

## NONCONTINENTAL PREFIXES

Since the prefix K is to be available on the mainland for use with three-letter calls after the W series is exhausted, it becomes necessary to have some changes in the calls of the outlying territories and possessions so that they may still be instantly identified. Indeed, it is part of the new call plan that such areas shall possess calls consisting of two prefix letters, a numeral and two suffix letters. We now learn at FCC that they propose to use the following two-letter prefixes for new licenses issued in these areas:

- KB6 — Baker, Howland, American Phoenix Ids.
- KG6 — Guam
- KH6 — Hawaii
- KJ6 — Johnston
- KL7 — Alaska
- KM6 — Midway
- KP4 — Puerto Rico
- KP6 — Palmyra Group, Jarvis
- KS6 — American Samoa
- KV4 — Virgin Islands
- KW6 — Wake Group

The Canal Zone will use KZ5, although these calls are issued by the War Department, not by FCC. FCC will probably hold K16 in reserve for further growth in Hawaii. We also observe that it is only a question of time until many Pacific Islands which came into our possession during the war will have amateur applicants, particularly among GIs, and consequently we expect that there will soon be additions to this list.

As in the case of stations on the mainland, the existing calls of already-licensed stations are not expected to be changed until the licenses come up for renewal. There thus promises to be a brief period of confusion, particularly in the case of KB6 vs. KG6.