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PROPAGATION: Jun 12, Below Normal/Dis-  
turbed; Jun 13, High/Low Normal; Jun 14,  
Low/Below Normal; Jun 15, Low Normal; Jun  
16, Below Normal; Jun 17, High/Low Normal;  
Jun 18, High Normal; Jun 19, 20, 21, Low  
Normal; Jun 22, High Normal; Jun 23, High/  
Above Normal; Jun 24, High/Low Normal; Jun  
25, 26, 27, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

## DESECHEO

First QSO by KP2A/Desecheo was W1GKK,  
0027Z Jun 9. That was, by the way, country  
#366 for W1GKK. Jun 9 was spent with op-  
eration just on 20 SSB with the initial set-  
up, while group members lugged generators,  
aerials, etc up the hillside to the operating  
site. They expect to be on all bands  
through June 15. QSL AF2C (TDXB 91).

## BURMA

ARRL's DXCC desk has received a telegram  
from JA8BMK, saying that documentation will  
be sent to Newington shortly. JA8BMK will  
return to Burma in August or September, with  
more radio equipment. He found an old yagi  
beam with rotten coax there and hopes to  
replace both with newer items.

Big news is that two Burmese operators,  
initiated by JA8BMK, are now active on the  
bands; their names are Sanplo and Layboc,  
and they are not experienced hams. JA8BMK  
hopes to help train them when he returns.  
No mention has been made of those operators  
listed in the Callbook who have been waiting  
years to be able to transmit again.

Sanplo and Layboc have been authorized  
XZ5A and XZ9A; the rumors about a possible  
XZ5B are not true. The two are using a 75-  
watt rig on SSB only with a 20 Meter dipole.  
Several JA stations have been working with  
W7PHO to get the two on 14225 at about 1530Z,  
but propagation has not been there to North  
America and they may start trying earlier.  
15 Meters was also tried last week but only  
JA stations could be worked.

JA1MIN sent TDXB a tape of the XZ5A op-  
eration on May 24 and again May 27, with

XZ5A in the right channel and W6/W7 sta-  
tions in the left speaker; this was on  
21170, and the signal from Burma to Chiba  
city. Japan was certainly good, al-  
though there was intentional jamming on  
XZ5A's frequency for the duration. One  
can hear about a hundred W6 and W7 stations  
work the Burma station, as well as a  
couple of lucky W5s.

## K6LPL's LETTER

"Mystifying." "Incredible." "Insane."  
"Incomprehensible." "Confusing." "What?"

These were just a few words used by cal-  
lers in response to K6LPL's letter in Issue  
93. Many readers had just read the June  
QST editorial, which was not exactly clear,  
either.

K6LPL's QSL manager, W6ORD, who is not  
implicated in the phoney QSL scheme, has  
been sending out J20/A cards the past few  
weeks, and K6LPL/CE0Z cards will follow  
soon. Can you submit these and expect to  
receive DXCC credit for them? The answer,  
unfortunately, is not known. ARRL's DXAC  
and/or Headquarters Advisory Committee  
are probably going to be forced into rul-  
ing on the entire matter, and the outcome  
of their deliberations cannot be predic-  
ted.

There is more to this than just the fake  
QSLs for operations in the late 60's and  
early 70's; it has now come to light that  
certain members of "the group" also handed  
out blank QSLs for more recent operations.

Those persons who legitimately contacted  
K6LPL from one of his DXpedition spots and  
received a valid QSL should go ahead and  
submit for credit; at this point they are  
still perfectly acceptable.

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The ZM7 operation by VK9NS, VK2BKD and VK2BJL has been completed; they used three callsigns...ZM7JS, ZM7ZR and ZM7KD, all QSLs going to VK2BJL, VK2BKD and VK9NS, respectively. They had a very rough sea trip from Apia, and the boat had to wait on another island because it could not lay off shore on Tokelau. The generator did not work properly, and all operations were with a barefoot IC701.

UK1PGO Franz Josef Land has been active again, on the Family Hour 1500Z/14224; the logs won't get to whoever will be doing them until around September, and QSLing to Box 88 Moscow is recommended, as the status of UA1OSM is still in doubt.

