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PROPAGATION: May 22, 23, Disturbed; May 24, Below Normal/Disturbed; May 25, 26, Low Normal; May 27, Low/High Normal; May 28-30, High Normal; May 31, high Normal; June 1, Above Normal; June 2,3, High Normal; June 4, High/Low Normal; June 5, Below Normal/Disturbed; June 6, Low Normal/Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

Despite word from the National Highway Traffic Safety Board, there is no truth to the rumor that Alpha 77 amplifiers will be required to include passive restraints.

KP4 DESECHEO

KP2A of the International DX Foundation advises that they have finally been able to obtain permission for a Desecheo operation...it will take place June 8-15 with about eight operators, on 160-10 Meters. Callsign will be KP2A/D, and all QSLs to be handled by the IDXF, c/o AF2C, Jay Muskar, RFD 2, Putnam Valley, NY 10579.

ARRL has recognized only one operation from Desecheo, by KP4AM and others during the second phone weekend of the ARRL International DX Competition in 1979; other groups have been trying to obtain Desecheo permission ever since, with IDXF being the first to make the grade. A year ago, in Issues 41 and 45, TDXB published an exchange of letters concerning Desecheo, including two from ARRL DX Advisory Committee members K5YY and W1OT. Desecheo was the last "rock" to gain DXCC entity status before the rules were revised to tighten up on such places being recognized.

The TDXB "Needed Survey" one year ago showed Desecheo way down the list, at #116; undoubtedly newer DXers will swell the total needing KP4/D this year.

Although several sources show the prefix for Desecheo as KP5, and indeed the TDXB 1981 Needed Survey listed it that way, it is doubtful that the prefix will ever be issued.

More information from the IDXF on this operation will be forthcoming next issue.

Along the same lines as the KP5 prefix, KV4FZ reminds us that no FS7 licenses have ever been issued for French St. Martin. Anyone operating from there has used an FG7/FS7 moniker.

Similarly, we now know that East Germany has permanently switched to the Y prefixes, to put a little more distance between them and the West Germans. Further, the HT prefix now appears to be permanent for Nicaragua.

Pat Connell, NGBNY, and a couple of friends, will be in Jordan next January, and they look to assess the demand for JY CW contacts. They are also interested in possible operations from more rare countries in the area, and Pat will welcome your cards and letters on the subject.

Alex, VK9CCT, came on as scheduled May 19 from Cocos Island, sporting his new call-sign VK9YA. That is as we mentioned in Issue 90. No word on whether the TET aerial which was donated for use there got to Alex in time for him to ferry it to Cocos.

New Ham on Cocos VK9NYG is pretty surprised to find that 10 Meters, the only band he has been operating on, has fallen flat on its face. When the TET tribander gets there and set up look for Frank on 15 and 20, when he passes his Morse and written tests for the next higher VK license.

The Weisbaden ARC showed up from Leichtenstein about two weeks earlier than they had planned and were active on the high bands using various DA/HBØ callsigns. QSLs to the DARC bureau OK. They used a TS520, SB200, and TA33, operating from a tent on top of a 1600-ft. mountain.

How to QSL TY??? TYAll most QSOs go to ON5NT, whose guest operating there ended on May 2. TYAll QSOs by K4YT go, as usual, to his brother W2TK. And TY9ER contacts by DL8DC and DJ2BW the past two weeks go to DL8DC.

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Jack Sproat, W4LCL/YBQACL, who operated from Indonesia for nine months in 1979-80 to the tune of 13,300 contacts, will be there again for another assignment starting this August. Jack says he won't be as radio-crazy as last trip, but he caught the 40-Meter bug in Florida and he will try hard to put YB in some 40-Meter logs. All depends on what sort of living arrangement he can come up with and whether there is room for a dipole or something.

Another group to operate from the Aland Islands includes KR6Q, K6TMB, KS6O, and SM6CCM, who will be there July 8-13, including the weekend of ARRL's Radiosport Contest. Each operator will take care of QSLs through his home address.

KS6DV hasn't yet made it to Canton Is, transportation being the hangup.

Leon Tallman, W1JTI, has obtained operating permission for the Faroes Is., where he will be visiting in July; he may have his very own "OY" callsign if the wheels there turn swiftly enough, otherwise listen for W1JTI/OY. Leon's taking an Omni C, maybe a Clipperton amp., and dipoles for 10/15/20, where he plans to work CW only but might sked you on 'phone.

May 19 was the last Tuesday list operation for D68AM until two months hence; he will be vacationing at home in France until the first of July.

As Chod Harris, W1SQB, mentioned in his letter about Easter Island a few weeks ago, the Radio Club of Chile is sending a new Kenwood transceiver, tower and antenna to the island for permanent duty. The club's intention is to keep Easter Island on the air continuously, with no gaps due to equipment breakdowns, as has happened in the past.

