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PROPAGATION FORECAST: July 12, 13, 14, High Normal; July 15, Above Normal; July 16, High Normal; July 17, 18, 19, Above Normal; July 20, High Normal; July 21, High/Low Normal; July 22, 23, 24, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

HOT NEWS? CALL THE DX BULLETIN: 203-871-6251; LEAVE A MESSAGE. *Please phone or write whenever you have information for the bulletin; don't assume that someone else will take care of it because he's probably assuming you will. Easy-to-use report forms and postpaid envelopes are available...just ask. Letters, guest editorials, opinions always welcome and will be considered for publication.*

VE1AI/1 Sable Island operation lasted only about 48 hours, June 28-29; Dick and another VE1 operator had planned to stay longer but were "forced off the island." They report poor conditions to the rest of Canada and to the U.S. but many Japanese and Europeans were worked out of 1300 total contacts. They started with a vertical and later got a small beam up. This was apparently supposed to be a surprise operation because one of the operators was heard to say he was surprised when told that TDXB issue 44 carried word of the impending operation!

It is said that enough money resulting from this short operation could allow permanent installation of a beam on Sable Island. Sable, by the way, is 13 by $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and has six permanent inhabitants operating a weather station. Landing by boat is said to be fairly difficult.

VK9ZG WILLIS ISLAND operated by VK4AGM is to be active now through the end of this year, according to the *DX News Sheet* (Great Britain). Thus far the station has appeared primarily on list and net type operations and on SSB only. 14220 at 0600 UTC.

SOUTH ORKNEYS... LU1ZA is worked from a list at 2100 on 14290 some days; the list is compiled by IIAGC at 1600 on 14260. VP8PL is also in the S. Orkney group and has been found on 75 M. SSB, and 40 and 15 CW.

LU3ZY QSLS are got by some, not by others. One persistent DXer in Casper, Wyoming, not thinking he had a ghost of a chance, finally got a card after about eight months of trying. Three cards were sent to the LU2CN club call (no luck) followed by a fourth card to LU2AFH (same address as the club call) and that one produced the desired result.

HEARD ISLAND UPDATE in a letter from P29JS received by DJ9ZB says the callsign VK0JS will be used in January or February of next year. Some six weeks free time will be needed by any prospective operators, of which three will be spent sailing to and from Heard. They still aim for a minimum two week operating stay on Heard.

FIELD DAY: If you worked W2RQ you participated in a record breaking performance led by N2NT; the group used some 15 transmitters and a 60 KW generator to break the "unlimited class" contact record set by Murphy's Marauders in 1976. W2RQ - 11,000 QSOs.

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We are still hearing RUMORS of impending operations from Serrana Bank and Malpelo; next time you work a station in Columbia ask about it and advise, please. Malpelo is being talked about for early August.

J27 was a special prefix for Djibouti's independence celebration in late June.

Dick Eastman, K10JH, and Janet Eastman, WAIUQA, will operate from St. Pierre July 21-27 as FPØFON and FPØFOM, respectively. Freqs are CW 25 KHz up 80-10 Meters and low ends of the phone bands.

Gerhard Tamm, DF9ZO, visited *The DX Bulletin* July 7 for a couple of cold Wurzburgers. Although a ham only a couple of years, he has polished off 100 countries on 20, 15 and 10, and is working on 40 and 80. His German license examination was for "60 characters" per minute on CW, a level he finds slightly lacking for DXing on the low bands. Gerhard says he doesn't want to try to work his hundred on 40 and 80 on SSB, even from Europe...(we insisted he would have an easier time from there than from the States on 40 and 80).

Issue 37 had some comments on DXCC Rule 9 implementation (combining credits from different call areas) and has brought several pleas for assistance. Our advice is send ARRL DXCC a big SASE and ask for a couple copies of the proper forms. Study them, then phone the DXCC Desk if you have questions. A one-minute chat with them will save both you and the DXCC Desk the burden of shipping incorrectly filled-out forms back and forth.

Quite a lot of correspondence has been received about our editorial a few weeks concerning the new DXCC endorsement stickers (most agreeing with us but one not). One kind soul in Florida sent a spare "300" sticker and suggested we start a "sticker bank" of everyone's extra stickers!

Attn Europeans: The correct price of the W6GO/K6HHD QSL List, available from BRS 33915, Brian Russell, 163 Halton Road, Runcorn WA7 5RJ Cheshire England, is U.S. \$2.50, One Pound, or 8 IRCs.

More on Phone Band expansion petitions: The DX Club of Puerto Rico has filed a petition with FCC (on June 25) requesting 14.175-14.200 and 7075-7100 for the exclusive use of Extra Class licensees. David Novoa, KP4AM, in making the filing for the PRDXC, cited added incentive to upgrade as one reason to make the changes, as well as better spectrum management. Your support of the specific petition or of the general idea would be appreciated by the PRDXC.

