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BILL RINDONE No late reports on Bill....none of the monitoring posts have come up with any late information.

On the ST2SA/Ø, there is a letter inside which will give a lot of background information on what Bill has been encountering there in Sudan. A DXpedition may not be all roses and dining with the local amateur groups. Sometimes there are other things going on.

Bill was last heard about the 17th.....some say he was heard early on that date. He may be showing up in another African spot before long and while the band conditions may not be prime. ., it would be best to keep listening.

Apparently a good many who did work the ST2SA/Ø were not quite aware of the possibility of this operation. WB7ABK did want the operation kept completely secret as far as possible so that early publicity would not derail his plans. In this he does appear to have been more than successful.

He should not be quiet much longer and as mail is coming out of Khartoum, there is an assumption that air travel is again possible and Bill will be moving.....

SAN HUTSON - K5QHS San is back home in Hot Springs and winding up all the loose ends from his African operations. He passes along some of the notes relating to his FL8/FH8/D6A operations.

All the documentation was delivered to the ARRL on July 13th, Bob White, W1CW, being the one taking delivery. San feels very confident about D6A, noting that Mayotte is now a French Department, French military being stationed there and French government workers being sent there from Paris.

D6A is the UNs 143rd country and San's was the first and only permitted operating done there, he arriving there on the anniversary of the independence from France on July 6, 1975. He reports there are no French in the independent islands and the president noted that San was the only American to come for their independence celebration.

The rig was an older TR3 and the antenna was a broken two-element tribander. The meters read 90watts out, 60 watts back. On Mayotte-FH8 San used a vertical and a Sommerkamp transceiver. He was six days in Mayotte, 7 days in Moroni, 2 days in Djibouti and six days on the road.

QSOs were:

FL8	306 total	202 with W/Ks
FH8	1676	627
D6A	1526	685
	<u>3508</u>	<u>1614</u>

San worked 126 W6s, 423 W4s and 24 W7s, the smallest total in any call area. He reports the JAs were excellent operators and here he got the highest QSO/minute rate. The non-stop calling by some W/Ks even when they could not hear him cut down the U.S. QSO rate to 2.0 per minute. The European rate was 5.0 per minute. As he was only able to use transceive, he went to list operations in a number of instances, noting that the W6 QSOs probably would only have been a quarter as many if no list had been used.

The trip cost just about four thousand. San has not requested any donations but the intuitive feeling is that he will not turn any down. QSLs will be out in about four weeks. QSL Dr. San Hutson, Box 2588, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901



SUNSPOT LOUIE With the lack of activity continuing, one might be convinced that this is the bottom. From here everything is up!

The latest report, July 20th, showed no solar activity...and there had been none for a couple of days previous. One active area showed on July 16th at 5°N, this one having 3 spots and 10/millionths of area but it did not survive the weekend and the following Monday there was no trace of it.

WWV persists in its appraisal of the future and they say from now to the end of the year it will be flat, flat, flat! A SSN of 8 is predicted for August through December.

There is still those who hope for the future and are still playing Fred Waring's production of "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise". We have heard of one study that has been going on and they say the preliminary indicators is that Cycle 21 will have a SSN of over 100 and possibly as great as Cycle 19 when it peaked in 1958. Look for some articles turning up in the next several months on this problem.

After turning out last week's bulletin, we realized that we had gotten tangled up in all the various operations aimed at saving the sunspots and left out the W4UMF's forecast altogether. There sure was a full page of hope and optimism for the future but no forecasts. But as we are often well ahead, everything was not lost and with this issue the great look at the future should arrive in time to save! Here is the wave of the future!!

July 26th	Low Normal	August 3rd	Low Normal
27th	Below Normal	4th	Below Normal
28th	Below Normal	5th	Low Normal
29th	Low Normal	6th	Low Normal
30th	Low Normal	7th	Low Normal
31st	Low Normal	8th	Low Normal
Aug 1st	Low Normal	9th	Low Normal
2nd	Low Normal		

That may not help you with your DX planning but it might with your vacations. A few weeks back Bill Rindone said he was aiming for a 'Big One' over the weekend of August 7/8th. And there is the noble DXer, caught in the fell clutch of circumstance....and the sunspots gone!!

