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PROPAGATION: Jul 9, High Normal; Jul 10, High/Above Normal; Jul 11, High Normal; Jul 12, Low Normal; Jul 13, Below Normal; Jul 14-17, Low Normal; Jul 18-22, High Normal; Jul 23, Low Normal; Jul 24, High Normal. Predictions Jul 18-24 are "54-day" instead of 27, will be updated later. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Date	Flux (84)	Alpha (84)	K (84)
196	191	119	133	6/28	98	13	2
183	183	108	129	6/29	96	14	4
177	173	105	125	6/30	97	11	3
157	170	103	123	7/1	98	11	3
150	163	103	117	7/2	98	17	4
143	157	106	121	7/3	100	11	3
142	160	108	127	7/4	101	12	3

80 METERS has been exceptionally productive lately, considering it's mid-summer. Of concern to 80-Meter SSB DXers is the fact that if band expansion for U.S. amateurs takes place as planned, Advanced Class licensees would fill the 3775-3800 window popular with VUs, etc., and Extras would be moved down into 3750-3775, which is the best spot for Europeans to operate while avoiding commercial RTTY on their end.

6 Meter U.K. stations in the Bandpass were worked from the Boston area on multi-hop Sporadic E, the season for which lasts until maybe mid-July. Stations in the U.K. cannot transmit on 50 MHz until after 2230Z, due to TVI.

ALBANIA rumors always seem to peak in the summer, and 1984 is no exception, with OH2BH again being talked about. We have reported extensively on Martti's (and others') efforts at training potential Albanian operators, setting up demonstrations, and the donation of a TS430S to Tirana's largest university. DX Report says LA9PCA and DJ0UJ (who has tried in the past) will be in Albania again this month and may be joined by someone else. We are waiting...

CAMBODIA: we have reports now that conditions on the 14.336 list operation have been so bad lately that they have gone back to the "three tries to get your signal report confirmed" system. Reporters in the Midwest say that when XU1SS is audible, they are S0.

SU7LD Niger will be on 14.235 list operations at 2215Z the week of Jul 9; he has been in Nigeria, and is trying to take a linear back to Niger. There is still considerable skepticism about his licensing, as he may be authorized only commercial radio, not amateur.

MOZAMBIQUE C9: Here's a letter from Chuck Martin, AB4Y, who has been in Maputo, Mozambique for four months and hopes to get on the air:

"I need a source of equipment and a correspondent in the USA. Bill Shipe, WM4N, has volunteered to be my QSL manager if I can get on the air as a C9. The amateur radio situation here is very strange...most of the CR7 operators split for Portugal ten years ago when the communists took over. The country is undergoing a guerrilla insurgency now and it is almost civil war here. The communist government controls all the major cities but not much else.

"I am a diplomat and am cautiously approaching the ministry of telecommunications about getting a ham license. I have requested callsigns AB4Y/C9 and C90A. My wife is also a ham, and after I get my license, she will request C90YL and N4GPE/C9. Relations between the U.S. and the Mozambican government are smooth and improving. We started the biggest aid program in the world here, and we are shipping in tons of corn meal and cheese.

"I will be here for two years, and perhaps longer. I want to erase Mozambique from the most-wanted list." (C9 was number 25 in the 1983 IDXB Survey, will undoubtedly be much higher in 1984 -ed).

UGANDA: European sources say that 5X5GK, who appeared late in June, is VE7FXK, a doctor. He is reportedly "not a DXer." His operating time is limited by his use of battery power, and he has no license, but he "is working on it." The stated QSL route of JA1BK is apparently correct.

EGYPT: KA4SBE will be /SU until the end of July, working only 10-20 Meters, as his 40 Meter antenna has failed (too bad, he was quite strong here on 40). QSL WB1GGQ.

U.A.E.: The same source has A6XJJ operated by Dutchman PD0LSS (that's a VHF-only callsign); we have seen no on-the-air reports on him here. He will be back in Holland from late July until September, then in the U.A.E. until the end of the year. No license yet.

JIM SMITH VK9NS should appear any day from the Pacific. No itinerary available, but he reports having licenses for KC6 East and West Carolines, KH0 Saipan, and FW Wallis. Jim was at the Osaka Japan DX Convention last week.