Several of the club members will be on Easter Island for an official opening of the Island club station sometime in September, and they will activate the station for four or five days, including operation on 6 Meters.

A corection to the 160 Meter information excerpted last issue from the W1BB newsletter: the first USA East Coast to Japan contacts were not made by K2GNC, last February, but rather on January 23 by AA4V, N4WW, and K4UEE, all of whom worked JA2GQO. These stations are all much to the south of K2GNC, particularly N4WW, who is in Florida.

Nat Schnoll, W2PN, sent a nice report on a recent trip he took to Singapore and the Seychelles. Nat got in a few hours of operating from the home of Jack Coffee, 9V1UQ, before taking off for Mahe and the home of Bill Whitworth, S79WHW. Nat spent two weeks operating there, but Bill will handle the cards himself and says a green stamp will speed an airmail reply to you.

W2PN has a schedule with S79WHW almost every day on 14254, anywhere between 0200 and 0400Z; S79WHW can also be found often around 21275. Bill, incidentally, is 79 years young and an American expatriate.

Another publication notes that W8HMI just left for a business trip to Africa, and he hopes to use the two Astro rigs he has along to activate Liberia, Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania, and perhaps the Somali Republic, where he was licensed as 601AU some time ago. He will be in Somalia June 1-10. (Dutch DXpress).

Several readers have reported recent receipt of Franz Josef Land QSLs in the past couple of weeks...UA1PAL coming from UA4HLK, and UK1PAA from UA1OSM. There's a story brewing on UA1OSM, about whom reports of his having fallen into disfavor with the authorities have been circulating for a year or more. Serge is known to have lost his own call but has been heard occasionally using the callsign of his wife.

Further to our recent list of Nets: three readers (a landslide!) have mentioned the "Certificate Hunter's DX Net, on 14300 from 02 to 0400Z daily; after June 1 this group will push the time earlier, to 0000Z, probably still daily. KB7SB is now awards manager for the CHC.

The latest W1AW on-the-air bulletin says ZL3AFH/A Campbell Island has two scheduled operating times: Thursdays at 0900Z on 14320, and Fridays at 0200Z on 21300.

ZL1AMO was saying during his recent Solomons H44RW operation that he will be on Lord Howe sometime in July, for about a week. Mostly CW, as usual. His visit may coincide with the Radiosport Contest the first weekend of July.

Many are looking for ZD7AL and ZD7SE to appear from ZD9 anytime, but thus far nothing has shown. This was first reported in a Dutch bulletin, the DXpress.

HAVE YOU SENT YOUR TDXB SURVEY SHEET YET?

