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PROPAGATION: May 23, Low Normal; May 24, 25, High Normal; May 26, 27, Low Normal; May 28-30, High Normal; May 31, Below Normal; June

FOURTH - ANNUAL TDXB
COUNTRIES-NEEDED SURVEY

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
222	130	5/11	165	36	5
219	130	5/12	159	35	4
217	127	5/13	151	30	3
228	129	5/14	153	23	3
214	129	5/15	143	14	3
214	136	5/16	133	12	3
203	142	5/17	130	35	n/a

CHINA: BY1PK was on 14029 at 0700Z May 18, the operator apparently being YU2DX (who was at 9N1MM last month). The appearance lasted ony about twenty minutes, and there's no indication of how long YU2DX might be staying.

ALBANIA: Frank Turek, DL7FT, is again trying to drum up interest and monetary support for another try at Albania (he was ZA2RPS over a decade ago). He and DJ0UJ need a small bit of financial support. There is no word that he is in touch with people in Finland who are working with the Albanians (TDXB #188).

5V Somebody new may have decided to go to Togo; 5V7WI reported 14.004, 0000Z, May 19. No other info available at this time. Togo was #66 in last year's Survey.

Several overseas sheets have reported the operation last month from Trindade, signing PR1CK. Bogus callsigns like that are a little hard to see through if your English is marginal.

Be advised that 4K1F is in the South Shetlands. He's active on 40 Meters CW, as well as 20. QSL, as always, to Box 88, Moscow.

CQ Magazine, always tops in the awards department, handed out nine plaques at the Visalia International DX Convention, for their WPX and Worldwide DX Contests. At the Dayton Hamvention, twelve plaques were presented, including one to Bernie Welch, W8IMZ, who has just stepped down after many years as volunteer director of the WPX Contest.

73 Magazine has an interesting new column of International News from correspondents around the world. Pick up the June issue and take a look. TDXB highly recommends it. The cover price is \$2.49½.

MANY OF YOU are familiar with this Survey, having participated in the past. We base TDXB editorial coverage on the results of the Survey, so it is very important that you respond.

Mark the enclosed Survey form with a #2 pencil ONLY, filling in the numbered blanks corresponding to the countries you need to work. Don't forget to fill in the additional information requested: your callsign, your geographical area, and, on the BACK, indicate the number of boxes you filled in.

Re-fold the Survey form exactly as it was folded when you received it (no more) and mail as soon as possible to TDXB, PO BOX 873, Vernon CT 06066. Use a "Number 10, business size" envelope. Please mail NO LATER than June 20, 1983.

Feel free to enclose other items in the envelope if you wish...information for the Bulletin (bandpass, articles), a check for early renewal, words of praise, etc. The Survey results will be published sometime this summer.

We are very grateful to Everett Jackson, WA8CZS, who typeset and printed the Survey forms, and who will be running them through a "reader." Reader response to the Survey has run, the past three years, about 40 percent, and we'd like to do much better this year!

Last year, the Worldwide Top Twenty were: BY, Heard, Laccadives, ZA, XU, 70, 3Y, Andamans, XZ, San Felix, Malpelo, XV, 4W, YA, Peter/Paul Rocks, Crozet, A6, TT, XW, and Kermadec. It is always fun to see how things change from year to year, and this year's report will, as in the past, include detailed comparisons to the previous Surveys.

AIRMAIL SUBSCRIBERS: this issue to you is only two pages; we had to do that to keep the weight of the mailing under limits.

Each year at Survey time, your editor reveals his innermost DXCC secrets (whose idea was that, anyway?). At the time of the 1980 Survey, our own (current) DXCC total was 292. A year later it had risen to 301, then it climbed to 303 in 1982, and this time we are sitting at 307 out of 318. If you hear BY, CALL US!