Anyhow, we still get the report up from the south at break of day and K6EC says that while there may be worse weeks than the last one, there probably will be a good number that are a lot better. Ev has the figures for the chartmakers:

Solar Flux/A Index			Solar Flux/A Index		
July 13th	68	6	July 17th	68	5
14th	68	7	18th	67	6
15th	68	16	19th	68	7
16th	69	13	20th	67	5

All this information will vanish if there is an end to the broadcasts from WWV with the 14-minute-after-the-hour information.

Look for a lot of information on the sunspot cycle in various publications in the coming months. Already some have been saying that things have turned up...others are still saying "Not Yet!!" It might be worse...and probably will be.....





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BILL RINDONE IN THE KHARTOUM UPRISING!! Maybe we should have worked Chinese Gordon into the picture but there he was, arriving just in time to get caught in the middle of things. From Khartoum on July 11th Bill writes:

Best laid plans, etc.... Just did not count on a war. Came in on July 1st for 23 hours and should have been out and headed for the "autonomous Southern Region" (that's the way the newspapers refer to it). We walked straight into one damn bloody war. About 1600 were killed here--fighting was within 100 yards of us.

Mercenaries in civilian clothes had been infiltrating for over six months, others came in trans-Sahara vehicles. They took the radio station, four emergency radio stations, the Palace, the Ministry of Interior...this was only three or four blocks away. They took the arms transport area, the airport and all the ministers homes in a simultaneous move. This was at 5:00a.m. and the entire airforce was wiped out on the ground.

They slaughtered all the people in the Minister's homes, fifteen or twenty in a bunch at one time. Anti-aircraft and cannons were brought in and there was big stuff flying around us. Tanks were sited less than 200 feet away and firing at the bridge to Omdurman. It was all very bloody.

The battle raged for three days through the streets here and after that there were still several days of sporadic shooting as resistance pockets were discovered and wiped out.

The coup failed only due to the President flying in an hour ahead of schedule to have a two-hour ministers meeting with those going to the OAS meeting in Mauritius.

At any rate, we lost a lot of time. We should be on from Juba in the Southern Provinces shortly.

With San working the D6A-operation, we have deleted FH8/D6A and Abu Ail from our planning at this point. I hope that everyone was able to work San as it may be some time before any sustained activity from this part of the world.

I look for about four days from ST~~O~~, then a couple of others and then another BIG ONE about August 6th. Some of the fellows have asked about what weekend to stick close to home and I would suggest the August 7/8th weekend as a good one to consider.

From ST2SA we have been active on c.w and have pretty well cleaned the bands out. The propagation to the states has not been good and the times were not the most favorable for the west coast. There was martial law and an early curfew and anyone caught outside during the curfew had a 75% chance of being shot.

After you have watched bodies float down the Nile and have seen several big trucks overflowing with corpses, just getting on the air is an accomplishment. I could not have done it without the local amateur help.

Best 73s,

/s/ Bill

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JA DXPEDITION TO SAIPAN Masamitsu Kobayashi, JA1EMX, and friends plan a c.w.-only operation from KG6S-Saipan from August 2nd to August 7th. The planned frequencies are:

7005kc    14025kc    21025kc    28025kc

They will also work OSCAR 6 and OSCAR 7A on available orbits. If they can work out the problems with antennas and other stuff, they will also try 160mtrs, 6mtrs and OSCAR 7B. They will be using a FT-101 and TS-520 with a 14AVQ plus possibly a linear.

The callsign has not been worked out at this time. QSLs go to either JA1EMX or to P.O. Box 5278, Tokyo International, Tokyo 100-31, Japan.

THE ARRL BOARD MEETING The discussions at the ARRL Board Meeting on the Okino Tori Shima matter apparently were done when the board resolved itself into a 'Committee of the Whole', this being the procedure when talk is desired but not on the record.

The indicators are that W1RU said it was his responsibility, that at the time it did seem like a heck of a good idea but later developments have caused a bit of rethinking. Many precedents, procedures, policy directives and other relevant and non-relevant factors were cited. The role of the DXAC and the Awards Committee was discussed as well as the decision procedures and the feeling of headquarters chairholders toward the advisory committees. Generally, they don't get too excited over them.

