SERRANA BANK More information on the HKØAA operations indicates that it will be a Serrana Bank operation and not Baja Nuevo. The operation will run from June 17th to June 21st and will cover all usable bands, both SSB and CW. OSLs for this HKØAA operation will go to LCRA, Box 584, Bogota, Colombia.

MI ATHOS Enough details are surfacing on the Mt. Athos operation to add something solid to the speculation. SVIGA last Tuesday in a QSO with a W6 advised that a 3-element beam was about all that could be erected and that a 6-element beam to work the Suffering Sixes and Sevens would not be feasible.

Aris also indicated the possibility of a W6 being in on the effort to take care of the Western Reaches. He noted that on the last outing to Mt. Athos that some 5000 QSOs had been made into the eastern portion of the U.S. and that there was some merit to concentrating on the suffering ones on this trip.

Regardless of the mutual back-scratching, it does seem that another Mt. Athos effort will come in the coming months as the present plans jell. More will be coming on this and in the meanwhile, remember what Lord Baden-Powell, the Hero of Mafeking, would often say: "Be Prepared!!".

DXAC The July QST will have the following item about the DXAC:

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#### DXAC NOTES

The DXAC has placed the following item on its April 1975 Agenda for consideration in August. Written comments are solicited from all DXers via ARRL headquarters for DXAC distribution.

1) Should the words 'cross mode or' be eliminated from the second sentence in Paragraph 4 of the 5BDXCC requirements?

Paragraph 4 reads: "4. Confirmations showing contacts by any legal mode will be acceptable. However, no contacts made by cross mode or cross band are acceptable nor will endorsements for mode be given or indicated. Contacts using repeaters or repeater satellites are not acceptable.

> /s/ R L White W1CW Assistant Communications Manager DXAC Headquarters Liaison

There's your chance to get your comments in early.

NIGERIA The seems to have been a possible change of attitude towards Amateur Radio in the Nigerian government and the first new amateur license in years has been issued to 5N2NAS, a station at a navy base. Erik, 5N2ESH, who is frequently heard from Nigeria, is presently out of the country on leave in England. When at 5N2ESH, Erik is using a 30L1 with a tri-band beam up 60'.

SEASIA Don Riebhof, XUIDX, departed Thailand last week enroute back to the states. Don planned to make a farewell tour through the Orient, visiting in Hong Kong, Philippines, Taiwan, Japan, Guam and Hawaii enroute. XW8AL, Houmpanh Saignasith, for whom some concern had been expressed, was last week reported safely out of Laos. He was considered in possible jeopardy because of his former high ministerial position in the Vientiane government. SUNSPOT LOUIE The two sunspots shown on last weeks chart disappeared to the back side of the sun on May 6th and no new activity has been seen since that time. Viewing conditions have been good so any spots that might have appeared would have been noted at the W8ZOK QTH. Higher frequencies continue to be useless but twenty does bring some openings at times. At the Swiss Federal Observatory at Zurich, there were seventeen days in April when no sunspots at all were noted. There were none noted from the first of April to the fourth and then there was twelve day period from April 11th to the 23rd when none was noted. There were only fhree days

when the count got over twenty, this being on April 5th (21); April 27th (26) and on April 30th (20).

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A revision of the predictions for Smoothed Monthly Sunsport Numbers brings some surprises and further bolsters the feeling that the bortom of the cycle i hand. The prediction, released two weeks ago, puts the SSN at:

May	12	July	10	September	8	
June	11	August	. 9	October	7	

W4UMF says that the conditions for the last week of May may be the best seen in quite awhile. As Decoration Day is a moveable one these days, it will be this coming week end which will be the long one and many will be able to take advantage of things if W4UMF hits it right....which he always does magnificently. Actually, absolutely stupendous. What else can one say??

Anyhow, Ted says:

May	20th	Below Normal		May 28th	High Normal
	21st	Below Normal		29th	High Normal
	22nd	Below Normal	and the second	30th	Low Normal
	23rd	Low Normal		31st	Low Normal
	24th	Low Normal		June 1st	Low Normal
	25th	High Normal		2nd	Disturbed
	26th	High Normal		3rd	Below Normal
	27th	High Normal			and the second second

Ted says to start checking the polar path on the evening of May 24th. There will be some geomagnetic activity coming around June 2nd which will drop things.

W6TTS comes through with the recent readings on the solar flux:

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#### TI9-COCOS

Some of the answers on the TI9FAG-Cocos operation may not surface for some time yet but there has been a bit of additional information received, all of which follows.