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

<u>Low Bands</u> D4CBC/3506/03E/13	FM7AV/7008/00E/8 OA4AWD/3507/03E/12	AH6BK/7014/04E/15 TY9ER/7005/05E/15	ZP5CA/7003/00#/11 4Z4NE/7003/02E/9
<u>Africa</u> C5ACZ/28711/11E/9 D4CBC/14025/21C/11 D4CBC/21025/19W/14 EA6GB/14220/01C/12 EA8AT/21015/00W/9 EA8UT/21007/14E/13 EA9IE/14207/00C/13 EA9IE/14207/01E/13 EA9EU/21013/19E/13 EL2AU/21330/11C/9	FR7BY/28049/15E/12 J88AH/14005/01E/9 S79WHW/14228/03C/13 S83T/21270/20E/10 TU2JJ/14203/03C/10 TY9ER/14015/01E/10 TY9ER/14242/02C/14 TY9ER/14818/04E/15 VQ9AA/14220/12E/9 VQ9PF/14211/03E/12 VQ9PF/21015/23E/10	VQ9PF/21372/00E/10 XT2AW/21010/18C/11 XT2AW/28012/13E/9 ZE3JJ/14034/12E/10 3D6AB/14205/12C/9 3D6AB/14205/12C/10 3B8CD/14027/03C/14 3B8DB/14028/11E/14 5N8BRC/14212/22C/9 5N2LED/14222/00E/13 5N6ATT/21315/00C/10	5V7HL/14286/06C/10 5V7HL/21277/22C/9 5Z4CH/14210/20E/11 5Z4CA/21370/21C/8 9J2LL/14207/23C/9 9J2BO/14025/13E/9 9J2WS/21004/16E/13 9U5JM/21280/18E/9
<u>Asia</u> HZ1AB/14230/02E/9 HZ1AB/21033/03E/8 JY9RC/21315/21E/10 JY9RV/28612/13E/8 UK7GAA/21025/02W/9	UH8EAA/21024/04E/8 UM8NAP/14006/02W/12 UM8MBA/21030/13E/9 VU2VU/14206/12E/9 VU2BK/21065/00W/8 YB8AEG/21007/16E/13	4X4JU/14202/03W/12 5B4JK/21025/21E/9 8J3ITU/14218/11E/14 8J3ITU/28536/10E/8 9K2FF/14210/00C/8 9M2LN/14044/12E/14	9N1MM/14209/12C/9 9V1TL/14026/11C/12 9V1TL/14004/11E/14 9V1OK/21020/21E/9
<u>Oceania</u> DU9RG/14205/09E/10 N7ET/ DU6/14030/00E/11 DU7EM/14210/10C/12 KP4KK/ DU2/21030/22E/12 FK8DR/14218/10C/11 FK8DR/14220/10E/14	FO8HA/21008/04E/13 H44SH/21280/13E/10 KC6JC/14206/11E/10 WB2JTP/ KH2/14034/11C/8 KH0AC/14206/12C/10 P29NSF/28575/00C/11 T32AB/14092/07C/10	VK2AGT/14239/14C/9 (Lord Howe) VK9NL/14025/12C/11 VK9NS/14220/12E/13 VK9NS/21345/01C/10 VK9NS/28030/12C/13 VK9NYG/28536/14C/6 VK9NYG/28529/11E/7 VK9NYG/28585/11E/9	YB3DC/14022/11E/10 YB8AEG/21009/18C/13 Y01GJ/28505/17E/8 YJ8BG/14235/10C/11 YJ8BG/14236/10C/14 ZK1AR/21275/11C/8 ZK2BGD/21015/04E/11
<u>Elsewhere</u> CE3WD/21025/02W/9 CE5BYY/28565/16E/14 CX4BW/14203/00E/12 EA6GB/14220/01E/12 FC6ETS/21019/15E/9 FY7YE/21053/14E/13 GD4BEG/21030/22E/8	DA1BH/ HB0/14201/01E/13 DA1BH/ HB0/14212/23C/14 W5VFO/ HC7/21030/04C/9 HH2BM/28504/23E/13 HK0BKX/21010/02E/12	HV3SJ/21291/15E/9 J3ABW/28513/01E/11 LX1BI/14262/01C/8 LX1BW/14225/05C/10 OX3NB/14032/02E/7 OY1R/14030/11E/8 SV0BV/14228/01E/12	W8CSH/ SV9/14204/22E/14 SV1NN/21030/04E/8 VP5FP/14014/11E/9 VP5BH/21283/23E/13 VP8PE/28660/21W/10 ZB2EO/14026/22E/11

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QSLs

AO2HAM via EA2OP	HT1ZMR via K7UU	VP2MKU via N6ST	4V2BM via K4MRE
A22PH A22BX	H44RW ZL1AMO	VP2VGI KP4EBQ	4X4BL N2BQL
A7XE DK4NW	J28AZ I8JN	VP5FP WB4OSN	5B4KE OE2SCL
A9XDA N4BPP	J5AG SM3CKX	VP8PE WB9MFC	5N6ATT K4PVZ
CN8AD F8JL	KALAA WA4TKR	VQ9AA AJ3N	7P8BL K5PMF
K4BF/CN8 K4CEB	AH2L WA4EHS	VQ9PF KA2EER	8J1ITU JARL
C31IQ F6BUM	AH6CH/KH3 Box 4	YB8AEG WA2JOC	8Q7BH JH4RUG
C31PQ F6BSA	APO SF	YC1GJ W2GBX	Hide Taguchi
C5ADZ DK9KD	96305	YJ8NMB WA2MNM	Naka 966
W1DV/DU2 WA2RKX		YS9YS WD8GRL	Yakage-cho
			Oda-Gun
D4CBC (5/81) KALCY	K000/KP4	ZD7AL Box 17	Okayama 714-12
ED1ABT EALABT	KP4AM W7PHO	Jamestown	JAPAN
EC9BV EA9GD	KP4CC KP4EHP		
EP2GY JH1PLL	KP4ID Bureau	ZE1CR Box 653	8Q7NN JH4RUG
FB8XY F6CIU	PJ4CR WB2LCH	Salisbury	9G1RD WD8PLH
FK8CE K2FOR	P29CC W2PD		9L1FC WA0CAE
FM0FJD W2GHK	SV0BD W4OYC	ZF2AA W8LUI	9X5SL DL8DF
FO8HA Box 11193	TG9GI K8HV	ZK1AR AA6Z	
Mahina		ZK2BGD Box 37	
		Alofi, Niue	
FP0FSZ VO1FB	U4XL UA4LM		
GB1IARU G3LQI	VK9NYG VK6NE	ZS2MI (5/81) ZS6LF	
W5VFO/HC7 N5BET	VK9ZD VK3OT	3B8MS VE3TEN	
HF0POL SP Bureau	VP1RY K0BJ	W6YB/3D6 KA7IJA	
HL9QK N5AVW	VP1SGX JALSGX	VE7AAZ/4U VE1BWV	
HT1AR K7UU	VP2ARS OH2BH		

