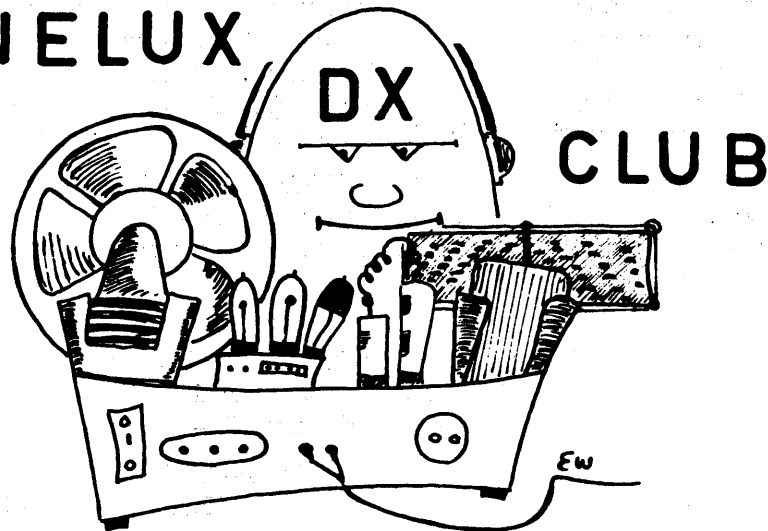


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The DX-PARLIAMENT at TYLEBÄCK, TYLÖSAND, Sweden, June 11 - 13 1965.

More than 160 DXers were present when the Swedish DX-Parliament was opened on Friday 11th June. The place was a school belonging to the Civil Defence in Tylebäck near Halmstad, on the west coast of Sweden. Of special interest were the participants from two countries that never before had been represented at any DX-Parliament: from Greenland arrived Mr. Douglas Busck, and from Holland were as many as seven persons: Mr. Harry van Gelder from Radio Nederland and six members of the Benelux DX-Club (Maarten van Delft, Wouter Franken, Bob Grevenstuk, Jaap Kleijn, John Kroon, Gerard Peet).

The parliament was opened with a little ceremony and a speech by Jan Tunér, the president of the DX-Alliansen. In the late evening there were fireworks, but unfortunately they were not very good because there was a very hard wind. Otherwise, the weather was very fine during the parliament days, and on the beach half a kilometre from the headquarter you could see a lot of DX-ers swimming and having fun, when they really should have done more serious things.

In the night, till about 2.00 hours, there was a film presentation. One film was taken on the earlier DX-Parliaments (and it included views from a journey Sweden-Holland-France by Claes Englund) and one was about the life on Greenland, brought by Mr. Busck.

After a hard time's work to wake up, the Saturday started with the Parliament discussions, the most important part of the Parliament. (General meeting of DX-Alliansen). The new board of DX-Alliansen: president Olle Bjurström (Jan Tunér resigned as president, after having been secretary/president for many years); secretary and Allians-Nytt editor Owe Nordin (unchanged); vice-president Björn Fransson (unchanged); cashier Donald Rådberg (instead of Peter Högfeldt who also retired, at least temporarily); Allians-News editor Jan Tunér; members Jerry Johansson and Björn Fjaestad.

The most important subject in the discussions was the question of a national club. In the present situation, there is the DX-Alliance, who is the "official" representant of Swedish DX-ing, and some other organizations like Sveriges DX-Riksklubb and Sveriges DX-Förbund, who print DX-papers and have services for selling of DX-material and so on. Now they want to unite in one, big organization. A committee, consisting of 4 members, was elected to analyse the question. Generally, there was a certain will to cooperate, and as a first step the DX-Riksklubb and the Sveriges DX-Förbund will combine their papers "DX-aren" and "Eter-Aktuellt".

The Parliament decided to ask Radio Sweden to have a DX-program over the home service every week. Another decision was to part Sweden into seven regional areas to make the work of the DX-Alliansen more easy. The Nordic Championship and the Swedish Championship will take place in one competition this autumn, because there is no time for two so big competitions.

