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PROPAGATION: Jul 31, Aug 1, High Normal; Aug 2, High/Low Normal; Aug 3, High Normal; Aug 4, High/Low Normal; Aug 5, High Normal; Aug 6, High/Above Normal; Aug 7, High/Low Normal; Aug 8, High/Low Normal; Aug 9, 10, High Normal; Aug 11, Above Normal; Aug 12-16, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

SMOM

Despite a favorable vote by ARRL's volunteer DX Advisory Committee regarding country status for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (1AØKM), the League's Headquarters Awards Committee has voted to table the matter until additional documentation can be obtained. What the League is looking for is some proof that SMOM is actually sovereign in terms of the DXCC Countries List Criteria set down in part 5B.

Spots such as the UN Headquarters building in Manhattan and the Vatican City, which count for DXCC, apparently would not make the list under the current criteria, which was formulated prior to their being accepted for DXCC status. Again, for now do NOT submit 1AØKM QSLs for DXCC credit.

BURMA

Back on July 17, JA8BMK, JA8IXM, and JA1BRK left Japan for Kawthoolei State to deliver a TS-130, Honda generator, and triband beam to XZ5A. They stayed several days to operate and did work some CW. Following that they went to Katmandu for two days of operating 9N1BMK.

ARRL's DXCC Desk still awaits word from Rangoon and/or from the Burmese mission at the UN concerning the operations and status of XZ5A/XZ9A licensing, etc.

K4YT/Africa

Karl Renz, K4YT, writes to advise that his next African trip, which was to have begun July 13, does not at this time have a new scheduled starting date. When Karl does fire up again he anticipates stops in Rhodesia ZE, Lesotho 7P8, Swazi-land 3D6, Mauritius 3B8, Malagasy 5R8, Malawi 7Q7, Tanzania 5H3, Zambia 9J2, Burundi 9U, Rwanda 9X5, Kenya 5Z4, and Somalia 60. The International DX Foundation, as in the past, will supply QSLs and some gear.

All VK4NIC/3X contacts by K4YT have now been QSLed, and W2TK is working on C5ACO, TU4BA, TYA11, 5T5DX, and 6W8JO. W2TK is being helped by Karl, K3ZR, and WA4PZS in the QSLing.

MALAWI

7Q7LW QSLs are being accepted by the DXCC desk. Although 7Q7DW did have his gear confiscated and license revoked in 1976, apparently amateur radio in Malawi is still a going proposition; 7Q7LW is a policeman there. At least a couple other locals are licensed but not active.

CHINA

The U.S. Department of State recently sent a ham to China as part of a fact-finding group. He had a chat with Mr. Liu SI Chong, the PRC Directorate-General of Telecommunications in the Ministry of PTT. Liu, who has traveled to France and England, understood the implications of amateur radio for his country but would not venture a guess as to when the PRC might open up their airwaves. It is implied, however, that any operations are likely to be three to five years away and will be by Chinese citizens.

While there is considerable listening being done, mainly through clubs, most Chinese are simply too poor financially to...

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> OD5LX 14030 @ 0300 KH3AB 3508 @ 0700

(China)... afford any equipment personally. Although in terms of such things as health care and other public services the Chinese are far advanced, it can take as much as two years for a person to save enough money to purchase a bicycle.

SAN FELIX

As stated earlier last month, a San Felix operation seems almost guaranteed for September. Bob Read, WBIGDQ, has a license for the entire month of September and is now working on such details as equipment, financing, and transportation. His crew for the expedition has solidified to include N4CNL, WB9AAD, SVIJG, and WØAX. SVIIW may also accompany them.

Bob expects to depart Chile by boat September 11 and be on the air from CEØX within 48 hours.

I2YAE reports several hundred requests for 60@DX QSLs which have not been sent yet due to lack of postage funds. They will be forwarding the cards to Newington for sorting and distribution through the League's QSL Bureau system.

Some have now reported that the PAØSIM operation from Monaco did come off about as scheduled (ref. TDXB 100), most of the times mentioned being in the wee hours.

Last week's mention of the TDXB Sticker Bank brought several deposits. Thanks! If you are still awaiting a sticker you need, we haven't sent it because the Bank is out.

JAIAEA has gone home to Japan following his business trip to North Yemen; he didn't mention if they gave him his radio gear back. There appears little chance for any 4Wloperations at this time due to the continuing political turmoil in the Middle East.

J28AZ is still trying for a South Yemen 70 operation Aug. 8 to September 9, but he has no license as of yet.

PROPAGATION (Thanks KH6BZF)

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
6/29	183	32	3
6/30	173	12	3
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7/2	163	25	3
7/3	157	5	2
7/4	160	8	3
7/5	148	10	3
7/6	144	13	2 3 3
7/7	145	12	3
7/8	147	13	2
7/9	148	9	2
7/10	149	4	1
7/11	161	16	3
7/12	164	15	3
7/13	171	10	3
7/14	178	9	4
7/15	187	6	2
7/16	195	10	2
7/17	200	10	2
7/18	204	11	2
7/19	214	10	2
7/20	218	14	3

These flux levels are virtually identical to those of this time in 1980. Recent poor hf conditions are attributed to a solar event on Jul 25.

Here's an interesting idea for a club project or a little local competition ... a couple of our readers happened to be at the same place in the Caribbean last Mar, seeking diversion between contest weekends. They held a mini-contest of seven hours' duration. One being a phone man and the other a code operator, they decided to allow each other seven hours on all bands, using the same station. Mr. CW chose the late night and Mr. phone took daylight hours, the object being to work as many stations as possible, with countries-per-band being the multiplier. They came out in a dead heat. While admittedly this would not be quite as interesting from a common spot as from a VP2 island, its a thought.

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trade or sale is made, or owning a radio which enables one to go to a hamfest and glance at the radios for sale and then walk the other way. We're talking longevity and resale value here.

The KWM-380 is smooth. It has a simple yet functional front panel. It has specs as good as any available to the amateur market. We are also talking enough money to buy three TS-830s.

TDXB has no connection with Collins Radio and nothing to be gained from an evaluation one way or the other. But we are interested in dollar value, and assume you are, too.