

Dear Fellow DXer
1967

May 13,

Having resolved our problems(details on pages 2-3), we are preparing to complete the DXpedition. To accomplish this we need your immediate support; the time is NOW; it has taken over two months to clear up the DX situation and the expenses have been monumental; we will not be able to continue unless we receive the DX fraternity's wholehearted support!

Around May 30th, funds permitting, we will again depart for the Indian Ocean, where our gear and a ship awaits us; during the following 3 months, if finances permit, we will try to visit the following DX locations(so far we have kept our "promises"):

<u>VQ8 Rodrigues</u>	<u>1G Geyser Rf</u>	<u>ZA Albania</u>	<u>XU Cambodia</u>
<u>VQ8 Brandon</u>	<u>LA Bouvet</u>	<u>KC4 Navassa</u>	<u>***plus possibly three</u>
<u>FR7 Tromelin</u>	<u>VU Laccadives</u>	<u>VP8 (3 locations)</u>	<u>"new countries"</u>
<u>FR7 Europa</u>	<u>YI Iraq</u>	<u>EA9,0(3 locations)</u>	

To finish this DXpedition, we need your help now! We ask whatever support you feel able and willing to give; please use the SASE, below. Our deadline is May 30th - if funds are inadequate on that date, all donations will be returned and the DXpedition cancelled. Checks can be made out to any of the following: Don Miller Donald A.Miller,MD DX Expedition World Radio Propaga-
Dr.Donald Miller DXpedition WRPSA tion
Study Ass'n.

QSL's will be handled in the following manner: Direct cards will be sent from all locations to our staunchest friends and supporters; On completion of the DXpedition, I will QSL 100% for all QSO's. Direct cards will be mailed either from on-the-spot locations or via the long Island DX Association, who will also dispatch early information on all plans via the LIDXA Bulletin

and flash card service to all subscribers and all major DX bulletins. ARRL's 20 Feb. Statement(page 2) condones direct QSL's:"For example, in the Commit-tee's opinion, there is no question of ethics raised if a contributor is given preference in the mailing of a QSL card confirmation;" also, 96% of those replying to our DX poll indicate approval of this system. Again, the bulk of the QSLing will be completed at the end of the DXpedition, 100%.

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT !

FLASH!
WA6SBO HAS RETURNED AND
WILL JOIN ME IMMEDIATELY

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GOOD NEWS

Thanks to the participation of thousands of DXers who replied to our document with petitions, completed polls, and letters to Directors and Headquarters, and to the assistance of the Long Island DX association and other prominent DX bodies, I was granted a 4-hour hearing by the ARRL Board of Directors during its annual meeting assembled in Hartford on May 3rd, to discuss our DXpedition and request retraction of previous statements and suspensions imposed by the Awards Committee. About ten of our DX operations were discussed in detail, with the following conclusions:

1. Credits will not be granted for contacts with VU2WNV or K1IMP/KC4.
2. Credits will be granted for QSO's with 1M4A, VQ9AA/D, VQ9AA/A, and FR7ZP.
3. Future operations will be credited if properly authorized.
4. No further suspensions will be imposed. Additional questions were clarified.

In addition, it is hoped:

1. That an apology will be made for false or misleading statements contained in the Committee's 20 Feb. report.
2. That Geyser Reef and Blenheim Reef will now receive consideration for separate country status.
3. That VQ1 and AC4 will be deleted from the country list, since there are no such countries.
4. That the Committee will reconsider VU4 and KC4 if and when we are able to present additional pertinent information on these operations.
5. That the Committee's final statement will contain some nice statements about us and our DXpedition.
6. That the League will make a small contribution to the DXpedition, just a fraction of what this mess has cost the DX Fraternity.

Reasons for discrediting VU2WNV and K1IMP/KC4: These were discussed in detail in our Statement of 8 April. No additional copies are available. Even with the aid of letters from the Indian Government, the Committee was unable to demonstrate that VU2WNV was illegal or unauthorized from the Laccadives. This call was issued specifically in response to a request for a permit for the Laccadive Islands. I cannot understand how this operation will be discredited and others, proven illegal, continue to be credited, but I agreed to abide by the Directors' decision, and, unless we can provide additional information, that's it fellows!

Regarding Navassa, I claimed that, other than the operation of my ham Set, whatever else I did on the Island was no business of the ARRL's; even if I committed some crime, this would be no reason to disallow my radio contacts. Unfortunately, the Committee does not agree, and feel that it is their duty to administer Coast Guard "policy," even when the FCC and Coast Guard do not do so! The operation was conducted under FCC Rules and was 100% valid. ARRL has superceded the FCC and Coast Guard and there's little we can do unless the Coast Guard either permits us to return with their blessing, or notifies ARRL it has no objection to the accreditation of our radio contacts, which It has thus far refused to do. Once again, I agreed to abide by the Directors' decision; only additional information from the Coast Guard will help; ARRL or anybody else has yet to demonstrate in what way the Coast Guard has ever cooperated with the League or with the Amateur Fraternity regarding 160 Meters or DX!

FUTURE COOPERATION: I agree to cooperate fully with the Awards

Committee

regarding future operations; the Committee will know my address at all times and will be given copies of any documents it requests.

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Had it not been for the extended effort of Delta Division Director Phil Spencer, I doubt that this matter would have been fairly resolved. Directors Bolvin, Clark, and Foster also played a major role. Of course, more than half the Directors favored the hearing. Why don't you drop your Director a note of thanks and express your opinion of the outcome?