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CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

Rodrigues 3B9DA ends early May
 Bangladesh Rumored on SEANET; not heard
 Abu Ail By F6GBQ cancelled
 Caymans ZF2CM by K0BJ May 22-Jun 1
 Fr St Martin FG0HUL/FS by N3CQM May 23-Jun 3

W1WY, K1BU, K1NH, K9CJK, K6HHD, W1TN,
 K4CEF, W8UVZ, WB5ZKR, K6IR, K4BAI,
 KB8KW, W4VQ, W0BW, N9CWW, W0JRN, W1WEF,
 WB8ZRL, W7HRD, WD5AAM, W3HHG, W7YF,
 AB8K, KM9J, AD1S, K4YT, W3AZD.

Montserrat VP2MIU by ABLU May 25-Jun 6
 Contest CQ WPX CW May 28/29
 Togo 5V7WI active 20 M now; I 191
 S Shetlands 4K1F active 20/40 M CW
 W Carolines KC6YA by W9GW May 29-Jun 3

MORE ON THE COUNTRIES SURVEY

The West Coast DX Bulletin published re-
 sults of its last Survey in January, 1979.
 The average DXCC total of those responding
 was 270, the same as TDXB has had the last
 three years. 44% had 2-letter calls and
 65% had the WAZ award completed.

Leichtenstein By PA group Jun 10-12
 W6AM Rhombic Farm Visitor's Day Jun 12
 Madeira G4JMB/CT3 by VS6CT Jun/Jul
 Fr St Martin FG0DDV/FS by NJDXA Jun 23-Jul 6
 Mt Athos Rumored around Jun 25
 St Pierre Michigan group for Radiosport
 Contest; I 190

Unfortunately, the WCDXB did not have
 a worldwide final tally...the tabulations
 were by call areas only. Four years ago,
 only three call areas rated China as the
 "most needed." Bouvet was Numero Uno in
 four call areas, with 7J1 (remember), XZ,
 and 8Z4 getting tops in one area each.

Market Reef Jul 22-Aug 1; I 189
 Malpelo October; I 188

There were several in the top twenty
 which are now deleted: 7J1, 8Z4, Kamarans,
 and even Rio de Oro showed up.

K4YT Report Manila, May 4

I operated at YB0ACP's QTH in Jakarta in Apr,
 and all QSLs should go via Phil's home call
 (K6DLV). Apr 14-21 I operated 9V1VP and QSLs
 for that go to W2TK. Finally got my K4YT/DUL
 license but haven't operated. After a week-
 end in Hong Kong I'll go by air or hovercraft
 to Canton, PRC, then to Shanghai, and finally
 to Beijing. I'll let you know if I am able
 to visit BY1PK.

Also interesting was the listing for
 Asia (mostly JA)...most needed among 256
 JA DXers polled by JH1VRQ and JA0CUV was
 South Sandwich: all 256 needed that one!
 Next in line were 3Y (also 100%), F08
 Clipperton (98%), YI, 8Z4, BY, VS9K, and
 ZA, all over 90%. WCDXB pointed how
 "geography affects things" in the rest of
 the JA needed listing: Malpelo, PY0 P
 and P, YV0, Abu Ail, Burma, Heard, So.
 Georgia, Eq. Guinea, and Serrana Bank.

My trip will finish up in Japan, Hong Kong,
 and Macao. This latest trip has been more en-
 joyable than my past African safaris because
 of good airlines, food, and the opportunity to
 do some radio operating. One gets really
 spoiled in Asia. But it's back to Africa in
 July, and that schedule will be available soon.

And, of course, geography still affects
 things...although two stations have been
 on from China for over a year, as you move
 East in North America fewer and fewer DXers
 have worked it.

DXCC NEWS

Don't forget that deadline for Honor Roll sub-
 missions is June 30...your cards must be in
 Newington by that date. TT8AD QSLs now do
count for DXCC, but none of the recent Mozam-
 bique operations (since late 1978) are ac-
 cepted for DXCC. 1S1CK is still in limbo...
 if you get a QSL do not submit it for DXCC.

