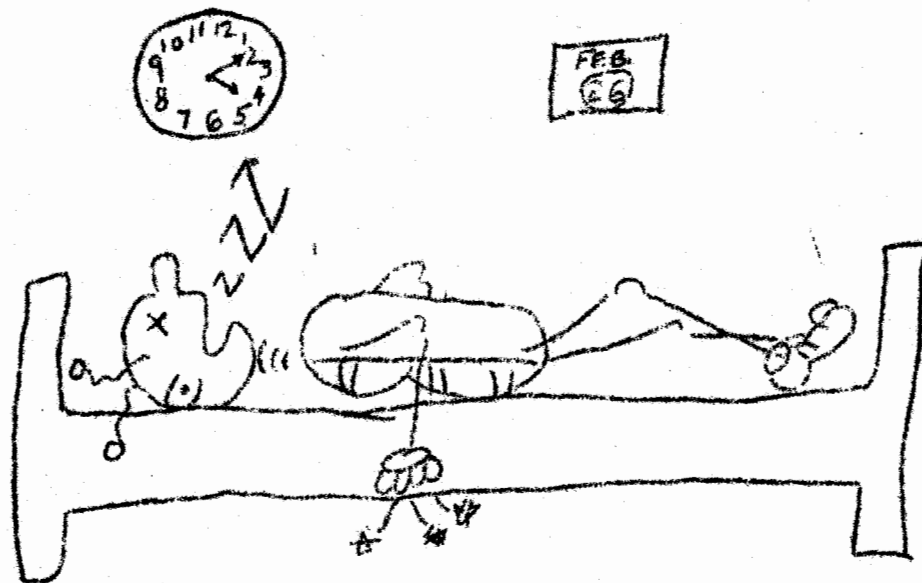


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This issue will reach you a few days late this month, but it is a most unfortunate fact that your scribe has been extremely QRL with important matters plus little distractions like DX contests, Jr Ops getting novice tickets and wanting endless assistance, etc, etc,. In fact, I am so tired I don't even worry about being late with the thing.

Since no one came forth with a photo for a feature this month, I took the opportunity to spend \$3.95 of YOUR loot to get this mill worked over (the photos usually cost \$6.00).

The Club is fortunate in having two enthusiastic committees functioning at the present time. The DX Committee, headed by TT, is working on a plan designed to end the present monopoly on gavels, etc. TT gave a brief resume of this plan at the last meeting, but we will hear more from time to time. Membership Committee, headed by BYB, is going out after DXers to show them the advantages of membership in the NCDXC. It is the desire of the NCDXC to have among its membership ALL the actual DX'ers in the area.

Last meeting Reg Tibbetts, ITH, said in effect, that he had explored all possible avenues in an effort to get a license to operate from either or both Fr. St. Martin or Dutch St. Maarten, and that as of then, there was absolutely no possibility of so doing in the foreseeable future. Nevertheless, a week later, who should show up at FS7RT but REG, knocking 'em off right and left. It will be mighty interesting to find out what caused the foreseeable future to be reduced to such a short period of time. I did hear Reg and a PJ talking over the situation from the Dutch angle last week (while Reg was at FS7) and it still looks dark from an operational standpoint from there. It looks like Reg all but got scooped on the FS7 deal because FS7AA (W2BBK) fired up only a few days later and worked clear through the first half of the DX contest and afterwards too. Anyway, Reg did an Al Job and gave thousands of guys a new one both phone and CW.

We had intended to include a complete set of instructions for the 2 meter rig in this issue, but the technical staff got bogged down with other work and failed to come up with the data. We will have it in an issue in the near future.

"Getting out a paper"

Getting out a paper is no picnic. If we print jokes, folks may say we are silly. If we don't, they say we are too serious. If we publish original matter, they say we lack variety. If we publish things from other papers, we are to lazy to write. If we don't print contributions, we don't show proper appreciation. If
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we do print them, the paper is filled with junk. Like as not, some follow will say we purloined this from another editor. We did--and we thank him.

