

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN

May 20, 1975

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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. QSLs for this HKØAA operation will go to LCRA, Box 584, Bogota, Colombia.

MT ATHOS Enough details are surfacing on the Mt. Athos operation to add something solid to the speculation. SV1GA 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:

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 3OL1 with a tri-band beam up 60'.

SEASIA Don Riebhof, XU1DX, 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.

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

September 8
October 7

Anyhow, Ted says:

May 28th	High Normal
29th	High Normal
30th	Low Normal
31st	Low Normal
June 1st	Low Normal
2nd	Disturbed
3rd	Below Normal

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:

May	9th	69	Solar Flux	12	A Index
	10th	69		21	
	11th	68		3	
	12	68		2	

Howard Hale W6SC

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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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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. I am now enclosing photocopies of the cable 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 callsign. 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 disqualified 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 jeopardize 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/TI9 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 Fernando Alfaro Gonzalez [TI2FAG].

This Department has not authorized any foreign radio amateur 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 TI2WD. It is run in the bulletin just as it was received and DXers should find the documents of interest.

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/TI9 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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MORE RED EYED STUFF

AFRICA SSB

CR6IJ	14202/2125/May	3w	5T5CJ	14215/2205/May	8w	9G1AR	14205/2200/May	10w
EA8JJ	14265/1655/May	9e	7Q7BC	14215/1320/May	3e	9G1GK	14299/2225/May	6e
5L7D	14209/1150/May	11e	9G1JC	14215/2155/May	11e			

EUROPE SSB

EA6BH	14217/1945/May	12m	PAØALO	14210/1810/May	11w	UC2DU	14220/1355/May	4m
EA7XG	14218/2230/May	5m	SVØWKK	14210/1810/May	11w	YZ1BCD	14222/2320/May	11e
E1ØCL	14288/2225/May	13m	TK2MD	14207/2035/May	12m	YZ4AAW	14258/2000/May	11e
G3NVA	14210/1600/May	11m	TK5AD	14207/1445/May	11e	ZB5JW	14211/0105/May	6e
G13JIM	14213/1755/May	11w	TK8RU	14224/2035/May	11w	8SM2EKM	14220/1200/My	5e
GM3JAW	14213/1755/May	11w	TF31RA	14235/0210/May	12w	8SM7ECP	14218/1520/My	4m
I1NIT	14250/0610/May	13w	TK6BIA	14215/1105/May	4e			
IVØZV	14250/0610/May	13w	UK2ØBB	14205/1255/May	4m			
LZ3ØKPO	14211/1115/May	12e	UA30GE	14208/0340/May	9w			
M1C	14254/2230/May	13m	UP3ØWI	14206/1240/May	9e			
OH5WH	14228/1605/May	11w	YU2NFY	14224/1950/May	12m			

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

CP1DN	14236/1130/May	8e	W6AXE/KG6	14260/0500	11m	VP5S0/VP2S	14211/0405	11e
CP5DC	14230/1340/May	10e	KM6EA	14334/2025/May	8e	W3USS	14202/1610/May	10m
DU1REX	14203/1245/May	12e	KS6FD	14240/1405/May	4m	YS1MAE	14214/1335/May	10e
DU1BOX	14202/1305/May	12e	KX6LQ	21343/2250/May	8m	YJ8BL	14204/0610/May	7w
H31JC	14221/1250/May	10e	P29FV	14316/0700/May	6w	YB3DC	14209/1540/May	5w
HH2JT	14312/2150/May	8e	P29UC	21319/2240/May	8w	ZF1WE	14268/1135/May	8e
HP1CU	21360/2220/May	11w	TI2DT	14206/0105/May	8w	ZF1MA	14225/1905/May	5e
HK3RE	14251/0120/May	12w	TI2CAP	14228/0040/May	12w	ZL1WE	14222/0005/May	11m
HC8GI	21307/2250/May	8w	VS5MC	14228/1300/May	12w	9M8VLC	14220/1435/May	11w
KC6JW	14260/0545/May	11w	VR4DX	14220/1300/May	4m	9Y4RM	14212/0145/May	8w

[e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kp = puerto rico etc]
[all times in gmt # = long path ??? = Slim...the last of the phantom DXers!!!!]

