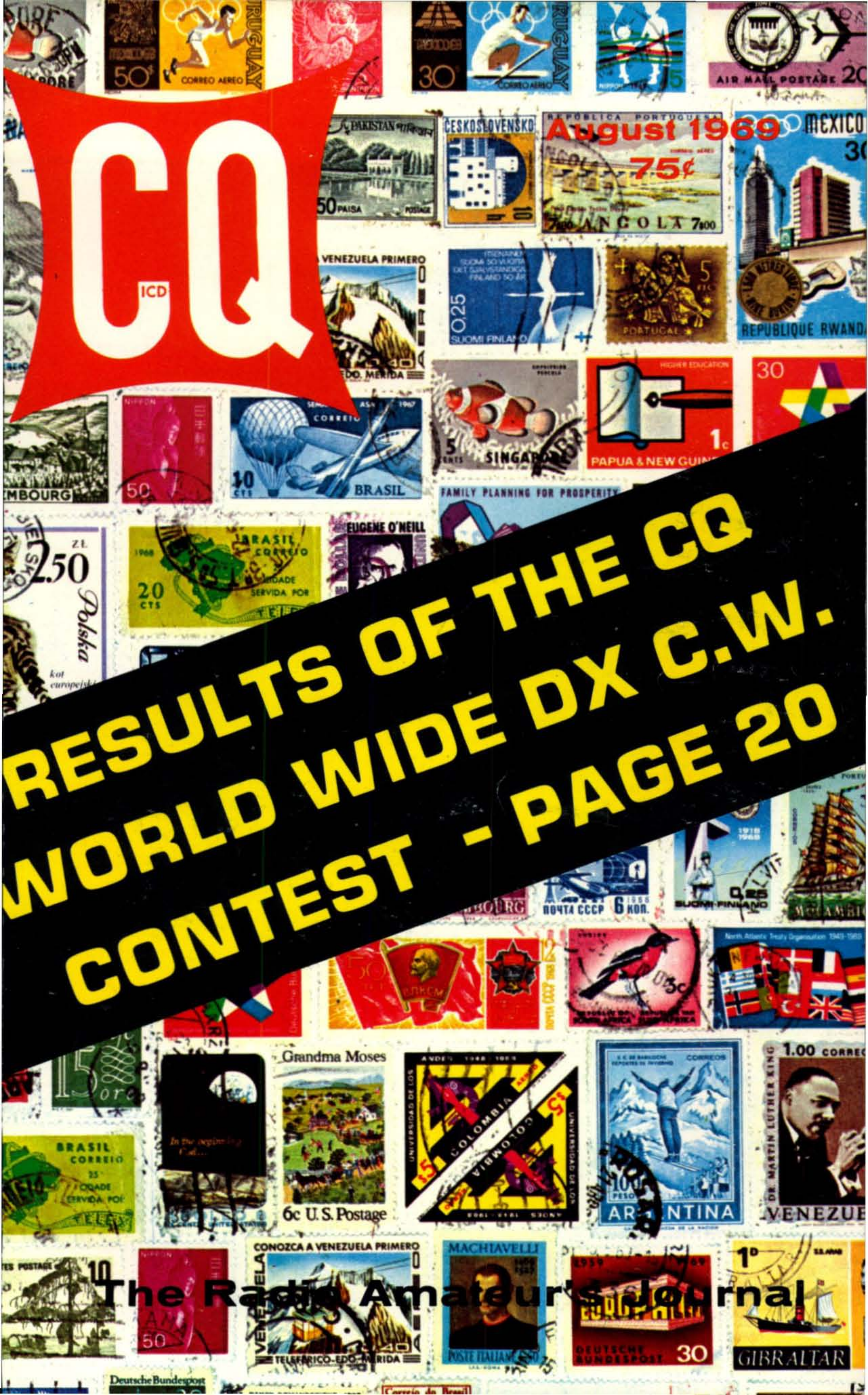


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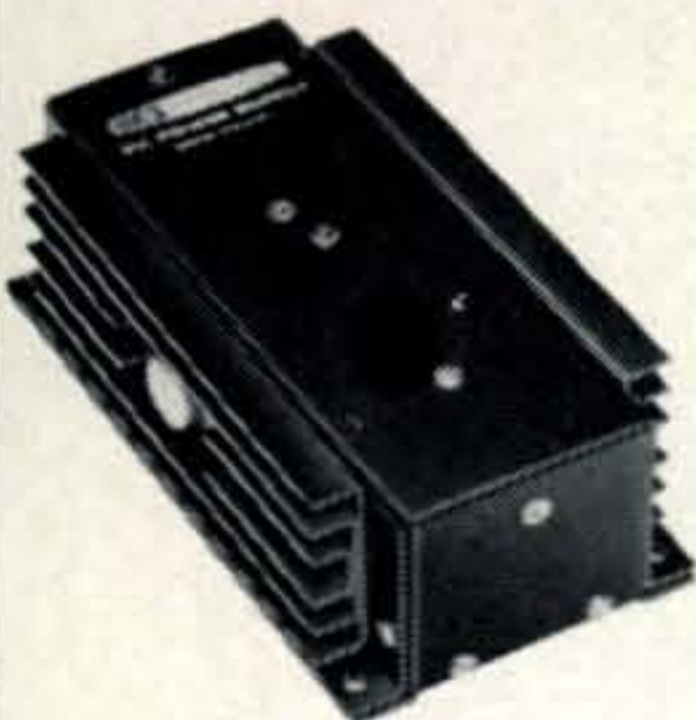
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