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PROPAGATION: Jun 21, High Normal; Jun 22, Low Normal; Jun 23, Below Normal; Jun 24, Disturbed; Jun 25-27, Below Normal; Jun 28-30, Low Normal; Jul 1, 2, High Normal; Jun 3, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

CHINA: further information from JA1BK (ref TDXB 143) says the period of "desk training" for the operators may be complete by now. Some are saying that BY1PK is back on the air now, although we have no first-hand reports. Listen for a straight key (although JA1BK left them a keyer) on 15 and 20 Meter CW at 0700Z and 1400-1600Z.

DF8MP/XZ has not been showing for Saturday morning 15 Meter list operations. See our comments in Issue 144. This (and other Burma operations) won't be counting for ARRL's DXCC, but CQ magazine has just announced that XZ5A and XZ9A QSLs can now be counted for both WAZ (W4KA) and for the CQ DX Award (N4UF). Although they didn't mention it, this decision probably also means that if you worked XZ5A or XZ9A in the 1981 CQ Worldwide DX Contest they will count for the Burma multiplier.

Argentinian stations are now back on the air, although they seem to not be working the US. Several have been heard calling "CQ, no US." With the cessation of hostilities on the Falkland/Malvin Islands Jun 15, and the possible change in the ruling junta, Argentina's amateur radio future is still in some doubt.

Erik, SM0AGD, has not been heard from in almost two weeks. He was last in the Cook Islands and hoping for either Tokelau or Baker KH1 (which is greatly needed).

A new "Sinbad Net" featuring Oman stations is scheduled to begin in July, tentatively. Eight contacts with A4s will get you a new award (yet to be announced). These actions are by several of the many British and American amateurs stationed and working in the oil-rich sheikdom. They are working with the locals and two "natives" reportedly are ready to come on the air.

While figures on the number of such aliens in Oman are not available, there is such information on several of the neighboring countries. For example, 85 percent of the United Arab Emirates population is made up of foreign workers. In Kuwait, 60 percent, and in Saudi Arabia 40 percent. The foreigners make up 95 percent of the labor force in the U.A.E.! (figures from the July issue of Atlantic magazine).

Jim Smith VK9NS and wife Kirsti VK9NL will operate from E. Malaysia 9M8 for about three weeks, beginning Aug 15, CW and SSB.

VK9ZH's last day on Willis will be Jun 25. Until then he is on 3695 daily at 1000Z.

ZL40Y/A QSL manager asks for patient as he (ZL1BQD) is four months behind in answering cards. OD5LX says the Beirut post office gives only 1/4 the value of IRCs, so he suggests you go through SM0DJZ, his manager. Nothing coming through from DK20C on YI1AS contacts late last year (has anyone gotten a YI1AS card from another source?). VK9JW Mellish Reef (1972) should still be obtainable from W8CNL. 3C0AC/BC cards from last winter's Henson operation now showing (via WB4ZNH).

Plenty of BANDPASS on FB8WG again this week; Georges has now been there about ten months and the talk is that he might leave mid-July. When he showed on the Open House Net last week (14332 at 1000Z) about half the stations listed did not know that he was coming through on the Long Path. Beware!

Never-Say-Die rumormongers are now slating an Albanian operation for August 4-5. If a full-bore operation by outsiders is to take place, we expect to have advance (and definite) word of it.

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Very late word on SMØAGD (p. 1) is that he has postponed KH1 until August, at best. He was due to land in Western Samoa (according to 5WIDQ) Jun 17. They are having problems with rig, generator, and their yacht Marathon.

VE1AWS, who told us in a letter that he would be stationed on Sable Is. starting May 11 for three months, never made it there.

Further to the upcoming St. Paul VE1SPI operation is that there will be no SSTV operation. AA2Z has been dropped from the list of operators and VE1AI and W1GNC have been added to the crew.

To those of you who received early renewal notices for July and August: it would be greatly appreciated if you'd send your renewal soon, so we can avoid mailing another notice.

We are trying to get the 1982 Countries Needed Survey results tabulated in time for July 1 publication. This year's accounting should be more interesting than ever before, because we can relate them to two previous surveys. We will put an asterisk (*) on Mellish Reef, as it was on the air while the survey sheets were out. We are also not going to tabulate 8Z4, Serrana Bank, and Bajo Nuevo, because they are expected to be deleted by the end of the summer. We estimate that about 700 of you (40%) returned your survey sheet this year.

Believe it or not, quite a few of you have asked what happened to our "equipment reviews." In the past year we have had only two radios, the KWM-380 and a TS-830S, both of which were reviewed. We presently don't even have an HF rig in-house, but are hoping to get something new to try very soon. No idea what it might be, though.

