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PYswl/Rolf

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Here is all the latest on 160 O.M.!!!

Nothing on 160 this morning - see log - sorry

Starting New Year will make Wed and Fri at 0600

And as soon as OK with you

Make it Tue and Thursday at 0600 instead Wed/Fri - OK????

CONGRATULATIONS your fine work there on 160

K9GZK also reported to me your hearing him - VFB!!!

Am waiting to hear from you re crystals - tolerances

S0000000000 again Rolf - HAPPY NEW YEAR

And here's to a contact REAL SOON NOW!!!!

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W1BB - 160 METER DX - Bulletin

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de W1BB/General Remarks ----- Fellows, if things have been a bit late, or some of your reports and letters not acknowledged or answered as promptly as usual - Please Excuse - Alice/W1DQF, and myself were called home from 12 days vacation in KP4/KV4 lands, when very recently, Dec7th, we had the second death in our immediate family with the passing of our Son's wife, 30, leaving two little children, which we are now helping to care for - all of this upset us and our normal activities in many ways - however, we expect to be back "on the beam" again real soon - thanks for your patience and understanding!!! DX this fall was good up to October 1st, with the earliest Transatlantic crossing on record. Then, rather suddenly from Oct1 to ~~Nov25~~ Nov25 Dx was Nil - since there has been Dx but spotty - no real good openings only a couple "fair" ones - Why conditions which started out so promising, have become so much poorer than expected, no one knows - some feel the Pacific Nuclear and USSR tests might have been responsible - others that it is just the "Way the ball bounces", normal unpredictableness of 1.8 - which incidentally makes it interesting and also intriguing. The First scheduled TRANSATLANTIC DX TEST Dec2 washed out - the 2nd Dec 16th only fair although participants were not lacking on either side!!! - At any rate the frequency of openings lately has improved a wee bit, and lets hope for the best. Dont forget the CQ/WW Contest on 160 Jan26/27 and best of luck!!! This should be a grand event!!! S00000000000 Best wishes to all for a HAPPY NEW YEAR, with lots of HAPPY HAMMING - especially if it is on 160!!!!

W1BB/Summary LOG of 160 Meter DX Activities!!!!

Oct21 --- Poor morning to Europe-fair to South - medium w/ve activity - Wx-VFB/warm/clear/calm -felt like gang just "warming-up" for the real DX ahead!! Although WPSGQ put on a fine performance!!! W/ve p/W1BB,ME,2EOS,UWD,IU,3GQF,CEM,FBV,4OM,SGDQ,K8IQQ,MRB,9ENE,CDP,RHI,GDH,VE2UQ,3QU ---(p/ etc stands for Participants!!!)

regenerated into "Rag-Chewing". p/G3IGW, OUK/A, OIT, MYI, REP, RAA/A, OZF, OQT, AGG-6BQ, 2.1
W/VE: PG/A. Tnx Gus! SOUTH: VP8GQ 1800.5 our "Southern (Dx) Star" 0500-0630z
weak QSB zero/459, av 359 QSO'd Ws, 1ME, TX-2EQS, UWD-3GDF-9FNE(?), 1BB-KSMR in order
was hrd by Fy/Swl/Rolf Rasp!! Says "Hrd VP8GQ QSOing one W after another, BUT the
who time through I did not hear one TRACE of the Ws - only VP8GQ- dont you think
this propogation was rather strange??" Yes Sure Do Rolf!!! For Roy/LTX his QSO
with VP8GQ was his 10th Country!! (Oct.7 VK3AKR his 9th!) (p/ means "Participant")

OCT28: Extremely poor Dx Cdx. WWV sending "W3" Wx, clear, cold, windy, FB.
W/VE: Ws, 1BB, ME, TX-2UWD, KHT-3GQF-8HCR-9FNE, CUY-VE3DU participated, calling and
listening for Dx but nary a peep and by 0600 most had QRT!!

