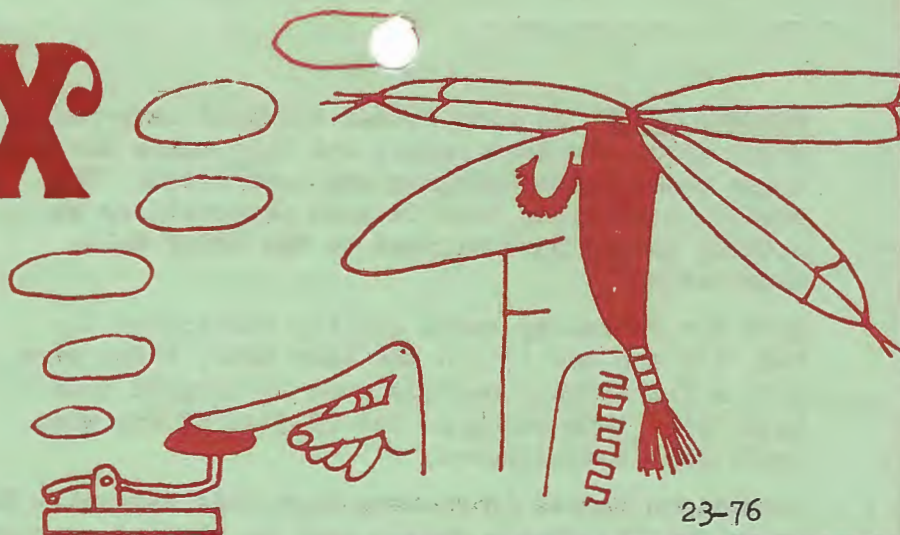


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BILL RINDONE WB7ABK, Bill Rindone, will head out in the next week or two to pick up his interrupted DX efforts, initially heading for the Red Sea Area and then down East Africa on the Indian Ocean coast.

His first stop will be at Djibouti where he will be looking for some possibilities in that area. In a recent letter mailed to a number of DXers looking for some financial support, he mentioned the following as ones with good possibilities:

Abu Ail
Comoro
Juan de Nova
Agalega

Tromelin
Geyser Reef
Central African Republic (TL8)
Somalia Republic (601)

Burundi

There are also some possibilities of 'new' ones and WB7ABK is quite certain that he can bring one for sure on the air and possibly a second one. This will be in the African area and depends on prevailing situations existing at the time he is in the area and no identification of the area will be made prior to any operation.

Tentatively, Bill will depart Oregon around June 20th, possibly a week earlier. He has presented his need for support in a recent letter, noting that to date the trip has been financed with 81% of his own money, 15.6% from the Northern California DX Foundation and 3.3% coming from contributions from DXers.

Though relatively unknown prior to his first departure in March, his operations from Tonga, Niue, Christmas Island and Nepal quickly brought him recognition and acknowledgement as a skilled DX operator. Actually, a decade back he was involved in some DXpeditions and as a DXer and brought an extensive DX background into play on his DX travels.

It is rather definite that he will be in Africa before the end of June. The extent of the operations in Africa and the length of the stay in various spots will depend to some degree on available funds. Initially it was estimated that the costs would run around \$7000 for the trip, the necessity of coming home from Nepal due to illness and some revisions has stretched this figure upwards a good bit.

Bill Rindone can be reached at Box 238, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034. Next week there should be more definite information on departure dates and the area of his next operations.

TURKEY TA2ZB and TA2MB are presently active, both using W5QPX as their QSL Manager. TA2ZB seems to be the more active and is often found at 7005kc and 14025-14050kc area, these being the frequencies often opening into the W/K areas. His antenna is a five-band, off-center fed VS1AA dipole with a 6:1 balun and co-ax cable.

TA-Turkey while being around most times is often a difficult one to work. On the need poll taken in the WCDXB last Fall, it was overall #43 and ahead of Mellish and Guinea in the wanted columns.

SUNSPOT LOUIE No significant sunspots have been noted since the last report and this makes about three weeks since anything has been noted. The weather conditions have favored observations so nothing should have slipped by the W8ZOK solar observatory.

