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 DECEMBER ~~23~~ ~~7~~ ~~16~~ and ~~17~~ ~~18~~
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During these periods, Extra Special efforts will be made to contact European, Asian, African and other 160 Meter DX Amateurs throughout the world, for general DXing, and also to make observations, as a contribution to the study of PROPAGATION conditions on these frequencies.

An active group of English and DX Amateurs, in Cooperation with USA Amateurs are behind this effort in carrying on these Tests, which have been a yearly operating activity since 1932. All 160 meter stations throughout the world are invited and also urged to participate in as many of these TESTS as possible!!!

Most W/VEs will operate 1800-1825 Kc Segment EAST of the Mississippi River, while those to the WEST will use 1975-2000 Kc, Clustering near 2000 Kcs Usually. DX will be found mostly between 1795 and 1850 Kcs, the best segment being 1800-1825. Some DX will be found near 2000Kcs. DX stations should cover near 2000Kcs carefully for unusual and choice USA Contacts!!!

W/VE stations will call CQ DX TEST the first 5 minutes of each hour, and each alternate 5 minute period thereafter, listening the second 5 minute period, and each alternate 5 minute period of the hour, for DX. The DX stations of course will do just the opposite. Thus, each station alternately calls for 5 Minutes, and then listens for 5 minutes throughout the TEST - unless working or hearing DX. Care should be taken particularly by all participants to carefully set their clocks to WWV, etc. to be sure of keeping in step with these 5 minute periods, and not cause QRM by transmitting during the listening periods. These calling and listening periods of course apply only when no DX is being heard or worked. When DX is coming through the idea naturally, is to QSO regardless of the periods - BUT, here again, adherence to the 5 minute periods, even for a QSO, would help to minimize QRM.

W/VE stations should send their reports for the TESTS, of activity and unusual accomplishments to WIBB, Stewart S. Perry, 36 Pleasant Street, Winthrop, Mass., USA for recording in the booklet "THE 160 METER DX HISTORY", and for transmittal through BULLETINS to A.R.R.L.-CQ-SHORT WAVE-WESTERN RADIO and other magazines, etc. for publication. G,GM,GI,GW, Etc. should send their reports to G8QB, L.H. Thomas, DX Editor, Short Wave Magazine, Turkey Road, Bexhill on Sea, Sussex, England. --- OTHER DX, may send their reports to either of the above as desired. Do REPORT!!!

Remember!!! --- These are "Tests", and not CONTESTS -- for pleasure in an unusual operating activity, without "Competition", for a change, and to develop some propagation information as a worthwhile contribution to the art of Radio.

A.R.R.L. and CQ - DX CONTESTS

WIBB --- And many other W/VE, 160 Meter HAMS will carefully cover these contests on the same operating schedule as above for the Transatlantics. WIBB invites any special schedule arrangements from any of the DX gang desiring to make a real try for an extra band multiplier!! AIR/MAIL your intentions to WIBB in this respect, in advance if possible, otherwise WIBB will cover the same frequencies as mentioned in paragraph 3 on page 2 of this Special No. 1 Bulletin. CQ are proposing to run another 160 Meter CW Contest early in 1961, and it is hoped that DX stations will participate in this operating activity also. See CQ for further details.

WIBB 160 METER DX BULLETIN

WIBB --- Will issue this BULLETIN during the 160 Meter DX Season, as material is obtained, to the above/mentioned HAM magazines etc, via air-mail, so that they can publish from it, the important information on "TOP-BAND" activities. There is no mailing list to individuals, although WIBB will oblige and send copies to those supplying S.A.S.E.s
 Best of luck ALL - and again, '73 de WIBB/Stew.