F6CYL has begun answering QSL requests for G3JKI/5A; she has sent out about 2,000 of them, in order by date, and a couple of weeks ago had worked her way up to Oct, 1980. These are still NOT acceptable for DXCC credit in Newington, so don't submit.

ZL1AMO says... he will definitely operate from Lord Howe Island July 6-13 as VK4ANS/LH. He is also working on a Kermadec outing in November or December of this year, but needs financial help.

W1JTI got the callsign OY1KH for his Faroe operation coming in July; he will concentrate on CW, working novices, too. 80-10 Meters.

Although another operation from Africa by K4YT has been rumored elsewhere, Karl says nothing in planning at this time. He is still resting from the last trip. Cards have been printed for his VK4NIC/3X operating and will be out before long (via W2TK).

The Atlanta Hamfestival June 20/21 will feature WA4WME's "Greatest DXpeditions" slide show. Hugh Vandegrift, a veteran of the 1978 Clipperton expedition, will narrate.

We are happy to note that Katashi Nose, KH6IJ, continues his recovery from a stroke suffered a couple of years ago, and he is writing his weekly radio column in the Honolulu Star Bulletin newspaper. His May 21 column reported, among other things, that several KH6 stations worked ZS3E on 6 Meters in May.

Is it an Astro? A Cubic? A Swan? We haven't decided, but it is definitely a 102BXA, newly arrived at TDXB, and will be reviewed soon.

A new product for DXers is the DX EDGE, produced by XANTEK, Inc, PO Box 834, Madison Square Stn, New York NY 10159. What it is is a double plastic world map, hand sized, with overlays for each month of the year which slip over the world map. You set the overlay for your local time and the overlay shows what areas of the world are in sunlight, which ones are in the dark, and (most important) where the "Grey Line" is. We've never seen anything quite like the DX EDGE and it's pretty ingenious. A product review will follow shortly...you can get a brochure from XANTEK. \$14.95 ppd.

TDXB received the following information direct from Japan, and was told to withhold it until further notice; since QRZ DX has published some of it we might as well go ahead...JA1AEA is in N. Yemen now, having left Japan 28 May for a 45-day stay. He is supervising construction of vhf radio rigs for the police to use. Jim Suzuki, JA1AEA, had not, as of June 3, Telexed his home office to say he had amateur radio permission, but he still expects to get it sometime.

Is it easier to work Japan on 160 from W1 or W4??? W1BB says definitely W4... he explains that the "auroral oval" absorbs almost 100 pct of the signal JA/W1, and that to his knowledge only one JA has ever even been heard on 160 in W1, none ever worked. K2GNC made it last February by virtue of being 250 miles south (on Long Island). Actually, the working of JAs last winter by stations any where along the Eastern Seaboard was a great achievement...we congratulate all involved.

ARRL's DX Advisory Committee voted 8-3 in favor of granting DXCC status to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta last week. Their vote is a recommendation to Newington, which will make the final decision. Much of the credit goes to K3ZJ, whose air-tight case was published in TDXB earlier this year. Hold your 1A0KM cards for now until the Headquarters gives the go-ahead. (Guess it's about time I sent a card to 1A0KM -Ed).

K6XT/Wake Island (Issue 92) is on earlier than expected, having fired up Jun 8; he is working almost exclusively CW.