With the whole-day radio quality holding up in the '6's and one '7' in the last week, there were only a few sixhour periods when it dropped down into '5's, this being on the 29-31st of May when conditions deteriorated.

Conditions should be good through this weekend. There is an outside chance that a hard to predict geomagnetic recurrence may show late this week but generally the daily quality is expected to hold up well.

Cycle 20 seems to be persistent and no signs of Cycle 21 are being noted. The 12-month smoothed sunspot number for last October showed a slight rise, going to a SSN of 16 for October, that being up from a 14.5 SSN in September 1975. The solar activity in April and May of this year are keeping the numbers up and it looks as though the curve on Cycle 20 has again plateaued.

We dropped down the county to visit Sam and asked how he figured things were. The spots were down but often the DX was in. This being the warm season and not even sandals being needed, one learns why they call him 'Shoeless Sam' in the neighborhood. When we asked the question, he plucked his banjo and sang: "Somewhere the sun is shining, Somewhere the day is bright! Somewhere DX is waiting, And I'm gonna work it tonight!!". Son of a Gun!! What can one say when faced with such versatility? And all we could say was: "Sing it again, Sam".

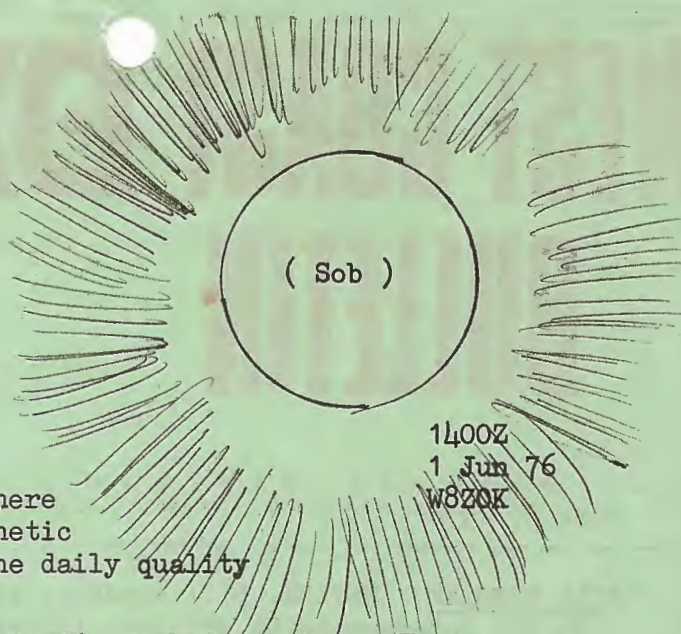
But getting back to the banks of the Potomac, where everyone wears shoes, we have the latest from W4UMF who gathers all the figures and molds them into the image of the DX future. And Ted says that in the days to come, as we near the summer solstice, things will be:

June 9th	High Normal	June 15th	Low Normal
10th	High Normal	16th	Low Normal
11th	High Normal	17th	Low Normal
12th	High Normal	18th	Low Normal
13th	High Normal	19th	Low Normal
14th	High Normal	20th	Low Normal
		21st	Low Normal

How's that for balancing things....a week of Highs and then a week of Lows. Every one gets their chance in DXing. The balanced endeavor....at least for June.

And up from the South at break of day comes the chart makers friend, K6EC, with the report for last week in the Solar Flux and A Index commodities. Ev says that things were like this:

Solar Flux			A Index		
May 24th	70	8	May 28th	68	18
25th	69	10	29th	67	17
26th	68	6	30th	66	16
27th	68	6	31st	66	-



There it is. And, as has been noted before, Ted says that there will be some good days ahead and some bad days ahead. And in between, there will be more of the same. And hardly anyone will argue with that.....

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OKI-NO TORI SHIMA The JARL 50th Anniversary operation from Oki-no Tori Shima was delayed by the side effects from the typhoon that swept through Guam the last week of May but they did open on the Decoration Day weekend and operated to the middle of the week before jumping off the platform and heading home to Japan.

Some difficulties were encountered in setting up, one generator being reported as dropped into the drink, another getting wet but a third one was kept dry. The operations were good into the West Coast, fair to good at times into other areas.