The importance of the Survey is this...
 note that the Colombians going to Malpelo
 in October are already making plans to
 concentrate on W6/W7 and on Asia, es-
 pecially JA. In last year's TDXB Survey
 Malpelo was only #11 worldwide, but #2
 in Japan and #4 in California.

As for the DXCC status of Spratly itself,
 the DX Advisory Committee is currently con-
 sidering deleting Spratly. The reason is
 that "significant changes in administration"
 of the various islands have taken place since
 Spratly was originally added to the DXCC list.
 There are no other deletions currently under
 consideration.

So PLEASE send your Survey sheet back
 to us...it just might make the difference
 between you working something you need and
 not working it. TDXB's Survey is The
 Survey, and it is an expensive proposi-
 tion.

Please let TDXB know what you think of the
 new Bandpass format (airmail subscribers will
 see it next issue). We are trying to gear up
 to deal with worsening conditions and will es-
 pecially be concentrating on when and where to
 look for those brief, "secret" openings which
 occur as solar flux declines.

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

MAY 9:
Prediction: Low Norm
Solar Flux: 125

CEØZAG 14207 02W 9
FB8ZQ 14037 12C 9
JWØA 14004 00E 9
JWØA 14029 04C 9
HZ1AB 14011 12C 9
PY1EFM/
PYØT 21332 19C 9
TR8JLD 21064 20C 9
T77C 14026 21C 9
EK9D/1 14037 01E 9
UF6FFJ 14030 23C 9
UH8BZ 14026 01E 9
UJ8BQ 14016 01E 9
UJ8JLB 14037 23E 9
3B8ZL 14297 01E 9
3B8CF 14043 03C 9
KC7UU/
5N6 14033 23C 9
8Q7AZ 21286 19C 9

May 10
Prediction: Below Norm
Solar Flux: 140

A71BJ 14216 03W 10
NØZO/
DU2 14028 13C 10
EA6BD 14003 22E 10
EA6CL 21024 23E 10
FB8WI 14025 13C 10
H44SH 14204 13C 10
JT1AH 14035 13C 10
JWØA 14003 00C 10
JX5DW 14021 11E 10
JX5DW 14027 12C 10
N5DNX/
KH2 14219 14W 10
OD5LX 14030 03W 10
OY7ML 14028 23E 10
TF5BG 14008 01E 10
TL8ER 21004 19C 10
TL8ER 21005 21C 10
T77C 21026 19C 10
UL7FCG 14012 02C 10
VU2LV 14013 01E 10
VU2BK 14026 22E 10
YBØADJ 14031 13C 10
YB2BLI 14212 11E 10
DJ5PX/
3A 14027 23E 10
3B8CF 14046 03C 10
4X6GP 14015 03W 10
5B4MN 14204 03W 10
9H1GZ 14026 01E 10
9H1ET 14271 01W 10
9N1MM 14240 01C 10
9V1UD 14019 14W 10

May 11
Prediction: Below Norm
Solar Flux: 165

A4XJV 14223 23E 11
CEØAE 14297 03W 11
EA8RL 14018 23E 11
FB8ZQ 10106 02C 11
TO5RV/
FC 14204 21E 11

FR7BP 14026 14C 11
GU4SXM 14026 23E 11
JW4GN 14240 22C 11
JY5HY 14290 22C 11
OD5LX 14028 03W 11
OX5RM 14211 22C 11
P29LB 14254 11E 11
TR8IG 21033 16C 11
UL7CT 14026 02E 11
UK7LAA 14020 11E 11
VELAWS/
Sable 7022 23E 11
VQ9CI 14202 12E 11
VQ9CI 14203 14W 11
3B8CF 14236 03W 11
4U1UN 14048 14C 11
5Z4DE 14220 04W 11
5Z4DA 14249 14W 11

