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PROPAGATION: Jul 16-18, Low Normal; Jul 19, High/Low Normal; Jul 20-27, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
142	160	108	7/4	127	8	3
154	148	110	7/5	133	8	3
145	144	117	7/6	128	8	2
148	145	128	7/7	128	13	3
148	147	140	7/8	128	12	3
150	148	165	7/9	124	12	3
159	149	208	7/10	119	14	2
168	161	223	7/11	119	8	3
172	164	234	7/12	122	4	2
191	171	250	7/13	121	10	4

DXCC NEWS

ON RECOMMENDATION of their DX Advisory Committee, ARRL has approved DXCC "country" status for Peter I Island. Administered by Norway, Peter I is off Antarctica, NE of Thurston Island, in the Bellinghausen Sea. Peter I will not be added to the current DXCC list until after an operation takes place from the island.

The DX Advisory committee, after reviewing the case for Spratly, has called for a Committee vote on whether or not to recommend it be deleted from the DXCC list. The vote is expected in August or early September. If the Committee recommends deletion of Spratly, a decision would be forthcoming from Headquarters soon thereafter.

JIM SMITH, VK9NS, says he has "limited permission" for a Kermadec operation. He is negotiating for a stay of at least one week. Contributions to H.I.D.X.A., PO Box 90, Norfolk Island, South Pacific 2899.

1A0KM came on as promised Jul 9/10, sticking to CW much of the time to avoid the Radiosport Contest QRM on SSB. This will

be the last S.M.O.M. operation until at least this Fall, perhaps later. QSL IØMGM.

ARRL WIAW bulletin of Jul 8 says that "KIMM has been invited to operate BY1PK. Bill will be the first U.S. amateur to operate from BY1 since 1948." KIMM was in Beijing last Spring and visited BY1PK. There is no time frame nor other details of the possible operation at this time.

A6XJC, the only currently active U.A.E. station which counts for DXCC, seems to like weekends, SSB and lists only. Try around 14250-260 and 21300 from 2200Z to 0100Z. Lists are run by WA3HUP, WB3CQN, and others. From now on, QSL via WB3CQN.

S2BTF is showing on the 14225/14227 gathering at 1500Z or so, but does not count for DXCC at this time. ARRL has requested documentation from Peter.

Holland's DXPress says T3ØDB is planning a Canton Island operation the last two weeks of August, and will sign both T31 and KH1. "He is now waiting for support from the various DX societies." Activity will be both CW and SSB, "all bands."

Recent heavy activity from Nauru is due to a number of fresh licensees, says Kenny, C21KH. All new C21's will be listed in the '84 Callbook. The two-mile diameter island's only industry is the mining of phosphate (contained in bird guano). Tell 'em you read that in TDXB. The supply is expected to run out in 7-8 years.

WHEN ACTIVITY picks up in the Fall, we would like to have more BANDPASS reports, especially from the Central and Western areas. It's easy to file your reports, as we supply "official" forms and envelopes. Please request your supply soon. Many of our "Contributors of the Month" have earned their free subscriptions by regular BANDPASS reporting.

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NOSTALGIA CORNER

BACK IN ISSUE 181, we published an only partly tongue-in-cheek list of how declining sunspots build stronger DXers. More and more, we are asked if TDXB will flop when radio conditions get worse and worse over the next five years. We confess to not being sure. Our predecessor on the West Coast had his big period of circulation growth in the late 1970's, as propagation conditions were improving; he had already been publishing almost ten years.

What follows will not be news to Old Timers, and is intended for those who are new to DXing. We thought it would be interesting to have a look back at our logbooks from one sunspot cycle (eleven years) ago. In the summer of 1972 we were just getting back on the air after college, and our DXCC total from pre-college days stood at a commanding 120! We were not on the air during the great sunspot peak of 1967-70. Between the summers of 1972 and 1973 (when we moved from Indiana to Connecticut) our DXCC total rose to 220. Then we lost interest, because at that time you couldn't "transfer" DXCC from call area to call area, unless the move was less than 175 miles. Our interest was rejuvenated when DXCC "Rule 9" changed and we could combine our Indiana and Connecticut efforts. We didn't get really serious (as in making sure to not miss anything) until we started publishing TDXB in the summer of '79.