73,

CTL

According to ARRL Official Bulletin Nr. 533, the RIF contest is scheduled for March 3, 1200 GMT to March 4, 2400 GMT for phone, and April 14, 1200 GMT to April 15, 2400GMT for CW.

Last minute dope from DZZ: Ed says PS7AA is W2BBK. He is due to leave St. Martin (Fr) and go to Br. Virgin Is. for a stay until March 6th.

Ed received a note from Joe Johnson (NIG) in which he says he has two telescoping steel towers for sale (to Club members). They are in good condition. One is 30' in four sections for \$50.00, and the other is 100' in five sections and goes for \$60.00. Both complete with cables, etc. Also, Joe has several used (but good) TV rotators. Eddie says they are ideal for the 2 mtr. rigs.

News from JA1CR (JDXRC)

J1A1HS worked VK4NG on 50 Mc. A3 around 12 noon on Jan 22nd. This is the first overseas 6 Mtr QSO by any J station.

HL9AA puts a constantly good sig into J land these days. The ops at HL9AA are members of the Alpine Club of the Seoul Engineering College.

JA1VP reports a QSO with VQ8CB on 7 Mc. VP was on A3, and the VQ8 on A1.

Takeo extends 73 to all Ws and is happy over the success of the recent Fresno DX conference.

Late Scoop on 1st $\frac{1}{2}$ DX Contest from LA

WGAM (W6YMD single OP)

MC.	1.8	3.5	7	14	21	28	28	Total	Points
Countries	1	16	34	63	45	7	23	189	200,718
Contacts	2	39	61	129	78	8	39	356	

W6RW (Multi OP)

	13	36	79	41	10	25	204
	35	73	199	89	13	48	457

FM 7HXG

Portland, Ore., Feb. 25:

"----Our Thursday eve meeting was rather successful, inasmuch as we had 23 in attendance from such towns as Yakima, St. Helens, Vancouver, Salem, Oswego, Lakegrove and Portland. W7GBW gave a timely (FS7RT) talk on CW operating ethics. W7FNK/FOBAI was present. He is planning another trip to the S. Pacific this summer and may get to ZM7 and VL6. By the way, our meeting was held on Thursday instead of Friday because of the DX Contest.

"Our weather is still bad, Though no snow, it seems to constantly rain and blow. Will it will never end!

"By the way, we are planning on getting our Bulletin out by the 15th. If all goes well, it will be a monthly affair.

"Our Club is trying for a Club score in the ARRL DX Contest this time, so guess I will have to throw my few hundred points to the WVDX Club Inc. W7DAA, Bill, did rather well in the first half of the A3 test. He had close to a hundred contacts.

"Had a fine QSO with Pete (PYH) a few weeks ago.

"Give my 73 to the gang."

73 es DX,

Lee Bates, W7HXG

NOTES FROM W6TI

Horace read the riot act to the local (Oakland) Post Office for the delay in delivering the DX'er. They blame it all on everything (flood conditions, Richmond, etc.,) except Oakland.

TT is reported to be sporting a new 2 element 40 mtr. rotary. (The DX contest ought to prove the worth of this one.)

QTH of KJ6BJ is: Box 65, APO 105, San Francisco.

Horace is all excited about the upswing of good conditions lately. He says, "The DX bands are all now FB just like 1947. Came home from work on Monday, Feb. 20, around 1 PM and found the band wide open to Europe - all coming thru R6 to 8 - even VK, ZL, JA, etc. coming thur early afternoon - around 1 PM. On Tuesday, Feb. 22nd the band was open all nite. Worked ZD3A, Gambia, at 1250am Feb 23rd, along with TT, PYH, and GIZ. At 1:29am, worked VP9GT and at 2am worked FY7YE!!" All this took place on 20 CW.

John, MHB (TI9MHB) and Seth, (HDX) are leaving Feb. 24th for Florida and thereafter to a Caribbean assignment for RCA. Wherever they wind up, be it HI, VP2, etc., they will be on with Viking Rangers and 75A4s.

BUY is having channel 4 troubles in spite of his best efforts.

