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PROPAGATION: 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 13, High/Low Normal; June 14, Low/Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

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JA8BMK and JA8BKM made 3,000 contacts from Kawthule State in South central Burma between May 22 and 27. About 90 pct of the contacts were with Japan and Europe. Local amateurs were contacted by the pair during their stay, as well as government authorities.

JA8BMK says he has the documentation in hand and will be sending it to Newington; he will be back in Burma later this summer and will be taking some radio equipment to operate and then leave for the locals. A check of the Callbook will reveal a number of Burmese licensees; they have not been allowed to transmit for sixteen years, but it is now felt that the door has been cracked for them to do so in the near future.

Tokelau ZM7JS

Jim Smith, VK9JS, came on the air from Tokelau as promised Monday, June 1; he, VK2BJL, and KB7NW will be on the island for about a week, operating 10-80 Meters.

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Peter, S2BTF, had been rumored to be intending more operations from Bangladesh, from about June 5th or so. Chances of this are slimmed considerably by the May 31 coup de etat in Bangladesh, which claimed the life of the President. When he was on about a year ago, Peter's favorite spot was the 15-Meter "Family Hour," 21345 at 0000Z. He did not operate any CW.

That rumored operation from "Bouvet" will sign either VK9XR/3Y or VK0VR/3Y, but it will not count as Bouvet. The operation will be from Peter I Island, which counts for DXCC as Antarctica.

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HR Report (and others) are saying that J28AZ will operate from "Yemen" sometime in mid-June. They don't specify which Yemen but surely mean North Yemen 4W.

ANOTHER W4MGN AFRICAN OPERATION

Ed Richmond, W4MGN, has released details of his next operations from Africa, to commence June 19. Ed, a linguist, will operate in the same manner as before...i.e., split frequency on the usual spots, working by districts only when pileups necessitate, and working by districts according to propagation. That is, usually starting with N.A. West Coast and working East.

Ed will be operating from established stations in the following countries: Senegal (6W8JI), Gabon (TR8MX), Central African Republic (TL8CN), Burundi (9U5JM), Rwanda (9X5MH), Kenya (5Z4RL), Liberia (EL2AV) and the Gambia (C5AAP).

Ed will be using the callsign of his host except for C5ACC, EL2AG (his own callsigns) and an anticipated TL0 callsign from C.A.R.

QSL manager for these operations is Bill Dunbar, WA4VDE, Route 5, Box 107, Canton GA 30114. No cards will be answered until Ed returns from Africa (with the logs).

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The KP2A Desecheo operation slated to begin June 8 will last a week and includes the following operators: KP2A, WA2MOE, K2DT, WB2VFT, K2UQ, WB2KXA, N2OO, N2CW, N5ADC, K8CW, K8HV, WB8ZJW, K1MEM, and KP4AM. They will be using equipment donated or loaned by (among others) Dentron, MFJ, Bench, CDE, Hy-Gain, and Radios Unlimited.

Permit for the operation was granted by the U.S. Department of the Interior, with the caveat that another permit will probably not be issued for a "very long time."

The last (and only accepted-for-DXCC) operation from Desecheo got four operators and their gear to the island by helicopter, taking four trips in the 'chopper. IDXF has not yet revealed how they are getting twenty operators to the island this time!

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May 26, 1981

"Approximately one year ago, a group of fourteen amateur radio operators both in the western United States and in Europe involving six countries got together and were discussing the sorry state into which DXing has fallen. It seemed to the group that the original purpose of DXing, the spreading of international good will and fellowship, etc., had degenerated into a new form of the hobby which we called 'QSLing.' At that time, our group, which includes ten members of the Honor Roll, attempted to figure out a way to make an impact on amateur radio, the ARRL, and DXing in general.

"Our group has never been anti-League or anti-DXCC. What we are against is QSLing at any price, lack of concern for others, and the virtual disintegration of the generally good-natured camaraderie and willingness to help others that had characterized DXing in the past. The characteristics of DXing have become greed, avarice, and unconcern for others in search of the almighty QSL. Witness the plight of the poor, rare DX operator who gets on the air, and is totally smothered by stations in quest of the almighty QSL. This forces stations to resort to lists so that the poor guy can make a contact. This phenomenon has spread throughout the world and is not just an American problem, as witnessed by the problems that the most polite of amateurs, the Japanese, had in the demonstration two years ago in China.

"It was unbelievable to us how many 'straight' amateurs accepted blank QSL cards and submitted them to the League. This is only the tip of the iceberg, as it is a well known fact that working stations for friends while they are out of town or unable to work rare DX, and even phone-patching those stations through has become a commonplace, everyday habit.

