3A - Mike, HA/W0YR reports to 425 DX News that he and Tom, N9NC will be active on RTTY (concentrating on North America) and CW from Monaco between 23 and 27 October (they do NOT anticipate operating in the CQ WW SSB Contest). The call signs will be 3A/W0YR and 3A/N9NC. QSL via OM2SA either direct (George Sipos, 93013 Trhova-Hradska 550, Republic of Slovakia) or through the bureau.

3B8 - Gus, CX2AM reports to 425 DX News that Mario, CX4CR will be active (CW and SSB, all bands) as 3B8/CX4CR from Jacky's (3B8CF) QTH on Mauritius Island until 26 October. QSL via CX3CE.

3D2 - Gerard, PA3AXU reports to 425 DX News that he will be active (10, 15 and 20 metres SSB and CW) from Fiji as 3D2XU between 4 and 8 November while on holiday. QSL via home call (Gerard Dijkers, Dr P.A.Cornethof 3, NL-6669 AZ Dodewaard, The Netherlands).

3DA - The Daily DX reports that Koji, ZS6CAX/JM1CAX will be active from Swaziland as 3DA0NX (QSL via ZS6CAX, either direct or through the bureau or JM1CAX, bureau only) from 23 through 26 October. He will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest as 3DA5A (QSL via JH7FQK either direct or through the bureau).

3W - Operations from Con Son group [425DXN 336] have started and the new IOTA Reference Number AS-130/Prov was issued on 16 October. Please note that the call 3W6VT has been replaced with 3W5*** calls for each band and mode as follows: 3W5MNB on 160 metres SSB and all bands CW (QSL via JA2MNB: Yoshihiko Hirano, P.O.Box 6, Nishiharu 481, Japan); 3W5KDN on 80 and 40 metres SSB (QSL via JR2KDN: Yuu Yoshida, Kato Bldg. 4F, 529 Rokugaike, Kita, Nagoya 462, Japan); 3W5KVR on 20 and 15 metres SSB (QSL via JI6KVR: Yukihiro Deguchi, 4796 Takashima-cho, Yatsushiro, Kumamoto 866, Japan); 3W5FS on 10 metres SSB, WARC bands and all bands RTTY (QSL via 7L1MFS: Yoh Yoshida, Shinko Bldg., 4-1 Arakawa 4-chome, Arakawa 116, Japan).

4S - Hubert, DK1ZN and his wife Nanda, DL9GCP are now active from Sri Lanka (AS-003) as 4S7ZNG and 4S7YLR respectively.
4U1ITU - The DX News Sheet reports that Petr, OK1CZ will be active (mostly CW, all bands, WARC included) from 4U1ITU on 17-18 October. LF DX activity is planned during the night for North America and at sunrise for Japan - look for him around 1.826 MHz (QSX JA 1.910 MHz) and 3.505 MHz. QSL via home call.

5B - The Daily DX reports that a group of Russians lead by RA9JX will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest as P3A from Cyprus (AS-004). QSL via W3HNK.

6W - Didier, F5OGL/6W1AE reports to 425 DX News that he and Christian, 6W1QV will be active as 6V1C in the 1997/98 contest season. QSL via 6W1QV (Christian Saint Arroman, P.O. Box 3263, Dakar, Senegal).

6Y - Kenny, K2KW reports to 425 DX News that a multinational team (including AG9A, JE3MAS, JI3ERV, K2KW, KE7X, N6BT, N6TV, W4SO and W9QA) will participate in the CQ WW CW Contest (Multi-Multi) from Jamaica (NA-097) as 6Y4A (QSL via WA4WTG). The team will operate outside the contest from 21 November through 2 December, signing homecall/6Y5 (QSL via each operator's home call).

8Q - Bruce, KD6WW reports to 425 DX News that he will be active (on 10-160 metres, with emphasis on low and WARC bands, mostly on CW and RTTY) as 8Q7AJ from Maldives (AS-013) between 30 October and 10 November. QSL via KD6WW either direct or through the bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards will be welcome after 12 November at <kd6ww@inreach.com>). Bruce asks that the request be titled 8Q7AJ QSL REQUEST).

9U - Alex, PA3DZN reports that he will be active (also on RTTY) from Burundi for three months at least. He will get to Bujumbura during the week of 20 October: "I will be there on a work assignment", Alex says, "therefore, operating depends very much on the spare time I will have". He has applied for the callsign 9U2L. QSL via PA3DMH.