From TI2WD there has been some additional correspondence and his letters plus some documents he forwarded are reproduced below:

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#### WEST COAST DX BULLETIN

Some more on TI9FAG.

As I wrote before, there was no authorization for any other than Mr. Fernando Alfaro, TI2FAG/TI9FAG to operate from Cocos. 1 am now enclosing photocopies" of the cables that was sent to Aldo Diener, HB9AQM, advising him of the cancellation of the permit to operate from Cocos and of a note issued by The Office of Radio Control clearly stating that no authorization was given to any foreign radio amateur to operate with that callsigh. It will now be up to the ARRL to decide if this operation was legal. But let me tell you now, and make it very clear, that the Radio Club of Costa Rica will never give any credit to this operation and will all it can to get ARRL to have this operation disgualified for DXCC.

Your information that Enos, W4VPD, was on this operation fell like a bomb at the club. It is hard to believe that Enos would Deopardize his Image and status with the Club and the CX gang down here. As you all know, Enos, was at Cocos with Carlos, TI2CF, a couple of years ago and then he made many friends here, and we all respect him and admire him as an excellent operator. It just not seem possible that he is part of this 'PIRATE' operation.

Best 73s, /s/ Rodrigo A Madriz TI2WD

Also include with the letter from TI2WD were copies of government communications issued there at San Jose, Costa Rica. The documents were in Spanish and translations into English were supplied. These are reproduced as follows:

[cable]

Mr. Aldo Diener Zurchersstrasse 69 8406 Winterthur Switzerland

Dear Sir:

The authorization to operate a radio amateur station on Cocos Island with the call HB9AQM/T19 has been revoked since you did not present the Reciprocity Treaty.

# Respectfully,

Nisida Jimenez Dam Chief, Legal Department Ministry of Gobernacion

2 April 1975

A second document was issued by another bureau there in San Jose, this from the same ministry however, and this was a month after the above cable.

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This second communication reads:

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In the recent operation from Cocos Island organized by Aldo Diener, the call sign TI9FAG was authorized to be used only by Mr Feranndo Alfaro Gonzalez [TI2FAG].

This Department has not authorized any foreign radio and sur of that expedition to operate TI9FAG.

National Radio Control informed, in writing and verbally, Mr. Aldo Diener (HB9AQM) of this regulation.

According to recordings and reports from our operators, the call sign TI9FAG was used by persons other than the license bearer.

Therefore Mr. Aldo Diener and companions have not paid attention to this Departments regulations.

Respectfully,

Andrey Alexis Acuna Picado Chief Control Nacional de Radio

2 May 1975 San Jose, Costa Rica

That comprises the information sent by T12WD。 It is run in the bulletin just as it was received and DXers should find the documents of interest.

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There has been some additional information relative to this matter and this comes from Juan Chen, HP1JC, who was attending an amateur radio meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica, the first week of this month. Juan writes....

#### Hi -----

4 May 1975

Just finished Amateur Radio Convention FRACAP; the attached stamp is a commemorative.

Regarding the HB9/T19 Cocos license, it was granted on a reciprocal basis, accepting the gentlemen's word that HB9 would answer by return mail their agreement to enter into A.R [amateur radio] reciprocal agreement.

That's the words of Lic G Arroyo, Minister of Telecommunication, who attended the inauguration on Friday night, May 2nd, and telecasted by T.V. satellite thru Central America.

In the Sunday night DXers meeting to decide the recommendation on the fate of the HB9/TI9 DXpedition, I usggested strongly that TI9FAG contacts should be OK but all others to be null and void.

Hope this addition to be included to your part already published.

73 and DX,

/s/ Juan HP1JC

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W7PHZ & Co. on Serrana Bank from June 17th FR7AI late this month .... with QSLs!! VP2SPI by Radio Club of Barbados on June 20th SV1GA possible in next month .... firming! Ed De Young & Friends from some possible new ones... 3B9DL from about June 15th

SOME SHORT NOTES A month or so back our fast typing got TJ1AD as going to K4WKW ... .it should have been K4QKW. On that 9N1MM QSL route, it goes to W2KV .. who used to be W3KVQ. That letter crossed us up again. W3KV handles QSLs for no one ... On that WPX effort, VP5B goes to W40RT as does VP5CW. VP5WW te WB4EYX and VP5AH to WA4DRU. VP5M to WB4QKE.

ShidAGD has not made it yet to the Florida country but is still expected. Erik and W1WQC may work up something down towards the Caribbean country.

The Bronx County Historical Society did have KT2BBC on the air on Sunday, May 18th and you can QSL this one to the Society at 3266 Bainbridge AVe, Bronx, N.Y.10467. That YZ-prefix is a special one for the YUs...