QSLs for 7J1RL go to JARL. Last QSO was with W7MBY at 0650Z on June 2nd.

SERRANA BANK/BAJA NUEVO The lighthouse on Serrana Bank is not functioning and the skipper on the 40' boat wanted to get there before dark and make a morning departure for Baja Nuevo. The 16.5 hour stop-over on Serrana Bank brought a lot of compressed action, some 1200 QSOs being racked up during the short stay. Only the minimum equipment needed for operating was off-loaded at Serrana and there was a good number of QSOs on 160 meters.

The operation opened from Baja Nuevo on Thursday signing HKØAA and QSOs were run up like it was ever-lasting contest time. Friday Bob Ferrero passed along the information that the logs for eighty meters already were filling 15 log books.

The operation at Serrana Bank encountered a local protest movement, it being the nesting season for the local sea birds and the unexpected visitors were not exactly welcomed. There was much fussing and chattering over the drop-ins and Erik, Bob and Francisco all found that wide-brimmed hats were useful for other reasons than for shade. When it was not the birds overhead, there were always the crabs that were scuttling about underfoot.

This time out apparently there was no problem with navigation. In a previous attempt, Erik had had trouble with a boat skipper who was positive in knowing where he was but not quite sure where Baja Nuevo might be. Bob Ferrero, K6AHV, had also encountered the problem of locating a low-lying reef in the wide sea in the Kingman Reef effort of 1974. Erik Sjolund, SMØAGD, was given a quick course as a LORAN operator by W4BRB and enroute reported that everything was working great. The 40' vessel located by Francisco Velez, HKØBKX, was described as 'great'.

This operation, another DX effort supported by the Northern California DX Foundation, was going like clockwork last week. They were due to operate through last Sunday and then depart for the run back to San Andres. QSLs for this go to SM3CXS, Jorgen Svensson, Berghemsv 11, 86021 Sundsbruk, Sweden. While Serrana Bank has received a bit of attention in recent years to get it low on the needed lists, Baja Nuevo was No. 34 on the over-all DX Needed List we compiled last Fall which puts it up there with a lot needing it. From the QSO rate being maintained by the operators over the last weekend, Baja Nuevo should slide down a handful of numbers for the next listing.

There will be more information for a wrap-up on this operation but for the patient Deserving DXer who has waited long for the sunspots to return, the last couple of weeks has brought some hope for the future. DX still lives.....

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Believe!! The DX Good Times will come again! Just don't ask: "When?".....

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SHORTLY NOTED The last couple of weeks it did seem that event was piling on event with the Oki-no Tori Shima and the Baja Nuevo operations approaching. With both of these out of the way, it seems to be a quiet period and no 'jump-for'joy' operations expected until later this month when Bill Rindone shows up from the Africa area. However, it was a lot of fun while the action lasted.

It might be noted at this point that the Northern California DX Foundation has been prominent in supporting some of these recent operations, Bill Rindone has been helped by the Foundation in the past and will be assisted in the coming effort. The Baja Nuevo effort was another one supported by the Foundation. And while the contribution from the Foundation is substantial in both cases, it does not cover the whole costs and both will be happy to see some individual support from the DXers.

It might also be noted that the Foundation is working closely with some of the most prominent DXers around the world. Along with Bill Rindone, WB7ABK, Erik Sjolund, SM0AGD, Bob Ferrero, K6AHV and Martti Laine, OH2BH, the Foundation is looking towards other operations and other top-DXers for more action in the future.

Those using the Bicentennial prefix might note the effort of AJ3AA who has worked some 13,000 stations with the new '76 prefix. OE6DK/YK left his post on the Golan Heights on May 23rd. There are still a few still there, however. On those peculiar OE-calls showing up, it appears that '50' was inserted ahead of the regular number in the call-sign. That might give a clue on how to QSL.

We have picked up one stray rumor that one projected effort for a really rare one never got more than a hundred miles or two from home and visited in another city without ever leaving the home country.