TI, '57 Fresno Chairman, is making arrangements with the Hotel Californian to have the '57 version in the new (now being built) plush motel adjoining the old Hotel Californian.

QTHs

5A2TG Box 372, Tripoli
VQ5GC Neville Jackson, Radio Officer, Post Box 23, Entebbe, Uganda,
PZ1LM Via W2HQL
EL2C Box 36, Harbel, Liberia
I5AAW Box 85, Mogadiscio
FS7RT Via W6ITH
FQ8AY Andre - Box 538, Brassaville, F.E.A.
HH2Y Jean, Box 428, Port Au Prince, Haiti
VR2CS Box 334, Fiji
VKLIJ Via VK3ATN
ZS7H G. Smit, GPO, Staff, Geodggun, Swaziland
ZK1BS (EX ZK2AA) Radio Stn., Rarotonga, Cook Is.
FP8AK Box 1957, Dakar, F.W.A.
VO5RR Via W5HUV
HH7W Box 117, Port Au Prince, Haiti
YO3FY Box 95, Bucharest
ZD1DR Dave, Freetown, Sierra Leone
ZS9G Box 196, Livingstone, N. Rhodesia (says Book QTH incorrect - via WGDXC)
AP2M 110 Mulji St., Karachi 2, Pakistan.
UC2AA Via DL7AA
ZD7A Via ZS6GV

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According to Guy, K6AQP, cards from FB8XX will arrive in "due time" via REF. However, if you want one sooner, send a Club Card via FB8BR, it will probably speed up the process.

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Eddie, DZZ, reminds us that FB8BR/FB will be operating from Comoras Is. from 2/24 thru 3/3 on 14076. Guess a lot of guys have already knocked him off by now. Ed also says, "Had a QSL to AR1EW returned by Syria QSL Bureau marked 'Inconnu'." DZZ further says that according to VQ4FM, VQ4AQ is planning a trip to VQ9 soon.

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The legitimacy of one EA0I is doubtful indeed. He has been heard to say QSL via W6EP and W6TI. It is understood that BP never heard of the guy and certainly Horace has not!!

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From WGDXC we learn (via 9HUZ) that KT1UX is attempting to get a license to operate in Ifni. If successful, they will open up on or after March 28th.

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Ye Ed, was pleased to receive a copy of Vol. 1, No. 1 of the DX Bulletin of the Willanette Valley DX Club inc. Lee Bates, (7HXG) is "temporarily" acting as editor. The DX'er extends congratulations for a fine job. The DX'er editor hopes that Lee will not have to repeat the following remarks in any future editions. "--It is very important that you, the members, submit your DX information to the acting editor either by mail or telephone --". Here are a few of the more choice items from Vol 1, No 1: W7AC worked FO8AN (Yasme) 14080 @ 2001 PST, 1/26, W7GBW now has 200 conf., 7TML worked ZC4IP on 7 mc.

HEARD CALLED WORKED

K6AQP

Guy says "Been off the air this week, moving rig in shack, etc. getting ready for DX contest this weekend, but here is a "heard list" anyway!"

YI2RP	14027	1710GMT	2/10	A1	H
ZD3A	004	2020	2/10	"	H
YJ1DL	006	2025	"	"	H
VK1AWL	014	2030	"	"	H
FB8ZZ	030	1720	"	"	H
EA6AF	056	1630	2/14	"	H
FS7RT	100	0200	2/21	"	H
VU2HF	033	1650	2/22	"	H
FR8CK	010	1715	2/24	"	H
VQ8AG	012	1725	"	"	H

W6CTL

VR3B	14090	0305GMT	2/4	A1	W	Nr. 194
ZS7D	017	1755	2/5	"	H	
ZA1KAD	008	1900	"	"	H	Being called by EC
EA6I	062	1930	"	"	C	very very weak. sez QSL W6BP
CR5JB	045	2220	"	"	C	obviously foney!
VQ5GC	025	1925	2/19	"	C	
FS7RT	100	0330	"	"	C	
YI2AM	080	1645	2/20	"	H	
FS7RT	105	2215	"	A	W	St. Martin
CT3AB	001	0130	2/22	"	H	
CR4AG	133	0405	2/24	"	H	
CR6AI	14 mc	0205	"	"	W	
VP3YG	"	0116	2/25	"	W	
ZK1BS	"	0221	"	"	W	(ex ZK2AA)
CR4AI	"	1530	2/26	"	W	