A4 - The DX News Sheet reports that Chris, SP5EXA/A45XR should erect an antenna for 160 metres in the next two weeks. He has been very active recently signing A45XR/SJ (Silver Jubilee). QSL to Krzysztof Dabrowski, P.O. Box 2038, CPO 111, Oman.

A4 - Before participating in the CQ WW SSB Contest with the A47RS team [425DXN 335] Mary, G0BQV will be active (CW only) from until 24 October as A4/G0BQV. QSL via home call.

BY - Yang, BD7JA reports to 425 DX News that the 17-19 October IOTA DXpedition to Gui-Shan Island (AS-???) [425DXN 336] has been postponed due to licensing problems. The new dates will be announced later (it could be in two weeks time, in order to avoid clashes with the CQ WW SSB Contest).

C6 - KM4WE, W4CJK, W4USN, K4GZ and W4WX will be /C6A from Treasure Cay, Bahamas between 21 and 28 October. They will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest (Multi-Single) as C6AJT (QSL via W4CJK). Before and after the contest they will be active SSB, RTTY and CW on all bands
C6  - Jon, EA2KL and Lluis, EA3ELM [425DXN 331] will be active (all band SSB and CW) as C6AHN from Abaco Island (NA-080), Bahamas between 2 and 9 November. QSL via EA3ELM.

C6  - W28D, W9VNE, WA8NJR and N8ZJN will be active as C6AIE from Abaco Island (NA-080), Bahamas from 10 to 17 December. "The main focus of the trip will be the ARRL 10 Meter Contest", John, W28D reports, "but we will be very active on all the bands 160 meters through 2 meters. Modes will be SSB, CW and satellite. Schedules may be made for any band starting in November by E-mail to <wz8d@goodnews.net>". QSL to W28D (John Walker, 1930 Meredith Dr., Loveland, Ohio 45140, USA).

CE  - Osvaldo, CE1LDS/2 will be active from Chanaral Island (SA-???) until 20 October.

CP  - Olli, OH0XX will participate in the CQ WW CW Contest (single-op all bands) from Bolivia as CP6AA. QSL via home call.

CX  - Raul, CX7BY reports that a group of CX operators (CX3ACS, CX2DP, CX1AK, CX61M, CX5BBR and CX7ACH) will be active as CW1D from Flores Island (SA-030) between 24 and 30 October. They should participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest. QSL via CX1AK (Daniel Muinos, P.O.Box 5, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay).

DU  - The OPDX Bulletin reports that DX1S (the callsign of the Filipinas DX Society founded by DU1KT and DU9RG) will be active during the CQ WW SSB and CW Contests. QSL to 818 Acacia Ave., Ayala Alabang Village, 1780 Muntinlupa City, Philippines.

EA8  - Martti, OH2BH will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest as EA8BH from Canary Islands. He reports that the station "will be based on PC-controlled Kachina 505DSP transceivers and a customized power splitting, selected receiving arrangement that can effectively cover four beam directions simultaneously if desired". The Kachina concept is described at <http://www.kachina-az.com> and comments about the sound and penetration of the EA8BH station will be welcome. A special QSL card which will be issued to each and every EA8BH CQWW QSO.

EM_ant  - Tony, I2PJA reports that Paul, operating at EM1HO on Galindez Island (AN-006), will be active during the CQ WW SSB Contest.

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PK  - Eric, FK8GM reports to 425 DX News that he, FK8FI and FK8HC will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest as FK8GM (Multi-Multi). QSL direct to WB2RAJ.

FM  - The Daily DX reports that K2PF and KU9C will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest from Martinique (NA-107). They expect to be issued a TO5 prefix. Before and after the contest they will be active on all bands, WARC included, and possibly also on RTTY. QSL via K2PF.

FO  - The Daily DX reports that F5JJW will be active as FO0SUC from Manihi, King George Islands (OC-131) until 18 October. He has
already been active from OC-067. QSL via F5JJW.

FO - The Southern California DX Club contest expedition to Bora Bora (OC-067) [425DXN 325] is confirmed to take place from 22 to 28 October. The operation will be from the Bora Bora DX Club station and the club call FO8DX will be used during the CQ WW SSB Contest (Multi-Single). Before and after the contest the operators will be active with individual FO calls: N6VO/FO5VO, N6RT/FO0RT, W6RW/FO0RW, KA7CQQ/FO0CQ and W6KK/FO0KK. QSL for contacts made with FO8DX is via KG6AR either direct (Chris Williams, 1117 S. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91776-3034, USA) or through the bureau.