The Western Washington DX Club's filing (*The DX Bulletin*, Issue 45) concerning Phone Band expansion was not supported by all members of the Club, as the latest issue of their club bulletin explains. The letter was initiated by the club's trustees who, by their constitution, "in conjunction with the officers, shall direct all activities of the club." This should make for some interesting discussions at the National Convention/SEANARC 80 in Seattle later this month.

WIAW DX BULLETIN SCHEDULE

SSB - 0130/0430Z Friday (Thursday PM USA)
CW - 0000/0300Z Friday (Thursday PM USA)
RTTY - 0100Z Friday (Thursday PM USA)

SSB 1835 3990 7290 14290 21390 28590 kHz
CW 1835 3580 7080 14080 21080 28080 kHz
RTTY 3625 7095 14095 21095 28095 kHz
CW 18 wpm - RTTY 60 wpm/170 Hz

DX information courtesy SNEDXA.

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PROPAGATION REPORTS: We will attempt to run KH6BZF's propagation information each week from now on.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FLUX</u>	<u>Sunspots</u>	<u>Alpha</u>	<u>K</u>
JUNE				
15	182	182	5	2
16	187	170	10	3
17	191	180	2	1
18	201	259	4	2
19	212	226	9	3
20	224	255	6	2
21	221	270	6	1
22	251	248	7	3
23	244		8	2
24	244		14	3
25	231		10	3
26	219		12	2
27	206		5	1
28	196		3	1
29	183		3	2
30	177		9	2

Average solar flux in June was 195.6; The figure for May was 230.87. Solar flux activity appears to be declining in late June after peaking on the 22nd. The bottom is expected on July 8 or 9, followed by an ascent toward another peak around July 18 or 19.

Editor's Note: several source books are useful in following radio conditions. They can be seen advertised in the various magazines. Our personal favorite here was "Update Your HF MUF Predictions Daily," by Howard Sartori, W5DA, QST, September, 1977, page 35.

Each of the monthly magazines carries a propagation forecast; each is different and all are useful, although they are prepared far in advance.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ARRL July 25-27 in Seattle is co-chaired by Rod Linkous, W7OM, a very active DXer and part-time columnist for CQ Magazine. The BIG DX MEETING called SEANARC 80 is part of the convention and the following DXers are expected to attend: DL3ME, FB8XV, F5VU, G3FKM, KP4AM, KH0AC, JR1ZZC, YB7AAU, BV2B, KH6AN, KH6DQ, ZL1BFF, KH6INK, KH6AHZ, KH6OS, KL7CQ, KL7AP, W6QL, W6KG, and K6LPL. Undoubtedly more have been added since this list was compiled. Further information may be had by writing SEANARC 80, PO BOX 68534, Seattle WA 98168 USA.

WB3JRU, Bernie McClenny, 1014 Gadsden Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904 has IRCs for sale at 25 cents each (lots of ten). He also volunteers as QSL manager for a needy DX station/operator.

WA4UAZ, Steve Hawley, recently /HC1 is now in Hong Kong and should be on the air as VS6JR shortly. QSL manager is WA4QMQ, who also handles WA4UAZ/HC1, HD1A, WB4ETT/HC1 and WB4ETT/HC7.

T3KC QSLs from W5RBO are coming out now, but Bob has never received logs for VRIAW, so he is regretfully returning requests for those.

YI1BGD QSLs remain a problem for many; with mucho IRCs and green paper not working; we would be interested in hearing what has (or has not) got results for YOU.

New officers of the Long Island DX Association are W2TDQ Pres., N2KW V. Pres., WA2YUH Treasurer, N2KA Sec'y., and K2YGM Corresponding Sec'y.

F6CYL says G3JKI will return to Libya in about a month.

Of all the recent radio stations using 9U5 callsigns, not a one has been proven legitimate.

VS6HK is a Hong Kong beacon transmitter on 28290.

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

<u>Africa</u>	J28CC/21281/04E/24	ZE3JJ/14248/14W/28	5N0DOG/21345/17E/26
C5ACC/21299/18C/27	S79MC/14223/14W/28	K2QBV/	5N0PSN/21305/18C/27
D4CBC/14211/06E/27	S79MC/21283/17E/28	ZS/14215/11E/6	5N0UDB/21279/18E/29
EA9GE/14025/22E/26	TR8JCV/14203/22E/29	ZS3N/28586/17E/28	5N0DOG/21282/17E/4
EA9JE/14221/01E/1	TU2IN/14289/05E/4	3B8CF/21027/03C/28	8Q7AZ/14276/12C/28
FR0FLO/14209/14C/30	XT2AW/14289/23E/29	3B8CF/21026/05E/4	
FR0FLO/21280/18E/27	ZD7AL/21331/22E/26	5H3KS/14207/13C/27	