W6LDD

CR4AG	14076	0410GMT	2/1	A1	W	
PZ1BS	013	0440	"	"	H	
ZK1BL	190	0715	2/6	A3	W	
ST2DB	116	1645	2/11	"	H	
ZS9G	21139	1930	"	"	C	
VU2JA	14024	0210	2/14	A1	H	
VR3B	080	0420	2/15	"	W	
FO8AN	081	0430	"	"	H	
FS7RT	21101	1700	2/18	"	H	
FS7RT	235	1830	"	A3	W	
CR7CK	14017	1645	2/19	A1	H	
CR6AI	022	1650	"	"	H	
CT3AB	21065	0030	"	"	W	
5A2TG	14002	0100	"	"	W	
VP3YG	065	0225	"	"	H	
FS7RT	100	0227	"	"	W	
ZS3AP	033	0510	"	"	H	
DL7AA	7010	0720	"	"	H	
HL2AC	005	1435	2/20	"	H	SB
DL7AH	010	0710	2/21/	"	W	
F8VJ	013	0740	"	"	W	
VU2HF	14034	1710	2/22	"	W	SB

W6VE

VILLJ	14031	1530GMT	2/3	A1	H	
ZD1DR	21098	2300	2/4	"	W	
VR4FR	104	2336	"	"	W	
ST2TNG	046	0000	5	"	W	
15AAW	14024.5	1940	2/5	"	C	
CR5JB	056	2100	"	"	H	
XZ2SS	040	1300	2/13	"	W	
VQ5GC	039	1545	2/17	"	W	L.P.
FS7RT	21101	1800	2/18	"	W	
VQ5GC	14039	1538	"	"	W	L.P.
VU2AL	049	0207	"	"	W	L.P.
AC5PN	051	0228	"	"	C	L.P.
4S7PD	052	0100	"	"	H	Calling CQ L.P.
ZS6ANN	28086	2000	"	"	W	
YALAM	14085.5	1500	"	"	C	
VS9AL	097	1509	"	"	H	Calling CQ
ZD1DR	21089	2230	"	"	H	QSO W stations
VQ6LQ	14056	1512	2/21	"	W	
ZC4VP	075	1523	"	"	W	
VS4NW	098	1500	2/22	"	H	In QSO dog fights.
VU5BC	21104	1830	"	"	C	

W6DBP

4X4BX	14016	1527GMT	1/24	A1	H	Wkg W6
YI2AM	056	1535	"	"	C	
MP4QAL	044	1525	1/25	"	W	
YO3RD	068	1535	"	"	W	
VQ4AQ	020	1533	1/28	"	H	
YI2AM	092	1538	"	"	H	S.P. c/q WGAM on sked
EA3CY	104	1645	1/29	"	W	
IT1TAI	074	1530	1/31	"	H	CQ W7
HZ1AB	012	1525	2/4	"	H	
4X4BX	018	1540	"	"	H	
DU7SV	21100	2355	"	"	W	
CE3DZ	075	2415	2/5	"	W	
HA5BJ	14028	1545	"	"	H	
ZP6CR	012	0225	2/6	"	W	
OD5AV	080	1535	"	"	W	
YO3RA	025	1530	2/8	"	H	
VQ4AQ	055	1535	"	"	H	
ZD2HJP	045	2045	2/10	"	H	
ZD6BX	055	1520	2/14	"	H	
EA6AF	052	1540	"	"	C	
VQ5GC	072	1530	2/17	"	C	
LZ1KPZ	028	1535	"	"	W	
ZD6RM	010	1500	2/18	"	W	
VQ5GC	040	1540	"	"	W	
IS1FIC	044	1620	2/19	"	W	
FS7RT	096	0300	2/20	"	C	
VU2HF	030	1525	"	"	H	
ZD6BX	045	1530	"	"	W	
ZELJG	072	1525	2/22	"	W	
ZS90	068	1630	"	"	H	CQ ZL
ZS3Q	060	1700	"	"	W	
ZS2MI	080	1515	2/23	"	H	Wkg ZS5BF cont.