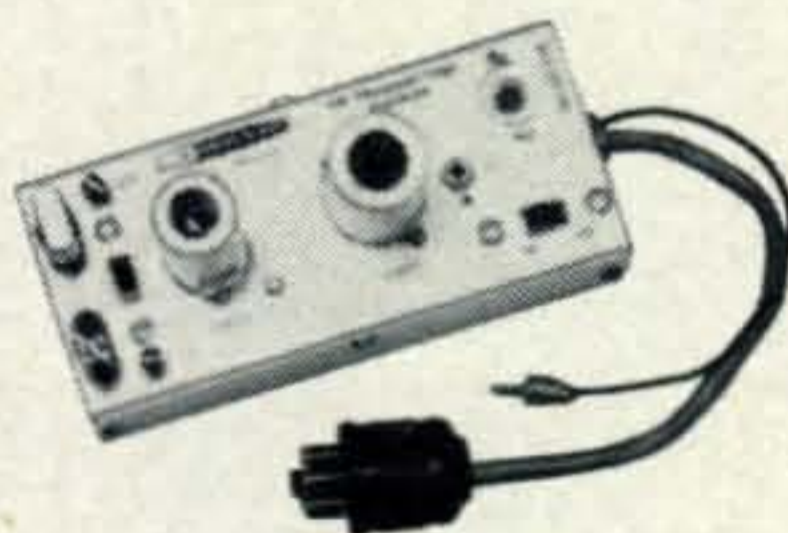
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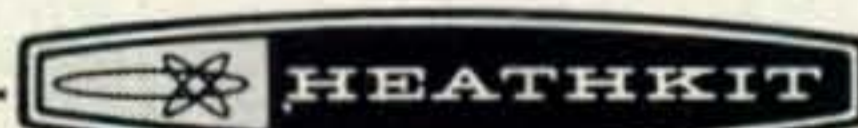