NOV4: Again Cdx Vy poor-no Dx at all except W3GQF reported hrg DL1FF 0500
559max - H18KAG & 5B4PB expected but no show - There seems to be some barrier, the
signals of any strength do not penetrate, since Oct1 - Nuclear Tests? W/VE: p/Ws,
1BB, BHQ, ME, WY-KLLTM-2EQS, IU, KHT, UWD-Wa2IUQ-3GQF-4CXW-Wa6CDR-8CIH-K8RYU-9UKV, P
WVX, VXO-VE3FF EAST: No QSOs but G8PG/a hrd W1BB 229-339 0530z. DJ1BZ, GM3PRA

NOV11: Cdx still generally Vy poor especially to East. W/VE Participant
dropping a bit also. W/VE: p/Ws, 1BB, UZ, TX-KILMO-2FYT, KHW, JGQ-3GQF, FBV-K7DEK/
BIQS, GDQ-KSWGN, BBI, IQQ, BSW-9PNE-K9JDK-AIFH, GBV-VE3DU, QU. EAST: Cdx vy poor w
no European markers or Dx coming thru!! However G8SPG reported hrg W2FYT briefly a
0438z clg QZ DX -- Gswl/QUEST hrd a N. African but no other Dx. p/G3IGW, HR3HH, GM3P
EI9J, DL1FF, VP8GQ SOUTH: VP8GQ came thru weakly 0440z QSOing W2FYT. Our old
friend HR3HH/"Bal" put on best show of evening 0600-0700z QSOing W1BB-8HGW-K8IQQ-
AIFH, VXO and others. WEST: K7DEK/7 provided some welcome Western DX and new
states for a few QSOing VE3QU, DU-W8GDQ, HGW-K8IQQ and others - Was hrd by W1BB S2/3
Wa6CDR active QSOing W8GBV/others!!

NOV18: Cdx still generally poor-QRN rather high-No Dx whole evening exce
VP7NY "Local-Dx" W/VE: p/Ws 1BB, 2DHQ-3FBV-K3MBF-4IQU-8TSD-K8RYU-9PNE-VE2UQ, 3M
2FYT, UWD, GGL, EQS-1BHQ. EAST: G8SPG/Gus says morning a "Dead-Loss"-Blizzard cu
po r lines-became good cook over fireplace but no Dx!!! SOUTH: VP7NY/Lowell
put on a fine show wkg Ws 1BHQ-2FYT, UWD, GGL, EQS-3PAP, GQF, FMV-8QWI-K8RYU, MRB-9PNE-
VE3QU, AGK. Cdx so poor his sigs varied 000-569 quick QSB 2 hours much of time
unreadable in QRN/QSB WEST: A fine clean out FIRST!!!! when the OM/XYL team
WB6AFH/WB6AFI (Ex W9VER/K5VLG) QSO'd VR30 Christmas Island on 191k Nov18. VR30/4
6s/559.----(Under call K5VLH QSO'd ZL3R8&KH6IJ Fm N. Mexico early 1962 and as W8F
QSO'd G-VE-VP7-KP4-KV4-YN4-YV5 in past years) CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!! Jean and Dean
Understand VR30 will be on regularly when he gets new Tx now being built by W6VEY.
Note!! W6HRG also worked VR30-Details not rec'd hr.

Nov25: AT LAST the band showed some signs of opening up and quite a num
of Dx QSOs resulted - our best morning in some time!! Willie/W8GDQ says dont forg
to cover 1876k fr ZLs and also claims "MOONBOUNCE" QSO w/W1BU on 160!!! Hi!!!
W/VE: Sam/W1BU says QSO w/W8GDQ was 1st 160 QSO since coming to Mass fm Ohio t
'40s - using pp814s/rig fm 20yrs garage storage-has tilted ant 200° high NE end-n
to have Sam on again!!! Maybe sometime Sam and Willie will explain this "Moonboun
stuff on 160!!!! p/Ws 1BB, ME-2FYT, EQS, UKS, IU, GGL-3GQF-8KIP-Wa6CDR-8FW, HGW, GDQ-6VK
VE7AN. EAST: G3IGW hrd W2FYT, GGL, IU and briefly contacted W1BB. UO5AA on 160.
G8PG/Gus Qsb/Qrm heavy sigs weak but wkd W1BB 1st time & Hrd W2IU -G3LTC hrd W2FY
G/Swl/QUEST h/1BB449, 2GGL349, FYT339 - nw hrd 19 Countries 160-logged 15 Dls
this yr ---Gswl/Smith h/1BB, ME, 2IU, FYT, GGL after some blank weeks!! ---- G3OQT/D
"The Dx Blanket which covered everything OCT & NOV seems to hv lifted nw-hrd W2GG
449, 2FYT/449 & 1BB/549-Qrm Hr Fantastic!!! Making himself an 80° vertical Beer Can
ant wl top load it"also wonders why there are no W Swis- says Gs wld like rpts!!!
Gswl/Iball h/1BB, ME "Have never known such activity/QRM over here!! p/G3OQT, PU, IGM
PXZ, LIQ/AMYI, REP, JFY, OZF, NEO-6BQ-DL1FF, DJ1JZ, UB5CI, UB5WF, UO5AA, OH2NB, OK1KAU, KSO, AN
Z YD, KVE, 2KJU, 5B4PB, OY7ML SOUTH: W8GDQ/Willie wkd YV5AGD as did W1BB, W3GQF
and others. VP2VL/WVX Bob was on QSOing 1BB, 3GQF, 8GDQ and many others - believe
Bob intends retire VP2land someday and work DX to his hearts content alongside
next door neighbor KV4AA/Dick who sure sets a good example - Dick an ex/160 Dxer
is washed our on 160 by "Regs" while on VP2 Island few miles away VP2 can wkd 160!
W2UKS/Bill rpts wkg VP2GX/1810k 2334z-VFB!! WEST: W6KIP/Alex had 17 eastern
"Without trying" hrd HC1DC-VP2VL/S3 -Couldnt find YV5AGD" - Sri Alex!! Next time.