Anyhow, it all seems to have ended up with the idea that it was not the brightest idea but to reverse things would only add to the mess and then there would be more problems. So for now it does seem that nothing will be done but it will not happen again!! At least not until the next time.

In other matters there was a lot of attention given to Docket 20777 and they came up with a recommendation on that one. Phone privileges will be asked for the 145.0 to 145.5mhz for novices and also 222mhz to 225mhz. Plans to expand the headquarters were approved, an Outgoing QSL bureau will be established, W1AW on 160mtrs will move from 1805kc to 1820kc.

From September 1st there will be a 'Technical Advisor' appointment; DXCC for 160mtrs and RTTY; fees removed from operating awards to members. There will be a monthly propagation column in QST. Studies to be made of an Amateur Radio 'Hall of Fame', the move of W1AW to a more central location, extending General Class phone to 3825-4000khz and means for relicensing former amateurs without re-examination.

We will have more details in future issues.

WV and the 14-MINUTE REPORT There is no late news on this one and unless there is a concerted effort by the amateurs themselves this hourly report can be lost by September 1st. There are a lot of portents in this action and one has been the speculation that the U.S. governmental policy may be that HF communications are not having much of a future.

Write your U.S. Congressman and U.S. Senator if you want to save these broadcasts. Also write the Institute of Telecommunications Sciences, Boulder, Colo 80302 and ask that the broadcasts be continued. Lots of mail will be important and once the information is gone, it may be tough to get it back.... Write!!

SHORTLY NOTED VS5PM, Pengiran Temenggong Pengiran Haji Mohammed, first VS5 to be licensed in 1936 and former Brunei Controller of Telecommunications passed away in late June. Also a silent key in June was JH1VOE.

There was not much real news this week...but a lot of little stuff which will show up next week or so. We are still trying to get the new gear organized...and rather than keep trying to improvise a masthead, finally figured it was not worth all the fuss. Austerity in that department for a couple of weeks....



REPORTS FROM RED EYED LOUIE

I must go down to the shack again,  
The shack and a lonely band.....

LOW BAND LOUIE

KV4FZ 1804/0310/Jul 18m	CZ20 3802/0035/Jul 18e	VP8MS 3798/0450/Jul 17e
LU1DZ 1804/0540/Jul 18m	FK8CJ 3503/1100/Jul 8m	VP8MB 3807/0500/Jul 17m
OK2PGU 1828/0230/Jul 18m	KJ6DL 3525/0600/Jul 18e	ZL4NH 3503/1300/Jul 15w
PAØHIP 1827/0315/Jul 18m	UB5GBC 3513/0440/Jul 20w	ZS6DN 3802/0410/Jul 17m
CE7AC 7027/0240/Jul 13w	KX6MJ 7002/1425/Jul 18w	VK5BV 7006/1210/Jul 16e
CT1NK 7000/2310/Jul 10e	KP4EAI 7037/0220/Jul 13w	VK6GU 7003/1140/Jul 15w
EA9EU 7009/0540/Jul 11m	KL7FA 7030/0450/Jul 10w	VK6SA 7011/1310/Jul 16w
F3NB 7009/0515/Jul 20w	LU1ZA 7028/0510/Jul 3w	VS5MC 7002/1045/Jul 10e
F08ER 7017/0620/Jul 10w	ON5SG 7004/0515/Jul 20w	VR3AH 7004/0520/Jul 20w
FK8CO/FW8 7021/0630 17m	ON6BC 7007/0535/Jul 11w	5T5CJ 7016/0715/Jul 11w
HKØBKK 7009/0145/Jul 13w	OX300 7004/0510/Jul 13w	8P6GO 7002/0540/Jul 11w
JH1KSB/JD1 7008/0900 18m	UAØKBH 7006/0520/Jul 11w	9M8SG 7002/1045/Jul 10e
KJ6DL 7014/0555/Jul 14m	UL7GBT 7009/1120/Jul 15w	9V1OK 7004/1115/Jul 15w
KJ6DK 7209/0825/Jul 11w	VK3OP 7015/1220/Jul 16e	N6V 7029/1435/Jul 19w

