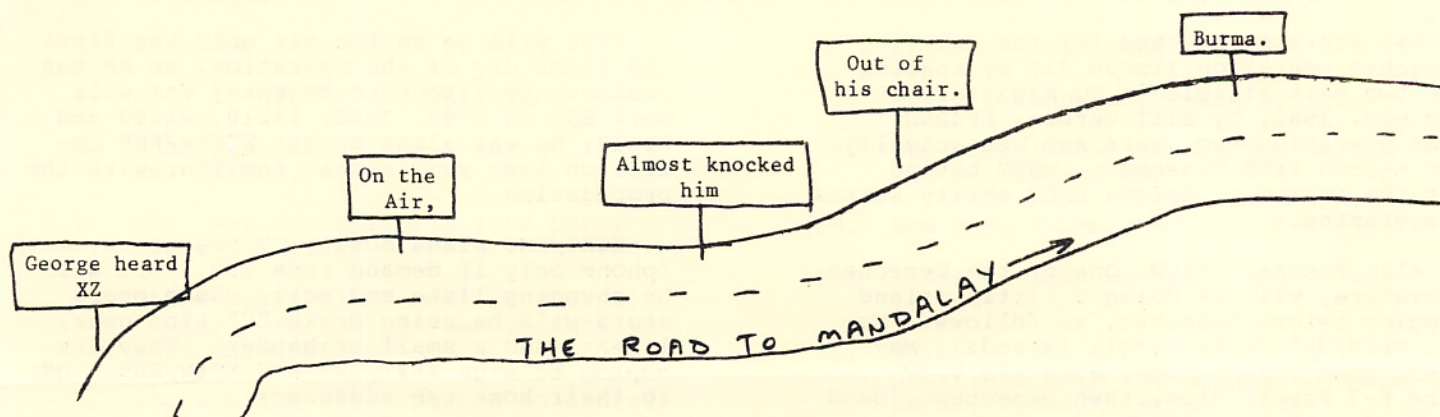


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XZ5A

Lacking any firsthand reports at this time, here's what we have pieced together about last weekend's blockbuster appearance of XZ5A...

JA8BMK and possibly other JAs, in Burma on business, managed to secure operating permission on Thursday, May 21; thus, no advance word of the operations was possible. XZ5A appeared on the bands the following day, May 22, working much of North America on 15 Meter SSB. It was said that the permission was for voice transmission only, to allow authorities to monitor operations.

On Saturday, May 23, more contacts were made, this time on 20 Meters. East Coast USA stations listened in vain, being able to hear W6, W7, and W5 DXers working the station. It is believed that only one or perhaps two W2 stations were able to work XZ5A, on 15 Meters. Band conditions deteriorated throughout the weekend and no reports of XZ5A being heard in North America have come in for 5/24 or 5/25.

The original operating permission was supposedly for three days only, but talk persists that the operation would go through May 28.

At this point, indications are that an operation did indeed take place from Burma. The beam heading was right, "Slims" don't usually operate SSB as XZ5A did, and the operation did continue over at least three days. TDXB will have confirmation just as soon as it can be secured. JA8BMK, who is known to have connections in the area and to travel there frequently, has been specified as QSL manager. (ex-EP2TY is rumored to be stationed in Burma, also).

PROPAGATION: May 30, 31, High Normal; June 1, Above Normal; June 2,3, High Normal; June 4, High/Low Normal; June 5, Below Normal/Disturbed; June 6, Low/Below Normal; June 7, Below Normal; June 8, High/Low Normal; June 9, High Normal; June 10, High/Low Normal; June 11, Below Normal/Disturbed; June 12, Below Normal/Disturbed; June 13, High/Low Normal; June 14, Low Normal/Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

TDXB Countries Needed Survey (Issue 87) deadline is NOW. Please fill out and send yours in. We have thus far received about 900 out of 2300 mailed out.

TDXB back issues available...Issues 69-91; send an SASE with one unit of postage for each two issues requested. First and last call!

Two current RUMORS concern a Spratly operation May 26-June 3 by JA6AKX, and a Bouvet operation by an unnamed VK amateur. Due to its continuing military significance (it is highly fortified) Spratly seems a remote possibility. As for the "Bouvet" show, TDXB has word that the operation mentioned would probably take place from another island sometimes associated with Bouvet but which is 250 miles from it. This Bouvet operation was to have been taking place at the end of May.

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4Z4TT has been most recently heard operating from the Fiji Islands. He may have scrapped his Tokelau operation since VK9NS and crew are due on ZM7 June 4 (Issue 90). They'll be arriving Western Samoa May 27 and leaving there June 1 for Tokelau. VK9NS is still in contact with the charter outfit which he hopes will take him to Heard early next year.