That last summer in Indiana, just eleven years ago, we had a small amplifier and three element beam at 40 feet. Looking through our log from that period, the most striking thing is the virtual absence of 10 Meter DX. Oh, there were days, but 15 and 20 carried the load. We were on the air almost every day, and during that summer one cycle ago we worked the following new countries: 3B8, C21, VR1, 5N2, SV/Crete, 9X5, TR8, C31, A2, 9V1, CR7, 9M2, XW8, VQ9, UM8, FM7, MP4 (A9), UH8, 9N1, YB, 3B6, TU, 5R8, and EA6. All this was in July and August, none of them on 10 Meters.

In September, as we awaited the opening of Ten, we picked up CEØ Easter, OY, 3X, HH, ZK1, and 5V7. A KH6 finally got into the log on Ten on Sept 27, followed by CN8BF, ZK1CD, and a few stray Europeans. Fifteen and Twenty were still hot, though. On Oct 7 we exchanged 579's with JH1VOE on Ten Meters, and that just about exactly correlates with when Ten Meters opened to Japan in the Fall of 1982!

In those days I wasn't particularly interested in the DX Contests, but I did get in the CQ WW Phone at the end of October, 1972. Ten Meters produced 96 contacts in 42 countries, including all continents and some Asians. Sorry to say I find almost no Ten Meters in the log in November 1972, and in the CQ WW CW at the end of that month I worked 15 Meters only. Hmmm.

All this seems to reinforce what we've been saying to some of the newcomers lately...15 will be fine this autumn, and 10 Meters will have its moments. This will be The Year to make sure you have your 100 countries and forty zones on 10. If a few of you have found this piece interesting, we can carry it on into 1973 in a subsequent issue. Don't lose hope...in April, 1972, we visited K4ID in Tennessee, to pick up a radio. When we glanced at his logbook for the previous couple of months we were astonished to find it full of Asian contacts on 20 Meters! Of course, Don had a Telrex beam at a hundred feet or so. At the time it looked like about a thousand feet. You don't absolutely have to have something that big, of course, but it does help!

Oh, yes, I should mention that during that time in the early 70's, I did not subscribe to a DX newsletter. If I had, I'd have worked XU, ZA, both VU7s, 7O, 3Y, and Kermadec. And at this point I'd have "all" but a couple of the DXCC countries, instead of still needing ten.

CR7IC	
TO RADIO <u>WA9AUM</u>	CONFIRMING QSO ON <u>28.10.1972</u> AT <u>16.47</u> GMT
YOUR <u>48</u> MCS	SIGS <u>5</u> <u>9</u>
AM CW 2xSSB	PSE QSL
RIG <u>ST-700 - FLAX 2000</u> <u>SS-700 A</u> <u>THORXX - 10 AVQ - 2800</u>	<u>A. PEDRO DOS SANTOS</u> P. O. BOX 135 PORTO AMÉLIA - MOZAMBIQUE

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

3X1P

Date <u>05 Sept. 1972</u>	Time GMT <u>17.58</u>	Station <u>WA9AUM</u>	RST <u>57</u>	MHz <u>21</u>
OPERATORS: <u>OLLE EKBLOM, SMØKV</u>			<u>23 Olle</u>	
CHRISTER STENBACKA, SMØCBZ				

QSL direkt or to SSA, Fack, Enskede 7, Stockholm, Sweden

VIENTIANE, LAOS

XW8EV

Station <u>WA9AUM</u>	Date <u>01 Sept 72</u>	Time <u>1706Z</u>	RST <u>5-6</u>	Freq. <u>21</u>	Mode <u>SSB</u>
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X SOUTH VIETNAM

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CONFIRMING QSO
RADIO <u>WA9AUM</u>
DATE <u>28.10.72</u>
GMT <u>0107</u>
RS T <u>5-6</u>
MHz <u>21</u>
MODE <u>2xSSB</u>