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THE GROUP running list operations on 14.235 is calling itself the International DX Association (INEDXA), and they have a whole slate of officers and directors. They want ten dollars from you to support "rare or semi-rare" DX stations. More information from NK5K.

NN6U will be in WEST MALAYSIA for about a year beginning now, says QRZ DX. He plans activity on 40, 80, and 160 Meters, which would practically be a first for 9M2. QSL KB6UF.

LATEST rumored dates for the never-ending saga of a DESECHEO operation by WP4ATF and HI3RST are July 23-31 but, of course, there is no confirmation.

K4WSB/C6A began Jul 7 and will run until the 21st, almost exclusively on the Oscar 10 satellite. Jack's special operating permission for 450 MHz is a first for the Bahamas. Also operating are WB4IOA and WB400J. They are boating during the daytime and operating evenings, and will be fully documented.

A letter from QSL manager WB4TDB "explains" KA0CYR/SV9: "Hal (W0PU) is 'very legitimate' as KA0CYR/SV9. He is presently awaiting his Greek license. While he is waiting he is using his wife's call. So you have nothing to worry about. Unless I hear otherwise from the ARRL, all contacts are legitimate. It is no different from a DXpedition with several operators using the same call" (true, but somebody has to have a license - ed).

QSLs from A51PN still come through, although those CW contacts on May 19 were, indeed, not with Pradhan. In returning one hopeful's QSL, Pradhan confirmed that he has not been on the air since 1982. Speaking of bogus stations, K2PK and others report one "4W1A" on July 2... someone recently got an FB8WG QSL after waiting almost two years...

A NEW READER and subscriber asked just which countries will respond to dollar bills with QSL requests, and we have searched for a general answer. Dollar bills are likely to get through allright to Western countries with democratic governments and secure postal systems. There are, unfortunately, some DX stations which will take your money and not QSL at all, or will QSL back to you through the Bureau System. IRCs were never a bargain, and they are a real rip-off these days; one current national celebration is offering a certificate and they want twelve IRCs for the honor. There's an old saying about those holiday fruitcakes... nobody ever eats them, they just keep getting passed around as gifts every December. We think the same is true for IRCs: nobody ever cashes them in, they just get passed around.

QSL information for the July Tahiti Tiurai operation...all the following are via WB6GFJ: F00FB, F08HL, F08HO, F08DF, F08HI, and F08CX. Actually, the celebration runs Jul 14-21 and there will be plenty of activity from all these stations. Further details are in June QST, page 74.

QUOTE-OF-THE-MONTH

"The FCC would do well to re-establish the First Class Radio license to ensure that stations (commercial-ed) are operated by competent personnel. Indeed, proper licensing may ultimately affect how available the existing technology will be to its intended users. Who would ever believe that one can now secure a federal license from volunteer examiners to transmit signals to any corner of the earth? Prospective radio amateurs are about to."

--- Vincent J. Biancomano
editor, Electronic Design

QSL HELP NEEDED: by NE8Q (N8DFO): 9L1DR, Aug '83; 3B8DA/3B9 Jan '83. By JA3GM: YALIW (opr Cal, Jun '59, former manager was W6DXI). Robin, DU9RG, wants to know the current U.S. call and name/address of former XW8EW, Jack McGuinness.

George Wagner, K5KG, is active Jul 8-16 from the Aland Islands, K5KG/OH0. He's concentrating on CW and will be on during the IARU Radiosport (Jul 14/15). QSL K5TU.

XT2BM has closed down his Upper Volta station and is now traveling by car through Africa, then home to Austria, according to his QSL manager KF4YB (ex-WD4RHL). XT2BM's 6-element beam was bequeathed to XT2BW.

KB2HZ and wife KB2TB will operate from Tahiti as F00GAD starting Aug 27 (Bora-Bora).

PLAQUES for Honor Roll DXCC members are in the works. The supplier is expected to have a sample for approval soon. The plaques will be an enlarged version of the current Honor Roll lapel pin, and cost will most likely be about the same as other ARRL plaques (about \$40).

CLUB OFFICERS: Redwood Empire DX Association (North Cal) WB6NBR, K6LRN, VP2ML, K6ZUR, and WB6FDQ. Dixie DXers Contest Club (Atlanta), K4JPD, WI4R, WD4IKI, W5VUX, and NQ4I. This group has a meeting 3rd Thursday of each month, near the airport. Call for details at 404-942-6226.

