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PROPAGATION FORECAST: June 15, High Normal; June 16, 17, High/Above Normal; June 18, Above Normal; June 19, High Normal; June 20, High/Low Normal; June 21, Below Normal/Disturbed; June 22, High/Low Normal; June 23, Above Normal; June 24-27, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

LAOS: Kazu Fukuda, JA8BMK visited Laos in May at the invitation of the Chief Officer of the Laotian Forestry Office. When he inquired as to possible amateur radio operation from XW8 he was told that in 1979 a foreigner was found operating amateur radio from near the national airport, and was subsequently deported. That is taken to mean that there are no chances of anyone getting an XW8 license at present.

OKINO TORISHIMA: Hot rumor in the Tokyo mill is that the JARL (Japan Amateur Radio League) will ask ARRL to make Okino Torishima, 7J1, a deleted DXCC country. At least one member of the JARL Board of Directors denied the rumor. Okino Torishima originally received DXCC status in 1976 through an agreement between ARRL and JARL, despite opposition by a number of prominent Japanese DXers.

MOZAMBIQUE: (C9, formerly CR7), will be activated in September by ZS5UU, if all goes as planned. ZS5UU and possibly other operators aim for a one-week stay. There are reportedly no licensed operators in Mozambique at this time.

SUDAN/SOUTH SUDAN: 6T1YP will continue active, with OH2MM and OH2BH both on there June 18-23; OH2BH is the QSL manager for this part of their DXpedition. The pair will operate ST2FF/STØ from the South Sudan June 25-30 with OH2MM manager for those QSLs. Both these operations are from rare WAZ zone 34. Willi and Martii are paying their own expenses so contributions would not be out of order. They are using a TS-180S, linear amplifier, and intend both phone and cw operation, all bands:

CW	3505	7005	14025	21025	28025	
SSB	3795	7095	14195	21295	21320	28595

Willi and Martii were invited to Khartoum to discuss amateur radio training in Sudan and to make final adjustments to the 6T1YP station at the Children's Youth Palace; Mr. Fadul Kabbar, ST2FF, is in charge of the Youth Palace complex, which was a gift from the government of North Korea.

IRAQ: YIIBGD has been quiet for some time now, with many still needing a QSO with this rare country. The Northern California DX Foun. has offered further assistance to this club station but apparently none is desired at this time. The groundwork at YIIBGD was laid by amateurs from Yugoslavia in January, 1979.

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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC(Plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Day of Month