TNX QSO/QSL
QSL MANAGER
W1YRC

B. J.

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

A4XJO 14025 00E 9	HI3PC 14018 00E 9	U050GK 7005 01E 7	ZK1CH 14176 11E 7
A6XJC 21343 23E 2	HL4XM 14219 14W 4	UF6DA/	Z21FN 14045 13W 4
A6XJC 14271 23E 3	HL9TA 14212 12C 8	U6) 7008 02E 7	Z21FN 14043 13W 7
A92NH 3798 00E 8	HZ1AB 14010 00E 9	UF6FAL 7001 01E 7	Z22JL 14165 11E 6
A92F 14184 04C 11	HZ1AB 14221 02C 12	EM6FCR 14205 00E 7	1A0KM 21026 22C 8
BV2B 14227 14C 9	JW0A 21048 00W 6	EM6FCR 14015 01E 7	1A0KM 14025 02E 9
BY1PK 21039 01E 9	JX5DW 21048 00W 6	UF6DZ 14043 02W 3	3B8CF 14047 03W 3
CO5DM 14026 02E 7	JX5DW 14022 01E 6	UK6DAA 14012 02E 7	3B8CF 7006 02E 8
CP8HD 3799 03E 12	J28AZ 14190 04W 3	UL7GAP 14004 02E 6	3B8FG 14022 12E 9
CT3DJ 14032 23E 6	J88AY 14021 02E 7	UL7VAD 14013 00E 9	3B9FK 21021 15E 5
G4JMB/	KC6IN 14200 12C 11	UJ8BQ 14026 01E 8	3B9FK 14027 11E 5
CT3 14193 00E 8	(E. Carols)	UM8MBA 14022 01E 6	3B9FK 14033 03E 13
C21BD 14178 14W 3	KC6HA 14310 05W 3	UM8MBA 21018 02W 6	3D2ER 14310 05W 3
C21NI 14028 03W 3	(W. Carols)	UM8MKF 21031 03E 11	3X4EX 21347 16E 9
C21BD 14210 11E 11	AH2AN 14217 13W 5	VE8RCS 14165 07W 6	3X4EX 14285 03C 10
N0ZO/	AH2AT 14189 11E 8	VK9XI 14214 14W 5	4S7WP 14039 02W 3
DU2 14053 11E 5	AH2AN 14180 11E 8	VK9ZS 14196 11E 10	4S7WP 14032 12E 5
DU7EM 14208 14W 5	KS6CQ 14310 05W 3	(Willis)	5B4IR 14168 02C 5
DUIJY 14189 11E 8	KX6PO 14227 14W 5	VK9ZS 14196 13C 10	5B4IR 14157 02E 6
DUICK 14189 11E 11	KX6OR 14220 11E 10	VK9NS 3503 10E 11	5W1EJ 14177 11E 10
D44BC 21292 16E 3	OH0PA 14205 06W 6	VQ9EH 14217 13W 4	5Z4CQ 21272 21E 7
D44BC 14202 02C 10	OH0BT 14205 00C 12	VS5HG 14227 14W 4	7X2BK 14218 03C 11
EA6AU 21010 18E 5	P29CF 14158 11E 7	VS5MS 14172 13E 8	8Q7AV 14208 11E 11
EA7ECT 21264 02W 6	P29SO 14162 11E 7	VU2BK 21025 11E 5	8Q1J 7007 01E 7
EA8CAJ 14036 23E 5	SV1DO 14011 23E 7	VU2SNM 13185 11E 6	9M2BB 14195 14W 4
EA9KQ 14005 00E 8	TA1UA 21022 11E 11	VU2GI 14010 01E 7	9V0VM 14227 15W 4
FB8WI 14021 12C 12	TF3SZ 21046 21E 4	VU2LE 14221 11E 11	9V0VM 14175 13E 8
FC9VN 14057 06W 4	TR8DX 21278 21W 4	YJ8TT 14310 05W 3	
F0CH/	TR8JLD 21024 23E 6	YJ8MW 14184 04C 3	Please mail reports
FC 14208 22E 8	TR8JLD 14005 22E 7	YJ8TT 14067 07W 8	to reach Vernon by
FM7BX 14155 11E 11	TR8DX 21322 21E 9	YB3AC 14218 14W 4	Wednesday, or phone:
F08FW 21002 00E 8	TR8DR 7007 23E 10	YB0ARC 14205 11E 7	
FR7CW 14188 11E 6	TU4AT 21265 18C 9	YB2SV 14216 11E 10	203-871-7699 (24 hrs).
FG0HYJ/	T30DB 14310 05W 3	YS1GMV 14029 00E 8	
FS 14016 01E 8	T30DX 14190 06E 12	ZD7BW 21252 21E 7	Best contributor of
GD4AM 21025 11E 5	T77C 14026 23E 5	ZK1CH 14200 11E 5	information each
HD8GI 21345 00C 7	UU2M 14039 02E 5	ZK1CH 21303 02E 6	month wins a <u>free</u>
HC8RS 14200 05E 12	(UP2)	ZK2IK 14204 11E 6	year of <u>TDXB</u> .