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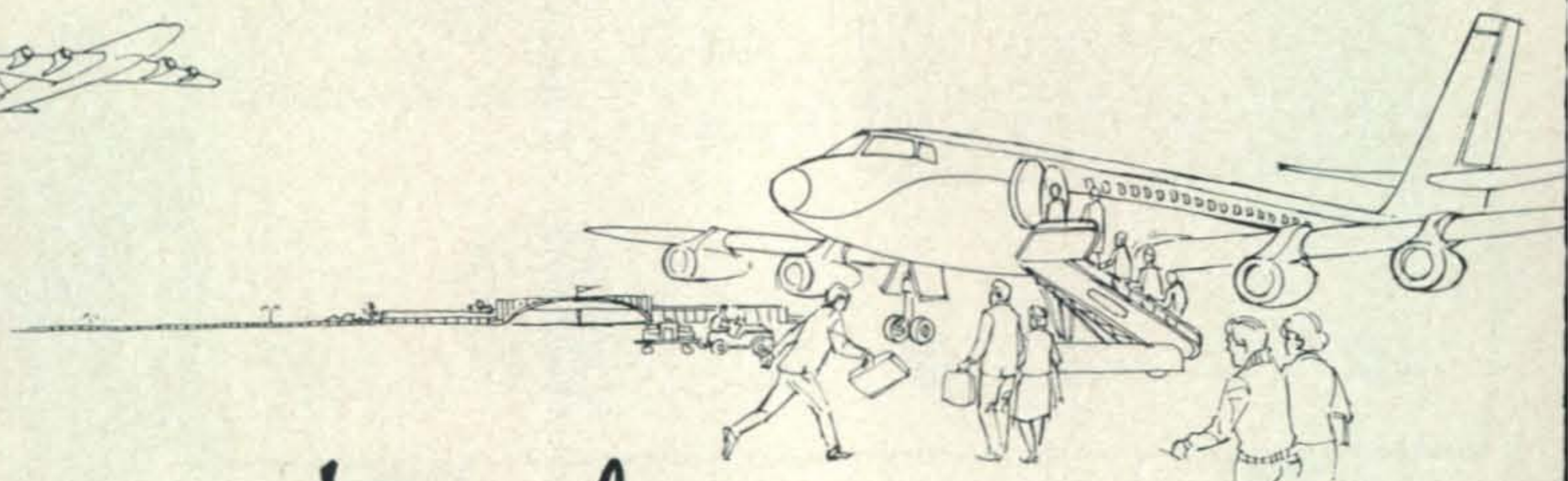
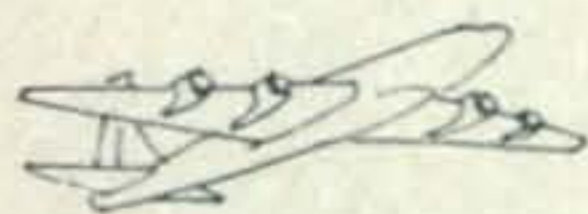
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