Dec2::: W1BB was in KP4 land/unable observe conditions but understand were generally poor! W2UKS/Bill rptd band vy NOISY & "Dx sure is scarce to date"!!! has HQ145x new/March '62 for sale \$175.00!!! VFB Cdx. EAST::: Gw8PG/(G6PG) Gus has driven 300 miles this winter to try wk 160 fm Gw8PG --- Gswl/QUEST says "N. Dx Hrd" p/G3IGW,OLI,OJT,MYI,GRL,OLB,LIQ/a,PQA-6BQ-GW8PG-GMSITN,PBA

Dec9::: W1BB returning fm KP4-KV4 lands unable ck conditions - however fm rpts apparently not too bad!!! NOTE- the night before DEC8 W3GQF worked an O.T. and famous early 160 meter DXer - and noted DXer all bands G2PL Peter - and hrd G6BQ, 30QT,IGW-G6GM and DL1FF!!! W/Ve::: W9PNE hrd DL1FF259 15 mins-G3PU339 Briefly - EAST::: Gswl/Allen W1ME, TX-2EQS, UWD, FYT, GGL, KHT, IU-VFB!! W1TX wk4 G6BQ-G3PU --- G6PG/a/Gus hrd 2FYT449-2IU229, EJS559, GGL339, UWD339 sigs weak/QSB Predawn Peak0612- postdawn peak0747 ---"Harry"/G6GM 78 Yrs yound putting out VFB Sig as usual!!! --- Gswl/QUEST; Ws1ME, TX-2EQS, FYT, GGL, KHT, UWD says PA/BN, SS-OH2YV, NB on!! --- Gswl/Smith Ws1ME-2IU, FYT, GGL says Ws 3 deep between 1806-8 & Fish-fones real bad!! --- Gswl/Iball-1TX359-2FYT569-GGL559-EJS449-IU459-3GQF339 using HC1155 Rx. SOUTH::: VPSGQ trying QSO Gs DLs/N.D. --- VP3AD/Dad hrd W2FYT, 569/0410-UWD449/0425-UKS459.0436-SIRE559/0432 - Called all of them on 1801/N.D. Dx/Participants G2DCG-30QT, PQA, FU, LIQ/a, PHO, OIT, CHN, REP, IMV, PIQ, ERN, GRL, NHE, PCG KFT, IGW, NJR-5JU-6GM, BQ, QB-8PG/a, JR-DL1FF, FL-PA/BN, SS-OH2NB-GW3PPF, VP3AD.

