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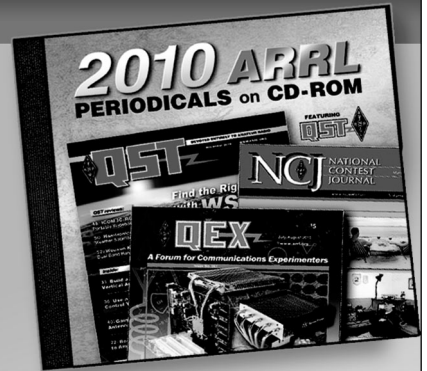
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Countries:

This department is going to overrun its allotted space this month, anyway, so we haven't much time for introductory comment. We suggest you turn to page 40 of the October, 1935 issue of QST for the background (it was a piece called "How to Count Countries Worked," you may remember).

Yes, that's the subject. "How to count countries worked." In that discussion we set forth how ordinary counting methods led one into no end of trouble, and then set forth a more or less simple rule for arriving at a total figure for legitimate countries worked. That is, we thought it was simple. Some of the gang have since registered disagreement. Finally, we slid gracefully (?) out from under the question of actually making a list of all the countries of the world by citing the plain fact that one could easily reach a total of six or seven hundred—and there weren't enough pages available in QST!

There came a time, though, when Fate caught up to us—when we could no longer elude the problem—when we had not only to actually list the countries of the world for ham purposes but also to boil the list down to a reasonable figure (a reasonable figure being, say, a couple of hundred). The instrument in the hands of Fate which brought about this pretty pass was the new A.R.R.L. Map of the World. On that map, like any good map, countries had to be shown. Not only did they have to be shown on the map, with a different color to each country (no simple problem in itself, with sixty times as many countries as colors!), but there had to be an indexed reference list at the bottom.

The connection between this map list and an "official list of countries, etc." was obvious. It offered a perfect vehicle for the general popularization and appreciation of a suggested standard list—not a perfect list, for no such list could be perfect, since inevitably there will be different persons who will be dissatisfied with different aspects of it—but at least a generally-recognized standard to which everyone could refer and use as a start for further argument.

And so we present to you not an "official list of countries," since "official" presumes general sanction and that can come only with time, but a list that we feel is just about as complete as could be made, fair to the DX man from the standpoint of giving credit where credit is due, and certainly a very definite starting point. Only official prefixes are included, so don't worry about the absence of "K5," "OM," etc.

We would like to help towards the acceptance of a standard of "countries worked." Our contribution follows. Your comment is invited.

Country	Prefix
Abyssinia, see Ethiopia	
Aden	
Aegean Islands	
Afghanistan	YA
Alaska	K7
Albania	ZA
Aldabra Islands	
Algeria	FA
Andaman Islands	

Country	Prefix
Andorra	
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	ST
Angola	CR6
Arabia, see Saudi Arabia	
Argentina	LU
Ascension Island	ZD8
Australia	VK
Austria	OE
Azores Islands	CT2
Bahama Islands	VP7
Bahrain Islands	V88
Balearic Islands	EA6
Baluchistan	
Barbados	VP6
Bechuanaland	
Belgian Congo	ON
Belgium	ON
Bermuda Islands	VP9
Bhutan	
Bismarck Archipelago	
Bolivia	CP
Borneo, Netherlands	PK5
Brazil	PY
British Cameroons, see Nigeria	
British Honduras	VP1
British North Borneo	V84
Brunei	
Bulgaria	LZ
Burma	
Cameroons, French	FES
Canada	VE
Canal Zone	
Canary Islands	EA8
Cape Verde Islands	CR4
Caroline Islands	
Celebes and Molucca Is.	PK6
Ceylon	V87
Chile	CE
China	XU
Chosen (Korea)	J8
Christmas Island	ZC3
Cocos Islands	ZC2
Colombia	HJ
Comoro Islands	
Cook Islands	ZK1
Corsica	
Costa Rica	TI
Crete	
Cuba	CM-CO
Curacao and Netherlands West Indies	PJ
Cyprus	ZC4
Czechoslovakia	OK
Danzig	YM
Denmark	OZ
Dominican Republic	H1
Eastern Island	
Ecuador	HC
Egypt	SU
Eritrea	
Estonia	ES