W6GBY/6Y5 was operating from 6Y5BFs QTH and will be there to the end of this week. May even try some of that 160meter stuff. W4NUF caught KP4AN at 1802kc on May 2nd. With the Sunspots going to turn the corner one of these days, the low frequencies may not be this good for some years. That's putting the silver lining on things. KM6EA says that his forty meter antenna is strong .... in fact its the only one that has not given him trouble.

P29FV will be trying that forty meter band each Sunday at 0500Z at 7070KC ... give or take a few. He will be listening at 7230kc and announcing it as he goes. He will also be toiling in the eighty meter country on Monday ..... 3630kc from 1245Z. He will be leaving Port Moresby in August or September for reassignment back to Australia. He is a major in the Signals Department of the Australian Army. Actually, he will be going on leave the end of this week but will be back in mid-June...about the 19th VA7WJ OSLs to VE7WJ....Langley, British Columbia. W70K has in his hands the logs for VK4AK/VK9 Norfolk Island. Gil made about 1200 QSOs....some on forty and eighty. He had to observe a four hour 'quiet period' each evening due to BCI. Don will be ready to supply a speed yQSL ....

TI9VC was still on the air on May 7th .... said to QSL to W9BNH. AS1AB got a lot of action at 14199kc on May 10th. Said he was in Kerua Kingdom between Quebec and Hudson Bay. That DJ1 did make it to Abu Ail some weeks back ..... 30 minutes and 8 QSOs with a dipole. Hopes to make it back in November.

8P6ES says that QSLs for him should to go to Charles Geibel, 1807 Beechwood Drive, Holiday, Florida 33589. He prefers not to have them come to 8P6ES.

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- MACAO At the present the there seems to be scant hope for any CR9 operations with the political changes in Portugal and CR9AK being busy trying to sort things out. There has been one matter of note in recent months concerning Macao and that is the offer of Portugal to give this enclave back to China. China refused to take it! Seems like there are a number of advantages to China to
  - not take it and they want it not. Portugal could just pull out and go home but this is not considered a possibility.
- PAØIWH/S2 Wim has been mentioned a few times lately, first he was supposed to be under arrest, then he was not. The late word at the first part of this month is that the initial report was correct and he is being held by the authorities...incommunicado.

TNX to W1AM, W1WQC/4, WA2AUB, W2FPM, KT2BBC, K3ZOL, W4BA, WB4EYX, W4KA, W4NJF, WB4SIJ, WB4WHE, W4UF, W4UMF, W5AK, K5KEZ, WB5KWU, WA5DES, W5RTQ, WA5WEY, WA5ZWC, W6APW, W6AXH, WA6CPP, W6GC, W6GVM, W6ISI, W6KYA, K6LAE, W60KK, WA6PDE, W6PT, W6RGG, W6TSQ, W6TTS, K6ZDL, WB6ZUC, WA7OBE, W7OK, W7TE, W8BQV, WA8TNJ, W8ZOK, WB9EBO, W9YBA, WØJRN, WAØTAS, KH6BZF, XH1DX/HS, 8P6ES, W1CW, TI2WD, HP1JC.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came by last week, filled with questions as usual. "It's those DX fees", he got started right off with, "as I understand it, the workload of the DXCC has increased so much that they need more help. Right?". We had read this somewhere so we nodded vigor-15 ously, not missing a chance to be right again. The QRPer continued. "So they have this workload which needs more help so they will impose the fees. And after they impose the fees there will be fewer applications for DXCC stuff so the workload will be less and they will not need the extra help .... Right?" Again we nodded to that statement for we had read all of this in the Annual Report of the ARRL. "Well, then", the QRPer went on, "as it shapes up, they will impose the fees to pay for the extra help needed to handle the workload which will not come after they impose the fees so they will not have to hire the extra help. Right? So if they are not going to have the workload and will not need the fees for DXCC to pay for the unneeded help, why are they imposing the fees anyhow?". Son of a Gun, we knew when we had the losing end and we admitted that we were thoroughly confused. But the QRPer was not. He leaned close and fixed his eye on us. "You know what I suspect", he said. "I think it's all part of a careful plan to stick Wayne Green with Amateur Radio. And make him come up with all the answers. That's what I think". We thought this over for a moment and then leaped to our feet. "Why that 's ridiculous", we said. "Absolutely ridiculous!!". The QRPer was quiet for a moment and then he said: "Maybe you re right. But are you sure?". We were sure of nothing at this point except that you can get the WCDXB for \$13.00 a year by First Class mail .... \$15.00 flips it at you by airmail .... Wayne Green??? 

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