Dec16::: This Second Annual TRANSATLANTIC DX TEST was much better - but still spotty and with lots of snow static & Loran - Nevertheless quite a few QSOs ensued between 0500-0800 with a fwir number of participants and several outstanding QSOs. As a "Warm-up" W1TX on the 14th QSO'd G2PL, 3ERN, 6BO, 6TK and 15th G6BQ, 3ERN, PQA W/VE::: Roy/LTX wk4G3PU -has new VFB antenna on only 50' Lot - results are what count!! W9PNE/Brice hrd DL1FF 30 min peak 239 also G3PU 0700z 339 rapid QSB. NOTE!!! Dec 15 Brice wk4 VPSGQ solid got 570 gave 459 for his 35th Country!!!! (Coincidence - VPSGQ was also W2EQS/Chas's Nr 35 Country!!) --- CONGRATULATIONS!! to W/VXO/Herb for the 2nd Transatlantic QSO EVER from W/ when he QSO'd G3PU559 re 3 VFB!!! W/NWX has only other W/-European 160 QSO on record. He also QSO'd G3PU 11 yrs ago!!- Wish could print all of W/VXO's letter/Space limited-however he hrd DL1FF569/0730z w/Horiz Doublet & NOT AT ALL w/Vert. Could have kicked myself for not putting up doublet sooner he sez. NOTE W/VXO & W/NWX both also hrd Nov11 by PY/Swl Rolf Rasp 0545z - FBI! p/1BU-2FBA, IU, FYT, GGL, TMC-K2BWR-3GQF-4VYB, KTA-Wa4FJ SIRE, HRV, OOR, OWI, GY-K8UNP-9PNE, CUY, HLY-K9GZK-VXO, IFH-VELZZ, 2IL, UQ-3DU, AGX-1BB EAST::: G3PU's signal was terrific and outstanding, staying in from 0500-0800, peaking 579-averaging 559 dipping 229 with slow QSB and wkg quite few Ws including W/VXO & W9PNE!!!! (CONGRATULATIONS to Ern also on his first QSO with VPSGQ this AM DL1FF was next-QSOing quite a few but not up to usual strength. G6BQ, 30QT, IGW, 8JR also made QSOs. (The previous evening Dec15 G2PL569 wk4 W3GQF and band was quite open half hr with fair signals) --- Gswl/QUEST hrd 1BB, ME w/30' piece wire at g level!! and nite before 1TX, ME-2FYT, KQT VFB!! --- Gswl/Allen hrd 1BB, ME, TX, VPSGQ using series tuned "LOOPSTICK" 2/short 12" screened lead!! Some goings-eh??? say it helps cut QRM/N -sumpin to try!!! --- Gswl/Iball hrd 1BB only Cdx bad Winds above storm force SOUTH::: VPSGQ QSO'd G3PU/0507z CONGRATULATIONS Peter - W1 listened to both sides of QSO!!! Night before - 15th G6BQ also QSO'd VPSGQ for po FIRST - (On 15th QSO'd W9PNE and Brice's son W9CDP at 0400z) VPSGQ that is. --- VP3AD/"Dad" hrd 2FYT569-K2BWR559-W9HLY459-W2FYT589-W1BB559-W1TX559-W8HRV459-W2GGL4 VE3AGX449 between 0300-0510z --- KP4AXU on 3.5Mc works 1.8 Mc Stns Cross-band -- FYswl/Rolf Rasp sends impressive list hrd 0500-0600z, VPSGQ589-W1BB589-2GGL589-SIRE449-2FYT459-1MEM59-2IU579-VE3AGX449-1TX459-K9GZK349-8QWI239 Condx outstanding QRM/high-QSB/strong. Also 14th Dec hrd W/NWX569/0700, W6KIP589/0713 and 15th VPSGQ 338/579 QSO G6BQ-0515z WEST::: No stations further West than W9/W/ hrd and none reporting to W1BB NORTH::: V01BD heard elg DL1FF/0435z-believe no QSO. Dx-G3ORH, OJT, ERN, NVO, GGS, ROZ/a, RKA, RIA, OPA, POK, LIQ/a, OIN, KDV, MCY, PSB, PQA-6BQ, TR 8JR-ZL2BE-CHENY-OK1MCAEZMKSH, #CEA-GM3AEY, PAW-SVWZ-GW3CBY NOTE !!!! During this week the band opened up Dec 21st and G3POA put in a terrific signal QSOing W3GQF W1BB, ME-2IU-UWD-8HRV. G6BQ QSO'd W1BB, TX - and W1BB QSO'd VPSGQ ((9PNE also QSO'd PQA)

Dec23::: WWV sending "W-3", which is extremely poor Cdx - and so they were- not a trace of DX and all participants QRT early. Strange when morning before G3POA put on such good show. Understand terrific storm in G/land

NUCLEAR TESTING ON 160!!! Vs 160 Dx !!!