On Saturday evening there was a festal dinner and some plaquettes were conferred to persons who had done good work for DX-ing. Mr. O. Lund-Johansen, editor of "World Publications" and founder of the W.R.T.H., received the gold plaquette, which was conferred for the first time. The bronze plaquette was given to the representatives of radio stations being

present, i.e. to Radio Norway, Finlands Rundradio, Radio Nederland, Radio Sweden, Radio Warsaw, Radio Prague and Radio Berlin International, and also to Halmstads Kortvågsklubb's president Claes Petterson and the representative of the town of Halmstad, because the town had helped the arrangers with money contributions. Later in the evening there was arranged dancing till mid-night. After that, a special mid-night guest arrived and after some community singing the representative of Radio Sweden, Arne Skoog, started telling anecdotes.

On Sunday morning the annual meeting of DX-Alliansens Vänner, a support club to the DX-Alliansen took place. As president Arne Skoog was re-elected. After lunch the parliament was officially closed, but in the afternoon the arrangers had invited all participants to a cruise with the ferry "Prins Bertil" to Copenhagen and back, and a lot of DX-ers took part in it.

This parliament has been the biggest one yet. Never before so many foreigners, and also Swedes, have taken part in a parliament. Next year it will take place in Stockholm, and we hope it will be met with the same support from DX-ers all over Europe.

Sven-Olof Ohlsson, Secretary of
Halmstads Kortvågsklubb
(with a few additional notes in brackets from GP)

MORE FROM THE PARLIAMENT

As visitors of this 10th Parliament we want to thank the organizing club, H.K.V.K. (which did an excellent job), and particularly it's secretary Sven-Olof Ohlsson, who took special care of us during our stay and who also compiled the above report for us.

We met DXers from Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark and Greenland. We learned that Holland was the 2nd country, after Sweden, counting the number of participants! It was a big disappointment that there was hardly any Danish DXer attending. Our Norwegian member Sjur S. Stumo was to take part, but at the last moment he was unable to come. But Swedish-American Robert Newhart was present as 7th BDXC-member. From Finlands radio and Finlands DX-Club we met Eric Gagneur. Also two editors of Sweden Calling DX-ers (Jan-Erik Räf and Jerry Johansson) were present (plus SCDX-supervisor Arne Skoog, of course). Mr. Lund-Johansen was represented by Poul Ginnerup. From World Radio TV Handboek Mr. J.M. Frost was present himself, together with Ture Ekblom (compiler of the Shortwave list in the WRTH).

Friday evening, even before the official opening, the first informal "internordic discussion" took place, under leadership of Claes Englund. Subject was the Nordic Championship. The contest-1964 had not been satisfying to everyone. - Maybe the BDXC will be asked to participate in the next contest, adding the Benelux countries to the traditional Scandinavian way of DX-ing.

We of BDXC presumed that all Scandinavia had agreed upon DX-Alliansen's List of Radio Countries, but to our regret this appeared not to be true. Norway has some comments (and so do we), but the Finnish-language Finnish club, Suomen DX-Kuuntelijat, even produced it's own list, considerably differing from DX-A's. This resulted in hours of discussion, with little result. - Perhaps DX-A. will comply with our request to cancel the copyright on it's List outside Sweden, in order to prevent the appearance of more and more different Lists of Radio Countries in other countries where DX-clubs exist.

On Saturday morning, during the Swedish discussions among DX-A.'s club representatives, a trip to the town of Halmstad was organized for the foreign guests. A.o. we visited an old Pottery, where all art-work is done by hand.

Last year, DX-A. initiated the foundation of a QSL-Committee, with the task to bring out an advice in the questions "What is a valid QSL", and "What is a station". (In Scandinavia, ~~one~~ uses to count verified stations. BDXC doesn't do this for practical reasons.) This Q-Kom had already published it's draft report. BDXC proposed a few modifications, but only one of them was accepted (viz. to include VHF stations in the scope of definition of the Q-Kom; in other words: to deal with broadcasting as a whole. The original assignment only covered AM-BC between 150 kc and 30 Mc). We regret very much that the discussions concerning Q-Kom's statements took place without representation of the BDXC, and even without we knew about it. We were not even officially informed about the result.

It was also a pity that there was no time (or interest) left for discussion of a few other subjects and proposals we had in mind. The weather was too fine... and the Swedish too hard to understand.

But apart from the official discussions (in Swedish) and the informal discussions (partly in English), we could enjoy talking with many individual DX friends, about a variety of subjects (and certainly not only about DX-ing). Also, the boattrip to Copenhagen was quite an event; we won't forget the meal...!(hi)

Taking it in all, we had a most wonderful time, with little sleep and nevertheless too short days!

Gerard Peet