"We think that the integrity of DXing is much more important than the integrity of DXCC and our efforts were aimed along those lines. Our original plan was not to go public with all of this at this time; however, events have forced us to do so.

"No QSLs were sent out by our group for contacts during this sunspot cycle. Many members of our group have gone on numerous DXpeditions and it was decided that all of our respective QSL managers would be kept completely in the dark about this so as not to endanger their fine reputations. As far as we are concerned, this 'operation' is over as we feel we have made our point. No further distribution of cards will be coming from our group. We estimate that between twenty

and twenty-five thousand (emphasis added) QSL cards have been sent and accepted by amateurs throughout the world in every continent except Antarctica.

"We must stop this insane QSL chasing and go back to DXing for the sake of DXing and not just for the sake of a QSL card."

73,

David G. Gardner, M.D.
K6LPL

And so the QSL card scandal, which "broke" first in TDXB five weeks ago, in our Issue 88, has now broken still further.

At this point, the greatest question in the minds of DXers must be what will happen to QSLs they are holding from legitimate operations by K6LPL and others of his 'group.' Gardner has turned in his own DXCC membership and resigned from DXCC, which will have no bearing on the situation.

The decision will be made by the ARRL staff, and will set a precedent. No QSLs for the two most recent K6LPL operations, J2Ø/A and K6LPL/CEØZ have yet been answered.

TDXB welcomes your letters for publication on this matter.

On lighter matters, now a correction to a correction! This past winter, K2GNC made the first 160 Meter JA-to-Northeast-USA contact (W1, 2, 3). That is as W1BB said in his 160 Meter newsletter. The contacts made a couple of weeks earlier were by stations in the U.S. fourth call area.

Now for a discussion of whether it is harder to work JA on 160 from Florida than it is from New York!

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Dave Fisk, KALCY, reports that he made 6000 CW contacts during his five-day stay at the home of D4CBC last month. Dave concentrated on CW exclusively because of the demand for code contacts with Cape Verde. He used a TS830, SB200, and Julio's TH6DXX. Dave made some contacts on 40 and 80 despite horrendous static.

Air transportation to the islands is very convenient, because daily flights from New York's Kennedy airport to South Africa make a refueling stop on Sal Island. From there, local air transport provides a means of getting to Sao Vicente Island, 170 miles away. D4CBC lives in the capital city of Mindelo. Dave reports that the islands are almost immune to commercialization and tourism, probably because both are virtually non-existent.

QSL only CW contacts made by Dave to KALCY.

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

Low BandsC31WK/7005/04E/25
KC4XR/
C6A/7006/01E/28

K5IU/

C6A/3503/01E/29
GD5DVT/7008/01E/28
GJ5DTV/7004/02E/30
HC1SK/7004/11E/23HH2VP/7004/04E/26
HZ1HZ/7007/02C/26
TG9XGV/7001/03E/25
TL8CN/7005/04C/20

N6YK/

VP2A/7001/00E/29
ZB2EO/7005/02E/25
ZF2AH/7026/04E/24
ZL2SQ/7008/06E/26AfricaCN8AT/21310/23C/29
C5ACA/14205/07E/24
D4CBC/14206/08E/24
EA9HU/21029/15C/22
EC9AF/21028/14C/28
EA9HY/21272/00E/29
EL9C/14215/07E/24
FRØFLO/14224/11C/25
FRØFLO/14218/13E/25