W4KN has come up with CW DXCC No. 34. Bill also has CW Single-Band WAZ for twenty meters, this being No. 9. Both the CW DXCC and the WAZ Single-band came in the same week. Over the years W4KN has also held the calls W6BC/W6CSJ/W6DQC/W7GEW/W3IWM/W3RY/W7BE/KH6VP/KH6VP/VR4 (1949)/K6CU/W0BC and now the W4KN. Along with DXing, Bill is a practicing retired Major General....

While on the WAZ bit, it might be pointed out that the UA0Y-calls are in Zone 23. Sometimes this is a bit hard to get even though the JTs are showing up at times.

We haven't heard any thing further on the W4PUZ/XZ2. Nor on the 3X2M. We may be pre-judging but it does seem that Slim prefers c.w., is an excellent operator and a knowledgeable DXer. And there probably is more than one 'Slim'. But never let the doubts deter you.....'Work 'em first, worry later'.

W7RS, Bud Fontaine of Portland, Oregon, became a Silent Key on May 27th after a long illness.

Word is that there are two W/K types on Rhodes waiting for the ban to be lifted so they can corner some licenses. Dick Brown, W4VN/YB0ABV, will be visiting in Nepal this coming weekend and you may hear him visiting Father Moran. Dick will be New Delhi on the 13th...Cairo on the 17th....Frankfurt on the 21st and London on the 26th. During July he may be signing KL7 from St Paul.....in the Pribilofs!

No reports came through on the projected St Paul action over last weekend. 9Q5QR goes to Box 10061-Airport, Kinshasa 24, Zaire Republic. VK2FT/Lord Howe goes to K1TZQ. HZ1AB is often found in the General Class territory....says too much QRM (DX) in the Advanced areas. 5B4BK can go to Box 375, Larnaca, Cyprus (Austrian UN Contingent). N2ITU operated by WA2EAH/WB2FMK and WA2BDW made 4068 QSOs with 101 countries in the ITU Week. In the first batch of QSLs, 22.5% had no saze...10.8% had wrong times and 7.2% did not use GMT.

SM2EKM along with some other congenial SMs will be in Andorra this month...C31JT and C31JU on fifteen/twenty and seventy-five. Exact dates not known.

We are scooting along about a day behind in everything yet. We keep looking for the day when we catch up...only we are getting farther behind. If we cut things short, you might understand....the last two weeks we have not completed mailing on Saturdays, some spilling over to Sundays. We have not determined..yet...how to stop time....

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REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

Across the margent of the world I called,
And troubled the gold gateways of DX.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

A2CJP 3782/0450/May 20e	VS6DO 3807/1200/May 25w
K4ERO/HC1 3807/1020 30e	YB9ACD 3805/1245/May 28w
KJ6DL 3807/1145/May 30w	ZL1JC 3807/0955/May 27e
FY8LE 7002/2325/May 26e	ON6VK 7002/2300/May 26e
FG0GD/FS7 7035/0300 27m	PJ8AS 7011/2245/May 26e
HB9AMA 7024/2330/May 26e	SM6DJI 7005/0000/May 27e
HB0XAA 7002/0020/May 28e	UP2BAV 7001/0005/May 27e
KJ6DL 7006/0810/Jun 1e	VK2FT/LH 7003/1045 1e
	VR1AA 7004/1125/May 31e
	ZL2RK 7013/0935/May 20e
	9J2AB 7030/1615/May 30kh
	9X5PT 7003/0125/May 27m

AFRICA CW

CN8CF 14060/2130/May 21m	9X5PT 14018/2125/May 21m
EA9EU 14051/2320/May 23w	FB8XO 14033/1040/May 25e#
5Z4JE 14048/0415/May 26w	

AFRICA SSB

CN8CF 14231/2250/May 25e	EL2R 14209/0000/May 25m	5N2NAS 14212/1200/May 29e
CN8MB 14206/2355/May 28e	VE1APY/SU 14140/2220 25m	5N2NAS 21295/1545/May 29e
D4CBS 14223/1940/May 29e	TU2FK 14251/2000/May 24e	5X5NK 14283/1900/May 26e
EA8CR 14236/0050/May 29e	5Z4QQ 14203/1730/May 31kh	9G1KB 14216/2255/May 24m
EA8LI 14230/0115/May 24e	5Z4RG 14341/1830/May 29e	9J2AB 14213/1750/May 34kh
EA8ID 14205/0000/May 25e	5Z4JK 14320/1845/May 29e	9Q5DM 14204/1840/May 30e