AFRICA CW

EA9EO 14030/1955/Jul 19w  
EA9EU 14014/2235/Jul 13m  
FL8JC 14025/1540/Jul 16ep  
FR7ZW 14022/1200/Jul 17e  
5Z4IW 14015/2020/Jul 19w

AFRICA SSB

C5AH 14275/1800/Jul 15e  
CT3AB 14211/0110/Jul 16m  
EA8JJ 14202/1215/Jul 17m  
FL7CB 14204/1925/Jul 12e  
VE1APY/SU 14198/0005 15e  
WA6EGL/VQ9 14205/1835 19e  
VQ9P 14226/1830/Jul 15e  
ZD7SD 14239/1925/  
5Z4PG 14209/1225/Jul 15e  
6W8FP 14239/2305/Jul 18m  
9G1BK 14208/1220/Jul 15e  
9J2FG 14258/1925/Jul 18e

ASIA CW

A9XBC 14027/1840/Often	UD5QAD 14026/0830/Jul 16ep	YL7QH 14030/0125/Jul 18m
A9XDC 14022/2000/Jul 18e	UF6CX 14022/0010/Jul 14m	UL7TAK 14039/0140/Jul 10m
EP20D 14011/2300/Jul 13m	UG6GAP 14026/0930/Jul 16ep	UL7PA 14028/0230/Jul 14e
EP2LA 14008/1710/Jul 19w	UH8DC 14002/1800/Jul 15ep	UW9FB 14033/1150/Jul 15e
HM1AQ 14030/1145/Jul 17m	UH8BAU 14034/0205/Jul 19m	VS6BB 14019/1230/Jul 19m
HMØB 14028/1450/Jul 15w	UH8HBM 14042/0240/Jul 12m	VS6BL 14030/1245/Jul 19m
JH1KSB/JD1 14025/0510 152	UH8HAS 14006/2240/Jul 13e	VU2BK 14040/0240/Jul 18m
JTØPT 14038/0300/Jul 18e	UI8ACP 14010/0250/Jul 12m	4XL4FU 14049/2140/Jul 16e
SM7JZ/OD5 14018/2015 14m	UI8ADF 14041/0255/Jul 18m	9K2DR 14028/1755/Jul 14w
UA9TS 14034/0205/Jul 19m	UJ8AE 14023/0830/Jul 16ep	
UA9FDW 14027/0125/Jul 18e	UJ8JCE 14015/2340/Jul 13m	
UA9IG 14031/0135/Jul 18e	UK8JAA 14005/0345/Jul 13m	
UA9VQ 14019/1445/Jul 19w	UK9AAN 14032/1505/Jul 14w	
UA9ES 14091/0420/Jul 18w	UKØKAA 14017/0540/Jul 16w	
UAØRJ 14022/2220/Jul 12w	UKØZAA 14022/0530/Jul 13w	

EUROPE CW

C31XS 14018/2040/Jul 19w	LA4LN 14039/0050/Jul 10m	SP6PHW 14039/0115/Jul 10m
DK8QH 14078/2130/Jul 18w	LZ2AMI 14027/0510/Jul 19w	UA3DIW 14028/0515/Jul 19w
EA1EF 14026/0020/Jul 10m	LZ2ZA 14023/-525/Jul 18w	UB5WCW 14048/0500/Jul 11w
EA7FI 14009/1740/Jul 15w	LZ1NP 14091/0415/Jul 18w	UC2AN 14008/1145/Jul 15m
EA7TH 14025/2340/Jul 19w	OH9RJ 14027/2230/Jul 12w	UC2WAN 14026/0840/Jul 16ep
EI2CL 14008/2030/Jul 19w	OHØDX 14026/0610/Jul 19m	UO5AW 14030/0200/Jul 18m
EI3CP 14039/0105/Jul 10m	OK1AMI 14027/0510/Jul 19w	UP2QA 14040/1910/Jul 19m
GW4AYQ 14026/1440/Jul 19w	OK2KUS 14029/0100/Jul 18m	UQ2IC 14033/1545/Jul 19m
GM3AWN 14012/0030/Jul 12w	OK3KAP 14029/0120/Jul 18m	UQ2OC 14018/1150/Jul 19e
HA5KKC 14029/0110/Jul 18m	ON4CU 14027/1955/Jul 19w	YU2CEJ 14008/1710/Jul 19w
HKØKLE 14021/0545/Jul 19w	OZ5DX 14024/1615/Jul 19w	YU2QZ 14028/0515/Jul 15w
ISØWMU 14035/0020/Jul 12m	SJ9WL 14053/2030/Jul 18e	YO7NK 14035/2300/Jul 13m



