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By the time this *QRZ* is read, the decisions made by the ARRL's DX Advisory Committee regarding all the new DXCC countries which have been activated during the last few months should have been made. In the last *QRZ*, I reported that there had been well-mounted expeditions to two of these, Banaba Island, part of the Republic of Kiribati, the Conway

Reef, one of the outlying Fijian islets. Since then, news has come of two more planned expeditions to these locations: my old friend Erik, SMOAGD, was planning a trip to Banaba, and had been issued with the call T33AG. If he made it, he should already have been active by now. Pekka, OH1RY, was one of several Finnish operators who are

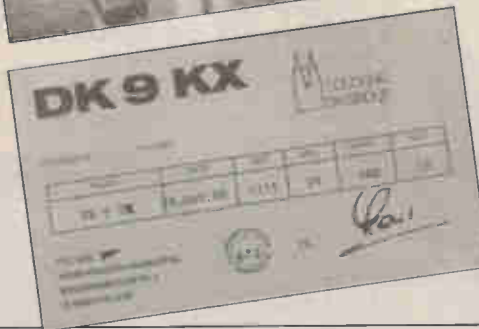
planning to be in the Pacific area this Autumn — they should be using the call 3D2RY from Conway Reef between 3rd and 13th November. (Why is it always the Scandinavians that seem to go to the exotic spots?!)

Indeed, the team led by Pekka will be visiting various other exotic DX locations during their Pacific trip, which will be between 19th October and 23rd November, including YJØRY callsign, and made over 6500 QSOs during the 48 hours of the CQ World Wide DX Contest, resulting in a score of about 9 million points. (This makes my efforts from Cocos Keeling — 3000 QSOs and just over 3 ½ million points — pale into insignificance! Well done Pekka.)

Amateur radio can be a lifesaver even in these hi-tech days, as Steve Telenius-Lowe tells in a tale from Revillagigedo.



Pekka, OH1RY, is expected to be active from Vanuatu as YJØRY again in October.



Hans, DK9KX, was one of the 3D2CR Conway Reef expedition operators, and hopes to give a slide show at the RSGB HF Convention.

HF Convention

The previous operation from Conway Reef, 3D2CR, was by DJ9ON and Hans, DK9KX. Between them, they made about 14,700 QSOs, roughly half on CW and half on SSB. There is a very good chance that there will be a slide show and presentation on this expedition at the RSGB's HF Convention, to be held, as usual, at the Belfry Hotel, Milton Common, near Oxford, on Sunday 1st October — Hans, DK9KX, has been invited and has presented very interesting slide shows there in the past. Other highlights should include a lecture on HF yagis by John Devoldere, ON5UN; "Are Our Rigs Good Enough?" by Peter Chadwick, G3RZP; a Question and Answer Forum, chaired by John Forward, G3HTA; and the "Young Amateur of the Year" presentation. Apart from the Conway Reef slide show, there will also be presentation on the Marquesas and Austral Islands expedition by Paul Granger, F6EXV and the recent Revilla Gigedo DXpedition, XF4L. I have also been asked to give a presentation on last October's AX9YG/VK9YG Cocos Keeling expe-