K1JA has been looking at old logs, too, and found a contact with XZ2AD in June, 1956. If anyone knows how to get a QSL for this one, named Huong, write K1JA.

A number of readers wrote with encouragement for more TDXB equipment "reviews." All we have to do now is find a source. Maybe what we need is a rich benefactor!

The ever-accurate Long Island DX Bulletin says two VU amateurs have requested permission for an Andaman operation. It has always puzzled us why the Andamans are so scarce, what with the easy accessibility for VU amateurs.

PA0GAM/OH0 will probably precede the Market Reef operation Jul 22-Aug 1. Look for him enroute this week.

Another publication was predicting a Fernando de Noronha operation by PY1BVY, to begin Jul 14. No other details were given, which always makes us wary.

Special THANKS to JA1KSO for sending the copy of "DXCC Country List" (not what you think). We will be reviewing it in these pages soon.

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CONTRIBUTORS

Bangladesh S2BTF active but doesn't count; I 199
 CHINA BY1PK/BY8AA 0100Z, 21.030-050, 14.030-050
 Chad DJ5RT/TT8 rumored anytime; fighting there
 Fernando do N. RUMORED this week by PY1BVY
 Tuvalu Still looking for start-up by GM4JAM; I 193

Taiwan BV2B Thursdays, 1400-1500, 14225; no ears
 Malagasy 5R8AL scarce; need reports; try 21315 @ 1800Z
 Rodrigues 3B9FK until December
 Anguilla VP2EUQ (W1UQ) and VP2EYL (K1YL) through Aug
 Cambodia Hoping for Aus or Sept; I 196

U.A.E. A6XJC on and it counts; I 199
 Madeira G4JMB/CT3 by VS6CT through July
 Corsica F0CH/FC by HB9TL until Jul 26
 Mali TZ8DC by DJ2BW/DL8DC NOW to Jul 24
 Burundi 9U5JM by W4MGN Jul 26-Aug 2

Market Reef Jul 22-Aug 1; I 189, 199
 Andorra C31YR by G8APZ Jul 16-24
 Convention NW DX, Seattle, Jul 29-31
 Contest WAE CW Aug 13-14
 Contest All Asia CW, Aug 27-28

S. YEMEN J28AZ trying for late Aug/early Sept;
 Contest WAE Phone Sep 10-11
 St Paul VE1SPI end of Sept for eight days
 Malpelo Starts Oct 12; I 188
 Zone 23 U0Y Oct 1-Nov 31

K1KTB, KA1BU, KB1BE, AB8K,
 KC7WG, KW9N, K1JA, W6ISQ,
 WA0QZW, K4CEF, W6GO, W4VQ,
 AC0E, WB6RSE, KA0E, AF9Y,
 N9CPW, W7HRD, W7ULC, W3HHG,
 W3AZD, WD5AAM, N4NO, K4BAI,
 W0JRN, W9QWM, W4YN, KA3R,
 K6IR, KM9J, K1XM

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