<i>Country</i>	<i>Prefix</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Prefix</i>
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	ET	Nicaragua	YN
Faeroes, The	OY	Nicobar Islands	
Falkland Islands	VP8	Nigeria (British Cameroons)	ZD2
Fanning Island	VR3	Niue	ZK2
Federated Malay States	VS2	Non-Federated Malay States	VS3
Fiji Islands	VR2	North Borneo, see British North Borneo	
Finland	OH	Norway	LA
Formosa, see Taiwan		Nyasaland	ZD6
France	F	Ocean Island, see Gilbert & Ellice Islands	
French Cameroons, see Cameroons		Oman	
French Equatorial Africa	FQ8	Palau (Pelew) Islands	
French Indochina	FI8	Palestine	ZC6
French Oceania	FO8	Panama	HP
French West Africa	FF8	Papua Territory	VK4
Galapagos Islands		Paraguay	ZP
Gambia	ZD3	Persia, see Iran	
Germany	D	Peru	OA
Gibraltar	ZB2	Philippine Islands	KA
Gilbert & Ellice Islands and Ocean Island	VR1	Phoenix Islands	
Goa	CR8	Pitcairn Island	VR6
Gold Coast (and British Togoland)	ZD4	Poland	SP
Gough Island		Portugal	CT
Great Britain	G	Portuguese India, see Goa	
Greece	SV	Principe & Sao Thome Islands	
Greenland	OX	Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands	K4
Guadaloupe	FG8	Reunion Island	FR8
Guam	K6	Rhodesia, Northern	VQ2
Guatemala	TG	Rhodesia, Southern	ZE
Guiana, British	VP3	Rio de Oro	
Guiana, Neth. (Surinam)	PZ	Roumania	YR
Guiana, French, and Inini	FY8	St. Helena	ZD7
Guinea, Portuguese	CR5	Salvador	YS
Guinea, Spanish		Sardinia	
Haiti	HH	Samoa, U. S.	K6
Hawaiian Islands	K6	Samoa, Western	ZM
Hejaz	HZ	Sandwich Islands	
Honduras	HR	Sarawak	VS5
Hong Kong	VS6	Saudi Arabia	
Hungary	HA	Seychelles	VQ9
Iceland	TF	Siam	HS
Ifni		Sierra Leone	ZD1
India	VU	Socotra	
Inini, see Guiana, French		Solomon Islands	VR4
Iran (Persia)	EP	Somaliland, British	VQ6
Iraq	YI	Somaliland, French	FL8
Ireland, Northern	GI	Somaliland, Italian	
Irish Free State	EI	South Georgia	VP8
Italy	I	South Orkney Islands	VP8
Jamaica and Cayman Islands	VP5	South Shetland Islands	VP8
Japan	J	Southwest Africa, see Union of South Africa	
Java	PK	Soviet Union	U
Kenya	VQ4	European States	U1-7
Kerguelen Islands		Asiatic States	U8-9-0
Korea, see Chosen		Spain	EA
Laccadive Islands		Spitzbergen, see Svalbard	
Latvia	YL	Straits Settlements	VS1
Leeward Islands	VP2	Sumatra	PK4
Liberia	EL	Surinam, see Guiana, Neth.	
Libya		Svalbard (Spitzbergen)	
Liechtenstein		Sweden	SM
Lithuania	LY	Switzerland	HB
Luxembourg	LX	Syria	
Macau	CR9	Taiwan (Formosa)	J9
Madagascar	FB8	Tanganyika Territory	VQ3
Madeira Islands	CT3	Tangier Zone	
Maldiva Islands	VS9	Tannu Tuva	
Malta	ZB1	Tasmania	VK7
Manchukuo		Tibet	
Marianas Islands		Timor, Portuguese	CR10
Marshall Islands		Togoland, British, see Gold Coast	
Martinique	FM8	Togoland, French	FD8
Mauritius	VQ8	Tokelau (Union) Islands	
Mesopotamia, see Iraq		Tonga (Friendly) Islands	VR5
Mexico	XE	Transjordan	ZC1
Midway Island	K6	Trinidad and Tobago	VP4
Miquelon & St. Pierre Islands	FP8	Tristan de Cunha	ZU9
Monaco		Tunisia	FT4
Mongolia		Turkey	TA
Morocco, French	CN	Uganda	VQ5
Morocco, Spanish	EA9	Union Islands, see Tokelau Islands	
Mozambique	CR7	Union of South Africa	ZS-ZT-ZU
Nepal		United States	W (N)
Netherlands	PA	Uruguay	CX
Netherlands West Indies, see Curacao		Venezuela	YV
New Caledonia	FK8	Virgin Islands, see Puerto Rico	
Newfoundland and Labrador	VO	Wake Island	K6
New Guinea, Neth.	PK6	Windward Islands (Grenada)	VP2
New Guinea, Territory of	VK9	Wrangel Island	
New Hebrides, British	YJ	Yemen	
New Hebrides, French	FU8	Yugoslavia	YT-YU
New Zealand	ZL	Zanzibar	VK1