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WELL HERE WE ARE WITH OUR FIRST ISSUE AND AS SUCH WE ARE ABLE TO START OUT WITH A FIRST CLASS GRIPE WHICH IF ALLOWED TO GO MUCH FURTHER WILL NOT ONLY ENDANGER THOSE OF US INTERESTED IN DX BUT ALSO THE ENTIRE TRANSMITTING FRATERNITY.

THOSE OF US WHO LIVE IN THE BAY AREA, CONGESTED AS IT IS, ARE WELL AWARE OF THE NOTICE RECEIVED IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHEN EVEN A TEN METER ROTARY GOES UP. IMMEDIATELY MRS. JONES DOWN THE BLOCK INFORMS MRS. SMITH WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR THAT SAID "CONTRAPTION" HAS CERTAINLY INTERFERED WITH THEIR BROADCAST RECEPTION, THIS EVEN THO' THE TEN METER BEAM MAY NOT YET BE IN USE. BUT THAT IS NOT THE REAL GRIPE THIS TIME. YOUR EDITOR HAVING HAD TO CALL ON SOME FRIENDS (NOT AMATUERS) ON SOME PERSONAL BUSINESS, WAS ASKED 'HOW IS YOUR RADIO?', ANSWERING: 'OH JUST FINE' WAS SHOWN THE FRIEND'S NEW BIG RCA COMBINATION PHONO-RADIO JOB. ABOUT \$300 WORTH. AFTER LOOKOING OVER SAME AND ADMIRING WAS INFORMED THAT A BAD BUZZING WAS OCCURRING AND THAT A CERTAIN LOCAL LARGE DEPARTMENT STORE, WHERE THE RADIO HAD BEEN PURCHASED SENT OUT THEIR MAN TO LOOK IT OVER. NOW, THE FIRST QUESTION ASKED OF THIS BCL WAS: 'ARE THERE ANY RADIO HAMS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?'. MY FRIEND ANSWERED YES THERE WERE TWO. (ONE IS INCIDENTLY A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB)....WELL SEZ THE SERVICE MAN, THAT IS THE CAUSE OF YOUR TROUBLE, LET ME KNOW JUST WHO IT IS AND WE WILL GET THE FCC AFTER HIM AND PUT HIM OFF THE AIR. MY FRIEND ANSWERED THAT WAS NOT NECESSARY. WHEREUPON THE SERVICE MAN LEFT. NOW, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, ALTHO' THE BUZZING WAS OF A STEADY VARIETY, AND ASLO WAS OCCURRING AT HOURS WHEN BOTH THESE HAMS WERE AWAY AT WORK IT OBVIOUSLY WAS A POWERE LEAK OF SOME KIND AND NOT AN INTERING HAM. HOWEVER.....HAM RADIO GETS ANOTHER BLACK EYE AND WE ARE JUST WONDERING WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THIS AREA COMES THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AND TELEVISION. IF ALL THESE SO CALLED SERVICEMEN ARE GOING TO SLUFF OFF POWER LEAKS, ELECTRIC BLANKETS, SHAVERS, MOTORS, TRUCKS, CARS, BUSSES AND FAULTY HOUSE WIRING THEN WE SAY: THE BURDEN OF PROOF SHOULD BE ON THE COMPLAINANT, UNLESS OF COURSE THE HAM IS DEFINITELY HEARD AND IDENTIFIED, WHICH IN THE CASE OF CW IS A LITTLE TOUGHER. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH GOINGS ON OF STUPID AND LAZY RADIO SERVICEMEN SHOULD BE HEDED BY THE FCC. IT IS TOUGH ENOUGH FOR SOME OF US HAMS IN THE CITY TO PUT UP WITH ALL THE HASH AND MAN MADE STATIC WE HEAR ON THE DX BANDS WITHOUT BEING BLAMED FOR CAUSING THE SAME HASH TO OTHER SERVICES. IT IS JUST SOME THING TO START THI KING ABOUT AS MARK OUR WORD TVI IS GOING TO TOUGH ENOUGH AS IT IS WITHOUT BEING BLAMED FOR INTERFERENCE WE DO NOT CAUSE.

W6PB-Editor

NEW PREFIXES NOW IN USE

Here are some of the new ones which may help out:

- ZS7-----Swaziland
- ZS8-----Basutoland
- ZS9-----Bechuanaland
- MD1-----Cyrenaica -----MC1
- MD2-----Tripolitania---MT2
- MD3-----Eritrea-----MI3
- MD4-----Somalia-----MS4
- MD5-----Suez Canal
- MD6-----Iraq
- MD7-----Cyprus

Those listed on the right hand side on the MD prefixes are for civilians, the left the military hams. IE, MD1 (army ham) MC1 a civilian ham.

NEW SWISS HAM QSL BUREAU*****

Heres a brand new address which we have scooped QST on:

USKA QSL SERVICE
Postbox 1203
St. Gallen
SWITZERLAND

The following Italian hams just might be passed by as nothing out of the ordinary but just look at their locations....HMmmmmmmmm...

- IIAHK---Sardinia
- IIAHL---"
- IIAHW---"
- IIEH----"

- IIANP--- San Marino

- IIAJR---Trieste
- IIAOR---"
- IIAQX---"
- IIIDI---"
- IIEP----"
- IIFC----"
- IIFR---- Trieste
- II MV---- Trieste

The last named IIMV sez QSL his home QTH as is usually T8 at the low end of the band and sometimes out. On in the evenings.