FP - The DX News Sheet reports that Ron, FP5EK will go QRT before the end of the year and move to Newfoundland. QSL via K1RH.

FR - Roberto, IK2RXV will be active as FR/IK2RXV from Reunion Island between late October and early November. He will participate with FR5DN and FR5FC in the CQ WW SSB Contest. QSL via bureau.

FR - Hartmut, DF6PW reports to 425 DX News that Helmut, DJ4VW will be FR/ (SSB on 10-40 metres, WARC bands included) from Reunion Island (AF-016) between 18 November and 5 December.

FT5W - James, 9V1YC reports that Rene, FT5X/FR5HR on 10 October "was /MM on the way back to Reunion. After a week or so in Reunion, he goes down to Crozet, FT5W. As he is on a French Navy ship, he said plans can change at any time". QSL via F5RRH.

GD - Steve, G4UOL, who will operate on all of the HF bands (CW only) as GD4UOL between 21 November and 6 December [425DXN 335] is happy to take skeds via e-mail (steve@g4uol.demon.co.uk).

HB9 - Gabriele, HB9BYU reports that the special event station HB4FG (Swiss Army Amateur Group) will be active (80, 40 and 20 metres) on 18 and 19 October during the Jamboree On The Air. Special QSL via the bureau.


HR - The Daily DX reports that Frank, DL7UFR and his group [425DXN 335] have not got the callsigns they had applied for (HQ3DX and HQ3CW). They will be active from Honduras (17-29 October) as DL7DF/HR3.

HR - The OPDX Bulletin reports that Joe, VE3BW will be active as VE3BW/HR6 from Roatan Island (NA-057) between 1 and 22 February 1998. He will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest, while before and after the contest he will concentrate on WARC bands. QSL via home call (Joe Adams, 5 Romko Court, St Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2N 7A1).

HS - The Daily DX reports that Nodir, EY8MM will join the multi-single team of E22AAA during the CQ WW DX Contest. They will be able to operate on 80 and 160 metres during the contest.

HS - The DX News Sheet reports that Phil, VR2CT (ex VS6CT) will be active as HS/G4JMB from Bangkok, Thailand between 17 November and 10 December.

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I - I0YKN and Salento DX Team operators will be active as II7A from Capezzone Island (EU-091, IIA LE-004) on 18-19 October and from Sant'Andrea Island (IIA BR-005) on 15-16 November. QSL via I0YKN (Nuccio Meoli, Via della Stazione, 04010 Cori - LT, Italy).

I - Gian Luca, IC8WIC and other operators from Capri (EU-031) will operate during the CQ WW SSB Contest as IC8JAH. QSL via IC8SDL.

I - I1JQJ will be active during the CQ WW SSB Contest as IQ1A. QSL via I1JQJ.

I - IT9PKO will be active during the CQ WW SSB Contest as II9ZZ. QSL via IT9PKO.

I - The IT9 CQ WW SSB Contest team members [425DXN 335] will be active from Lampedusa (AF-019), as IG9NJE (160 metres), IG9EEO (80 metres), IG9GSF (40 metres), IG9STG (20 metres) and IG9CVO (15 metres).

I - IT9FXY will be active from Pantelleria Island (AF-018, IIA TP-001) between 21 and 28 October. He will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest with an OK team.

IS0 - Special event station IS0S will be active from Olbia (EU-024) during the Jamboree On The Air (18-19 October). QSL via IS0JMA either direct (Roberto Alaimo, P.O. Box 41, 07026 Olbia - SS, Italy) or through the bureau.

J3 - W8KKF (J37K), KC5DJI (J38YL), NOAT (J38AT), KC5AK (J38DD), NH7C (J38NA), N7UE (J38EA), W6SR (J38SR), K6RO (J38RO), N6LL (J38LL) and WA8LOW (J38L) will be active from Grenada between 23 and 28 October. QSL via home call unless announced otherwise. They will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest (Multi-Multi) as J3A (QSL via WA8LOW) with six complete stations. CW and RTTY should be available before and after contest.

JD1Mt - JL1KFR/JD1 is currently active from Minami Torishima.