ALXFE	14280/1930/Jul	15e	HZ1AB	14240/2000/Jul	17e	VU2GDG	14216/1530/Jul	17m
ALXGB	14323/2120/Jul	18m	JY1	14301/1855/Jul	15e	R9NO	14208/0325/Jul	18m
HL9WP	14222/1310/Jul	11e	OD5LM	14223/2220/Jul	18e	4Z4PG	14211/1830/Jul	18m
HS1BG	14217/1435/Jul	17w	UK9UAI	14220/0045/Jul	14w	9V1SQ	14221/1330/Jul	17m
HS5AKW	14220/1320/Jul	13e	UW0NE	14235/1320/Jul	17m	9N1MM	14213/1450/Jul	17m

C31KO	14265/2015/Jul	15e	IE9SEZ	14218/2035/Jul	10e	UA2FBZ	14201/0535/Jul	13w
C31KA	14219/0000/Jul	19e	IQ0AMU	14214/2055/Jul	13e	UB5MDI	14208/2105/Jul	17e
CT2BL	14223/0150/Jul	16e	JW2CF	14202/0200/Jul	18m	U05PK	14208/0345/Jul	19w
CT2SH	14205/2345/Jul	16w	OE2UE	14222/0510/Jul	15w	UW1AE	14209/0405/Jul	19w
DM2DUK	14207/2035/Jul	18m	OE6MBG	14201/0540/Jul	15w	ZP2DN	14237/1920/Jul	12m
DM2AYK	14211/1820/Jul	18m	OH0AM	14204/0445/Jul	15w	9H1EL	14226/2110/Jul	18e
DK8OP	28566/2330/Jul	11e	OK2BKR	14223/0530/Jul	15w	9H3MTF	14235/1530/Jul	11e
EA6BG	14209/2130/Jul	14e	ON4LJ	14207/0550/Jul	15w			
FC9UC	14204/2200/Jul	10m	OZ5EV	28577/2320/Jul	11e			
GM3MBP	14211/2310/Jul	17m	SV1CT	14222/2320/Jul	18e			
HA1ZH	14213/0515/Jul	14w	SP3DOI	14213/0715/Jul	14m			
HB9AGC	14220/2305/Jul	17m	SV1KW	14270/2225/Jul	17e			

C2Z0	14012/0425/Jul	16w	KG6JAR	14022/1030/Jul	17w	VP9AT	14031/1320/Jul	16w
CM2HB	14012/1250/Jul	13w	KX6MJ	14031/0720/Jul	19m	VP9IJ	14040/1610/Jul	19m
FG7AQ	14023/1300/Jul	17e	KX6BU	14032/0540/Jul	16w	VR3AH	14025/1000/Jul	17w
FG7XJ	14025/2130/Jul	16e	N6V	14027/1220/Jul	20w	VS5MC	14033/1305/Jul	13e
FK8AI	14012/0410/Jul	16w	OX3OA	14018/0055/Jul	16m	ZK2AU	14036/2005/Jul	12w
FO8ER	14011/0315/Jul	16w	VE8NT	14011/0020/Jul	14w	ZL4NH	14020/0250/Jul	17m
FY7YE	14051/2030/Jul	14w	VE8CX	14049/0450/Jul	14w	8P6BU	14040/1105/Jul	17w
HK0BKX	14048/1230/Jul	13e	VP2MFB	14029/2300/Jul	16e	9Y4TR	14026/1205/Jul	16e
KS6FL	14034/0645/Jul	16m	VP2MF	14008/1900/Jul	14w			

