The DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) of ARRL and the Awards Committee have both voted in favour (the first 12 votes in favour and 4 contrary, the second unanimous in favour) to add Pratas Island (BV9P) in the DXCC Countries List. Contacts are valid starting from 1 January 1994 (until now Pratas has been activated in January and March 1994 and in May–June 1995). The status of Country is based upon the Section II, Point 2(a) (Separation by water) of the DXCC Rules. Pratas Island, located in the Southern Chinese Sea, is administrated by Taiwan. The cards can be sent for credit starting from 1 April 1996 (therefore Pratas will not change the Honor Roll). Attention! For the January and March 1994 operations NO cards will be accepted with the aerial picture of the island, but only those from KU9C.

3B8 - Until 24 December Akio, JA3JM, will be active from Mauritius with the 3B8/JA3JM call. CW SSB and RTTY operations on all bands, WARC and 160 meters also. An activity via satellite AO-10/13 is also planned. QSL via homecall (Akio Shimizu, 3-6-22 Kasugaoka, Fujiidera, Osaka 583, Japan).

5N - The expedition to Bonny Island planned for 23–28 December [425DXN 240], has been postponed to 10 January.

5R - Gerard, F2JD, is returning home from Seychelles after logging 2200 QSOs. The departure for Madagascar [425DXN 230], where Gerard will stay for at least six months trying to operate on all bands (WARC included) is planned for 11 January.

9G - From 31 December to 15 January Steve, PA3GBQ, will spend some vacations in Accra, Ghana. Steve plans to operate on all bands from the 9G1BS' station, using probably the 9G5BQ call. QSL via homecall (Steve van Lieburg, PO Box 85090, 3009 MB Rotterdam, The Netherlands).

9N - Mine, JA2NQG has cancelled the planned activity as 9N1NQ [425DXN 233] due to health problems. The other components of the Japanese UNICEF Club will be active using different calls.

CE0_s.f- It seems that CE3HJB and CE3CDV are planning an activity to take
place during 1996 from San Felix and they are looking for financial support.

D6 - Michel, FR5HG, is in Comoros islands waiting for a call.

FH - From 28 to 30 December Akio, JA3JM, could be active from Mayotte using the FH/JA3JM call. QSL via homecall (see 3B8)

FR - From 2 to 5 January Akio, JA3JM, will be active from Reunion with the FR/JA3JM call. QSL via homecall (see 3B8)

FT_z - Mehdi, F5PFP, is planning an expedition of about a month to Amsterdam Island (one of the most wanted Countries) to take place between November 1996 and February 1997. Mehdi is looking for seven thousand dollars for the travel and donations can be sent to: Mehdi Escoffier, 23 rue du Colombier, 38540 Heyrieux, France.

GM - From 30 December to 8 January Keith, G0FDJ should be active from Skye Island (EU-008) with the GM0FDJ/P call. CW & SSB operations.

HB0 - From 13 to 20 January Hans, PA3EBT, will be in Malbun for vacation on the snow and will be active, in the early mornings and evenings, as HB0/PA3EBT/P. QSL via home call.

J2 - From 11 to 18 January J28ML, together with other ten operators, will activate an island in the Gulf of Aden (AF-053). The team, who will be active from 10 to 160 meters, hopes to be QRV on RTTY also. QSL via F5LBM.

KC4_ant - Mark, operator of KC4AAC station in the U.S. Antarctic Base Palmer (WABA K-10), located on Anvers Isl. (AN-012) is active every Thursday night, not before 00.00 UTC.

KC6 - From 13 to 16 January Yoshi, JF6BCC/KC6IY, Yokoi, JM6VOV/KC6VO, Jun, WH0AV/KC6WG and Seiji, JH6RTO/KC6FS will be active from Palau Island (Belau, OC-009). QSL via their home calls.

OH0 - From 27 December to 2 January a group of Finnish amateurs will be active from Aland islands (EU-002). Operations as follows: Pete, OH3MEP will be active as OHOMEP (OIOMEP starting from 1 January) mainly on 160 meters; Marko, OH3MYD, will be active as OHOMYD on 15, 40 and 80 mtrs CW; Matti, OH3MMF, will be active as OHOMMF mainly in RTTY (all bands); Pertti, OH3LQK, will be active as OHOLQK, mainly in CW (all bands); Jukka, OH3NLP will be active as OHONLP all bands and all modes; Juha, OH1KAG, as OHOKAG mainly in SSB (all bands); Petri, OH3KKW as OH0KKW on 6 meters and above and via satellite. QSL to their home calls.