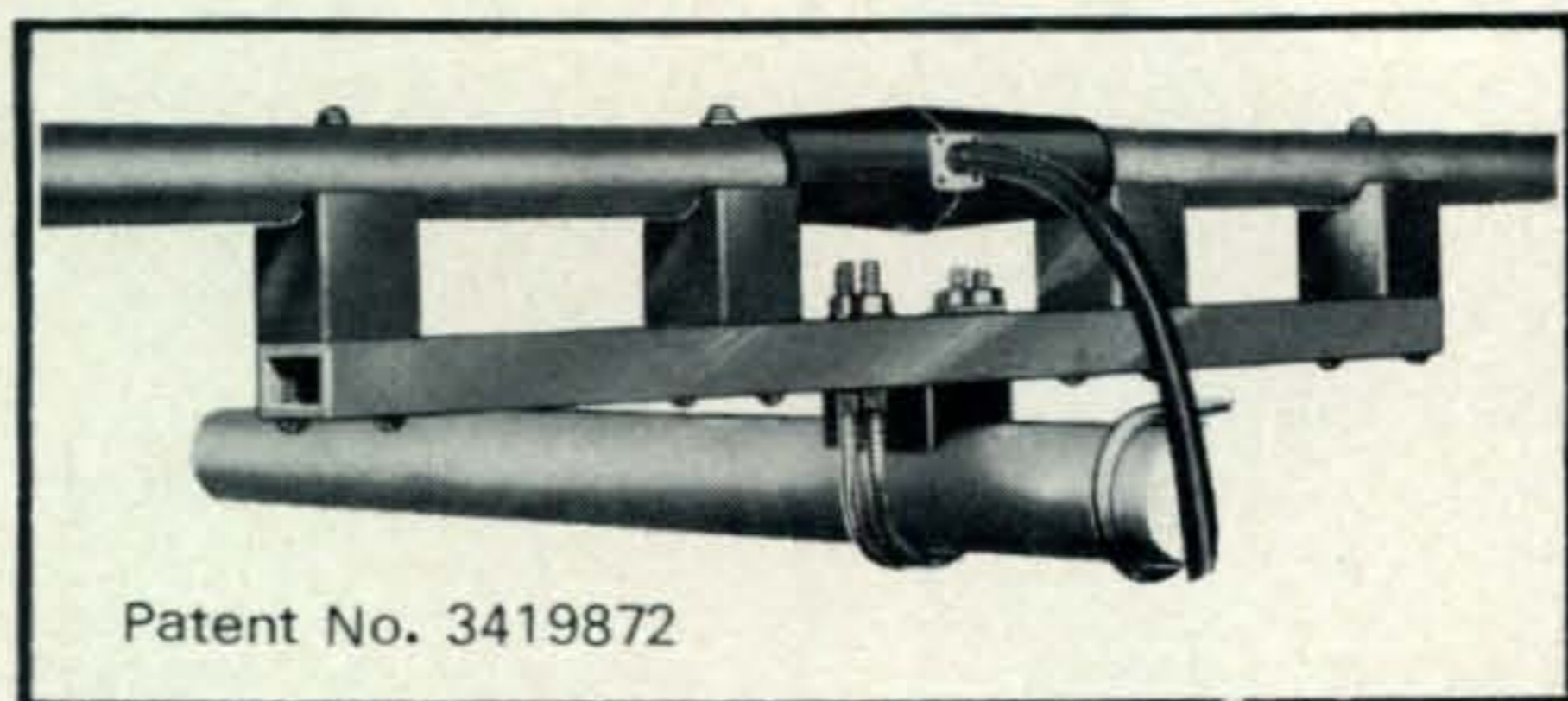
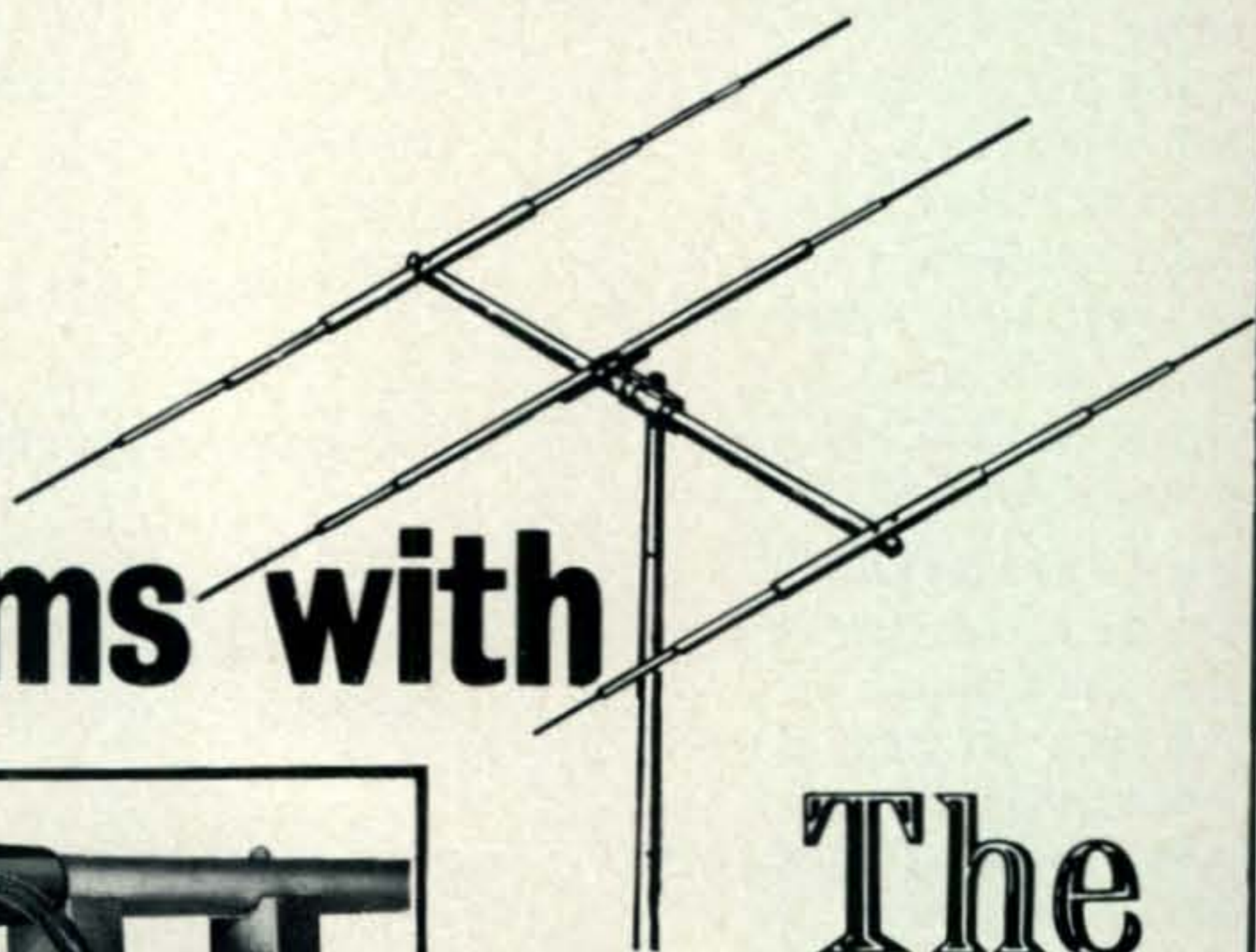
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## ZERO BIAS