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An extremely interesting letter from George Jacobs/W3ASK comments on our FLASH bulletin Nov.11 ---"I hve mentioned the possibility of A & H bomb explosions causing absorption in the ionosphere, with some friends of mine in this field. They are of the opinion that the energy contained in the many bombs exploded recently by both the U.S. and the USSR is still negligible to the amount of energy that would be necessary to induce a long period absorption effect. With Bomb-testing apparently halted, how have conditions on 160 been?" - (George, since testing stopped conditions seem to be coming back to normal for this time of year, but extremely slowly and very spotty - whether there is any correlation or not is hard to tell - but some still feel that there is, others that there might be!!) Conditions hard to explain

FINLAND ON 160!!! ----- Here is another Country available - word from several sources OH3NY, GW8PG, etc - HO HAMS allowed 1820-1845k & 1915-1955k - 10 Watts. Our old friend Matti Paivao/OH3NY, also OH2NB are on - Matti says "Cdx much poorer than 11 yrs ago signs must go over Magnetic N Pole - will be active even though new QTH hr much poorer for ant - 75 to all!!"

PROPAGATION FORECASTING ----- Fm W/TUT/Joe a most interesting comment --"Your coincidence of QSOs p3 Bull#1 62/63 reminds me paragraph June 62 RSGB as follows - "IEE procedures 3/62 explains new method ionospheric forecasting being used by the D.S.I.R. based on identification of "Epochs" during which corresponding Cdx have prevailed past yrs, rather than plotting completely new forecasting maps as previous. It has been found usually possible identify some period within the previous 10 yrs when almost identical radio condx occurred. The result of this new system, is a great increase in accuracy of predictions made several months in advance" - Tnx Joe Sorry abt ur S9 line noise washing you out on 160 Dx - Joe wants info on D.F. to find noise - can anyone help?? If so send Joe the references - Joe Check CST/ARRL.

ULTIMATE NAVIGATIONAL AID!!!!!!" ----- Fm Boston Globe 11/8/62 -"A new Navigational aid developed by John A Pierce, Harvard Scientist, (who also developed LORAN)-Named OMEGA - 8 times better than LORAN - Range 8000 Miles (Loran only effective 1000 Miles) Three OMEGAs would replace 100 Lorans and give greater coverage - \$10,000,000. cost per installation however. Expected operational not less 3 yrs nor more than 5 yrs - been in development 12 yrs. Funded by three Services through office of Navigational Research - apparently operates on higher Fy than LORAN (Dont know fy yet) - \$000000 maybe here's relief in sight from our LORAN QRM on 160 - We HOPE!! Anyone more dog

HEARD ON 160 (Without mentioning any names) BY W1BB ----- "A fellow on this???? can stretch his ears -when digging for Dx on 160 @ or any other band - but especially 160 -to the point where he THINKS he hears sumpin!! Did YOU hear ever so weak a signal on 1827?? I thought I did!!! - Gosh, I doubt if my ears will ever go back into shape" - Now isnt it the truth????!!!! W1BB at least knows JUST what you mean, O.M.!!!

MARKER DHJ54/2 ----- Per G3PQA "Has packed in and is replaced by DHJ59/2 which is much weaker station - so if you dont hear DHJ - dont despair of Dx"- Tnx John !!

CYPRUS - Fm G2BVN/Steve comes word that 5B4PB is Famagusta, Cyprus & Now active - usually fm 0300-0450z 180lk alternate odd numbered days. Static high/but will TRY!

160 in FLORIDA ----- de W4IYT/Andy Florida Skip Ed. - "You said there is nothing keeping us fm at least listening in Fla to 160!! Oh YES there is Stew - LORAN!!!! I'd like invite you Fla just ONE Night - ANY night and "Listen" to 160!! You probably couldnt stand the 40 to 60 DB over S9 racket fm our HiPwr LORAN Stns - Man it's JUAWFUL!!!! - lets hope however some day they'll turn off those QRM makers an allow us back on"!!! Tnx/Andy-real sympathies and hopes for a better future!!!

"FLORIDA SKIP" Mag/W4JO "Work For Joy Only". Frank. Advt Mga sends extremely FB comments --"160 been dead band Fla many yrs-missed band mucho- W4EB/W4JO organized "Miami 160 phone gang" in 1930-Frank used 201a Mod W/247-still has it -(In Attic)- in 1933 Mag "HARMONICS" born devoted 160/Phone/Hamming-Net met SAM Sundays - so you see 160 is vy dear to hearts of O.T.s arnd Miami - we used Long Wires/Low Pwr - Dx was anywhere out of the state" the I once QSO'd Europe with tt 201A - wl be list Transatlantics - If poss thru Loran -was THERE at the very FIRST & 2nd TRANSATLANTIC w/cans only " Frank O.O.T./Tnx Vy interesting Comments - Hope 160 back to Fla Soon

AMERICAN SHORT WAVE LISTENERS CLUB -----Jim Howard, Ed, says "Thinking of offering rewards to ASWLC members who report overseas 160 meter Dx stations - might make it Club Contest" - this would help Dx stns a lot!! Tnx much Jim - Hope you do it!!!