Get yourself psyched for the upcoming Desecheo operation (Issue 91) by reading the two part article in CQ Magazine, Oct. and Nov. 1980, by Bill Kerber, KP4DSD. That operation two years ago was actually the second from Desecheo...WØDX having put the island on before DXCC entity status was granted.

Alan Fischer, K8CW, one of the Desecheo operators, will be doing a little island hopping before Desecheo, as follows: May 28, K8CW/NP2 (U.S. Virgin Islands), May 30-31 from KP2A's home, June 105 VP2V, June 6-7 Puerto Rico, then Desecheo. Send cards for these to K8CW.

About those FS7 licenses (Issue 91); TDXB attempts to follow up whenever a mistake is made! Several have send photocopies of FS7RT QSLs...that was Reg Tibbetts back in the late 50's. Then a check of files revealed several more FS7 calls, like FS7MB, for example. A true statement would be that the French are no longer issuing FS7 call signs, per se.

YU3TBG, in a QSO, mentioned he will be in Baghdad Iraq the first week of June and will try to operate, probably from the YI1BGD club station. It will be recalled that a Yugoslav group originally set up YI1BGD a couple of years ago.

Late breaking news is that FCC has now lifted all restrictions for U.S. hams in the 1800-1900 KHz portion of 160 Meters; no power restrictions (KW OKay), no day/night differentials, etc.

Still no good at the DXCC desk are 9U5JM, G3JKI/5A, and 1AØKM. Word should be out on the SMOM country-status decision by next issue. No cards have yet been sent for either J2Ø/A or K6LPL/CEØZ. K6LPL reportedly has verbal permission for a San Felix CEØX operation...he would have to make the trip alone, for security reasons.

KS6DV's KHL/T3 operation has been cancelled indefinitely. Larry wanted to make a business/pleasure visit to the island, made "reservations" on Air Force planes twice. The airships never showed up.

At a recent in-person gathering this editor was accosted and severely chastized for past "equipment reviews" in TDXB. Undaunted, we expect to have comments on the Cubic 103 in a couple of weeks, followed by a "long term" test of a Collins KWM-380. We would also like to get hands on an FT-107, a 902DM, a 101ZD, mostly because several requests are on hand.

WAKE ISLAND

Although KH6GB is supposed to appear from Wake Island June 1, his operations are often hit-or-miss, depending on his work schedule. To fill the gap (Wake is showing up in many Survey sheets) Art Charette, K6XT, and Tom Morton, KT6V, will put Wake on June 13-18.

KT6V will be on the air only the first and final day of the operation, as he has business to attend to on Wake; Tom will work SSB on 3790, 7090, 14210, 21260 and 28510; he was along on the W7KHN/KH9 operation last year and is familiar with the propagation.

K6XT/KH9 plans mostly CW operation, with 'phone only if demand runs low. Art will be shunning lists and nets. Both operators will be using Drake "C" Line gear, linear, and a small tribander. They are hoping to sign K6XT/NH9 and KT6V/AH9. QSL to their home c/b addresses.

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The following DXers are going to Fr. St. Martin next month: W2QM (FGØDDV), W2AGW, W2JB, W2FZY, W2DIE, W2MJ, W2OEH, and W8GT; They'll be on all bands SSB and CW starting June 24 for about 2 weeks or so. Two TS820s and an IC701 will feed a beam and dipoles.

W2OEH has applied for a PJ7 license and will spend another week on the Dutch side of the island if the paperwork comes through.

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Next week's Desecheo operation is courtesy of the International DX Foundation; their latest newsletter reports increased membership, now 527 in 49 countries. 293 are in the United States.

One IDXF-aided venture was the African trip of Karl Renz, K4YT, earlier this year; Karl reports operations from nine African countries, including a 7000-QSO bonanza from VK4NIC/3X.

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4S7US (DJ1US/N5SB) has completed his time in Sri Lanka and is on his way to Thailand, then Hong Kong and the Philippines; Steve is not sure if he will be able to get permission to operate from any of those spots. QSLs to DF2RG.

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FCC is on the verge of issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the "Experimenter" class license. It will carry full privileges above 50 MHz, and the test will be the same written exam as for Amateur Extra Class. No code exam, though.

TDXB sources say this is FCC's response to continuing calls for amateur radio opportunities for handicapped persons who, in the past, have been treated on a one-to-one basis.

In place of BANDPASS This Week we present a DX Trivia Contest, as administered by the Kansas City DX Club last month at the Dayton Hamvention. Answers on page 4.