**T**HROUGHOUT this issue are page filler items asking: "Troubled by TXI? See page 78." TXI? It's a monicker dreamed up by Bill Scherer, W2EAF, *CQ*'s Technical Director, for a broad and increasingly troublesome form of radio interference, namely, r.f. interference with transistorized equipment.

Put simply, it is the problem of spurious generation of unwanted signals by transistors of all types when subjected to strong external r.f. fields. Transistors as a rule are composed of one or more semiconductor junctions—in function each junction is a semiconductor diode which can function either as a detector to produce an audio signal from an r.f. signal or as a non-linear device causing adverse spurious signal effects.

The picture should be taking shape now: transistors by the million being used in common devices ranging from TV sets to hearing aids to car ignitions to antenna rotators. Each transistor could be a potential interference source! With the growing number of transmitters on the air in the US alone, the likelihood of—and indeed the frequency of such interference is growing at a phenomenal rate. Unless steps are taken immediately to institute some corrective measures, TXI will continue to grow into a problem of such proportions that Television Interference (TVI) will seem insignificant by comparison! Those are strong words, but facts are facts, and only by facing these facts now before the problem explodes completely can the public—and certainly the amateur—be protected from the effects of such widespread radio havoc and the ensuing ruinous publicity.

Twenty-three years of TVI and forty-odd years of BCI have proven that radio interference, regardless of its source or blame for it, is a problem which is difficult to justify in the layman's mind, and frequently leads to ill

feelings among otherwise good neighbors. The lesson of these years should be very clear: Work to prevent a little problem from becoming a big one. Now, while TXI is still a relatively minor occurrence, work to prevent it from ever becoming a major phenomenon.

Through proper legislation manufacturers of devices using transistors *can* be required to incorporate precautionary measures against TXI.

On page 78, in W2AEF's Q & A Column, an interesting few paragraphs on the subject appear in which Bill makes some sincere and valid proposals. They're worthwhile reading.

### Herbert Hoover, W6ZH

We are saddened to report the death of one of amateur radio's staunchest supporters, Herbert Hoover, Jr., W6ZH on July 9, 1969 in Pasadena, California, at the age of 65.

In addition to his familiar former role as President of ARRL from 1962 to 1966, W6ZH was involved at various times in activities ranging from Under Secretary of State under the late John Foster Dulles from 1954 to 1957, to his specialty (and profession), petroleum geology. Herb was born in London and received his bachelor's degree from Stamford University and master's degree from Harvard. He also held numerous honorary degrees.

Although not a politician, he was a diplomat who was instrumental in resolving a serious disagreement between Great Britain and Iran in 1964 over British controlled oil fields. He brought to amateur radio dignity and reason which only statesmen seem to have. Amateur radio mourns him.

### Our Cover

On the cover is just a tiny sampling of the thousands of colorful foreign stamps passing through the *CQ* office each winter and spring on log entries for the mammoth *CQ* World Wide DX Contest. The contest is the world's largest and we believe the best. Evidently a few other fellows also feel it's pretty good, since we get nearly 3000 entries every year! Who gets the stamps? Oh, that's how we bribe WIWY into chairing the event each year. When he finishes tabulating the results, he gets to keep the stamps. Results of the c.w. section of the test begin on page 20.

73, Dick, K2MGA

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# OUR READERS SAY

## Youth Involvement

Editor, CQ:

I concur with you completely with regard to the topic of more youth involvement in ARRL affairs, and the initiation of an intermediate body lying between the ARRL member and the director, projected by your June editorial.

I have conducted meetings with other teenage amateurs in my section and we are contemplating running our own candidate, one in his late teens, to contend for the position of Connecticut ARRL Section Communications Manager this January.

It is certainly not our intent to perpetuate a running argument with regard to the older hams in this section holding ARRL leadership, but the fact is we are growing increasingly weary of the same cobwebbed, traditional clique of people and would earnestly like to see more intake of young blood.

Ralph J. Irace, WA1GEK/WB4LVO  
Wethersfield, Conn.

## Computers, Anyone?

Editor, CQ:

I am interested in contacting amateurs who are building computer terminals or doing any kind of computer work, hardware or software. We have at the University of Connecticut an IBM Model 360/65 which I can use and would like to do some amateur-oriented projects.