P4 - From 22 to 29 January Mike, K4PI, will be active from Aruba using the P49I call. Operations on low bands and on WARC. He plans to join the CQ CW 160 Contest. QSL via home call.
PJ - From 5 January to 1 April John, W1BIH, will be active from Curacao (SA-006) with the PJ9JT call. QSL via W1AX.

S2 - Noda, JE7RJZ has cancelled the Bangladesh trip due to organization problems.

S2 - Mine, JA2NQG, has cancelled the planned activity as S21ZZ [425DXN 233] due to health problems. The other components of the Japanese UNICEF Club will be active using different calls.

V3 - From 22 December to 5 January James, KM4IT will be active from Belize as V31/KM4IT. SSB only operations, mainly on 20 meters between 14.150 and 14.200 MHz. QSL via home call.

V3 - From 26 February to 4 March Jim, W1HL, will be in Belize from where he hopes to be active.

VK0_mac- Once a month Warren, VK0WH, faxes Jim, VK9NS, the logs from Macquarie Island. Every information on the contacts is to be asked to Jim; QSL should be ready in ten days. For a month Warren will be busy with the work spending very short time on the radio.

VP9 - Dee, wife of Walter VP9KD has received the "novice" license, which enables her to operate on 80, 40 and 15 meters CW. The call is VP9NND and she is daily on 7.025 MHz starting from 02.30 UTC. QSL via direct to the same VP9KD's address.

XU - Mike, VS6WV/XU6WV, reports that the 8 or 9 January he will return in Cambodia. Mike will work mainly on 40 and 80 meters CW, and if possible, on 160 meters also. QSL for previous activities have been sent by Tom, K0TLM, and Denise, AJ0E. During the latest edition of the CQWW SSB, Mike had no computer and to avoid the manager to handle logs on sheet, gave the Box 2011, GPO, Hong Kong as QSL address. Soon all the requests for Cambogia cards will be handled by Tom e Denise.

ZA - ZA5G is the new call of Gary, ZA1NG, ex TL8NG [425DXN 238]. QSL QSL via WA1ECA.

ZF - From 26 December to 1 January Albert, W4RIM, will be active as ZF2ON from Grand Cayman Island. Activity mainly in CW, on 20, 30, 40 and 80 meters. QSL to KN4F.

ZK_sc - Gun, ZK1DI, works using 100 watts, an horizontal FD4, a vertical FD3 and an Oblong (like a single element Quad) for 40 meters directed toward Europe. Gun hopes to install Oblong for 30 and 80 meters a Quad for 20 meters (as soon as propagation improves) and probably also an antenna for 160 meters. Better signals are coming from Europe on 40 and 80 meters between 0530 UTC and 0830 UTC. QSL via DK1RV.

ZL8 - Ron, ZL1AMO, reports that he will not join the ZL group that, led by ZL2HU, should activate Kermadec island next May [425DXN 240].

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SB DX@WW $425WW242C
425 DX News #242 [3/6]
23 December 1995 No 242 BID: $425WW242C
DXCC & SCARBOROUGH REEF --> The ARRL Membership Services Committee (MSC, a standing committee of the Board of Directors), having reviewed documentation from the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) and the Awards Committee, has voted 5 to 2 to recommend the addition of Scarborough Reef to the ARRL DXCC Countries List. The DXAC and the Awards Committee had come to opposite conclusions regarding the eligibility of Scarborough Reef for separate DXCC status. Under new procedures adopted by the ARRL Board in July, 1995 when these committees do not agree the question is referred to the MSC for review and recommendation to the full Board. The recommendation that Scarborough Reef be added to the DXCC List will be considered by the ARRL Board of Directors at its January meeting.

3A ---> Daniel, 3A2LZ is the QSL manager for 3A2RAR.

9L1MG ---> Cecil, NW8F, is the new QSL manager for Millie, 9L1MG, wife of Paul, 9L1PG.

CE9MFK ---> The address for this stations active from Chilean Antarctic Base Pres. Eduardo Frei Montalva (WABA CE-03) - South Shetland for DXCC - is: Rodrigo Hucck, Instituto de Zoologia, Universidad Austral de Chile, P.O.Box 567, Valdivia, Chile.