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE/Michael C Bosch/ZS2FM, East London ----- Writes " Our group has embarked on a project to revive interest in "Top-Band" in view of low M expected during Min Sunspot Cycle. Following stns are on - ZS2CE, CD, FF, FM, GN, JH, KA, KW, LC, CF, OL - some VFB/Most Ital 1950k - ZS2FM has rock for 1987 - pwr 10w, 1987kfr OK!!!! Julius Reitmayer/Club Station OK1KCI ----- says, trying hard for W contacts Requests contacts & Contestants especially for their "TP" "TEST" 2nd & 4th Mondays 160 - fm 1900-2100z - Exchange rpts RST plus QSO Nr ie 579013 - Call QQTP. One QSO rpts Multiplier is No. QSOs during 1st half hour 1900-1930z. Send TEST Logs within 3 days to Central Radio Club PO Box 69 Praha 1 Czechslovakia - OK??? (Time NG W/Ve

MISCELLANEOUS TOP-BAND NEWS ITEMS -----G/swl/Norman Smith was season's earliest, latest, most persistent SWLer!-His rpts kept up all summer! Oct6 band sounded S'IN no activity Norm kept at it finally digging out WSHGW & VP3GQ fm mud 30th VFB!!! -- GW8PG/Gus, Oct14 h/G8BQ, 3IGW, OQT, OIT, PQS, NQF, GSS, active/NoDx-Gus vy happy/Psed w/ne Friends/Activities 160-says "More Antenna dope & SWL rpts fm W/Ve, Pse"!!! DLLFF/Ar Per Gswl/Quest)who can be counted on to give 160 real working over, has VEE beam, 5 high towards WEST being hrd terrifically loud in Europe-broke thru to W/VE 449 No DL9KP, 1W, 6OS also active. -----EI9J/PADDY (11/6) Hopes be on soon - says "Regarding your saying that Trans-Equatorial Cdx best summer - I could agree - Over last 12 y Jun&Jul hv bn two best months in yr - QRN rarely high hr-we get no extremes - I am particularly thinking of 80/same goes for 160 Tnx Paddy/benu ----- OY7ML/MARTIN, g spel Lic operate 160 on 1825k during TRANSATLANTIC DX TESTS. First night on wkd 20 stns inc. many Gs, EI9J, DLLFF, GW3JI - Hrd a N African, could not raise-using 10w - Congratulations Martin!!!! ----- USA/SWL/Adrian Fallert/Hamilton Ohio taking part Dx logging per GW8PG/Gus who was hrd by him Sep30, 0600z, 449. This is VFB to have U SWL!!! -----Gswl/QUEST rpts DJ2KS, 5KR, 1FF, KB, 7IL, 1W, 6OS active 160-also NOV7th OY L "Exploded" on 160 wkg string Gs, DLLFF fr FIRST ever DL/OY 160 QSO!!! OH2NB w DLLFF Noel3 & G3MYI on CW&SSB for a 1st!!! SB4PB emerges fm QRN now and then-TnxTc VP3AD/DAD wl be on regular TRANSATLANTIC TESTS only whenever poss. 180lk - can make no special skeds at other times/time limited - had rig trouble/now fixed - Good ne G3OQT/Dick says "I want to cross pond SSB - Anyone interested please contact me for series skeds weekday mornings-(So not QRM boys hr weekends/make myself unpopular! OK SSB gang write R.F.McLachlan 27 Lake Rise, Romford Essex Eng - Dick nw has new ant bent 1/2 wave -has crossed pond 4 times since Sep30!!!"VFB!! -----PYswl/RolfRa doing FB listening 160 Hrd W1BB several times on "CQ DX TEST" calls & other ?????? weak signals - band bad PY land however NOV. ----- G2HKU/Ted has new QTH "Now actu above sea level" wl b on soon. -----G3GHN/Roger"Patchy season so far-G3FPQ wkd VFB OH2YV, NB & PA4KN, SS active" Tnx Roger -----EI4A/Ken"it doesnt look like I'll ever on fm Liberia agn/confiscated all gear Sep27-wl be lvg spring-hope go some rare 1 Dx Country next to make up for lost time" Congrats to Ken&Traut on VFB y1 Jr Op!! ExG3EMIK/Rex 160 Dxer nw VE2BKK is at Perry Iowa "Long live 160-wish I could be mo active" -----GM2BUD/Dave wl b on starting Jan 9 - His SON graduated "Associate"-R College Science & Technology & Wkg DeHaviland Aircraft - VFB Dave/Congrats-get him interested 160!!! -----ZS2FM&ZS6X&"RADIO ZS"Mag plugging 160 in S.A. - bound to more ZS 160 activity soon!! -----G3PQA/John"wl be glad make special skeds with any anytime" -----G2DCG/Ernest plugging 160 hard-wkd UA3NB, DJ2KS, OY7ML, G3SUB, OK1AA1, DJ3KR, 1KB, 2KS -----PA2FN anxious for Ws-Nuf Sed!! -----JIM/G3IAA (ExVS1AA) wl hve new mast soon & active 160 agn -----G3OIT/Keith wkd OH2NB, DLLFF& Others -----WIWY/FRANK regrets time doesnt permit much time on 160-has 75A4-intends some activity-offers give good CQ Publicity to "HOT" 160 News - Tnx Frank -----W2PNE/Brice "Never hrd cdx so poor-dec3-WWV/"W-3/4" for nearly 2 Mos nw-only few times up to N5-You hve idea hw difficult it is to wk 160 Dxfm out hr - Noise level low however - testi various ants/interesting & Confusing results -Wkd 80 exclusively during CQ/WW DX t after 6th Straight Certificate-Hope!! Congrats Brice!! -----K4KSY/Rev DraytonCooper Moved to Southport N.C.-on soon as can solve ant problem/little space-wl use new SP-600-JK-14 Rx - bonu Dray on 160!! -----W6ANO/Waldo ex avid 160 Dxer listens 160 on old BC/Rx but still no Tx-too bad!! -----W6KIP/Alex means "Out here I dont know 160 could be worse!!" All I can hear is big juicy power leaks arnd clock" Sri/Alex