Editorial True Confessions

Maybe you're like me. You've been a ham for two decades and never set foot on the 2 Meter band except for the occasional repeater. Last fall, I bought an fm radio to listen to the one and only DX repeater within range. To my chagrin, not only did I find the fare there of no interest personally but the chatter contributed nothing to putting together this paper every week. I chucked them when they "autocalled" half their members to work a nonexistent Malpelo station.

Just before last weekend's ARRL VHF QSO Party, two kind souls loaned me 1) a multi-mode 2 Meter transceiver and 2) a homemade amplifier. The logical thing to do seemed to be make the 14-element "Junior Boomer" into a workable antenna (although it's just on the roof of a one-story house) and jump in. To say the operator was somewhat ignorant of 2 Meter DXing would be an understatement. One of the local radio Gestapo promptly tried to shoo me off 144.200 when I tried a CW CQ there. That was before the contest!

Well, it's been a long time since I could say I worked "seventeen new ones" in one weekend, but I did just that last weekend, as I picked up seventeen states (21 ARRL sections) plus VE1 and VE2. I know that's hard to relate to if you live in Montana but heck, I can just about see six sections from my hilltop here. Being a true DXer, I only made about a hundred contacts, since I concentrated on multipliers. Both tropo and aurora reared their heads, and I managed to get as far as two contacts in North Florida. The locals say that's not bad.

I heartily recommend trying something like this if you've run out of countries to chase on the Low Bands. It's hardly a "new frontier" now that you can plug in commercial rigs on 2 Meters and operate just like HF, but the operating is (was for me) almost like being a novice again.

The K1TN Operator Skill Postulate Number One has always been "If you are a skilled CW operator you are automatically a skilled phone operator." We are now prepared to announce Postulate Number Two: "If you are a skilled operator on one band, you are a skilled operator on all bands."

Incidentally, I found the contest operating on 2 Meters to be excellent, both on CW and on phone. Sure, there were a few CW ops who sounded like they must have found their Technician licenses in a box of breakfast cereal, but you can hear that on 20 Meters. For the most part, stations were fast and efficient. They tell me that 6 Meters is not so good, with much of the "20 Meter syndrome" appearing on that band. Maybe I'll give it a whirl in September! - K1TN.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

A35PZ 14210 11E 8	FM7BX 14205 11E 13	DL2VK/	
A35PZ 14215 09E 9	FM7CF 14018 14E 14	ST3 14297 03E 9	3B8FG 14024 12C 14
A35JL 14285 06C 10	FO8GW 21300 03C 8	S79ARB 21307 19C 10	3D2DB 14209 09C 12
A92CE 14024 03E 10	FO8IR 14020 04E 10	TR8WR 21276 17E 10	4K1A 14204 10E 16
CEØZAD 14222 03E 11	FO8HG 21333 00E 11	TU2JL 14217 02C 10	4S7WP 14213 11C 9
C6ADC 21345 00E 9	FR7BP 14012 12E 12	TU2LD 14002 00E 12	4S7WP 14029 11C 10
N2CBY/	FRØGGL 14017 12E 13	T3ØAT 21290 05C 9	5B4IJ 21285 02E 9
C6A 14201 01E 12	FY7BR 14297 03E 12	T3ØAC 14227 12E 12	5B4JK 14018 03E 11
C6ADV 14026 04E 11	HC8GI 21292 19C 8	UF6FFF 14008 03E 11	5W1DQ 14297 03E 9
DU9BA 14230 10E 8	HH2SD 21306 23E 10	RK7PAL 14007 11C 9	5W1DQ 14297 05E 12
4D9RG 14201 10E 9	HKØBKX 14203 12E 10	RK7FAR 14012 11E 10	5W1DQ 14215 11E 13
NØZO/	HKØBKX 21018 16C 11	VK9ZH 14265 06E 11	5W1DQ 7195 09E 14
DU2 14022 09E 9	HL9DX 14202 10E 7	VP5RAC 21345 00E 9	5W1DQ 3795 09E 14
4D9RG 14209 09C 12	HS1BV 14202 11E 11	VQ9PG 14204 10E 9	5Z4CM 21296 19C 10
4D9RG 14205 09E 17	HZ1AB 21283 17E 10	VQ9XX 14209 11E 10	6W8DS 21281 14E 8
DX1F 14212 09E 17	HZ1AB 14223 02E 11	VQ9PG 14219 10E 11	6W8DY 14217 08E 9
D44BC 14205 06E 11	H44FE 14250 11C 9	VQ9CR 14209 12E 12	6W8DB 21288 23E 9
EA9JV 21288 00E 9	JT1AO 14244 15C 7	VQ9CI 14207 11E 13	6W8EB 21310 23C 10
EP2TY 14240 02C 9	JY3ZH 14248 04E 11	VQ9XX 21032 20E 15	6W8JI 21280 18E 14
EA9JV 21289 00E 9	J3AH 14226 11E 9	VQ9XX 14025 02E 16	7Q7LW 21292 20C 8
AM9JB 14205 03E 9	J5HTL 21345 00E 9	VR6TC 21350 01E 9	8Q7BN 14232 11E 8
AM9IE 14202 03E 15	J88AQ 14214 00E 11	VU2GI 21345 00E 9	9J2BO 14029 04E 9
FB8WG 14201 10E 10	AH2AI 14215 09C 10	VU2BBJ 14212 11C 9	9L1MS 14213 23E 9
FB8WG 14010 11C 12	AH2AJ 14002 10E 10	N6YK/	9M2LN 14036 11C 8
FB8WG 14297 12E 12	AH2AJ 14215 09C 11	V2A 14003 10E 9	9U5WR 14031 04E 9
FB8WG 14333 12E 13	AH3AC 14205 09C 8	V2AU 14013 04E 11	9U5WR 14033 21C 13
FØGYM/	KH3AP 14210 10E 17	YB5AES 14028 11E 10	9V1TL 14028 11E 9
FC 14026 02E 9	KG6RT 14027 11E 11	YB5AES 14007 00E 12	9V1TL 14029 11E 10
FG7AS 14008 02E 15	AH6DY 14259 06C 10	YBØPG 14212 12E 12	9X5MB 21271 19E 9
FG7AS 14001 03E 16	(Wake)	YJ8RG 14265 06E 11	9X5SL 21330 18E 10
FK8DR 14227 10C 8	AH6DY 14218 10E 16	YJ8BL 14220 11E 13	
FK8CW 14032 11C 9	WD8QGQ/	ZC4YC 14027 04E 11	
FK8DR 21285 04C 9	KH7 21400 01E 10	ZD7HH 21279 19C 10	
FK8CL 14006 10E 10	AH8B 14228 11E 11	ZD9BV 14221 08E 13	
FK8DR 14232 06E 11	W5VTH/	ZS3TL 14228 12E 9	
FK8CW 14028 11E 14	KH8 14297 05E 12	Z22JK 14226 11C 9	
FM7WD 14214 10E 7	KHØAC 14203 10E 10	3B8CF 14033 03C 9	
FM7CF 14022 01E 9	KHØAC 14225 11E 9	3B8FK 14010 03E 10	
FM7CF 14015 09E 10	OD5LX 14022 03E 11	3B8CD 14026 03E 10	
FM7CF 14007 00E 12	P29GT 14255 10C '8	3B8CD 14026 03E 11	
FM7WF 14008 10E 13	P29BG 14226 11E 9	3B8FK 14013 11E 13	