The Board of Directors took no action at all regarding proposals to improve DXCC Administration or to revise the Committee; two such attempted motions received no second! This is surprising because Clubs in many Divisions informed the Directors prior to the meeting that they wanted these matters considered and resolved. In all fairness, however, it must be stated that such extensive time was required for resolution of our DXpedition problem, that there was little additional time to devote to DX....perhaps next year...

DXPEDITION ON NETWORK TELEVISION

Our DXpedition, with some color slides, will be on NBC's TODAY show on May 16th (7:00 - 7:30 AM NY time), coast-to-coast, in color. Ten to fifteen minutes will be devoted to discussing the benefits of DX and Dxpeditions.

NEW ARRL LIFE MEMBERSHIP

\$130 entitles you to lifetime membership in ARRL with QST for life and many other advantages. Joining the League, especially for life, is the best way to insure yourself a voice in the future of the amateur radio service, and I urge you to subscribe to this bargain; charter life membership will be open for a limited time only. We trust that none of this money will ever again be used to smear another fellow amateur member.

FCC PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL TAILENDING

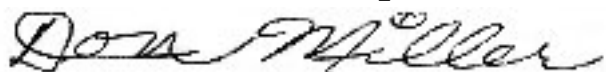
We also urge you to obtain a copy of this new proposal, which includes a provision for requiring you to give the callsign of the station you are calling, only at the end of a completed exchange, and not necessarily with every call; I know most DX men and contest enthusiasts will support this proposal in their replies to the FCC.

DX POLL RESULTS

In view of the Awards Committee's reversals, it would be in poor taste to publish results of certain replies; however, over 700 have replied, 86% are ARRL Members, 84% hold DXCC, 99% approve of our DXpedition, feel the DX operator has the right to contact whom he pleases and should refuse to contact stations being operated contrary to the DX spirit, feel we display good sportsmanship and good operating techniques and proficiency, and that the DXpedition has been worthwhile and a credit to amateur radio and should be completed. 3 of 709 site instances in which a QSL card was received without benefit of a QSO, but these were either unrelated to our DXpedition or represented an error in callsign. 95% are in favor of the proposal for improvement in DXCC Administration. 3 felt they were discriminated against and one felt he was forced to contribute.

Once again we wish to state we are eager to complete our DXpedition, but this will be impossible without your help. In addition to the SASE provided on page 1 for possible contributions, please fill out the reverse side of this sheet and return it in the attached envelope; this will be a guide to our future operations.

Thanks to the many thousands of you who have made possible the
1965-
1967 World-wide DXpedition. 73 and the best of DX!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Miller".

Don Miller, W9WNV, Etc.

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DX SURVEY

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN IN ATTACHED SASE

1. Callsign: _____

2. Which of the following countries do you NEED for DXCC?

<input type="checkbox"/> AC3	<input type="checkbox"/> KC4 (Nav)**	<input type="checkbox"/> VP8 (Sand)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1B	
<input type="checkbox"/> AP (East)	<input type="checkbox"/> KH6 (Kure)	<input type="checkbox"/> VP8 (Shet)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1M	**assuming VU2WNV &
<input type="checkbox"/> AP (West)	<input type="checkbox"/> KP6	<input type="checkbox"/> VQ8 (Rodr)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3V8	K1IMP/KC4 will not be
<input type="checkbox"/> BY	<input type="checkbox"/> LA (bouv)	<input type="checkbox"/> VQ8 (St. B)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3W8	reinstated
<input type="checkbox"/> CE0X	<input type="checkbox"/> MP4Q	<input type="checkbox"/> VR1 (Br. P)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4S7	
<input type="checkbox"/> CE0Z	<input type="checkbox"/> TA	<input type="checkbox"/> VR3	<input type="checkbox"/> 8Z4	
<input type="checkbox"/> CR8	<input type="checkbox"/> TR8	<input type="checkbox"/> VR6	<input type="checkbox"/> 8F	
<input type="checkbox"/> EA9 (Rio)	<input type="checkbox"/> TT8	<input type="checkbox"/> VS9K	<input type="checkbox"/> 9K3, 8Z5	
<input type="checkbox"/> EA9 (Ifni)	<input type="checkbox"/> VK4 (Wil)	<input type="checkbox"/> VU (Lac)**	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> EA0	<input type="checkbox"/> VK9 (Xmas)	<input type="checkbox"/> XU	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> FO8 (Clip)	<input type="checkbox"/> VK9 (Coc)	<input type="checkbox"/> YI	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> FO8M	<input type="checkbox"/> VK9 (Naur)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZA	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> FR7T	<input type="checkbox"/> VK0 (Heard)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZL (Kerm)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> FR7E, J	<input type="checkbox"/> VP8 (Ga)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1S	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> HK0 (Malp)	<input type="checkbox"/> VP8 (Ork)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1G	_____	

3. Comments on future Dxpediton plans:

would like to see more CW operation

would like to see more _____ Mcs operation

prefer longer operations

prefer 14180-190 as SSB transmitting frequency instead of 14105 Kcs

prefer slower CW speed

prefer calling by districts instead of at random

Other: _____

RESULTS OF THE ABOVE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A FORTHCOMING EDITION OF THE LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION BULLETIN.

4. _____ Please send me details of the LIDXA Bulletin and flash card service.

Please list me as a subscriber to the LIDXA bulletin for the coming

twelve(12) months; subscription rate is enclosed(\$5 per year, \$6.50

air mail, \$10 overseas airmail)

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