FM7AQ	14218/0020/Jul	20m	KJ6DL	14270/0315/Jul	15e	VR1AF	14220/0445/Jul	17e
FO8BW	14233/0405/Jul	16e	KX6CC	14245/0400/Jul	17e	VR3AK	14241/0620/Jul	16e
FO8DP	14218/0320/Jul	15w	KX6BU	14203/2120/Jul	15w	WM3PEN	14336/0210/Jul	15e
FP0BB	14215/0255/Jul	19e	KX6MA	14235/2015/Jul	20m	YB8ACK	14210/1210/Jul	17m
HI8PDT	14202/1425/Jul	17m	KX6LX	14239/0330/Jul	18m	YJ8DS	14214/0510/Jul	17w
HK4DF	14216/2100/Jul	17m	OX300	14302/1230/Jul	11e	ZK1BA	14265/0455/Jul	19e
KC6MW	14272/0500/Jul	16e	P29BN	14225/1235/Jul	18m	ZK1DA	14265/0430/Jul	16e
KC6QM	14329/0715/Jul	14m	P29CC	14265/0705/Jul	18m	ZK1CV	14255/0335/Jul	17m
KG6SW	14246/0730/Jul	13e	VP2SD	14240/2035/Jul	13e	5J3SB	14202/1355/Jul	17m
KJ6CF	14341/0715/Jul	18m	VP5MA	14285/1235/Jul	17e	5K3LR	14210/0020/Jul	18m

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## CALENDAR

BILL RINDONE	No Late word.... Still in African area apparently
SAIPAN	CW operation only.....August 2nd to 7th by JA1EMX & friends
JUAN DE NOVA	FR7ZL should be heard from Europa about now....
NETHERLAND ANTILLES	PJ8AA by W2BBK for two weeks from August 4th
VENEZUELA TEST	CW...this weekend. July 31st/Aug 1st.
ARGENTINE TEST	PHONE...Aug 7/8th
NORTHWEST DX MEETING	In Vancouver, British Columbia, Aug 7/8th. VE7BVH for details
DXPO	Sept 25/26th.....Ramada Inn at Tysons Corners...near McLean, Va.
SEANET CONVENTION	Jakarta.....November 12/14th. The annual gathering.

CQ's WPX/DX AWARDS There have been some changes in the handling of the awards and they are now handled as two separate operations by two different amateurs.

CQ's WPX Award now goes to Bob Huntington, W6TCQ, 5014 Mindora, Torrance, Calif. 90505. CQ's DX Awards now go to Rod Linkous, W7YBX, 5632 47th Ave SE, Seattle, Wash 98136. The previous arrangements had been that the two awards were handled by a single person but because of the growth in the awards, a decision has been made to split them.

The WAZ Awards still goes to John Attaway, K4IIF, Box 205, Winter Haven, Fla 33880 and the CQ Bicentennial Award goes to Bernie Welch, W8IMZ, 7735 Redbank Lane, Dayton, Ohio, 45424. Rod Linkous, W7YBX, also will be the Assistant DX Editor for the column in the CQ magazine.

If you have any of the WPX forms on hand with the printed address, the new and correct address for the awards should be noted.

EGYPT VE1APY, Eric, will be in Egypt for about two more months. He is frequently found at 14140kc from 2200Z and also moves up to just under the band edge. The 14140kc area is usually used for communications back to VE-land and he wants not to be interrupted. When finished he will sometime reply to a c.w. call. The operation up at the phone band-edge is often a list operation. When you work him, QSL to his home QTH.

VR6TC Several sources note that QSLs do come from W6HS, C Moser, 2153 Lyans Dr, La Canada, Calif. 91011. The key words appear to be 'generator fund' and a bit of help with the generator fund often produces QSLs on short notice.... Usually less than a month.

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Max W5GJ Don K5AAD Mary W5MBB Dave WA5ZNY Rod K5BGB  
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ARRL Newington has been checking the mailing figures for the various amateur radio magazines and comes up with the counts for the year ending June 1976. They read:

CQ	23,636 mailed monthly	-10.5%	QST	128,880 mailed monthly	+11.8%
73	36,241	- 5.3%	Ham Radio	49,695	+15.1%

These are figures for copies sent through the mails. It does not include copies which were sold via news-stands or radio stores or other outlets.

On Docket 20282, from July 23rd full credit given for exam elements taken by mail when upgrading. Tech need only to pass 13wpm test for example, to go General. Present Conditionals will automatically carry full Tech or General privileges from July 23rd.

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