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| 1. What was Gus Browning's favorite beverage? | 15. KS4BH and HR6SWA (72) counted for what country? |
| 2. When did Danny Weil go QRT? | 16. What is a "Loudenboomer?" |
| 3. What is W2PV's old callsign? | 17. Heard Island is in what CQ Zone? |
| 4. What year did W0MLY activate TR, TN, 5N, etc? | 18. Who wrote "How's DX in <u>QST</u> before Rod Newkirk W9BRD? |
| 5. What was Don Miller's (the DXER) Stateside call? | 19. How many YASME's existed for DXing? |
| 6. Chuck Swain K7LMU and Ted Thorpe ZL2AWJ were lost at sea enroute to what DX location? | 20. YASME II sank on the rocks of what island? |
| 7. Who was the first person to achieve post-war DXCC? | 21. Which of the following Don Miller expeditions were not counted by ARRL--FR7XP, VQ9DD/A, PY0XA, 1M4A? |
| 8. Who was the first person to achieve WPX? | 22. If you worked C7TY in 1948 you worked what country? |
| 9. What XYL achieved the first WPNX? | 23. Name the three operators of the 1979 Spratly operation. |
| 10. What is Bill (W7PHO's) last name? | 24. Carl and Martha Henson used the TS-830 on their _____ operation. |
| 11. What was the call of the 1974 Kingman Reef expedition? | 25. HF0POL counts as what country? |
| 12. Andorra is located between what two countries? | 26. N4HX is currently operating from Benin with what strange call? |
| 13. Abu Ail is in what CQ Zone? | 27. Father Dave operates from _____, while Father Moran operates from _____. |
| 14. Name the only active country in Z 26. | |

PROPAGATION
(Thanks KH6BZF)

DATE	FLUX	ALPHA	K
5/4	218	7	3
5/5	233	5	2
5/6	227	7	2
5/7	230	8	3
5/8	222	7	3
5/9	215	35	4
5/10	212	19	3
5/11	222	29	2
5/12	219	10	3
5/13	217	12	2
5/14	228	12	3
5/15	214	35	3
5/16	214	40	4
5/17	203	10	2
5/18	190	36	3

DEFINITIVE MONTHLY SUNSPOT NUMBERS
(from Belgium via KH6BZF)

1979		1981	
Jan	166.6	Jan	114.4
Feb	137.5	Feb	143.5
Mar	138.0	Mar	133.8
Apr	101.5	Apr	156.2
May	134.4		
Jun	149.5	Predicted	
Jul	159.4	May	138
Aug	142.2	Jun	136
Sep	188.4	Jul	133
Oct	186.2	Aug	131
Nov	183.3	Sep	129
Dec	176.3	Oct	127
1980			
Jan	159.6		
Feb	155.0		
Mar	126.2		
Apr	164.1		
May	179.9		
Jun	157.3		
Jul	136.3		
Aug	135.4		
Sep	155.0		
Oct	164.7		
Nov	147.9		
Dec	174.4		

CONTRIBUTORS

Lord Howe	ZL1AMO, 1 week , July
Aland Is OHØ	Jul. 8-13; Issue 91
Monaco	Jul. 10-20; details later
Aland Is OH6JW	Aug 3-10

WB2KWY, KH6BZF, K6SSJ, N9BX, K1RM, W6GO,
W2BMK, K4ADT, N4DSH, N3BKZ, K1TGX, K6LPL,
W2LZX, DF2RG, DF9ZO, VK3QI, K8HMS, W1JTI,
IDXf, W2QM, KP2A, K6XT, W1AM, W2AK,
W6ITH, K8CW, VK9NS, W2CNQ, WB6APX, DL8FL,
W4KN, K4TXJ, AI3Q, WA8NDL, W2LOG, W1KSC,
SM5CAK, W9HK, WA6BHP, BR32525, W5ZPA,
N9JL, WA4DZP, K3ZJ, K0CS, WB6FBN, KB2CV,
W1NG, K1BV, W3AZD, W7YF

1. Coca-Cola
2. 1963
3. WA2SFP
4. 1962
5. W9WNV
6. Wallis Is.
7. W1FH
8. W6KG
9. WA3HUP
10. Bennett
11. KP6KP
12. Spain and France
13. 21
14. Thailand
15. Swan Is (deleted)
16. HF amp and/or rotor
17. 39
18. WLDX
19. three
20. Grenadines
21. PYØXA
22. China
23. VK2BJL, K1MM, K4SMX
24. Uganda
25. S. Shetlands
26. TYA11
27. Easter, Nepal

HELP !

Call Info needed by...

5Z4CA	W1KSC
EA9AM	W1KSC
TR8MX	W1KSC

<u>Call</u>	<u>Info needed by...</u>
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9F3USA/P1
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W4KN
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DL8FL
K4TXJ