F6AJA ---> Jean-Michel, F6AJA, reports that all the direct requests for the 4J0FR cards (last August activity by F6FYD) have all been sent. Jean-Michel is also the QSL managers of the following stations: FG0BKZ/FS7 (Dec 81 and Mar-Apr 84); TR8JD and TR8YL (from May 82 to Feb 84); FY0HVL, FM0HVL, FG0HVL, FG0HVL/FS (Jun 83); FY0HVM, FM0HVM, FG0HVM, FG0HVM/FS (Jun 83); C31MD (CQWW SSB 84); FD1HVQ/GLE (16-17 Aug 85, IOTA EU-094); FP/F2JD (6-19 Dec 86); F6AXN/MAR, F6BBJ/MAR, F6CWI/MAR, F6EDF/MAR and F9IE/MAR (8-9 Mar 86, IOTA EU-081); TW0A, TW0B and W7C (CQ WPX SSB 87); TK5BL/CAV (Jun-Jul 86, IOTA EU-164); TK5BL/FS (Jan-Feb 87); FJ5BL; FV6NDX/RE (1-6 Jul 1986, IOTA EU-032); FV6NDX/BAT (9-12 Aug 86, IOTA EU0155; F9ILQU (CQ WPX CW 87); 3C3CR (10-16 Jul 87, IOTA AF-010); TR8CR (from 22 Jul 87 to Jan 92); FV7NDX (contests 97); FV7NDX/MAR (12-14 Jun 87, IOTA EU-081); FV7NDX/RE (29 Jun-6 Jul 87, IOTA EU-032); FV7NDX/GRA (10-11 Nov 87, DIFM MA16); BY1PK (from 07.15 UTC to 08.28 UTC of 29 Sep 87); F2JD/A6 (Jan-Mar 88); TG9/F2JD (Jun-Jul 88); F2JD/J6L (Oct-Nov 88); FV8NDX (contests 88); FV8NDX/P (13-15 May 88, IOTA EU-107); FV8NDX/RE (5-20 Jul 88, IOTA EU-032); FV8NDX/NOI (1-9 ago 88, IOTA EU-064); F2JD/J7 (Nov-Dec 88); VP2M/J2JD (Jan-Feb 89); F9J7JD (Feb-Mar 89); FG/F2JD (17-19 Mar 89, IOTA NA-114); FV9NDX (contests 89); FV9NDX/P (17 Jun 89, DIFM ME08); FV9NDX/MAD (24-26 Jun 89, DIFM AT24); FV9NDX/RE (2-29 Jul 89, IOTA EU-032); FV9NDX/P (1-25 Sep 89, IOTA EU-105, EU-074); EA/F2JD; TK/FJ5BL; FV9NDX (contests 90); FV9NDX/RE (2-25 Jul 90, IOTA EU-032); F2JD/HR1 & /HR5 (Mar-Apr 90 and Jun 92); F2JD/HR6 (4-6 Apr 90 and Jun 92, IOTA NA-057); F2JD/CE6 (May-Nov 90); F2JD/CE7 (29 Jun-1 Jul and 15-19 Sep 90, IOTA SA-018); F2JD/CE7 (20-21 Oct 90, IOTA SA-043); CE0/F2JD (30 Jan-Feb 91, IOTA SA-001); 5V7JG (Aug 91-May 92); F2JD/5Z4; 5Z4JD (Apr 93-Apr 94); 5Z4IOTA (23-25 Jul 93, IOTA AF-067); F8O, TW40, TW5E and TW6A (CQ WPX SSB & CW 88); FS9TI (1 May 88, IOTA NA-179); J20RAD (23-26 Mar 89, IOTA
JA1OEM AWARD --> Mako, JA1OEM is an active DXpeditioner aged 73 that since 1988 worked from 20 different Countries. There is now the "JA1OEM AWARD" for those who contacted Mako from more than 3 countries. Send the extract from the log with 1 IRC and a copy of QSLs (except from WH6/JA1OEM and OX/JA1OEM), to Mako Toyofuku, P.O.Box 9, Sawara-City 287, Japan, before the 20 February 1996. Calls used by Mako during his activities are: A35EM, ZK1XP (ZK1XH) South Cook, ZK1XP North Cook, HV3SJ (HV4NAC), JT1/JA1OEM (JT2) 5R8DP, 3D2TO, F0OTOH, 8Q7HP, 2K2HP, S79HP, 9N1HP, 4U1ITU, 5W1HP, 4S7/JA1OEM, JD1/JA1OEM, H44/JA1OEM, FR/JA1OEM, WH6/JA1OEM and OX/JA1OEM.

LU6Z --> The address for QSL for this station active from South Orkneys [425DXN 241] is: LU6EF, Raul Marcelo Diaz, P.O.Box 9, 1875 Wilde, Argentina.

ON6TT/TU4FE ----> Peter, ON6TT/TU4FE, has just returned in Belgium after 4 weeks in Ivory Coast; work did not allow him for a lot of spare time on the radio. Ivory Coast is one of the most active African countries with a local Radio Club that handles also a QSL bureau, located in capital Abidjan. So as a result of all this activity, more TU2's (license for native Ivoreans) than TU5's (resident expat) or TU4's (temporary expat) can be found on the air. Getting a verbal permission to operate is simple, and involves only a visit to the licensing authority (an active ham himself). The license itself is delivered with a month delay, costs CFA 25,000 (about US$50) per year. Peter donated to the Radio Club some material that could not be refurbished anymore (some old radio gear, recycled coax lines old rotors) in the Red Cross operations.