KG4 - Jan, K4QD (ex WA4VQD) reports that he will lead a team consisting of K3VN (ex WA3YVN), N2WD (ex WD4GDZ), KG4AU and other amateurs at Guantanamo (NA-015) for a Multi-Multi effort in the CQ WW SSB Contest as KG4QD. The team will arrive on 23 October and depart on 29 October. Outside the contest KG4QD (QSL via K4QD), KG4VN (QSL via K3VN) and KG4WB (QSL via N2WD) will be operating primarily on the WARC bands. The team also plans to try some 6 metre activity.

KH2 - Guam Contest Club members J13ERV/NH2C, JG3RPL/N1B, JR3RVO/WX8M, JR7OMD/WI3O, JK3GAD/AL7NC and JH7QXJ will participate in CQ WW SSB Contest (Multi-Single) from Guam (OC-026) as NH2C. QSL via J13ERV.

KH5 - The Daily DX reports that Chuck, N4BQW/KH5 [425DXN 336] will be active also on 160 metres. Chuck is expected to operate from Palmyra (OC-085) between 17 and 25 October: "while on the island he will have to work about 2 hours a day for the Fish and Wildlife Service. When not working he will put this rare one on as long as he can stay awake. Chuck knows the rarity of this one in Europe and will be putting an emphasis on them".
LU - Claudio, LU7DW reports that YL operator LW8EXF will be active during the CQ WW SSB Contest from Martin Garcia Island (SA-055) on 10 metres. QSL to Nelida Ocampo, C.C. 7, Tapiales 1770, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

LU_so - Operator Jorge is active from club station LU1ZA, South Orkney Islands (AN-008).

LZ_ant - Harry, LZ1BB reports that Dan, LZ2UU will operate as LZ0A from Bulgarian Antarctic Base St. Kliment Ohridski (WABA LZ-002) on Livingston Island in the South Shetlands (AN-010) starting around 7 December.

P4 - The Daily DX reports that John, W2GD will participate (single-op all bands) in the CQ WW SSB Contest as P40W. He will be active from Aruba between 22 and 27 October. QSL via N2MM.

PJ - W9QQ will participate in the CQ SSB Contest as PJ9/W9QQ from Netherlands Antilles (SA-006). QSL via home call.

T32 - The OPDX Bulletin reports that Paul, WC5P will be active (on all HF bands, mostly on CW) as T32BE from Kiritimati (Christmas) Island (OC-024), East Kiribati between 19 November and 2 December. He will participate in the CQ WW CW Contest. QSL via WC5P.

T7 - IV3TMV will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest (Single Operator 20 metres) from T77V's QTH.

TA - George, OM2SA reports that Gabi, HA3JB will be active (mainly CW and RTTY) as TA1/HA3JB/p (from European Turkey) and as TA2/HA3JB/p (from Asiatic Turkey) between 22 and 29 October. QSL via home call.

TF - Phil, KE8RO and Sean, KC8CSD will be active (SSB and CW on as many bands as possible) from Iceland between 17 and 24 October. Phil will operate as KE8RO/TF, while Sean only has a UHF/VHF guest license. QSL direct to KC8CSD or via the bureau to KE8RO.

UA - Igor, UR5LCV reports that Oleg's (UR8LV) planned IOTA DXpedition to Bol'shoy Begichev Island (AS-???) [425DXN 333] has been cancelled because "the Russian authorities terminated all flights in northern area till next spring and now it is impossible to rent any helicopter". Oleg will leave Cape Chelyuskin in early November as he has been invited to join the third Ukrainian Antarctic expedition to Vernadskogo Base.

UA - Igor, UR5LCV reports that Victor's (UT8LL) IOTA DXpedition to Ushakova Island (AS-???) [425DXN 333] has not been cancelled. Latest information is that Victor should be on his way to Ushakova around 21-22 October.

V2 - Edward, WA3WSJ (V26ED) and John, K3TEJ (V26KW) will be active (CW and SSB) from Antigua (NA-100) between 25 November and 2 December. They will participate in the CQ WW CW Contest. QSL via home calls.
V3 - Stan, W5JYK (V31YK); Wondy, K5KR (V31KR) and Mike, W5ZPA (V31MP) will be active (10-80 metres, CW, SSB and RTTY) from Ambergris Caye (NA-073), Belize between 7 and 10 November. They will try to be QRV on 160 metres, but that depends on antenna space. QSL direct to each operator's home call.