<u>Low Bands</u>	FP8HL/7008/01E/3	PY7CPC/7177/03W/3	VP9BK/7004/01E/3
EI0CZ/7013/02E/2	PA3AAN/7012/01E/3	UO5ODN/7019/01E/3	
<u>Africa</u>	FR7BT/14017/04C/1	ZD7HH/14202/21W/1	5H3KS/14213/15W/8
A22GV/14223/14W/8	FRØFLO/14175/11E/3	ZD8CS/28550/12E/3	5NØDOG/14037/07E/1
CN8BF/14223/01W/4	FRØFLO/14205/12W/4	ZE1ED/14260/11E/3	5NØR MJ/14239/03E/3
CN8CW/21041/00E/7	FRØFLO/14212/13E/6	3B6CD/14026/13C/1	5NØDOG/21270/04E/4
CN8CW/21020/01E/4	J28CC/14019/18W/1	3B8CF/21027/17E/1	7X2LS/21355/20E/1
C5AAM/14024/22C/1	DJ1US/	3B9AE/14241/03E/9	9G1JX/28040/13E/1
C5ACL/21308/01E/1	ST3/21040/15C/3	3C1AE/14235/01E/2	9J2JN/14240/03E/5
D4CBC/14204/05W/1	TN8AJ/14250/15C/1	3D6BQ/14202/13C/1	
EA8YA/14012/23E/2	TU2JD/28564/18E/1	3D6BS/14208/14C/1	
<u>Asia</u>	KP4KK/	JY5ZM/14220/14C/8	YK1AA/14220/02E/2
AP2HQ/14210/13W/1	DU2/21026/02W/1	OD5LX/21029/00E/7	4S7EC/14011/12E/1
AP2MQ/21275/01E/4	HL9TN/14230/12E/6	UKØQAA/14226/10E/2	4S7DJ/14221/11W/3
A4XIH/14233/03E/3	HS1AMU/14210/12C/1	UD6DLJ/14030/02W/1	WB8ZJW/
A7XD/21280/18C/4	HS4AMI/14204/10E/2	UD6DLJ/21027/02E/5	5B4/14211/02W/3
A9XCX/21334/21C/28	HS1ABD/14223/11E/6	UF6FBH/14243/01E/3	WB8ZJW/
A9XCE/21030/03E/3	HZ1TA/14219/02E/3	UM8MBA/21024/02E/5	5B4/21025/23C/2
DU9RG/14241/10E/2	JI1KUL/	VU2KMK/14028/12W/4	9K2DR/21265/02E/3
DU9RG/14225/10E/3	JD1/21033/02C/1	VU2KMK/14028/11E/5	9K2DR/21294/02E/5
	JY3ZH/14223/04W/2	YB7AAU/14235/13C/1	9M2BH/14036/15W/5
			9V1UL/14240/14C/1
<u>Europe</u>	DF5RU/	OY2R/14218/00C/4	ZB2FK/21055/19E/9
C31TT/14265/07W/3	HBØ/14201/03W/3	SV1JG/14209/03E/3	3A2EE/14255/05W/1
C31TT/14202/03E/5	HBØBD/21028/18C/3	SVØAO/14200/03E/3	
C31TQ/21046/03E/4	DF4RD/	UK2WAR/14207/03W/2	
EE1PG/14226/02E/5	HBØ/21338/02E/6	UC2AFE/14207/01W/4	
GU3HFN/21/14E/8	JW7FD/14232/02W/1	UK2GDL/14212/22W/2	
DJ3TF/	LX100/14304/02E/6	RU2OV/21282/19E/4	
HBØ/14021/23E/2	LX2CN/14277/11E/9	UO5OAK/14220/04W/2	
<u>Oceania</u>	KC6CV/14320/10E/3	T2AAA/14223/11E/1	VR6TC/21350/01E/4
H44PG/14031/11E/3	KH3AA/21025/18C/4	VK9NV/14020/10E/1	YJ8NPN/14220/14W/8
H44SD/14204/12W/3	P29JS/14219/12E/6	VK9CCT/14205/14C/1	3D2WR/14223/10E/9
KC6BS/14220/13E/1			5W1AL/14218/13C/1
(W.C.)			
<u>Elsewhere</u>	FGØFOO/FS/21028/21E/7		
CE5GS/28588/17E/1	HH2BM/14215/01E/3	J3AH/21374/01E/2	TI2EW/14271/02E/7
CE5CFR/28610/13E/6	HI8XJO/14260/04E/3	J6LOU/14215/03E/9	VP2SQ/14209/01E/3
FB8XY/14224/14W/7	HI8GGL/21345/01E/2	J6LJS/21348/01E/2	YS9RVE/21345/00E/7
FB8ZO/14020/10E/2	HKØBKX/14220/13E/6	KV4IG/21298/18E/1	ZF2CQ/14206/02E/7
FB8ZO/14025/11C/2	HK5EHM/	OA4CIT/21367/04E/3	ZP5GLS/21345/01E/2
FB8ZO/14250/11W/2	HKØ/21338/02E/6	OA4OB/21371/00E/7	ZP5RG/21263/13E/8
FP8HL/14016/23E/4	HP1XJZ/28825/19W/2	TG9RB/28555/17E/1	8P6KY/14214/02E/4
	HT4CBL/21325/04E/3	TI2XXX/14225/03E/3	

Bulletin deadlines: BANDPASS, Monday in Vernon; News Items, Tuesday in Vernon; Telephone, 1300 UTC Tuesday. Bulletin mailed Wednesdays.

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DX LOCATION FOR SALE



ANTENNA FARM, 6 acres redwood forest in scenic Santa Cruz mountains. 45 minutes from San Jose, 30 from Santa Cruz beach. Excellent quiet DX location all directions; 7° horizon to SW. 3Ø full delta power. 123' Blaw-Knox free-standing tower with full size 3-element 40M and 6-element 20M beams. Also crank-up with TH6DXX. 1925 square feet in house & garage, 960 in shop/ham shack. Shake roofs. 30 gpm well, 10,000 gallon redwood tank. Half mile excellent paved road from State highway. Near shopping and schools. \$350,000 by owner, terms up to 1/2 as 1st TD. W6MUR (DXCC 318/351). Callbook QTH or 408-336-8800.