<u>Asia</u>	EP2TY/21324/03C/4	TA2TAT/21037/02E/3	VU2CK/21300/02W/2
AP5HQ/14220/13C/28	HS5AID/21030/18E/27	UF6FBH/14211/03E/2	YB9ADE/14050/09C/1
AP2UR/21290/03E/4	HS1AMM/21308/18E/27	UF6VAA/21284/03C/26	4S7DJ/14208/11C/6
AP2MQ/21291/03C/4	HZ1AB/14224/03C/26	UG6GAE/21026/04E/1	4Z4XW/21297/06E/4
Z7XD/21290/20E/26	HZ1TC/14250/05E/27	UI8AEE/21275/03W/28	9K2DR/21276/03C/4
A7XGI/21030/16E/26	HZ1AB/14225/01E/3	UI8IR/21034/18W/29	9K2DR/21275/04E/4
A7XZ/21024/18E/28	JY3ZH/14250/05E/27	U8L/21031/05E/28	9V1OK/14216/10E/28
DU9RG/14237/11E/4	OD5FB/14210/03W/28	UL7HD/21028/01C/28	9V1UH/21276/16E/3
DU1AL/14207/11C/6	TA1UA/21026/13E/26	VU2KMK/14028/12C/27	
EP2TY/14250/05E/27		VU2DK/14217/12C/28	

<u>Europe</u>	IS0YTN/14203/01W/30	SV0AW/21355/00C/3	RM30/21340/00W/2
C31HD/14221/03E/2	GJ4JWA/14211/01E/2	SV0BI/21373/06E/4	ZB2GK/21280/18E/26
EC2KT/21034/02W/1	GU4CHY/21029/15E/28	SV0AW/21355/01E/4	ZB2DW/21293/14W/28
EA6DE/21280/18E/26	GU5DJI/21015/11E/6	SV0AT/21015/11E/6	ZB2EO/21023/15E/2
DA2DC/	GW4HAT/21270/17E/6	SV0BK/21021/11E/6	4U1ITU/21275/14E/29
HB0/21030/11E/1	M1C/14212/23E/1	TF3YH/21021/00W/3	5B4CX/21303/06W/2
LX1TL/	M1C/14212/00E/2	UA1PAL/14220/15W/2	9H1EV/14220/03E/4
HB0/21376/17W/2	OX3GW/14003/02E/30	(F. Josef Land)	9H4N/21318/01W/2
	SV0AO/21355/03E/28	U1NV/14207/02C/27	

<u>Oceania</u>	W6ENK/	T2ADE/14227/13E/27	3D2ES/14079/09C/26
A22PS/28601/01W/2	KH4/14332/12C/3	T3AC/14207/12E/26	3D2ER/14030/11C/28
A35AM/14025/10E/27	AI3E/	T3LA/14219/10E/28	3D2ED/14228/12C/28
F08FU/14212/03C/26	KX6/14027/12C/30	VK3NVA/28562/02C/28	3D2FL/28505/04W/30
F08EW/21024/00W/30	P29EJ/14249/07C/27	YJ8GG/14217/10E/27	
H44AJ/14225/11E/26		YJ8SR/21026/03E/29	
H44YL/14204/11E/5			

<u>Elsewhere</u>	HC8EE/14025/15C/4	HP2XEV/14031/10E/6	6Y5HM/28600/01W/2
FB8XY/14214/13W/1	HC8KA/21285/15E/5	OA8AV/28580/05E/4	8E1RBF/14250/05E/27
FM0FJE/14220/04C/27	HI2XPT/21293/15E/5	PJ8DFS/21295/23E/26	
FY7AE/14055/14C/4	HK0BKX/14203/13C/28	VP2MAP/21298/15E/5	

QSLs...

A7XGI/DL2MY	HS5AID/AG6G	YB9ADE/WA7ILC	A35AM/W6PYV, Art Munzig, PO BOX
A7XZ/DF3NW	J6LIR/WB6FCR	YJ8SR/G3TQZ	75095, Los Angeles CA 90075
CR9A/WB2KXA	ST2FF/ST0/OH2MM	ZB2DW/WA3HUP	
C31HD/F6BII	W6ENK/KH4/WB9MFC	3D2FL/VK3HE	FR0FLO, Box 200, Tampon, Reunion Is.
FM0FJE/F5VU	OH2AP/OH0/OH2AP	4B4MDX/XE1AW	
FW0DD/VE3ODX	SV0AT/AF4B	4S7EA/JA1ELY	VE1AI, R.E. Grantham, 8 Orkney Rd.,
HC8EE/HC1MM	TL8CR/YO9WL	G3JKI/5A/F6CYL	Dartmouth NS B2X 1J9 Canada
HC3KA/HC5KA	TL8JM/W5RU	5W1BT/WA6AHF	
HP2XGR/WD5JFL	VP2MBV/WD4GXT	5W1CR/ZL1BCG	3D2ES, Buzz Saphore, c/o N. Mineral
			Resources Dept., Fiji Is.