DF3NZ/

ST2/21291/23E/24
SU1AL/14201/02E/29
TL8AA/14015/04E/29
TL8CN/21030/17E/27
TYA11/14220/23E/22
VQ9AA/14205/10C/25
VQ9AA/14222/12E/25
VQ9AA/21252/14E/28
XT2AW/21030/01E/24
ZD8TC/21023/18C/27ZE1BZ/14207/14C/24
3B8DB/14225/12C/22
3B8DB/14234/12E/26
3B8DB/14213/11C/27
3D6AB/14210/11C/25
3D6AB/14206/12C/26
3D6AB/14231/12E/28
3B8DB/21297/04E/23
3B8CF/21030/18C/27
5N2LED/14064/03E/24
5Z4CI/14208/12C/225Z4YV/21032/21E/23
5Z4YV/21029/20C/25
5Z4YV/21288/23E/29
6W8EX/21014/16E/25
7X2LS/14218/21C/24
7X2LS/21358/00E/28
8Q7AV/14208/11C/23
9G1RT/21288/23C/23
9G1RT/21289/00C/24
9G1UU/21274/18E/25
9J2TJ/21273/20E/24AsiaA4XIH/14240/02C/22
A7XE/21025/16E/24
A9XDD/14241/03E/24
BV2A/14023/12W/27
CR9AK/14320/12C/23
HL9WZ/14209/10C/23
HL9DX/14225/12E/27
HL9DX/14215/12E/28
HS2AMX/14006/11E/22
HS5AID/14036/11E/23
HSLAMM/14320/12C/23
HZ1AB/21255/19E/28
JY5ZM/14220/05E/27OD5JU/14206/06E/26
OD5MR/21270/19E/24
UF6VAA/21260/01E/22
UF6VAA/21295/03E/23
UK7GAA/21032/02E/23
UI8TAA/14026/00C/27
UI8LBA/14015/02E/28
UJ8SAO/14026/00C/23
UJ8JAS/21030/23E/28
UM8MAZ/14011/02E/28
VS5TX/14211/12W/23
VS5TX/14220/13C/23
VS5TX/14218/13C/24
VS6EY/14014/10E/25VS6EL/14210/13C/27
VU2AU/14213/12C/23
VU2BBJ/14202/11E/24
VU2BK/14026/00C/27
VU2TS/21031/01C/23
VU2SUN/21024/03E/23
XZ5A/21171/20C/22
XZ5A/21171/18W/27
XZ5A/21007/19C/27
4S7EA/14208/00E/23
4S7EA/14206/00E/24
4S7MX/14013/00E/27
9M2LN/14041/12C/22
9M2MW/14253/11E/279M2RQ/14211/15E/29
9M2GZ/28511/01C/23
9M6MH/14239/12C/23
9M8PW/14253/11E/27
9N1MM/14320/12C/23
9N1MM/14235/00E/25
9V1UQ/14010/12E/23
9V1UY/14008/11C/26
9V1UQ/14221/11C/27
9V 3FL/21016/16E/25
9V1UH/21295/17E/27
9V1UH/21295/16E/28EuropeC31WK/14030/23E/25
C31WK/14210/03E/29
C31WK/21025/19C/27
C31GA/21301/12E/27
EA6IT/14223/03E/24
FC9UC/14207/23E/27GD5DUR/14230/04E/29
GD5GCV/21025/15C/26
GD5DUR/21250/16E/29
GJ2LU/14025/01C/27
DALWA/
HBØ/21025/23E/28
JX2BZ/14221/23E/26JX6BAA/14217/01E/27
LX1ML/14007/23E/23
N2BVJ/
LX/21302/13E/30
M1C/14206/02E/26
OX3NB/14027/23W/25
SV1JG/5/14205/04E/25SVØBV/5/14216/00E/28
SV1JG/5/14205/03E/29
UA2FDB/14014/05E/26
YL1P/14202/01E/23
ZC4YC/14025/04C/29
3A2EE/14207/05E/27
9H1BP/21072/21C/26OceaniaC21AM/14218/11E/23
KP4KK/
DU2/14027/10E/25
DU2AI/14226/11E/25
FK8CW/14033/13E/24
FK8CE/14207/11E/25
FK8CW/14021/06E/26
FK8CW/14028/11C/26
FK8DK/14020/11C/28
FK8CW/21033/05C/23
FK8CW/21031/03W/27
FK8DD/28602/01C/23
FO8FN/14025/04E/27FO8HA/21025/02E/23
FO8HA/28009/00E/29
FW8SC/14215/05E/26
FW8SC/14214/05C/27
H44SH/14208/12C/24
H44FH/28543/00E/23
KC6JC/14223/12E/22
KG6JFO/14047/11E/23
KS6DV/14224/11C/25
KS6DV/21347/01E/18
KX6MY/14215/05E/26
AH2L/14220/11C/22
AH2L/14210/13C/24
AH2L/14207/12C/25KH2AJ/14210/09C/28
AH2A/21329/00E/28
KH3AB/21028/22C/22
KH3AB/21028/19C/23
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CP8AL/21027/15E/24
CP8AL/21033/01E/28
FY7YE/21053/21C/26HH2VP/21028/00C/28
HKØBKX/21290/14E/24
HKØBKX/28023/19C/23
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HR2/14019/05W/24J73PS/14208/22E/25
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YV5ARY/14090/02C/18
OE8LKK/14100/23C/19
EA4CY/14092/00C/20
ZF1CG/14096/01C/20
TG9GI/14088/18C/24G3WW/14093/19C/24
FP8HL/14092/19C/24
VP9GE/14086/01C/25
FG7BG/14086/01C/25
HL9JV/14085/11C/27
JH1BIH/14093/12C/27DU1MEL/14091/12C/27
DU1RBN/14089/15C/27