ASIA CW

JT00AQ 14030/0014/May 31e	UL7PA 14010/0315/May 27e	YI2AD 14026/1405/May 29?
JT00AT 14026/0050/May 26m	UL7TAK 14024/0030/May 28m	4XLJU 14026/0425/May 26w
UF6FDL 14048/0350/May 27m	UL7FAE 14021/0135/May 26w	4XLJW 14051/1840/May 29e
UF6FAG 14002/0400/May 26w	UM8MAS 14045/0200/May 27e	9M2YP 14030/1605/May 28m
UF6AG 14041/0320/May 27e	UM8AP 14028/0240/May 27m	9M2AV 14020/1530/May 28w
UH8HBR 14044/0130/May 27e	VS6BB 14020/1110/Jun 1e	9V1SH 14025/1445/May 29m
UJ8JCE 14024/120/May 27e	VS6BL 14019/1240/May 31e	

ASIA SSB

AP2AR 14224/2010/May 27e	UA0KBA 14224/0555/May 28w	VU2GDG 14217/0150/Jun 1m
AP2MQ 14210/0145/May 27e	UA0QBB 14211/1235/May 27e	VU2KV 14210/1500/May 29w
AP2AD 14208/0145/Jun 1m	UD6CC 14220/1210/May 29e	ZC4DH 14262/1915/May 29e
A6XR 14284/2025/May 25e	UH8BI 14205/0255/May 28m	4XLNJ 14205/2045/May 30e
A6XQ 14220/1700/May 28e	UJ8SAJ 14214/0230/May 27w	4XLBL 14241/0430/May 26w
BV2B 14222/1410/May 26m	UK9AAN 14215/1155/May 30e	5B4BK 14216/2140/May 25m
HL9TX 14221/1200/May 26e	UK0SAJ 14207/1330/May 29w	9M2AX 14206/1415/May 29w
HL9UF 14234/1210/May 26e	UL7YR 14213/0150/Jun 1e	9M2RJ 14204/1130/May 29w
HS5AKW 14222/1405/May 26m	UM8FM 14205/0105/Jun 1w	9M2LN 14228/1620/May 24w
HZ1AB 14246/0430/May 28e	UV0EX 14202/1300/May 29w	9N1MM 14205/0050/Often
HS1BG 14213/1615/May 26w	VS6DO 14237/1210/May 26e	9V1NR 14216/1615/May 28w
JY5MB 14262/1910/May 29e	VS6BL 14214/1230/May 29m	9V1SQ 14204/1345/May 24m
OD5HH 14233/2055/May 29m	VS6CS 14192/0820/May 21w	

(e = eastern states m = middle states w = western reaches kh = hawaii ka = japan)
(all times in gmt # = longpath ?? = Slim? Always at the one you need most!!)

MORE RED EYED LOUIE

EUROPE CW

DL1SV 14048/0410/May 27w	JW5NM 14026/0335/May 27m	UC2LO 14006/0410/May 26w
DM2FWL 14038/0515/Jun 1w	LZ1WI 14027/2245/May 26m	U05GQ 14024/1645/May 20m
EA2OP 14007/2 55/May 24w	LZ1KCM 14015/2330/May 25w	U05OBD 14081/2225/May 25e
EA2IA 14020/2035/May 27w	OE3AAW 14061/0430/May 26w	UK1PAA 14021/2055/May 27m
EA6DF 14008/2120/May 26m	OK2FJ 14038/0505/Jun 1w	UK6AAJ 14010/2230/May 20e
EI2CN 14027/1605/May 27w	OK3YCA 14048/0420/May 27w	UP2EA 14038/2300/May 26m
HA5HP 14063/0440/May 26w	SP7HT 14006/0415/May 26w	YO9YE 14020/2040/May 27m
HBØXAA 14022/1200/May 28e	SP7ZT 14048/0350/May 27w	YU3AT 14030/1605/May 28w
IT9RAN 14022/2025/May 26w	UB5LI 14024/2145/May 27w	9H1FB 14044/2310/May 25e