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

<u>Africa</u>	FRØFLO/14226/11C/5	TL8CN/21030/15E/7	5Z4YV/21294/20C/31
CN2AQ/21040/22E/3	J28CC/14206/13C/4	TR8MX/21292/21E/2	5Z4CA/21293/23E/3
CN8AT/21303/21C/3	J28CI/21024/22E/2	ZD8TC/28035/16E/31	6W8EX/21025/16E/2
C5ADS/28520/17E/3	J28CH/21293/17E/4	ZE2JD/28020/16E/31	8@8JU/21304/18E/5
D4CBC/14202/11C/1	LA1RR/	3B8DB/14028/10E/3	6W8IC/28524/16E/31
EA9IE/14285/06C/30	STØ/21302/18E/5	3B8DB/14231/10C/4	7X2LS/21292/19E/4
EA9GA/14025/22E/2	SU1AL/14200/01C/29	3B8CF/21031/04E/1	8Q7AV/14217/12E/2
EA9JT/14207/05E/4	W5JMM/	3D6AB/14202/11C/1	9G1UH/21286/15E/3
EC9AV/21025/15E/2	SU/21370/23C/2	3D6AB/14223/11E/3	9G1RT/21278/14E/6
EL5G/21299/02E/4	S79WHW/14225/16E/1	5NØNAS/28533/16E/31	9J2WS/21004/17E/3
FRØFLO/14214/12E/31	S79WHW/21301/02C/1	5V7HL/21278/18E/5	9X5MH/21255/19E/5
<u>Asia</u>	HZ1AB/14227/04C/31	4S7EA/21295/17E/3	9V1UQ/14220/12E/1
A51PN/14320/12C/31	HZ1HZ/28024/18E/31	4S7EA/21300/17E/5	9V1UQ/14012/11E/2
A51PN/21320/01E/31	JTØWA/21026/00E/1	VE7AAZ/	9V1UQ/14221/11E/2
A7XA/14265/19E/1	JY3ZH/14220/22E/31	4U/14214/01E/5	
A9XCE/21030/04E/3	OD5MR/28597/14E/6	9M2MW/14250/10E/31	
BV2B/14213/12C/4	UF6FAO/21009/16E/3	9M2LN/21025/16E/2	
EP2TY/14207/21E/31	UI8ACG/14050/11E/2	9M6MH/14214/11E/31	
EP2TY/21300/19E/5	VS6CT/21295/17E/5	9N1MM/14205/12C/3	
<u>Oceania</u>	H44DX/14210/10E/1	KH3AB/14027/12E/31	VK9NL/14024/10E/4
DU9RG/14202/10E/1	H44PT/14223/12E/3	KC6JC/14235/09E/4	YBØPG/14209/11E/4
DU9RG/14224/13E/3	H44DX/14220/10E/4	(E.C.)	YJ8RG/14285/06C/30
DU9RG/14205/10E/5	H44WH/14205/11E/7	KG6RT/14226/12E/31	YJ8BG/14224/10E/2
FK8DV/14285/06C/30	JA9IAX/	KX6BU/14274/11E/1	ZK1AR/14220/07E/4
FK8DK/14016/11E/2	JD1/14025/07W/2	KX6QC/14019/06W/3	ZK1BD/21034/04W/2
FK8DP/14030/10E/4	AH2AC/14215/12E/31	KX6BU/21029/00E/5	ZK2BGD/14206/08E/3
FO8AG/14012/06E/2	KB7IJ/	P29MM/14220/14E/31	ZK2BGD/21016/04E/1
FW8SC/14215/05E/26	KH2/14213/10E/6	P29GC/14225/11C/1	ZL3AFH/A/14320/09E/4
FW8SC/14214/04E/3	AH2L/14209/12E/6	P29DI/14212/10E/3	ZL3PA/C/14220/07E/4
H44FH/14214/13E/31		T32AB/14207/06E/3	
<u>Elsewhere</u>	EA6DD/21003/18C/2	KP2A/14204/10E/9	UK1PGO/14225/04C/31
CEØAC/21247/04E/1	FC9UC/14018/22E/3	M1C/14215/01E/31	UK1PGO/14225/15E/1
DJ4SN/	FC9UC/21011/17E/2	M1C/14220/23E/1	VP2ET/14211/01E/6
CP8/21005/18C/3	HC8KA/14204/03C/31	OHØBH/14217/00E/1	VP8PH/14208/11C/5
CT8USA/28547/15E/6	HKØEHM/14285/06C/30	SV1IW/5/21025/22E/31	4U1UN/21288/15C/31
C31GA/14213/04C/31	HKØBKX/14010/03E/4	SV5VU/21271/00C/3	
C31VK/28597/14E/6	KC4USV/14222/10E/3	TF3YH/14220/20E/1	

HELP!!!