PS7KM --> Karl, PS7KM is the QSL manager for the following Brasilian
stations: PY0FK, PY0FA, ZY0FK, ZY0FKL, ZY0FMC, ZY0FCM, ZY0FCA, ZY0FMN, ZY0FRT and ZY0FZB (Fernando de Noronha); PY0TK, PY0TK, PY0TC, ZY0TR, ZY0TF and ZY0TO (Trindade Island); PY0SK, PY0SR, ZY0SS, ZY0SK, ZY0SP, ZY0SY and ZY0SW (Saint Peter & Saint Paul Rocks); PY0RK and ZY0RK (Rocas Atoll) ZW7KM (special call). Logs and cards for previous operations will be destroyed in January. Remember that 1 green stamp is not enough to cover postage costs. The address is: Karl M Leite, Rua Estacio de Sa 1838, 59054-580 Natal, RN, Brasil, South America.

TU2PN ---> Peter, ON6TT/TU4FE reports that this station operated on 40 & 80 meters using a WWII vintage radio until a valve is dead. If someone can supply a valve type 1R5 or DK91 for a ANGRC_9 radio, please contact ON6TT.

TU2WK ---> Peter, ON6TT/TU4FE, reports that this station is looking for a second hand full coverage HF transceiver. Please contact Peter, ON6TT.

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WB2YQH ---> Bob, WB2YQH, is the manager of many stations, as for example VP9MZ, VP9NC, VP9IN, VP9MN, VP9MP, KG4MN, VP9OM, VP9BS, VP9WS, VP9SW, VP9YL, VP9RND, VP9BBQ, N4ZDA/VP9, VP9NMW, XT2BW, XT2DP, 9G1PW, VP9CB, WB2YQH/VP9, VP9AE, VP9DX, VO1XA/VE8. Bob answers also via bureau, but for a direct card it is possible to enclose different cards in the same envelope: enclose enough SAEs or SASEs.

ZK1DI QSL ----> Hans, DK1RV, reports that he received the ZK1DI's logs, for the November activity (December logs will arrive around 15 January). All the direct requests, with enough to cover postage, have been sent. Hans reports that costs for outside Europe are 3 DM, 2 IRC or 3 US$ (airmail) or 2 DM, 1 IRC or 2 US$ (surface).

PIRATES --> Daniel, 3A2LZ, reports that 3A0X, 3A50A and 3A2CC are pirates.

QSL received: 3V8BB, 7P8SR, SU2MT, TF/G3ZAY/P (EU-071), TT8BP, V63HZ

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02/01-05/01 FR/JA3JM: Reunion Is.
03/01-06/01 VK4: Willesley Is. (OC-???) * by VK team
05/01-01/04 PJPJ9JT: Curacao * by W1BIH
06/01-07/01 ARRL RTTY Roundup
10/01-?? 5N4OTB: Bonny Isl. (NO-REF) * by 5N team
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11/01-18/01 J2: Gulf of Aden group (AF-053) * by J28ML's team
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22/01-29/01 P49I * by K4PI
23/01-02/02 3W * by KP7AY, Central AZ DX Ass. & DX Page Ass.
24/01-31/01 KH9 * Dataline DX Association
25/01-31/01 VK: Margie Isl. (NO-REF) * VK team
26/12-01/01 ZF2ON * by W4RIM
26/01-28/01 CQ WWDX 160 Meter CW Contest
27/01-28/01 REF - French CW Contest
27/01-28/01 UBA - SSB Contest

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01/01 V3: Turneffe Is. (NA-123) * by W team
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01/01 VU2BMS * by DL2GAC
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January-March

01/01 YV7: Margarita Isl. (SA-012) * I5DCE
01/01 XU6WV * by VS6WV
03/02-07/02 V31JZ & V31RL: Turneffe Is. (NA-123) * by NN7A & NG7S
03/02-09/02 VP5 * by JJ2QEH & JJ2QXI
08/02-15/02 VI7DI: Deal Isl. (OC-195)
09/02-14/02 V31JZ, V31RL, V31VI: South Water Caye (NA-180)
20/02-02/04 9M8CC: Sarawak (OC-088) * by PB0ALB
24/02-25/02 REF - French SSB Contest
24/02-25/02 UBA - CW Contest
26/02-04/03 V3 * by W1HL
27/02-28/02 ARRL CW DX Contest
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01/01 H44MS * by DL2GAC
February

01/01 VU7: Andaman Is. * by VK9NS
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01/01 XJ8OT: Booth Isl. (NA-???)
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