W6DBP, cont.

VS4NW	14095	1535GMT	2/23	A1	W
PZ1LM	100	0410	2/24	"	W
FB8BR/FB	016	1500	"	"	C

W6DZZ

4X4FQ	14073	1605GMT	1/28	A1	H	
PZ1LL	022	0127	1/29	"	C	
CR4AG	078	0300	2/2	"	W	
KJ6BN	060	0315	"	"	H	
VP5BE	097	0350	"	"	H	Turks Is.
FB8BR	005	1530	"	"	H	L.P.
ST2NG	020	1540	2/3	"	C	"
SV7WL	062	1552	"	"	H	"
VS9AS	100	1559	"	"	W	"
ZD6BX	060	1550	2/4	"	W	"
LZ1KPZ	061	1551	"	"	H	"
ZS7D	065	1610	"	"	H	"
3V8AN	002	1630	"	"	W	"
ZD2FNK	001	1640	"	"	H	"
EL2C	069	2222	"	"	W	S.P.
FF8AJ	069	2220	"	"	H	"
VP8BK	012	0217	2/5	"	W	So. Georgia Is.
VR3B	100	0230	"	"	H	
VU2AL	036	0240	"	"	W	L.P.
VU2JA	011	0300	"	"	W	"
YI2AM	045	1610	"	"	H	"
I5AAW	025	1917	"	"	C	
EA8I	061	2004	"	"	W	PHONEY!!
CR6DA	055	2120	"	"	H	
CR5JB	060	2145	"	"	C	
4S7MG	040	0258	2/11	"	H	Beam 150°
FB8ZZ	030	1730	"	"	W	
ET2AB	055	1850	"	"	H	
KT1EXO	031	1735	"	"	H	
CT3AB	14030	1730	2/14	"	H	
VQ4FM	043	1930	"	"	W	
4S7MG	022	0300	2/15	"	W	
VQ4AQ	116	1650	"	"	W	
ZD4CC	023	2120	"	"	H	
CR4AG	059	0255	2/16	"	H	
4S7MR	045	0239	2/17	"	W	Beam 150°
VQ5GC	042	1555	2/18	"	W	
VQ8CB	088	1545	"	"	H	
FS7RT	21101	1800	"	"	W	
ZD1DR	092	2245	2/19	"	H	
PJ2AV	073	2300	"	"	H	
VU2HF	14038	1530	2/20	"	H	
4S7GE	054	0205	2/21	"	H	
MP4TAA	057	1542	"	"	W	QTH: Sharjah, Truc, Oman
ZS90	058	1622	2/22	"	H	
VU2JK	025	1626	"	"	H	
ZS8D	083	1634	"	"	W	QTH ok in book.
VU2AL	058	1655	"	"	H	
VU2KL	050	1720	"	"	W	

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W6DZZ, cont

VS9AS	14100	1915GMT	2//22	Al	H	
4X4BD	080	1920	"	"	H	
4S7WP	036	0140	2/23	"	H	Beam 150°
4S7GE	019	0148	"	"	W	" "
FM7WD	100	0215	"	"	H	
FQ8AY	078	0600	"	"	H	
SV/WL	064	1534	"	"	H	
FB8BR/FB	079	1635	2/25	"	W	Beam 210°

W6ATO

FQ8AY	14079	1706 GMT	1/22	Al	C	579 fb. "Charlie"
VU2HF	034	1737	2/22	"	C	
ZS3X	035	0515	2/23	"	H	
CR4AG	023	0327	2/24	"	H	very slow

More from TI.