I2YDX, well known for his 600DX Somalia operations, is in Haiti until the end of the year, and will be active in various contests with different callsign prefixes, including HH2 through HH10. QSL to I2YAE.

This year's W9DXCC Convention will be Sept 15 in Glen Ellyn Ill. Advance registration is recommended. Details from Howie Huntington, K9KM, 65 S. Burr Oak Drive, Lake Zurich IL 60047.

BAIDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Mountain, Central, East report)/Date

AP2SQ 14181 01E 26	HK0HEU 3794 05E 2	TL8TX 21335 20E 29	5U7LD 14236 00E 26
AP2ZR 3792 00E 1	HL9AH 14214 11C 25	TN8EE 21003 18E 30	5U7LD 14220 23E 26
A4XJZ 14011 02E 28	HL9AH 14213 12C 26	TR8DR 14052 22E 28	7X2FK 14024 00E 26
A71BK 14204 23E 26	HL9SP 14208 14C 1	TR8CR 21335 17E 29	7X2FK 14186 01E 26
A71BK 14205 00E 27	HR1RC 14055 23E 29	TR8DR 21021 19E 30	7X2FK 14021 01E 27
A71BJ 14185 23E 28	HV2VO 7001 00E 30	T30RN 7003 08E 1	8Q7AV 14207 11E 18
A71BK 14227 01E 29	HZ1AB 14246 23E 29	T30RN 3799 10E 1	8R1J 7008 01E 27
A92P 14222 22E 26	HZ1AB 14198 22E 1	T30RN 7078 09E 1	8R1J 21029 19E 30
A92DQ 14175 00E 30	HZ1AB 3791 01E 2	T31AT 14305 04C 26	8R1J 7011 02E 2
A92P 3790 01E 2	H44IA 3796 08E 1	T77C 14204 21E 1	9H4C 14048 22E 28
A92P 3795 02E 2	IS0CPU 14211 00E 30	UF6FJ 14028 04M 26	9J2TJ 21371 17E 30
CN8CC 14245 23E 25	JT1BR 14023 16C 25	UL7FBY 14046 01E 28	9J2WW 21285 18E 30
CN8CT 14211 01E 27	JY3ZH 14220 22E 26	UL7XE 14015 00E 28	9L1EX 21335 20E 29
CN8EJ 14228 22E 1	JY3ZH 14220 00E 26	RL8PYL 14023 02E 28	9L1SL 14210 20E 30
CT2CB 14249 20E 1	J28DX 3795 02E 25	UJ9JWA 14044 03M 28	9M2DF 14214 14C 1
CT3TR 14205 01C 27	J27RDD 14205 03E 26	VK9NS 7003 11E 30	9V1TV 14023 14M 27
(This is BOGUS; said QSL W3BL)	J28DX 3795 01E 2	VS6CT 14336 11C 1	9V1TL 21014 15E 1
C53AL 3795 01E 2	KG4AW 14035 22E 26	VU2BK 14046 01E 26	
C6ABC 14011 23E 29	KX6DS 7004 09E 1	VU2GI 3795 00E 2	
N7ET/	AH2G 14022 12C 27	KA2DIV/	
DU6 14031 11C 25	AH8A 14309 05C 30	V2A 14006 01E 29	
DULRFA 14220 22E 27	KH0AC 14220 11E 18	XT2BR 14220 22C 27	
DULDBT 14205 12C 30	LX1BY 14088 22E 26	XU1SS 14336 12C 16	
KF6ME/	OD5NT 3795 02E 26	XU1BC 14020 13M 27	
DU2 14200 13C 30	OD5SH 14256 22E 29	(?)	
D44BS 3792 01E 29	OD5NT 3795 02E 2	XU1KC 14020 14M 27	
D44BS 3790 01E 2		(OK)	
EA8AJS 21329 19C 25	*****	YB4FN 14036 14M 25	
EA8HJ 14012 22E 26	W6JKV/	YB0ARC 14206 12C 26	
EA5YU/	OX 50.110 02E 26	YB0ARC 14205 12C 27	
EA8 14011 22E 28	*****	YN1QG 14235 22E 27	
EA8RL 7009 08E 29		ZB2GR 14159 10E 27	
EA9GT 14040 20M 25	OX3TT 14225 22E 29	ZD7CW 21334 18E 30	
EA9GK 14016 00E 29	OX3KM 7069 08E 1	ZD8LN 14281 19E 1	
EA9IE 14219 03C 1	PZ1AP 7003 09E 1	ZK1CG 14309 04E 26	
EL2FR 14188 23E 28	P29JP 14176 11E 25	ZL8AFH 14218 04C 26	
FO8EW 14014 03C 29	P29EO 21295 02C 29	ZP5XPP 14018 01E 28	
FY7AU 14007 01E 29	SP2ZHV 28031 19E 30	3D6AJ 14163 13E 24	
GJ3EML 14015 22E 26	KA4SBE/	3V8AS 14175 20C 29	
	SU 14201 23E 24	4Z4DB 3795 01E 29	
	KA4SBE/	3Z4DX 14210 22E 29	
	SU 21335 18C 30	5B4LP 14210 21E 25	
*****	SV5TH 14052 23E 29	YU3GL/	
GJ3YHU 50.114 23E 30	SV0AA/9 1834 02E 30	5B4 3795 02E 30	
*****	S79WHW 14200 03E 26	5H3VB 21335 20E 29	
	TALMX 7023 02E 2	G3IAD/	
GU4WRP 14045 01M 28	KC2TU/	5N4 14021 21E 26	
DF4GV/	TF 14194 22E 27	KC7UU/	
HB0 14023 02M 25	TF3KG 14003 22E 28	5N6 14021 02E 28	
HH2WL 14201 00E 30	TG9NX 14024 01E 27	5N8ALH 14208 00E 29	
HI8OMB 14032 12E 30	TJ1QS 21029 16C 23	5U7LD 14235 23E 25	
HK0HEU 14195 12C 26			