I would appreciate your passing along my address. Thank you.

Bill Waggoner, WA1JGS  
1-C Hardwood Acres  
Storrs, Conn. 06268

## Philippine Operating

Editor, CQ:

I found the letters regarding "Philippine Operating" in the June and January issues most interesting. I would say that the Lauson letter was a more accurate description of the Philippine licensing situation.

I was based in the Philippines from 1965 to 1967. Prior to my departure for overseas I chanced to contact an Air Force man who had just completed a tour at Clark AFB. He advised that there was no point in taking Amateur Equipment to the Philippines because it was not possible to obtain operating authorization. I did not expect to be in the Philippines very long and I made no attempt to bring the equipment. Shortly after my arrival I heard about these special permits, and I found my tour extended.

I made the trip from Cavite to the Radio Control Office in Manila and was advised that I could get such a permit. In September, 1965 I returned to the US and brought my mobile rig back with me in a foot locker.

When I attempted to file an application, I was told that nothing could be done until after the presidential election. After the election I was advised that there was a new Secretary, and that it was uncertain what position he would take as to issuing these special licenses. After many trips to Manila they finally agreed to accept my application and it was filed along with schematics and antenna description. Much time elapsed and the explanation was that they had not made a decision on the matter.

I knew about the Goldwater Reciprocal Licensing Bill and I made a trip to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Library and dug through back issues of QST to find the number of the bill. Armed with the number I obtained the pertinent copy of the Congressional Record in which it was published and furnished a photostat of it to the Radio Control Office. I haunted their R.C. office whenever I could take the time off. Still the answer was "no decision." Finally in 1967, and shortly before the end of my tour of duty, I received a courteous note that they would not grant the license since I was not a citizen of the Philippines. This fact must have been quite evident two years earlier!

I do not doubt that special permits have been issued to a few Americans with friends in high places, but this hardly applies to the usual GI operator or ordinary American civilians working on remote military bases.

Two of the names on the special permit list are familiar to me. Sam Lewbel's office was almost in the shadow of the US Embassy. Bill Long (W3EIV) was a High School classmate at W3WZ, but I have not had contact with him in more than 35 years. I suspect that he works for the State Department.

I sincerely hope that Foreign Secretary Ramos signs the Reciprocal Licensing Bill for the sake of all Frustrated American Amateurs in the P.I. It would be a noble gesture since I doubt that there is much pressure to obtain US calls by Philippine hams and thus, it would clearly be an expression of good will.

Edwin F. Morrison W3RY  
California, Md.