May 12
Prediction: Below
Norm/Disturbed;
Solar flux: 159

A6XAD 14258 00E 12
EA9CE 21006 18C 12
EL2AM 14202 21C 12
FB8ZQ 7009 02C 12
FK8EJ 14020 12C 12
FO8FW 7011 07C 12
FY7BO 14054 02E 12
FY7BC 10102 11C 12
GJ3EML 14007 21E 12
HKØBKX 21012 16C 12
LX1DA 21012 18C 12
OD5LX 3503 02E 12
PY1EFM/
PYØT 21329 19E 12
N6YK/
V2A 7008 01E 12
N6YK/
V2A 10105 03C 12
V3TV 14214 02E 12
YBØADJ 14220 11E 12
YJ8TT 14233 04W 12
ZB2FK 21026 22C 12
ZD7WT 14037 00E 12
4K1F 7003 03C 12
5V7WD 21292 19E 12
6W8DS 14231 05W 12
6W8HL 14226 11E 12
9M2HB 14225 14W 12

May 13
Prediction: Below Norm
Solar Flux: 151

CN2AQ 14242 04C 13
C31XS 14211 22C 13
EA8BX 14224 05W 13
FK8CL 14033 03C 13
FO8JE 14207 04C 13
FO8IW 14212 04W 13
J88AC 21304 03W 13
AH2AR 14307 11E 13
OX5RM 14209 01W 13
PY1EFM/
PYØT 21345 23C 13
TR8IG 14011 23E 13
YI1BGD 14213 19E 13
YJ8DS 14326 04W 13
YJ8RG 14310 04W 13

3B8FG 14029 03C 13
3D2CJ 14028 12C 13
5W1ED 21404 03W 13
5W1DQ 14206 11E 13
5Z4DA 14205 12C 13
9M2MW 14251 11E 13

May 14
Prediction: Low Norm
Solar Flux: 153

CEØAE 14297 02W 14
C31XS 14223 23E 14
FO8FW 14001 03E 14
H44SH 14219 14E 14
J28DN 14209 03C 14
KC6IN 14207 12C 14
(East Carols)
OX3BA 14208 03W 14
OX5RM 14208 03W 14
P29GT 14255 12E 14
P29LB 14248 12E 14
P29FS 14204 14C 14
P29VH 14203 15W 14
PZ1CW 14203 02E 14
TR8JLD 21025 22E 14
T3ØDB 14310 03W 14
VK9NS 21029 23E 14
VQ9CI 14212 12E 14
VS5HG 14208 15W 14
V3DRG 21340 01W 14
YB9ZE 14227 12E 14
YJ8KG 14047 13C 14
Z21HN 14039 12C 14
3B8CA 14202 12C 14
3B9DA 14209 12E 14
3D2CJ 14022 13E 14
5H3DM 21292 21E 14
5Z4DA 14204 13C 14
6W8DS 14226 22E 14
8J1WCY 14020 13E 14
8Q7AB 14202 12C 14

May 15
Prediction: High Norm
Solar Flux: 143

NØZO/
DU2 14027 14E 15
EL2AM 21370 21E 15
FR7BP 14025 13C 15
TL8CB 21309 20E 15
UL7CAZ 14012 02E 15
YJ8ZV 14201 12E 15
ZL3PA/C 14211 12E 15
3V8AA 14022 22E 15
5H3SG 21309 20E 15
5R8AL 14223 13E 15
9V1OK 14006 14E 15

May 16
Prediction: High Norm
Solar Flux: 133

C21RK 14223 12C 16
NØZO/
DU2 7002 10E 16
FR7BP 14027 11E 16
KHØAC 14202 12C 16
UG6GDS 14029 02E 16
YJ8RG 21345 01E 16

May 17
Prediction: High Norm
Solar Flux: 130

JX5DW 14025 02E 17
T77V 14213 01E 17
VU2UGI 14026 01E 17
3B8DB 14223 12C 17
5N2LED 14204 01E 17
9N1MM 14222 01E 17

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