# PROPAGATION

W1VKQ needs VQ9BP (73)

W9ZR Needs 5R8BC (70), CP6FG (72),

KW6HB (72), JE1CKA/C21 (73).

DATE	FLUX	ALPHA	K
5/19	189	15	3
5/20	176	29	4
5/21	176	11	2
5/22	166	7	2
5/23	156	15	2
5/24	166	17	4
5/25	173	20	3
5/26	169	12	2
5/27	172	8	2
5/28	177	17	3
5/29	166	8	2
5/30	164	9	2



# CALENDAR

Desecheo KP2A Now to Jun 15  
 Yeman 4W By JA1AEA soon; this issue  
 Wake Is. KH9 By K6XT now; Issue 92  
 Carib. VP2 E, M, A, Jun 8-19; now  
 by WA8ONQ

Aland Is OHØ Jun 13-22; Issue 90  
 Senegal 6W8JI By W4MGN Jun 19-26; I. 93  
 Visitors W6AM Jun 20  
 Gabon TR8DX By W4MGN Jun 26-Jul 6  
 Aland Is GHØAM Jun 26-Jul 7; I. 93

C.A.R. TLØ By W4MGN Jul 1, I. 93  
 Min. Tor. KA2AA By WA4TKR early Jul  
 Riv. Gidedo XF4F Rumored Jul 3-6  
 Lord Howe VK4ANS/LH Jul 6-13; I. 94  
 Burundi 9U5JM By W4MGN Jul 7-15; I. 93

Aland Is OHØ Jul 8-13  
 Monaco 3A Jul 10-20 details later  
 Market R. OJØ Jul 13-20; I. 93  
 Kenya 5Z4RL By W4MGN Jul 18-23; I. 93  
 Rwanda 9X5MH By W4NGN Jul 15-18; I. 93

Liberia EL2AG By W4MGN Jul 24-29; I. 93  
 Gambia C5ACC By W4MGN Jul 29-Aug 10  
 Aland Is OHØ By OH6JW Aug. 3-10

Father Danny Cole, P29CC, handled another emergency situation on May 31...he has been involved a number of times recently in aiding boats and ships in trouble in that area of the Pacific. KI7K in Boise Idaho helped Father Danny by getting a local doctor phone-patched in, plus notifying the Coast Guard. Honolulu Coast Guard also got into the act and arranged evacuation for an injured sailor.

How did you do on that DX Quiz we published two weeks ago??? Not so good? Join the crowd, it was tough. TDXB is sitting on a couple more, both a little more realistic for those of us who are PDW (Post Danny Weil).

Look for the results of the TDXB Second Annual Countries Needed Survey at the end of this month; it will fill a complete issue, with space for the Calendar and that's about it. We have received something just over a thousand back, out of 2300 mailed out.

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# EDITORIAL EDITORIAL EDITORIAL

What would you do if you were in the position of the ARRL/DXCC? Suddenly here is an active DXpeditioner who has provided many with new countries the past few years in apparently legitimate and valid operations, now saying he and his friends have printed and sent thousands of bogus QSL cards around the world, as some kind of perverse joke. While these merry pranksters claim no intention of "undermining DXCC or ARRL," they have done so in terms of tying up hours of headquarters staff members' time and energy.

Cards are apparently floating around the world, just waiting for their recipients to submit them, bogus though they may be. Some will be submitted unknowingly, others will will be submitted malevolently. No group is without its cheaters. The "group," those who provided the bad cards in the first place, knew exactly what they were doing. The effect is just as predictable. DXing's image will not be enhanced.

QRZ DX may have no opinion, nor may the other publications, but TDXB does have its thoughts. Maybe it is because we have more experience close to the situation than the others. We suggest the League do the following:

1. Compile and make public a complete list of callsigns of those involved in the scheme.
2. Compile and make public a complete list of callsigns for which bad QSLs were printed and distributed.
3. Decide as soon as possible the fate of recent operations by K6LPL and others regarding their acceptability for DXCC credit.

W1CW and W3AZD worked too hard to deserve less.