Ray Brennan, W6UPV, one of our Charter Members, is recovering from a serious operation at the Palo Alto Hospital. He must replace about 12 pints of blood in the blood bank. If any member (or friend) can see fit to do so, please give a pint of blood and have it credit to Ray at the Penninsular Memorial Blood Bank, Burlingame. Blood can be donated to any regular bank and credited to Ray at the Palo Alto Hospital. Ray will be confined for several weeks. The visiting hours are 3 PM to 7 PM, Mondays and Thursdays; 8:30 AM to 12:20 PM, Wednesdays and Saturdays. It gets very lonesome in a hospital as you know, so let's pay Ray a visit, or at least drop him a card.

GPB is sporting a new NC300 and CTL latched onto a 75A3.

It seems as though Pete (PYH) has neighbors who are stamp collectors. In Pete's case, this ain't good. Seems as how, during the course of conversation with his XYL, stamps became the subject and she recalled having seen lots of the pretty things on QSL cards he had around the place. (Pete was hard at work at Elmar at the time.) It was recalled that there was an especially nice bundle carefully put away which contained very desirable stamps (this bunch happened to be the 199 Pete was saving to send in for DXCC with 200 CFMD.) Now, any real good philatelist knows that if a stamp is steamed off, it may become discolored and lose some of its value, so the best thing to do is cut around it and leave it still glued. This course of action was followed. A few nights later, Pete took a notion to look over his prize cards and found a pile of scraps in their place. It does not take any kind of imagination at all to visualize his reaction - people for miles around were awakened from a sound sleep----*%\$// etc. It is understood from unimpeachable sources that Pete has simmered down by now and has managed to gather up sufficient fragments to make most of the cards acceptable for DXCC credit. It shouldn't happen even to a TV viewer.

DE W6BYB

John says he hasn't got on yet from his new QTH (SF) but recently bought Seth's (HNX) Johnson KW final but has to run a 220 line up from the basement. He also still must put up an antenna. He says he has been doing a little listening and finds conditions a far cry from his former country QTH at Sebastopol. It seems there is a hospital locally which originates all manner of QRN on all bands.

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de W6BYB cont.

John says, in part, "--Recv'd a few good cards this past month including FB8ZZ, ZS1PD/ZS8, EA6AF (7mc), VQ6LQ, 3V8AB, VKIAC and others. - so only gotta scratch up 3 more for that DXCC phone.

"Had a fb visit from W6QL ex XYL (Cotton, Calif.) a few days ago and on Sat. (18th) Bob (YULGM) and Seth (HNX) arrived with the Johnson KW and Joe (GPB) also showed up to help with it. So, we proceeded to celebrate (my birthday no. 45) in fine style. Guess they got home OK."

73,
John.

W6KEK

OQ5CP	14.03	1712GMT	2/13	A1	C	
ZD4BT	14.35	1642	2/14	"	H	
CT3AB	14.28	1725	"	"	W	
CTLJB	14.1	1610	2/15	"	H	
EA8BF	14.55	1655	2/20	"	H	
4S7MG	14.3	1700	"	"	H	Wkd in test later
FS7RT	?	2217	"	"	W	
ZS3BB	14.3	1708	2/21	"	H	Testing & CQ EU
VS4NW	14.9	1655	"	"	W	
ZS3Q	14.2	1642	2/22	"	W	
ZE3EON	14.5	1551	2/28	"	C	
ZD6RM	14.9	1602	"	"	W	Box 472, Blantyre
FB8BX	14.65	1632	"	"	C	Wkg Eu.