CALENDAR

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Contest DEADLINE Somalia Tokelau Wake Is.	CQ WPX TDXB 60IAU ZM7 KH6GB	May 30-31 Survey...May 31!!!! June 1/W8HMI; this issue June 1-10; Issue 90 /KH9 Jun. 1; Issue 87
Aland Is. Visitor's Day Minami Tor. Market Reef Aland Is.	OHØ OHØ	Jun. 13-22, OHs; Issue 90 W6AM, Jun. 20 KA2AA again, early July Jul. 6, one wk; Issue 75 Jul 8-13; this issue
Lord Howe Monaco Aland Is.	 	rumor, 2L1AMO, July; this issue Jul. 10-20; details later By OH6JW, Aug. 3-10

AI3E, W4LCL, XE1NI, W7YF, N8BKB, KAØE, W2HAZ, WA7OBH, W5OSJ, K2POA, WØBW, K6IR, N4CID, WA2PHA, W1GG, WD5AAM, HP1AC, W4VQ, WA4YZF, K1KLD, WØEAN, W8EX, WA8CZS, WB8ZRL, W1BB, AI3Q, KA3R, WA2SQY, W1DQH, KB9UV, K3ZO, OH1LW, OH6JW, I2YAE, W8IMZ, W2LZX, I2MQP, WA8WMC, W2PN, AA4V, CE3GN, W1JTI, KS6O, KP2A, KV4FZ, KE4R, J11VLV, K7UU, K1BV, W8ZET, VE1BNN, W9QWM, K5BLV, KP4EQF, WA4RUW, NI4Y, AA4QZ, K8IP, W8KPL, HP1XRK, W1VV, J1AAAT, W8UVZ, K1TGX, AG1K, K3ZJ, WA6AUD, N4SO, N5UR, AF1W

Without you there would be
no bulletin; thanks!

Ref. last week's rundown of VP8 callsigns and islands, some now say VP8AEN is on the S. Shetlands, not S. Georgia. QSL manager is GM3ITN. Who's got a QSL?

Joke of the Month Award: The Italian station who was taking a list for MLIPA on Friday, May 15, two days before the M1 was due to come on.

Two more additions to the list of Nets: African Safari, 21292/1900Z, and the Pacific Family Hour, 21370/0000Z.

When we say "Usual Frequencies" in TDXB, it is because 1) the operator said that him- self or 2) the operator didn't specify any frequencies. Since we are asked to define them about every six months or so, ...

Phone

CW

3795	Listen 25 KHz up from
7050-7100	the lowest band edge,
14195/14200-240	and listening up when
21275/21300/21355	operating "split."
28495/28500-600	

Look for a pileup, and if they are all on one frequency the DX station is probably buried underneath; if the pile is spread out, look for the DX down in frequency, possibly just below a band segment edge.

If you want to be loved, get on the DX stations frequency and ask "where's he listening?" until the policemen holler at you that he's listening up. If you don't have split frequency capability, get on the DX frequency and bellow "when's he going to work simplex?" This will make you more friends. Finally, if you can't get through to him, announce on his frequency that "they are taking a list for him up 100 kilohertz." This will eliminate about half the stations in the pile-up, making it 50 percent easier for you to get through.

ARRL NEWS

Following the fiasco last November with the Central Division director election, in which incumbent W9NTP withdrew just before the ballots were counted (under pressure), candidate W9PRN was declared elected. This did not set well with some Central Division members, since the ballots were never counted, and some felt that director Miller, W9NTP, had been forced into withdrawing without just cause.

At the Dayton Hamvention, some members were circulating a re-call petition; it isn't that they have anything against W9PRN, but rather it was felt the election had been rigged by Newington. At the May 13 meeting of the ARRL Executive Committee, the request for recall was denied, because the guidelines of the Ethics Committee did not include provisions for a recall under the extant circumstances. The matter appears dead.

The League still wants to get into the newsletter business; nothing doing on the operating front, but an ARRL Technical Letter is in the works, the groundwork being laid by Assistant General Manager Sumner, K1ZZ, with a possible starting time of September.

June QST hits the mails just about now; be sure to look for the DXCC editorial, which appears on page 9 under the title "It Seems to US..."

DXAC votes on DXCC status for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (1AØKM) this month; the Italians have suspended QSLing for the operations earlier this year until after the DXCC status has been decided.

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