Wanna work a new one? Then look for PX2AB, in ANDORRA.

A fast operator and is T9
Look for him about 6 pm DST on about 14,100 KC

HEY-This space too short for anything except a reminder to start in planning now for the next DX contest

RED HOT DOPE FROM LUXEMBOURG

Nothing is worse than to work a rare one only to find out he is a phoney baloney. There are many known LX pirates, HOWEVER, the word direct from LX-land is: ALL stations listed in the latest call book(Spring 1948) are all legit. QSL's may be sent for all LX stations to:

G.Berger, (LX1AB)
20 Rue Louvigne
LUXEMBOURG.

***** R A T R A C E S*****

These have been of the early a.m. variety anywheres from 4:00 a.m. up to 8:00 a.m.

- ZS2MI-Marion Isle-abt 14050 app.
- ZK2AA-Nieue- T9 14125 & 14127
- VR2AZ/VR1 British Canton(This is a new country from Amer. Canton. 14145 T9 also on PHONE.

- MD4TH-14045/14067 T9
- ZD3F-14050
- ZD3AFG-14042
- UJ8AD- 14093
- CT3AB- 14090/14056
- VQ8CB-Chagos-14112 also PHONE on 14325 KC
- VQ8AD-Mauritius-14020/14089
- UF6KAB-14075
- W8WEA/TRUK-Harry Phillips, Navy 3410, c/o FPO, S.F.

ZS2MI-mentioned above is on best for W6 Bay area at 5 am but also on in evenings.

- MI3AB-14050
- FI8ZZ-we don't know too much. Sez NO QSL pse. 14040 T9
- ZC1CL-See July QST for QTH-14059 also on 14064.

- FE8AB-14091-T9
- ZD1LQ-14050 T6 drifts all over the place but good op.
- IIAYN-Sardinia-PHONE ONLY-14350

- ZD9D-14098
- VP6AM-14070
- VP6SJ-14110
- VP1AA-14042
- AP2F-14046
- UM6KAB-14087
- UL7KAA-14060
- UF6KAC-14090
- ET3AF-14031
- AR1WW-14015/14020 A toughie to hook
- AR8AB-14061
- TA3FAS-14120

CHAIN LETTERS BACK IN VOGUE

This little gem sent in by TI:
Dear DXer:

This chain was started in the hope of bringing happiness to all tired DXers and, unlike most chains requires NO money.

Simply send a copy of this QSL to five (5) male DXers. Then bundle up your wife and send her to the fellow whose name heads this list. When your name gets to the top you will receive 15,188 women, and some ought to be dandies.

Have faith, don't break this chain. One man broke it and got his wife back.

W6TI.

LAST MINUTE DX DOPE FM OP. 88

- AC3GG-Sounds C.C. and a good op. Frequency is EXACT & is: 14049 KC. Comes thru from 7 to 7:30 pm DST.
- F8NE/Corsica-See July '48 QST Page 60 fer QTH- Comes thru abt 10pm DST and is T9 frquency is 14039
- ET3AF- in the a.m. T8 -14070
- TALDB- 14040...in the a.m.
- UH8AA-Point beam about due South and listen about 14020 for a T7 chirpy note-He moves around a bit but usually around 14020.
- VR2AO- take it easy with this guy and don't call him if you are not 100% sure he is not QRL as he is at present very PO'ed at all W's and is hard to hook.

NOTICE TO ALL DX PHONE MEN

As you will probably note, there is not too much info for Phones in this issue. The CW boys have kicked thru with plenty of info but we need more info on the phone situation. Remember that this helps everyone so, jot down the dope on a penny card mail by the FIRST OF THE MONTH to PB, 800 Alma Ave., Oakland, 10 and will see it gets in

DX QSL DOPE OF INTEREST

QSL's have been slow-ESPECIALLY From Russia- Also the rare stuff coming thru the Bureau in small dribbles so don't give up....

KZ CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

A nice certificate may be obtained by merely sending a copy of your log showing date, time, rept of contacts with ten different KZ contacts to : Secretary, Canal Zone Amateur Radio Association, Box 407, Balboa, Canal Zone.

CRPL DX PREDICTIONS JULY, 1948.

Analysis of several directions as compiled and edited by our hard working statistician Jim Ruys, W6UZX..... (All times DST-All directions From San Francisco)

To: Switzerland:
Short path 20 meters openings 5 am to 7 am. ALSO 5 pm to mid. Long path shows fine 15 mtr possibilities but we don't have that band yet. 40 & 10 N.G.

To: ETHIOPIA, VS9 etc
Short Path 20 mtrs shows 3 diff. openings: 5 am/7am, 6.30pm/7.30 pm and 10pm to 1.00 am. Long path erratic but shows a short opening 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

To: Paraguay
Only band is 20 meters-opening from 2.00 a.m. to 5.00 a.m.

To: Java
Only good opening is again on 20 meters from 5.00 am to 8.00a.

To: Phakistan
20 meters again-3.30 am to 7 am.

Added to the above is a screwy opening for ten meters the long way round which was verified by working out the charts several times and is printed for what may come through:

To: ETHIOPIA, VS9
11.30 am to 2 pm and 8pm to 11p. So it looks like July will be an early a.m. 20 meter band so if you want DX its early up in the am. Conditions will be upset and erratic at times due to middle of the month Sunspot activity by then anything is liable to happen with rare stuff sneaking in and out at most any old time. So lets have at it and see what may be done. Your comments on charts appreciated.