Ole JK has finally reached the conclusion that it would doubtless be of advantage to have a rotary beam at his disposal. This sly character has long been in the habit of slipping into an advantageous position in the band amid a hundred Ws after some good DX, VQ8CB for example, and operating in this fashion--8CB, 6JK. Sometimes it got real rough and he would do it like this--VQ8CB, W6JK. On rare occasions when things got rough as a cob, he might go so far as to say, VQ8CB de W6JK. This was the limit for ole "one by one" JK. If you couldn't work 'em on a one by one basis, conditions were just not good. Well, the other nite during the DX contest, conditions were real good, and KH6IJ was knocking 'em off two a minute for endless minutes. For some reason, the ole IJ, 6JK routine failed on several consecutive attempts, damned if a 2, a 5, and a 3 didn't beat him out. So step 2 was tried, KH6IJ de W6JK--a W7 got him this time. Someone else the second time, and so on for perhaps 15 minutes (this has been known to happen to guys with a "KW" and good 3 el beam too.) In mad desperation, all precedent was shattered and it went like this--KH6IJ, KH6IJ, KH6IJ de W6JK. W6JK, W6JK, K. By doggies, still no results, a blasted 9 got him. After about 20 minutes of this, it was concluded that yes, a beam might help, not a regular 3 element job, you understand, but a compensated type short one, 2 el is all a guy should ever need, even under the most adverse conditions. (After writing all this, I find that some kid had caught his kite in JK's feed line and twisted it into a knot--so guess the whole beam deal is off.)

FRENCH ST. MARTIN - FS7RT

When Reg Tibbetts, FS7RT, arrived home in Moraga a day or so ago, he was greeted by a tremendous mound of mail, the aftermath of two weeks of extensive hamming at French St. Martin Island in the Caribbean.

If you have read the first page of this issue, you will recall that we were wondering how come Reg said the prospects of this trip were remote indeed and then he showed up at FS7RT six days later. Well, it seems that Reg had been doing a lot of negotiating with the French Government at Paris. As of the date of the last Club meeting, these negotiations had not proven fruitful, but on the Monday following, a cable from Paris bore the official approval to operate at St. Martin.

Reg had most of the gear ready to travel due to the fact that he had recently returned from a jaunt to Hawaii with it. So, after a bit of hurried dickering with United Air Lines and Pan American, the KWS1, 75A4, 1.5KW power puttputt and Reg were loaded aboard a DC7 and headed for New York and from there to St. Martin. It can be seen that no time was lost because the following Wednesday Reg was sending out the first CQ from FS7RT. He says you can read all you want about the thrills others have experienced as a result of a CQ from some rare DX spot, but actually having it happen to you personally is all but beyond description.

Reg is of the opinion that it pays to go to all the trouble of obtaining official permission from the Central Government of the country in which you wish to operate. This opinion payed off in this case because shortly after he fired up he was payed a visit by a substantial segment of the local gendarmery, equipped for action and in the mood for finding out just what was going on and why. The official paper from Paris answered all the questions and from there on, all was cheek kissing and champagne.

W6ITH is primarily a phone man, but he knew that by passing up CW a substantial segment of the DX fraternity would be denied a new country so at FS7RT both phone and CW were worked, all bands, 80 through 10.

Since Reg has just returned home and has not had time to check everything real closely, the following facts and figures are subject to slight variations. He worked 3012 stations, about 1000 being on CW and the balance on phone, both SSSB and AM, mostly SSSB.

Since common courtesy dictates it, an attempt was made to work all the French and French possessions possible, and a substantial number were QSOd, including F, FL8, FD, FR7, CN8, FO8, FA, etc. Besides giving thousands of Ws a new one, a lot of first class "DX" was worked, including such stuff as CR8, MP4 (Baherin Is.), MP4 (Kuwait), MP4 (Oman), VU5, UC, UF, UA, UH, UP, UQ, UR, ZA, ZD1, SU, ZD3, SV (Crete), OD, SV (Rhodes), ZB1, ZB2, etc, etc. All in all, DXCC both phone and CW were easily made during the short stay at FS7RT.

From the instant the first CQ went out, it was like being in the middle of a huge bee hive and it stayed like this the entire time. During the course of a single day's operation over 200 Europeans and Asians were worked plus the usual quantity of Ws.

Reg is finding some interesting things in the huge stack of mail which was awaiting him on his return home. There are direct air mail QSLs from countries behind the Iron Curtain, and long overdue QSLs for W6ITH QSOs with DX who are now after the FS7RT QSL. Reg says there need be no concern about getting QSLs because he fully intends to QSL to all, card for card, for every contact on every band, both phone and CW.

