



## NEWSLETTER NOTES

If you did not get a CDXA June newsletter, don't feel bad - nobody did. Due to a minor problem with my eye, I did not feel like spending much time at the old word processor... so there was no June issue. Things are better now, so we're back at the old PC.

However, speaking of newsletters, I do not plan to continue editing this thing past December, so now is the time to start thinking about who the next editor will be. It's fun, but two years is long enough.

Also in this issue is the current CDXA membership list. If there are corrections to be made, please send them to me.....thanks.

## MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ ISLAND

By now the DX-pedition to MV is over and the wait begins to see whether we worked an all-time new country or not. The following background information was taken from QRZ DX and the ARRL LETTER:

Malyj Vysotskij Island is located in the Baltic Sea -- Western USSR at 60 degrees 17 minutes North Latitude, 28 degrees 34 minutes East Longitude. It is uninhabited and its location in the Bay of Vyborg is of great strategic importance (It is located just north of Primorsk and southwest of Vyborg, USSR).

The island was leased to Finland on September 27, 1962, and its DXCC status was established by action of the ARRL on November 17, 1970. MV is separated from Finland by both mainland USSR and Soviet Islands.

It seems that the potential DXCC status of MV island was proclaimed some 18 years ago by the Assistant Communication Manager R. L. White, acting at the direction of the ARRL Awards Committee: "At such time as operation takes place ... we will make an official announcement of its

addition to our Countries List." This long forgotten action has been sitting untapped for all these years, since permission to activate the island could not be secured from the authorities.

All this came to light only recently when Martti Laine, OH2BH, started hinting that he was about to activate a "new one." He then forwarded a copy of the original "go-ahead" letter from ARRL dated November 17, 1970, requesting confirmation as to its current validity. Wow, talk about "blockbuster" DX news!

How this plays out in the DXCC country game remains to be seen. But one thing is certain; the 16-member DX Advisory Committee is going to look at the one very carefully - with all pertinent documents in hand - before rendering its recommendation.

To offer your views on this matter to your DXAC representative (there is one from each ARRL Division plus Canada) see May QST page 55.

Although MV Island may present more questions than answers, it has stirred the DX pot in putting the first-ever joint East-West DX-pedition.

## DXCC REMINDER

Amateurs interested in applying for the new single-band DXCC awards are reminded to be sure to use the new award applications available from ARRL HQ. These forms, which are also now used for the standard DXCC award as well as the new awards, should be filled out completely to insure proper processing of your application. To request the new DXCC application form package send a business size self-addressed envelope with two units of first class postage to HQ. For complete details concerning the new DXCC Awards Program, see page 51 of April QST.