VE - The Daily DX reports that John, WB2K will be active (10-160 metres, WARC bands included, SSB and CW) from CQ Zone 2 as VE2QRZ between 22 and 26 October. He will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest. QSL via WB2K either direct (John Ross, 2020 Brooks Drive # 509, Forestville, MD 20747-1048, USA) or through the bureau.

VE - Gerry, W1VE/VE1RM will participate in the CQ WW SSB and CW Contests (Multi-Multi) as CI9DH.

VK9_lh - The following has been received from Nick, VK2ICV (e-mail VK9LX@watch4you.com), who will be active with K8RF as VK9LX from Lord Howe between 23 November and 1 December, CQ WW CW Contest included [425DXN 335]. "Our aim is to be on low bands before the contest as much as possible, particularly 160m. Due to the cancellation of the 3C0 expedition we have an opportunity to borrow the Battle Creek Special. A friend of ours in the airlines has agreed to go to Detroit, collect the antenna, bring it back to Sydney and then take it to Malaysia in time for the G3XTT Spratley expedition (an all up trip of some 40,000 km). This trip will cost approx. US$500. As the Lord Howe DXpedition is without any commercial sponsors our budget is already stretched to the limit. For this reason I appeal to you, my fellow ham friends, for any monetary donations that you may be willing and able to provide. Any amount. Every $ helps". Donations can be send to Nick Hacko, P.O Box 730, Parramatta, NSW 2124, Australia (this address may also be used as QSL route).

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VK0_mq - The special event call VK0ANARE (celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions) will be used from Macquarie Island from 25 until 31 October, *CQ WW SSB Contest included*. QSL via VK1AUS (Simon Trotter, P.O. Box 2063, Kambah Village, ACT 2902, Australia). From 1 November the boys on Macquarie will revert to their own calls and QSL managers until their return to Australia soon. Simon, VK1AUS says that he will try to get either Tom, VK0TS and Graham, VK0GW on the air at the same time working on different frequencies to give more people a chance of getting VK0.

VP9 - Igor, US1IDX will be /VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) until 19 October. QSL via N5FG.

VP9 - Jeff, AJ2U will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest from Bermuda (NA-005) as VP9ID. Outside the contest he will be active (WARC bands CW) as AJ2U/VP9. QSL via K1EFI.

YB - The DX News Sheet reports that YC5XIP is again active from OC-106 after signing YB5XIP/P from OC-109 (where he should return in
November or December).

YU - The special event station 4N0S has been active on all bands since 1 April and will be aired by Senta Radio Club operators until 31 December. QSL via YU7JDE.

Z3 - The Daily DX reports that Jari, OH3MIG he will be active in the CQ WW SSB Contest from Macedonia as Z38G. QSL via OH3GZ.

ZL7 - The ZM7A/ZL7AA Chatham Island (OC-038) DXpedition is confirmed to take place from 22 to 27 October [425DXN 333]. The team includes ZL2AL, ZL2HU, ZL2TT, ZL2ST, ZL2RR, ZL2LF and ZL2GI (YL operator). QSL for both ZL7AA and ZM7A (the latter to be used in the CQ WW SSB Contest) is via ZL2AL either direct (Lee Jennings, P.O. Box 54, Hastings 4201, New Zealand) or through the bureau.

ZP - CX6VM, ZP5AZL, ZP5VAY, ZP5CGL and others will participate in the CQ WW SSB Contest (Multi-Single) as ZP0R. The will be active also the week before the contest.

GOOD TO KNOW ...

CQ WW SSB & CW CONTESTS ---> Don't miss the two major events in the contest calendar. Look for the rules of the CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (25-26 October) and the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (29-30 November) at <http://www.affcom.com/cqcontest/cqwwruls.htm>.

3A/F5RUQ ---> Jean-Pierre, F9RM states that 3A/F5RUQ (active on 5 October) "was definitely a pirate operation. This station was absolutely not heard in Monaco".

3B9FR ---> Toshi, JA1ELY reports that Robert Felicite, 3B9FR has been QRT for five years due to some personal problems, including the loss of his radio equipment in a cyclone. Robert hopes to be QRV again some day or another. Toshi met 3B9FR during his recent trip to Rodrigues Island.