## Alien Operators

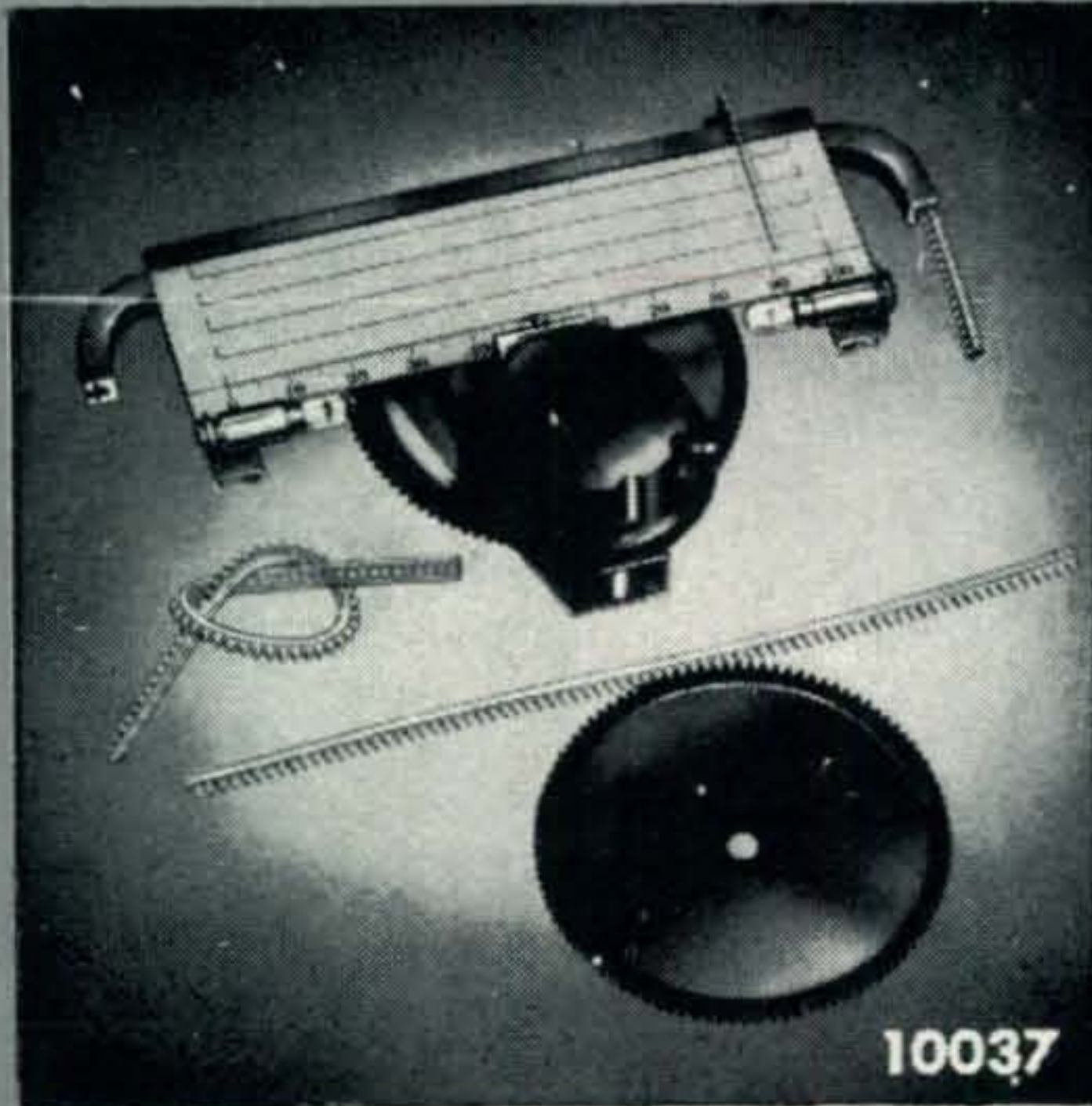
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I am complaining against the section of the Communication Act of 1934 which requires an applicant for a radio-amateur license to be a citizen of this country or to be an alien having an amateur license and whose government has a bilateral reciprocal agreement with the United States.

I would like to comment on that section as follows:

1. An alien who is already a "permanent resident" of the United States and has filled out and signed the "declaration of intention to become a United States citizen" has already been verified and approved by the American authorities and will in time become a citizen.

2. People in this category have most of the duties of the American citizens: they are paying taxes, serving in the American Armed Forces and those with the Signal Corps of the Army are regularly using military transmitters.

3. Based on reciprocal Operating Agreements radio-amateurs from 23 foreign countries can operate their own radio amateur station in this country. Are these radio-amateurs more American or more reliable to this country than we, the permanent residents?

My complaint could be considered as unreasonable if only American citizens could enjoy the right to get a license for operating a radio amateur station.

But as long as non-American people like tourists or short-time visitors are granted this right, why should it not be granted to us who are permanent American residents and have already declared our intention to become citizens? Why not to us who are tax-payers and thus are contributing to the welfare of the American community? Why not to us who are serving in the Armed Forces and thus are considered faithful to these United States?

Last year Congressman T. R. Kupferman introduced a Bill under the Nr. HR 16764. Being too late the Bill died in the House Committee of Commerce.

Another similar Bill was introduced this year to the Senate by Sen. B. Goldwater under S. Res. 27.

We hope you will help us in passing this resolution in spite of the fact that we new emigrants have nothing to offer in exchange as other countries do, other than our blood, our affection for this country, or our strong desire to work hard for the welfare of this nation which we loved us and where we found the freedom which we were deprived in our native country.

Marcel Saidman, ex-YO3FZ  
Brighton, Mass.

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# Announcements

## Rare County DXpedition

W7IEU will operate from SKAMANIA county, Washington, on September 2-3, also from KLUCKITAT county, Washington, on September 4-5, and from WAHAKIYAKUM county, Washington on September 6-7. The operation will all be on c.w. and 60 to 70 kc inside the bands, 10 through 80 meters.

## Creston, Iowa

The Iowa 75 meter phone net picnic will be held in Anson Park at Marshalltown on August 17th. All activities will begin around noon.

## Decatur, Ala.

The North Alabama Hamfest will be held August 17th in the cafeteria of John C. Calhoun State Technical & Junior College located north of Decatur on U.S. Highway 31.

