	J5AG SM3CXS	VP1RY KØBJ	5NØWRA DF3FN
CR9BE JALUT	J5HTL SM3CXS	VP1TKJ WAØTKJ	5R8AL WA4VDE
CT2DQ W4PKM	J73D W2OB	VP2KAU N6SF	6O1ND K4CTY
C31IQ F6BUM	KALAA (phone) WA4TKA	VP2MDS W2IRS	6W8/DJ6SI DK9KD
C31IU W8JAA	KALAA (CW) KA6CWR	VP2MIX WØIJN	9G1RT KB7HB
C31PA G8DAY	KC6BS JH7LMZ	VP2MFC K1ZZ	9U5JM F3LQ
C5ADL KB9IE	AH2E N9AVY	VP2MZ WD4NBX	
C6ADV N7YL	AH2G KG6JAR	VP2VHK N6ZV	<u>QSL HELP NEEDED</u>
W1DV/DU2 WA2RXX	KØPCG/KV4 WØANZ	VP2VHL N6DX	K7AGJ: FB8XY, 5A7KMY, 3A1CX
K2LE/DU2 W2AYJ	ADØS/KH5K ADØS	VP2VIA WØANZ	KØPCG: EP2GY
EC9AQ EA9GN	OHØXZ/OJØ OH2KI	VP5RFS N5BET	K8IP: TA2BAV, A7XE
EN3D UK3DAU	PYØDVG PY1RO	VP8QG WA4JQS	K4DDB: TZ6ET, 4W1JB,
ET3USB K4DD	TJ1BB AF4B	VQ9AA AJ3N	
FPØFSZ VO1FB	TL8CN W5RU	VQ9XX K6OZL	Following operations have
FR7BY ISØIFA	TL8RC F6EZV	XT3AA A11D	not as yet sent QSLs:
FR7CE DF2OU	TT8AL W4QM	XW8CO HS1ALE	J2Ø/A 6OØDX K6LPL/CEØ
FGØGDI/FS F6AXX	TU2HH WA4VDE	(3/74-5/75)	
HH2VP N4XR	TU4BA W2TK	XW8HK JALWTR	
HM1PW JAØBFZ	TYA11 ON5NT	YC1GJ W2GBX	
H5AK WB2ULI	DJ6SI/TZ DK9KD	ZD8FS K4FS	
JALJWP/JD JALRJR	T3ØAC WB6FBN	ZD8RH G4DBW	
JA8AQN/JD JA8JL	VK9CCT WA9WWT	ZK1XJ 3D2ES	
JD1BAE JG3KAB	VK9NYG VK6NE	ZL3AFH/A ZL2HE	
JX3P LA3DH	VK9XW KV6RU	4S7US DF2RG	



# CALENDAR

Palmyra	ADØS/KH5	Should be on now; this issue
Tunisia	3V8	JA8BMK and friends soon; this issue and Issues 83, 84
Macao	CR9BE	Apr. 25-26; Issue 85
Tokelau	ZM7TT	Anytime, by 4Z4TT; Issues 83 and 86
Benin	TYA11	By ON5NT, mostly CW, now through May 2
Maldives	8Q7	Apr. 25-May 2 by JAs; Issue 85
Convention	INT'1 DX	May 1-3, Visalia California
Benin		By DJ2BW and DL8DC May 6-13; Issue 84
Contest	CQ WPX	CW, May 30-31
Leichtenstein	DALWA/LX	May 23-31; details later
DEADLINE	TDXB	Countries Survey; mail by May 31
Visitor's Day	At W6AM	June 20; details later
Market Reef	OJØ	July 6 for one week; Issue 75
Monaco	3A	July 10-20 by Dutch group; details later

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JONESTOWN (cont'd)

...communications to me (Reston) it would be besieged by racketeers filing FOIA (Freedom of information Act) requests. I sued, an expensive process which took a year to complete, and lost. The Temple radio communications remain a national secret."

said that there was no private transmitting and didn't seem to think there was any prospect of it in the foreseeable future. Sorry. But I will keep asking..."

Jim Foster: (Re. "The New Breed" Issue K7ZFG 85)...

## LETTERS

Jim Anderson: "The wife of a member of the K1JA Psychology department at the

local university is spending six months in China as a teacher of English; I suggested she buy a Sony short wave radio to keep in touch with the BBC, VOA, etc. I also asked her to investigate any local interest in radio and here are some of her remarks:

'...China in general seems to be less paranoic about foreigners and foreign broadcasts than the Soviets are. We are free to talk about anyone, anything, to any Chinese at any time. Further, the Chinese don't jam (as far as I can tell) any broadcasts. In fact, the Voice of America is required listening for all students studying English. Incredibly poor as most Chinese are, a surprisingly large number of them own short-wave radios (and cassette recorders).

'But with respect to allowing their own people to broadcast as amateurs, I'm afraid the answer is still no. I'm not positive about that because I can only ask the Chinese and they often know less about what is going on than foreigners here do. But I did talk to a group of electrical engineering types that are in a Technical Writing course that I am teaching. They clearly knew all about ham radio operators, and were more than ready to explain to me in great detail how it worked, how you jam a broadcast, etc. But they all

"I must disagree with your assessment of the "American operator from Africa on CW" By your standards, this gentleman should listen on the frequency he last heard a station on. If he stays listening there, sooner or later, a pileup occurs anyway. If he is expected to use that same frequency, why not just use his own transmit frequency and save the spectrum some space?

"An inexperienced operator, trying to avoid a pileup, would do exactly as this ham did. Further, it is possible that he had no CW filter, making it difficult to impossible to separate signals. You should take up a collection to buy him a CW filter. And remember, he's doing you a favor by working you, not the other way around!"

Note: Jim, the guy I referred to is an Extra Class ham. The kind of operating technique I was describing is sometimes called "Russian Roulette," and it is the scourge of DXing...even worse than lists, to my way of thinking. Maybe having a couple of the Foundations maintain a bank of CW filters for various rigs would be a good idea, though.

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