ITU CALLSIGNS

W01 to	WA1POJ	WD2 to	W2TUK	KI2 to	W2AJR	WZ3 to	WB2EXK	WT4 to	WA4HPF
WX1	W1MOJ	WE2	WB2JRX	KJ2	WA2NPP	KC3	W3CRE	WL4	K4KQB
KB1	WA1STN	WM2	WA2AUB	KP2	W2ASR	KM3	WA3KSQ	KH4	KØCMF
KI1	WA1RGW	WP2	WA2CCF	KR2	WB2FLF	KQ3	W3AZD	KI4	K4FYQ
KS1	W1DHZ	KB2	WB2YQH	KU2	?			KJ4	W4WSF
		KC2	K6SE/2	KV2	WA2NEB			KR4	K4ZCP
								KS4	WB4SIJ
								KU4	K4DXO
								KX4	?

W05 to	WA5ZNY	WI6 to	WB6QBJ	WX7 to	WA7OBH	WK8 to	W8RSW	WH9 to	K9WEH
WT5	WA5LES	WL6	W6NLG	WZ7	?	WV8	W8BT	KH9	W9OHH
WW5	WB5HOD	WQ6	WA6PDE	KS7	K7ABV	KD8	K8MFO	KJ9	K9UBF
WZ5	W5KHP	WW6	YASME	KY7	W7GWU	KE8	WA8TDY	KM9	WB9LHT
KC5	K5RLW	WX6	WA6AUD	KH6	KH6BZF	KV8	W8NR	KR9	K9UBF
KG5	W5RTQ	WZ6	K6VNX			KW8	WA8TNJ	KU9	W9GC
KJ5	W5TMN	KD6	W6LS			KX8	W8GKM		
KL5	K5PFL	KQ6	?			KZ8	W8BQV	WLØ	WØHBH
KW5	WA5WQF	KT6	WA6KZI					KJØ	WAØVDX
KX5	W5SBX	KY6	W6KYA						

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

FORTY METER LOUIE

CE9AT 7019/0730/May 11w	PY1FI 7280/0055/May 7w	VP9HP 7009/2225/May 8e
CR4BC 7226/0030/May 11w	UK8ABD 7022/1400/May 4w	XF4A 7177/0245/May 12w
CR6GA 7178/0245/May 7w	VK2AVA 7082/0610/May 11w	YB7AAA 7080/1135/May 14w
DJ9IE 7004/0345/May 8w	VK2IP 7090/1200/May 6m	YV5CKR 7029/1055/May 7m
FB8YC 7001/0650/May 11w	VK2AIR 7003/1300/May 7w	ZL1BLS 7017/0640/May 4w
HI8RHM 7010/0410/May 7w	VK3CF 7016/0635/May 4w	ZS2A 7018/0050/May 6m
HK5DGG 7008/0410/May 7w	VK3FH 7027/0645/May 4w	ZS5DE 7015/1410/May 4w
HKØBKK 7015/0055/May 10m	VK5PB 7140/1025/May 6e	ZS6ARS 7003/0400/May 6e
KP4EAK 7206/0555/May 11w	VK7CM 7001/1300/May 7w	3D2RM 7028/1105/May 12m
LZ3ØAZ 7002/2230/May 8e	VP2LAW 7029/1010/May 12m	4K1F 7005/0420/May 11w
OA8CD 7167/0310/May 10m	VP2VAS 7011/0415/May 4w	
OA8V 7205/1100/May 12m	VP8NN 7010/0430/May 4w	

EIGHTY METERS...