BULLETIN DEADLINES: BANDPASS, Monday in Vernon; News Items, Tuesday in Vernon; Telephone, 1300 UTC Tuesday. Bulletin mailed Wednesday.

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Stockholm, Sweden June 10 1980

From Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD

Dear DX Friends:

I have returned to Sweden after my three month journey through Africa. On this trip I visited ten different countries and managed to get on the air from four:

March 13-19,	Guinea Bissau	J5AG
May 1-4	Swaziland	SMØAGD/3D6
May 6-10	Botswana	A22GD
May 17-22	Rwanda	9X5LE

The total ended up some 9500 QSOs with 90% CW. 9X5LE is issued to Roland Lord, a Swedish missionary with whom I visited in Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda.

All QSL cards go to SM3CXS, Joergen Svensson, Berghemsvagen 11, S-86021 Sundsbruk Sweden.

I carried an ICOM-701 transceiver, a 14AVQ vertical and a Bencher paddle with me all the way. Thanks to the Bencher, I enjoy CW a lot more now than I ever did before. The whole trip almost ended in disaster, because on the return flight Kigali to Stockholm, my luggage (including the logs) was lost somewhere enroute. It took a few days of worries before the luggage could be traced to a conveyor belt in Nairobi, where it had been moving around for some time. I do consider log-books as valuable documents and normally I carry them with me as hand luggage, but this time I had made the mistake of packing them in my suitcase. The logs are now safe with SM3CXS.

In recent years my duties have taken me abroad approximately half the time; I visited some 80 countries and I have operated under more than twenty different callsigns, beginning with CE3AOF/Ø and SM2AGD/CEØ from Easter Island back in 1972. I had a lot of fun during these years, and I enjoyed very much meeting so many radio friends both over the air and in person.

But things are changing and for some time I will now be more permanently posted in Sweden. I will not have so many paid trips to all those exotic places any more. But it would be difficult to stop my DX-ambitions, so for the future I am planning some DXpeditions together with SM3CXS and the Sundsvall DX Group. One of the target areas is China. A member of our group, SM3BHY, is stationed in Peking. He has established good relations with the Chinese authorities and he has been in meetings with the former operators of BY1PK from the early 1960s. It will take time before our negotiations result in DX activity from China. But there are many branches of amateur radio and we have started on a very elementary level. This work is very interesting and perhaps in a year or two we can help a BY station to show on the HF bands.

I am sure many other groups around the world are working on similar projects, and something will develop sooner or later, because the Chinese are very interested. We must be patient. I already fear the pile-ups, and their first operators must be prepared for them.

I would like to express my thanks to the DXers who sent many small contributions together with their QSL cards. After return postage was paid we had a small excess which has been saved in a fund. This money will be very useful for our future DXpeditions. THANK YOU.

It will take some time before we are able to realize some of our plans. In the meantime you will find me in the crowd "5 KHz up" trying to improve my own DXCC total, which has been at a standstill since 1968. 73 and best DXing,

Erik

CALENDAR

Marshall Islands	AI3E/KX6 through July 15, CW only; issue 45
Willis Island	VK9ZG on NOW; Issue 42 and this issue, p. 1
Benin	TY9ER by W4MGN starts about July 14; Issues 40 and 45
Sri Lanka	4S7TK by JA1ELY through July 15; Issue 43
Corsica	F0CH/FC through July 28; see Calendar, Issue 45
India	VU2IJ by W6RZO, through July 17; Issue 45
Samoa	Western 5W1 and American KS6 by K5YY mid-July; Issue 45
Wallis Island	July 11-18 by K5YY, Issue 45
Sri Lanka	4S7EA by W6RZO, 17-24 July; Issue 45
Maldives	Possible by JA1ELY after July 14; Issue 43
Guernsey	GU5AEG July 18-30, Issue 41
	GU5DJC and GU5DKJ July 18-30, Issue 45
SEANET	CW Contest, 19-20 July
Market Reef	And Aland Islands, by SRRL, July 18-25; Issue 42
Thailand	W6RZO visiting H5LABD, July 24-31; Issue 45
National Convention	ARRL, Seattle, WA, July 25-27
	SEANARC 80 BIG DX MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARRL NAT'L
Niue	ZK2 by K5YY, July 22-29; Issue 45
Montserrat	VP2MM by W1CDC, Aug. 2-30
WAE	European DX Contest, CW, Aug. 9-10
SEANET	Phone Contest, Aug. 16-17
All Asia	CW Contest, Aug. 23-24
Philippines	W6RZO visiting W3WYP/DU, Aug 28.-Sept. 4; Issue 45

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