ABOUT THOSE LU3ZY QSLs

Bad news. It has been reported that the logs of LU3ZY are in very bad shape and many contacts cannot be confirmed; that may explain why your card has not been answered. The best bet is to work him again, if you can, and send another card. The last cards received in the States from this station were in March, 1980, for contacts made in the Fall of 1979.

On the other hand, there is some speculation that the logs are usable, just difficult to make out, in which case perhaps a word to the next Argentine station you work would help in reassigning the QSL task to someone else. LU2CN has thus far been handling what is apparently a frustrating task.

ATLANTA HAM FESTIVAL

This event, in conjunction with the ARRL Georgia State Convention, happens June 21-22 at the Atlanta Marriott Hotel in Atlanta. There will be over 100 exhibitors and twenty forums, including a DX forum featuring Iris and Lloyd Colvin and DX Advisory Committee member John Kanode, N4MM.

1980 DX CENSUS

We have been forced to compile this manually, which is going to take several more weeks. About 40% of you returned the yellow forms, 927 to be exact. 787 in the U.S., 15 Canadians and 125 others. Stand by!

USSR SPECIAL OLYMPIC AWARD: Direct from Moscow comes word that there are 16 new prefixes being used by over 200 stations of more experienced operators in the USSR. All in honor of the 1980 Moscow Olympics. An award is available by accumulating 20 points as follows: each contact with a USSR special prefix station counts one point, of which you are allowed 15 points. You get the other five points by working one of the extra special stations: RM30 (Moscow), RT20 (Tallinn), RL10 (Leningrad), RK50 (Kiev), and RM20 (Minsk). Send a log copy and 14 IRCS to Box 88 Moscow USSR for the award. The special prefixes expire 3 August 1980. Tnx WA7OBH.

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CALENDAR

Ham Festival	Atlanta, June 21-22; this issue.
Sudan	6T1YP by OH2MM and OH2BH, June 18-23; this issue.
Greenland	WA2TTI/OX, June 10-20; issue 41.
South Sudan	ST2FF/STØ June 25-30; this issue.
Egadi Island	I8KCI/IF9 and I8UDB/IF9 June 10-30; issue 41
Aland Islands	K5KG/OHØ June 13-20; issue 39.
Senegal	6W8 by W4MGN starts June 20; issues 39, 40.
Gambia	C5ACC by W4MGN starts June 23; issues 39, 40.
All Asia Contest	Phone, June 21-22
Catalina Operation	June 21-22 and 28-29; issue 41.
Aland Islands	By OH1LW and OH1MA, June 30-July 6; this issue.
Willis Island	VK9ZG by VK3OT starts about July 1; this issue.
Ivory Coast	By W4MGN starts July 3; issues 39, 40.
Dahomey	TY9ER by W4MGN starts July 10; issues 39, 40
Guernsey	GU5AEG by DJ9NX, July 18-30; issue 41
Market Reef	And Aland Islands, by SRRL; July 18-25. This issue.
National Convention	ARRL, 25-27 July, Seattle, Washington.

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PAST DX...

June, 1960 (from West Gulf DX Club Bulletin): Several Air Force hams expected on from Marcus Island shortly, with new country status "virtually assured," to be using KG6ICD. Danny Weil operating VP2VB/MM enroute to Bajo Nuevo and will sign HKØAA from there soon. Tom Christian, VR6TC, is in New Zealand, then going to Fijis for some radio training. First report on HKØAA is June 12.

June, 1970 (from The DXers Magazine): Gus Browning W4BPD leaves the Comoroes June 10, next stop Geyser Reef (remember 1G?). A Marcus Island operation by some of the Americans in Japan is rumored. W5ACA tells some QSL horror stories, the best being a card from ZM6AA, West Samoa; Pat had placed W5ACA's card on some furniture which later fell over during an earthquake. They found it during clean-up.

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