EUROPE SSB

CT2BS 14221/0050/May 29e	M1D 14225/1215/May 26m	SJ9WL 14233/1225/May 29e
EA4JF 14211/2225/May 27w	M1BS 14227/1310/May 30m	SV1BR 14222/0250/May 27e
EA6BG 14206/2045/May 27e	OE5ØSFW 14214/2300/My 24m	TF5TP 14212/1425/May 19ka
FC9UC 14204/1340/May 29e	OE5Ø1HNW 14222/2015 26e	UA6APH 14219/2045/May 27e
HBØXAA 14329/2205/May 24e	OH2BM 14210/0415/May 27m	UK2GKW 14210/1315/May 24e
ISØLYN 14210/2330/May 28e	OH2BH 14237/0315/May 26w	UR2DE 14208/0430/May 27w
IØIDX 14196/2320/May 27m	OH3FF 14282/0355/May 29m	ZB3ØANV 14202/1810/My 25e
IS5VGM 14202/2210/May 25m	OH3YI 14202/0400/May 27m	9H1ED 14265/1855/May 29e
LA3NQ 14218/0010/May 28w	ON4NA 14215/2345/May 25w	9H1ET 14265/1855/May 29e
LX2LX 14209/2340/May 26m	OY1AT 14202/1145/May 26m	OH1BL 14308/1940/May 29e

ELSEWHERE'S CW

CF3ARD 14023/0200/May 24w	P29NB 14026/1100/Jun 1e	VE8CX 14037/0405/Jun 1w
CX2AQ 14024/1025/May 24w	P29BJ 14025/1115/May 27e	VO2DP 14004/0035/May 26w
DU6EG 14026/1030/May 30w	P29MO 14003/1150/May 27e	G4BKI/VP9 14028/2150 27m
FO8EH 14050/0230/May 26w	P29JS 14035/1405/May 30m	XN2BD 14023/0335/May 28e
FP8BR 14025/1250/May 27e	P29EJ 14030/2035/May 30m	YJ8KG 14050/0310/May 25e
FGØGD/FS7 14028/0200 29e	PZ1AP 14026/0120/May 31w	ZF1BT 14037/0425/May 30e
FY7YE 14047/1130/May 30e	VK4DO 21032/0125/May 20e	3D2AJ 14018/0630/May 26e
HKØBKX 14026/0120/May 29w	VP2GLE 14021/1150/May 27e	9M8HB 14028/1315/May 27e
KX6MJ 14052/0420/May 29m	VP2MB 14047/0045/May 31e	9M8DH 14028/1300/May 27e

ELSEWHERE'S SSB

C21NI 14211/1330/May 28w	KV4FZ 14203/1255/May 30m	VP2MI 21280/2240/May 26e
DU1XKE 14214/1245/May 29m	OX3EA 14202/0400/May 27m	VF5MA 14292/2205/May 24e
FO8DO 14243/0415/May 29e	P29BN 14211/1155/May 28e	VR1AH 14196/0800/May 22w
FO8DP 14214/0410/May 29e	P29CC 14265/1125/May 25e	VR3AK 14242/0745/May 22w
HC8GI 14224/0300/May 26w	P29MM 14230/1515/May 29m	VR3AH 14175/0730/May 26e
HP1XDC 14220/2300/May 29m	P29WB 14265/0640/May 25m	VR8A 14265/0615/May 25e
KG6JEE 14339/2330/May 23kh	P29KE 14292/0750/May 22w	TD76VN 14191/1345/May 19ka
KG6SW 14219/1205/May 28e	P29JW 14196/0500/May 22w	YB8ACK 14210/1645/May 29w
KM6EA 14335/0310/May 25e	PJ2CR 14207/1250/May 27e	YJ8JH 14207/0700/May 26e
KX6BU 14267/1205/May 29e	VK4DO 21360/0320/May 24e	9M8HB 14211/1230/May 27e

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CALENDAR

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Heading out for the African/Red Sea area in a couple weeks
June 24/27th....Long Island City. W0UUE for details
August 7/8th in Vancouver, British Columbia
Jakarta.....November 12-14th. See your travel agent.