HI8HA 3811/1055/May 6e
 VK2RS 3694/1315/May 9w
 ZS6DW 3779/0335/Often
 8R1J 3802/0435/May 11w

160 METERS

PTØDM 1802/0225/May 3e
 W2DBØ/VP2S 1802/0235/May 2e

AFRICA CW

CR6AL 14057/1900/May 9e
 9X5PT 14008/2200/May 11e

ASIA CW

JT1AT 14014/1455/May 11w	UL7EAH 14030/1435/May 11w
JT1AM 14027/1445/May 11w	UK9AAN 14030/0240/May 8w
UAØBBN 14034/1230/May 12e	UM8FM 14031/1725/May 11w
UAØYAE 14031/0045/May 14w	VU2IN 14003/1545/May 11w
UA9AJ 14056/1500/May 11w	4J9A 14025/0250/May 2m
UK7IAA 14053/1450/May 11w	4X4GD 14010/0400/May 12m

EUROPE CW

DJ2BW 14029/1925/May 13m	LZ3ØKAF 14031/0415/May 10w	UK2PBP 14043/1910/May 11e
GD4AM 14020/2045/May 1m	ON6DX 14038/2145/May 7m	UK6APD 14020/1525/May 11w
GM3AWW 14028/1645/May 13m	OK2SIR 14012/2315/May 11m	UR2QI 14023/1820/May 11e
GM3XDN 14028/1705/May 13m	UA3ØMU 14031/0325/May 10w	YZ1BCD 14021/1910/May 9e
HA5KFN 14027/1930/May 12w	UA3DDD 14015/0410/May 13w	YZ2ADE 14036/2245/May 12m
ISØAEW 14012/2315/May 11m	UK5MAF 14035/1545/May 11w	
LZ3ØKPZ 14045/1940/May 9e	UK6LAZ 14017/1540/May 11w	

ELSEWHERE'S CW

FG7AQ 14013/1230/May 10w	TI9VC 14031/2010/May 9m	YB7AAU 14023/1300/May 12w
FG7XJ 14019/0000/May 9e	TI2BEV 14040/0130/May 7w	YS1CHE 14026/1300/May 10e
FY7BE 14007/0055/May 3w	VE8NN 14028/1655/May 13m	W6GBY/6Y5 14045/1300/ 13w
HI3PC 14028/1930/May 9e	VO1ED 14028/1630/May 13m	8R1J 14010/2220/May 11m
H31AC 14023/0115/May 10m	VP8BY 14013/0040/May 3w	WB4SHB/C6A 14045/1250 7m
PY2BIP 14040/0230/May 7w	YBØABV 14032/1400/May 11w	

ASIA SSB

EP2SN 14333/2020/May 11e	VU2ABC 14203/1550/May 12w	5B4PP 14294/2035/May 4e
HM1HJ 14207/1230/May 11m	VU2CAN 14202/1605/May 11w	9M2AA 14208/1435/May 11w
JH10CO 14216/1325/May 13m	VS6DO 14215/1225/May 12e	9M2GV 14273/1440/May 11w
KA6RT 14202/1355/May 13m	4X4BL 14275/1950/May 11e	9N1MM 14222/1540/May 10w
KA6SR 14213/1220/May 12e	4Z4AO 14205/2000/May 12m	9V1OI 14238/1440/May 11w
UA9VH/JT1 14210/0230 2m	4S7PB 14214/1510/May 12m	9V1RR 14225/1550/May 11w

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CALENDAR

SERRANA BANK
GLORIOSO
ST VINCENT
Mt ATHOS
SOUTH PACIFIC
RODRIGUEZ

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 W3KV. That letter crossed us up again. W3KV handles QSLs for no one... On
that WPX effort, VP5B goes to W4ORT as does VP5CW. VP5WW to WB4EYX and VP5AH to
WA4DRU. VP5M to WB4QKE.

SM0AGD 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. W4NLF 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 QSLs to VE7WJ....Langley, British Columbia. W7OK 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 BCL. Don will be
ready to supply a speedyQSL....

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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Write Don, K5AAD, and ask for quotes on any gear you need....

Max W5GJ Don K5AAD Mary W5MBB Dave WA5ZNY John W5AB