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FS7RT, cont.

Reg is to be highly commended for having done an excellent job in giving us all a rare country. He gave both phone and CW an even break and even went so far as to attempt to contact a few novices on 21, but with not much success. Thanks, Reg, from all of us for an outstanding example of DX'peditioning.

The QSLs of FS7RT (now in process) will be reproductions in full color of an oil painting of a typical St. Martin scene by ITH's XYL, Louise.

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DX STANDINGS OF NCDXC MEMBERS - BOTH FONE & CW

CALL	CW & FONE (W)	CONFIRMED	FONE (W)	CONFIRMED	DXCC	WAZ
WSAM	258	257	214	212	X/P	X/38P
WSATO	174	165	53	50	X	X
KSAQP	103				X	
WSBAX	232	215			X	X
WSBUY	169	149			X	X
WSBYB	193	177	109	97	X	39/33P
WGCEM	166	150			X	X
W6CIS	195	165			X	X
W6CTL	194	163			X	X
W6CZQ	169	151				39
W6DBP	176	163			X	39
W6DIX	130	120				
W6DUB	147	147			X	X
W6DYP	233	178			X	X
W6DZZ	252	249			X	X
W6EJA	127	126			X	38
W6FOZ	140	110			X	35
W6GIZ	194	137				40
W6GPB	219	210	35	63	X	39/25P
W6GTI	190	175			X	38
W6HMX	107	96	103	90		35
W6IDY		142	115			
W6IKQ			155	148	X/P	36
W6IPH	134	120			X	36
W6ITH	121	121	121	121	X/P	37
W6JK	183	173			X	X
W6KEK	183	150			X	40
W6KEV	196	172			X	X
W6LW	223	210			X	X
W6LDD	216	200	80	55	X	X
W6LHZ	176	152			X	39
W6MEK	254	243			X	X
W6MHB	221	213			X	X
W6MUF	154	138			X	40
W6MVQ	240	227			X	X
W6MX	257	255			X	X
W6NIG	167	152	135	134	X/P	38
W6NZ	162	143			X	X
W6OMC	203	190			X	X
W6PB	223	216			X	X
W9FJY/6PMD	141	141			X	38

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DX standings, cont.

CALL	CT & FONE (W)	CONFIRMED	FONE (W)	CONFIRMED	DXCC	WAZ
W6PYH	210	190	88	76		39
W6QDE	158	144			X	39
W6RBQ	213	199			X	X
W6RCC	146	126			X	40
W6RRG	156	146	91	90	X	39
W6SC	209	190			X	X
W6SR	221	197	"		X	X/2P
W6TI	235	226			X	X
W6TT	246	245	143	140	X/P	X
W6TXL	193	178	107	81	X	39
W6UPV			76	76		31
W6UYX	158	140	140	130	X	X
W6UZX	199	185	129	121	X/P	X
W6VE	244	237			X	X
W6VB	224	210	90	50	X	X
W6VP	109	102				
W6ZCY	213	199			X	X
W6ZUI	204	194			X	X
W7HXG	227	213	156	139	X/P	X/35P

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John Beck, W6MHB	441 Boynton, Berkeley (temporary mail QTH)
Guy Kane, K6AQP	HU4-5965
Lee Bates, W7HXG	PR1-0194

1956 DX CONTEST (CW)

From the point of view of your editor, who had only a very limited amount of time to spend in the fracas, the activity of the 1956 ARRL DX Contest appeared to be greater than it has been for several years. Not only were more of our club members active, but lots of good DX stations were participants, and putting in very good signals. It would appear from the scattered reports available at this time that we are going to have some record-shattering tallies when this thing is over next month.

A few of the known first half scores follow: (All single op)

Stn.	countries	mult.	Stn.	countries	mult
WB	119	230	IDY	82	177
LDD	118	245	TI	46	77 (20 only)
PYH	117	220	KEK	48	85
KEV	118	217	CTL	33	62 (20 only)
TT	145	286			