N9TRF This special call-sign has been requested for the Fort Wayne Three Rivers Festival, July 10th and 11th. This will be operated by the Fort Wayne Radio Club and they will operate eighty through ten plus two meter f.m. The effort will have novice, OSCAR, RTTY and FSTV. QSLs will go to W9LT.

Actually three clubs will be involved in the effort but we only got the name of one. Look for them at 3710kc/3820-3900kc/7110kc/7235kc/14285kc/21110kc/21360kc and 28600kc. Also 146.28mhz and 146.99mhz

RFI LEGISLATION The current status on the Vanik Bill appears that everyone is in favor of it but not many are putting out any effort. The current Congress is heading down the track towards the conventions, elections and some campaigning in between. It appears that the new chairman of the house sub-committee to which the measure was assigned leans a bit towards the input from the FCC and it also appears that the FCC has not taken any stance on the measure.

The Vanik Bill, unless there is a miracle in the coming months, will probably die with the adjournment of the present Congress and will have to be reintroduced next year. It is doubtful if the ARRL will ever get very close to any such legislation though there is no doubt that the ARRL would like to see the proposed legislation enacted. Any legislative activity might jeopardize the non-profit status of the League and while they wish the legislation well, it is doubtful if they will ever do much more than testify before any committee that may be conducting hearings on the measure.

Interested DXers might give this problem some thought. It is quite possible that the legislation, should it die in this session, will be reintroduced in January. Some effort will have to be generated if the legislation is ever to move. It might be a succulent item for discussion with your local Congressman in the coming months. In many instances they will be looking for your good-will....and vote. As most of the DXers lack the non-profit status, they may be willing to put the arm on the local Congressman.

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ARRL Ronald J Hesler, W1SH, ARRL Canadian Director, has submitted his resignation, effective July 18th. He cited personal considerations which obliged him to limit his active participation in amateur radio affairs.

The FCC last week proposed tighter laws to bar 'obscene and indecent' material from the frequencies, the proposed changes to affect broadcast, TV, CB, Amateur and any safety and special services radio.

YASME/THE COLVINS Lloyd and Iris were preparing to secure their operation from YJ8-New Hebrides about May 30th and head home to California via Noumea, New Zealand, on to Sydney this last weekend and home about June 15th. Word on their future plans may be coming in future weeks after they are caught up with things.

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WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of local QRPers came up the hill last week and he paused to discuss the miserable condition of DXing. "But didn't you work the 7J1RL?", we asked and the QRPer nodded his head in assent. "Well, then. How about Serrana Bank", we asked. "Did you catch Erik and Bob when they stopped over there last Tuesday?" and again the head bobbed in confirmation. "How about Baja Nuevo. Did you work HK0AA yet?", we asked and the QRPer found his voice. "Sure I worked them", he said. "Got a 5x9 from Bob on Thursday night just after they opened up. But conditions are so miserable with the bottom of the cycle here, the flux is often down into the sixties and the K Index is up. Things could hardly be worse". We had to think things over for a bit for perhaps we were missing something. "You worked three new ones last week", we said, "and just what do you expect? That sounds rather good it would seem". But the QRPer was not buying any of this at all. "Look", he said. "Sunspots have just about disappeared. Conditions are miserable as everyone knows. And maybe if things were half-ways good I would have socked away maybe six new ones. Maybe even eight. But all I got was just those three". We were giving up at this point for it is the political season and one does not dwell on what was done for us yesterday, tell us what you are going to do for us tomorrow. And maybe more so!! \$10.00 will bring you a full year of DX Tomorrows by second-class mail to the US/VE areas. For first-class mail to the same areas it is \$14.50 a year. \$17.00 flies it south to Mexico and to all the far lands where the Deserving DXers are dancing in anticipation of Cycle 21 and The Great Country Fission Breeder which will spontaneously divide DXCC into many parts.....each a New One in its own right. Rejoice!!! The Day Nears..

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