FRENCH CASTLES AWARD ---> F5RBB (Patrice Verveche, Les Gouttes, F-19800 Gimel, France) is the Award Manager of DCF, the French Castles Award. More information is available on 425 DX News Web pages.

GETTING A LICENSE ABROAD ---> The joint effort of ARRL and OH2MCN (Veikko Komppa, Paaskynkuja 7, FIN-03100, Nummela, Finland; e-mail veikko.komppa@vtt.fi) has produced a data base that has massive amounts of information about how to get a license when you travel abroad and want to have DX-fun with your radio. The number of entries (countries) is now 218 covering nearly all the most accessible DXCC countries. Check one of the following URLs: <http://www.clinet.fi/~jukka/license.html>, <http://www.vtt.fi/ket/staff/komppa/license.htm>, <http://www.arrl.org/field/regulations/io/recip-country.html>.

IOTA WEB SITE ---> A new IOTA Internet web site, still under construction, is up and running at <http://islandchaser.com> by Chris, N1HRW (e-mail taron@uiuc.edu).
PAKISTAN ON CW ---> Tariq, AP2TJ reports that "of late a lot of pirates have been using the AP prefix to operate CW on the ham bands. The only bona fide CW operators in Pakistan today are AP2HA (Hasnat, active mostly on weekends), AP2MY (Yunus, presently QRT), AP2SD (Shahid, presently QRT), AP2NK (Nasir, occasionally active) and AP2TJ (Tariq, occasionally active).

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QSL 5R8FK ---> Ray, 5R8FK reported to The Daily DX that "his mail which is being sent direct to Madagascar is being stolen. He asks that all stations QSL via his US call NY3N. From that location someone will box up the QSLs and forward them to Ray on the island. Ray asks that everyone please be patient as this process may take some added time".

QSL 5V7A ---> Roger, G3SXW reports that the e-mail address of GM4FDM (the new QSL manager for 5V7A in CQ WW CW Contest *1997*) [425DXN 333] has changed. E-mail QSL requests for replies via bureau shall have to be addressed to <wylie@sol.co.uk>. Direct requests should be mailed to Tom Wylie, 3 Kings Crescent, Renfrewshire, Scotland, United Kingdom. (Please note that QSLs for 5V7A in CQ WW CW Contest *1996* continue to be handled by GM4AGL).

QSL 9X0A ---> Harry, RA3AUU reports that the QSL route for Andy, 9X0A (ex 9X/RW3AH) [425DXN 333] has changed. QSL for contacts made with 9X/RW3AH still go to Box 899, Moscow 127018, Russia (they are handled by Toivo, RA3AR). QSL for contacts made with 9X0A since 6 September 1997 now go to DL5WM (Gottfried Gerth, Obere Dorfstr 13 A, D-09661 Gruenlichtenberg, Germany).

QSL C91AI & C98AI ---> Jose, CT1EEB reports that cards for Dias, C91AI (C98AI from AF-072) should not be sent to CT1DGZ. Dias gave CT1CKP "for his most recent operations from Mozambique", Jose says, "but I always got a reply from CT4HV", whose address is: Jose Manuel Gomes Santos, Rua de Bissau N 8, 4 Andar F, 2700 Amadora, Portugal.

VK POSTAGE ---> Bill, VK4FW reports that as of 3 March 1997 the new postage for a 20 to 50 grams letter to Europe, Africa & South America is $1.70, to North America $1.50 and to Japan $1.30. Postage for letters up to 20 grams has not changed yet.

VK9/0 BUREAU ---> The following is a message from Neil, VK6NE, VK9/0 QSL Bureau Manager: "At the present time only VK9LA and VK9LH collect their cards from the VK9/0 Bureau. No other VK9 or VK0 collect their bureau cards. Any station managed by the ODXG people, cards addressed to the bureau in VK4, or any DXpedition carried out by ODXG will not accept bureau cards. I put a 'Not Wanted Via Bureau' stamp on all the cards that I return via overseas bureaux etc."

ZK1XXP ---> The Dateline DX Association recent DXpedition to Penrhyn Atoll
Northern Cook Islands logged 15,299 QSOs (6,708 on SSB, 8,101 on CW and 490 on RTTY). About 1,900 QSOs were made with European stations mostly on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL cards should be ready in about three months. QSL via WA4YBV either direct (Robert Pond, 9 River Cove, Portsmouth, VA 23703, USA) or through the bureau.

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