73 de Stew/W1BB and b.c.n.u. on 160 fellows HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

November 11, 1962

!!! FLASH !!!

MIDDLE NOVEMBER

!!!-- 160 METER DX report de W1BB --!!!

Dx in all directions since October 1st have been extremely poor, although some spotty DX has broken through to W/VE, namely, VP8GQ (Weak) - HR3HH good signal - and DL1FF weak and briefly for 20 minutes (No QSOs) using his Vee beam and calling CQ DX --- European "MARKERS" have been conspicuously absent except for the briefest moments.

This raises a question as to what has happened to 160 meter Dx. Up until October, it was our best year - with the earliest Transatlantic crossing on record and lots of Southern Summer DX including VP8, ZL, VK etc and apparently continuing to improve while the SUNSPOT Numbers increased, as expected.

However - rather suddenly from the first of October on, it has been almost as though a DX barrier had been thrown up, which even the strongest DX signals can not penetrate.

Many are wondering if the Pacific NUCLEAR tests could be responsible for upsetting the Ionosphere and casting a "blanket" over 160???????

All 160 Meter DXers are active however, and holding on hoping for the "Break" to come soon!!!!

Most active W/VE PARTICIPANTS are \equiv Ws1BB, TX, ME, UZ, WY-KLMO-2EQS, FYT, IU, UW, KHT, -3GQF, FBV, -4CXV-5KG, NU, SOT-6KIP-Wa6CDR-K7DEK/7, K7HDB-8GDQ, IQS, CIJ-KBIQZ-9P, UKV-K9JDK, -ANWX, IFH, GBV, VXO-VEZZ, 3QU, DU, FF DX PARTICIPANTS are \equiv G6BQ, G3ER, LIQ, PU, CHN, OIT, PQA, IGW-~~XXXXXXXX~~ PU- G5RI-G6GM-G8PG - G3IAA - G3IOS - G3SUB - HR3HH - VP8GQ - EI9J - UB5WF and others.

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(During Week of December 2 W1BB will visit KV4AA "Dick" in the Virgin Islands --To discuss possibility of 160 Meter DX operations from "YASME and future DXpeditions