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FW, until the end of July *** STOP PRESS
TAHITI Lots of action through Jul 14 or so; I 246
PACIFIC WB6GFJ to ZK1 and 3D2 after Tahiti, in August
UGANDA 5X5GK on briefly, commercial license only; I 246

TRISTAN ZD9BV/YL on 40 and 15 only after ant. damage
S SUDAN TL8GE/STØ rumored on again one week per month; lists
BAHAMAS K4WSB/C6A on Oscar 10 now to Jul 21
ALAND K5KG/OHØ Jul 8-16; QSL K5TU
KURE KH6LW rumored Jul 5-17, QRP SSB

SPRATLY 1S2CK by DU1CK back-burnered
BURUNDI 9U5JB off the air until end of August
SIERRA LEONE 9L1EX by 3X4EX faintly active, lists and nets
MALAWI 7Q7LW QRT until Sept
CAMBODIA XU1SS and others barely workable; I 245

NIGER 5U7LD on nets and lists only, this week; I 246
GLORIOSO FR7ZL/G now rumored for Sept or Oct
DESECHEO Now rumored (again) end of July
EGYPT KA4SBE/SU ends end of July
LORD HOWE By G3s ZAY, CWI, Jul 10-17

KERMADEC ZL8AFH likes 14.220 at 0500Z; net operation
WILLIS VK9ZA rumored started Jun 24; need reports on him
ALBANIA Rumors flying of something this summer; Issue 246
CORSICA FØCH by HB9TL Jul 12-30
CONTEST IARU Radiosport Jul 14/15

TADZHIK EK8R and EK8K (UJ8) Jul 15-30; I 245
LEICHTENSTEIN ON5NT/HBØ Jul 17-28
DA2AA/HBØ and W3ZNB/HBØ Jul 21-28
CONVENTION NW DX, Oregon, Jul 28/29; W7XN for details
CONTEST WAEurope CW Aug 11/12
CONTEST SEANET SSB Aug 18/19

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VK9NS was on the air
from Norfolk the morn-
ing of July 6, and is
having trouble get-
ting transportation
off the island. His
Pacific operations are
postponed indefinitely.

5X5GK was on Jul 6
also, and he speaks al-
most no English, so
the information that
he is VE7FXK may not
be correct. That would
also help explain the
Japanese manager.

DJ5CQ/SV/A QSLs being
received, with a photo
of Rudi with two Monks.
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