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Bangladesh S2BTF Rumored now; Issue 93
 Somalia 601AU W8HMI trying now; I. 92
 Spratly 1S Rumored now; I. 92
 Bouvet Rumors not true; I. 93
 Tokelau ZM7JS On now; I. 93

Yemen 4W Rumored mid-June; I. 93
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 WA8ONQ, inc. VHF

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 Senegal 6W8JI Jun. 19-26, W4MGN, I. 93
 Aland Is. OHØ Jun. 13-22; Issue 90
 Visitor's Day W6AM June 20
 Gabon TR8MX Jun 26-Jul 6, W4MGN, I 93

Aland Is. OHØAM Jun. 26-Jul. 7; I. 93
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Burundi 9U5JM Jul 7-15, W4MGN; I. 93
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Kenya 5Z4RL Jul 18-23, W4MGN, I. 93
 Rwanda 9X5MH Jul 15-18 W4MGN, I. 93
 Gambia C5ACC Jul 29-Aug 10, W4MGN,
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Aland Is. OH6JW Approx. Aug. 3-10

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The OH DX Rign (OH2AM) will operate from both the Aland Islands and Market Reef as follows:

OHØAM June 26-Jul. 7
 OJØAM Jul. 13-Jul. 20

3505, 7005, 14025, 21025, 28025

3799, 7095, 14195, 14220, 21295, 21320, 28520

Operators will be OH2BNP, OH2JA, and OH2-BQS, using a pair of FT902DM's and MLA2500 linears. This for Aland Island.

On Market Reef, operators will be OH1XX, OH2BAD, SMØGMG, W6EUF, OH2BH, OHØXX and OHØNA. QSL all to OH2BH.

The following group of Dutch amateurs will activate Monaco July 10-20: PAØSIM, PA2WLE, PA3AKP, PE1AMC, PE1AUX, and PE1CUG.

CW: 5 KHz up from bottom band edge
 SSB: 3790, 7065, 14141, 21312, 28582

This group calls itself the "Monaco DX-pedition Group" and will be using an FT101 and TH3JR and long wire on the HF bands; they'll also be active on 6 Meters with an IC211, amplifier, and 10 element beam.

QSL to PA3ARM.

OH2BH, K1CY, W1BB, K6LPL, WA8CZS, IDXF, WB2KWY, W4MGN, K1RM, W1DQH, W3NB, K6SX, W6ITH, W7YF, JA3AER, W9OBF, WØLHS, W5DV, W2HAZ, XE1NI, KA3R, WA2SQY, WØBW, N4NW, K5BLV, N8BKB, WA4YZF, W4LCL, W8UVZ, KAØE, WØ8ZRL, WA2ORX, K6IR, W1NG, WB3CQA, W4VQ, WD5AAM, WB2FZS, WB4TCH, K1KD, K1AS, K4XL, WA2PHA, KP4EQF, K3ZJ

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You can buy a paperback world atlas for one dollar (postpaid) by sending to "World Atlas," Documentary Books, PO BOX 7777, New York NY 10001. It's not bad.

Canada still has banned countries: TA, XU, XV, YI, 5A, 60, 70, and 9Q. The USA has not had any amateur radio banned countries for a half-dozen years or so.

A friend of TDXB in the U.S. Department of State is looking for a spot to choose for his first overseas assignment. He just missed going on a fact-finding trip to China this month because his super security clearance is still tied up in gov't paperwork. He says the problems with any operations from either the Andamans or the Laccadives center around pirates on both spots. That's why even the Indian amateurs cannot go there.

Recent visitors to TDXB included DF9ZO, OZ1LO, OZ5DX and OZ1VY; the OZs were all vacationing Stateside and were in Connecticut for the FOC annual dinner. This gathering used to be called the FOC "mini-dinner," but this year, with 65 in attendance, they have decided to start calling it the "North American Dinner." That's apparently almost as many FOCers as the "big" dinner in England draws annually.

Joe Rudi, WA6PVA, a TDXB reader, was visiting in Newington last week. He was recently traded from the California Angels to the Boston Red Sox. We understand the League talked to Joe about a major part in their next amateur radio film for young people.

That ARRL Central Division director's race (Issue 91) is not dead, as a number of callers from Indiana and Illinois have indicated; it is just the League which wishes it were dead, apparently.

June QST's "How's DX?" column lists most of the DX publications; write to them for samples. Gus Browning's magazine was conspicuously absent from the list. If Gus takes off on his promised long-term world cruise, his daughter, who is not a ham, will be doing the DXers Magazine for the duration.

If you haven't returned your TDXB survey sheet, do it now! Please. TNX.