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CALENDAR

Am Phoenix Still hoping for SMØAGD in June
 E Kiribati T32AG (WBØBNR) and T32AH (WA6VNR) now
 to Jun 24, QSL via KEØA
 St Vincent J8 by K5YY, now to Jun 24
 Gambia C53CC by W4MGN Now to Jul 6, I 145
 St Lucia J6 by K5YY Jun 25-29
 Deadline ARRL DXCC Honor Roll QSLs to New-
 ington by June 30
 Liberia EL2AG by W4MGN Jul 7/8; I 145
 Convention YLISSB, Milwaukee, Jul 8-11; KB90C
 St Paul VE1 Jul 8-13; I 145
 Kenya 5Z4CZ by W4MGN Jul 9-12; I 145
 C Kiribati T31 by SMØAGD tentative July; I 139
 Saipan N5RM/NHØ Jul 10/11
 Contest IARU Radiosport Jul 10/11
 Burundi 9U5JM by W4MGN Jul 13-19; I 145
 Kenya 5Z4CZ by W4MGN Jul 20/21; I 145
 Comoros D68AM by W4MGN Jul 22-26; I 145
 Convention ARRL National, Cedar Rapids, Jul 23-25
 Mayotte FH8CL by W4MGN Jul 27-30
 Reunion FRØ by W4MGN Jul 31-Aug 2; I 145
 Convention Vancouver Jul 31-Aug 1; VE7WJ
 Mauritius W4MGN/3B8 Aug 3-7
 E Carolines KC6 by AD1S Aug 4-8
 Seychelles S79ARB by @4MGN Aug 8-11
 W Carolines (Belau) KC6 by AD1S Aug 8-11
 Marianas KHØ by AD1S Aug 11-14
 Kenya 5Z4CZ by W4MGN Aug 12-14
 Marshalls KX6 by AD1S Aug 14-16
 Contest All Asia CW Aug 28/29
 E Malaysia 9M8 by VK9NS/VK9NL Aug 15-Sep 6
 Deadline Aug 15 for comments on FCC Docket
 82-83 (phone band expansion)

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 WØUQD, WB6ZUC, W8EX, AB8K, K4DLI,
 VE2CU, WA\$YZF, W8KPL, KØDEQ, W1TN,
 WB8ZRL, KE1F, WBØOQV, KM9J, W7YF,
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