## Saddle Brook, N.J.

The East Coast VHF Society is holding its 11th Annual Free outdoor Picnic Hamfest on Sunday, August 10, at Saddle Brook Park (on Saddle River Road) starting at 10 a.m. Games, contests (including Antenna Measuring contest), displays, demonstrations and many other interesting event for all age groups have been planned. Food and soft drinks will be available. Talk-in stations will be on the air. For more information write E. C. VHF Society, P.O. Box 1263, Paterson, N.J.

## Belvidere, Illinois

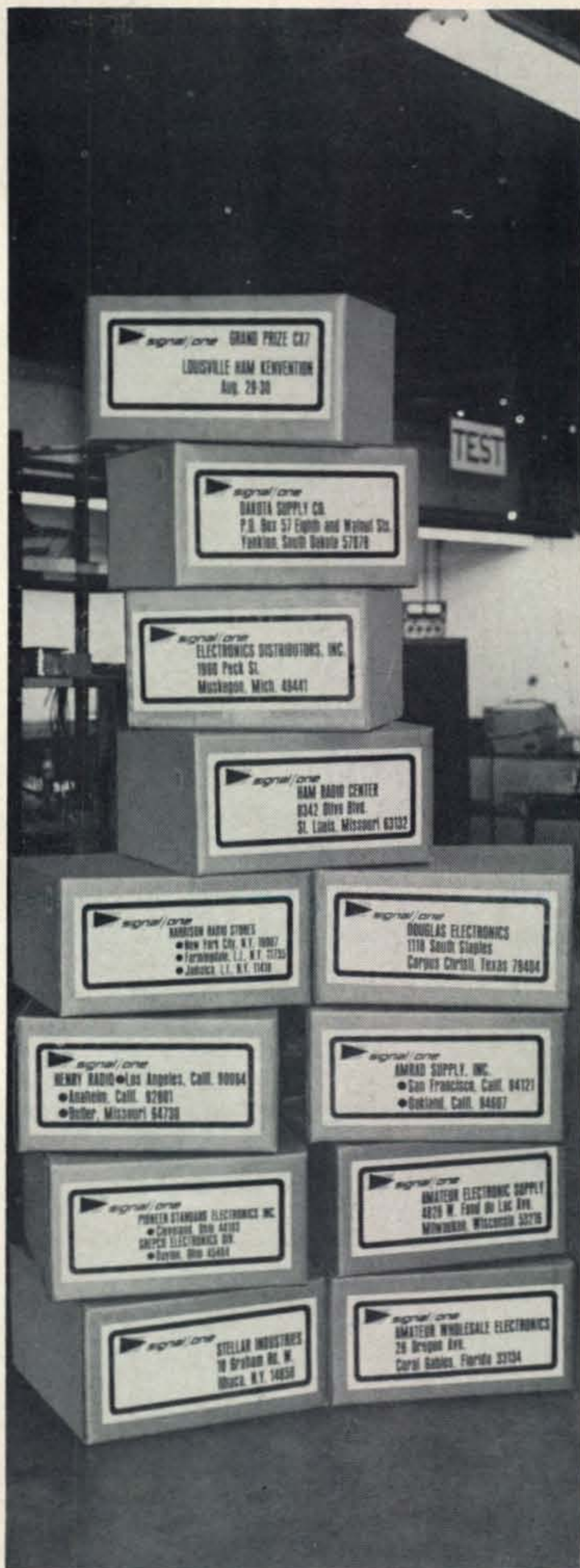
The Fourth Annual Hamfest sponsored by the Rockford ARA, Beloit ARC, Wisill VHF Club, and the Big Thunder ARC will be held on August 17 at the Boone County Fair Grounds north of Belvidere on Highway 76. There will be free coffee and donuts and refreshments will be available. For complete details write to Russ Jansen, K9TKT, Ridott, Illinois 61067.

## Brandon, Florida

The Branon Amateur Radio Society will sponsor the First Annual Ham Camporee on August 22-23, at the Royall Park Campground, Riverview, Florida (off Highway 301). This campground has everything. There will be a demonstration of quick tree-top antennas and a tour of Busch Gardens. Pre-registration helpful but not required. For further details write BARS, P.O. Box 828, Brandon, Fla. 33511, attn: Gene WA4YNW.

## Harrington, Delaware

The Amateur Radio Clubs of Delaware in a joint effort are planning the 1969 Delaware Hamfest, which will take place at Harrington on August 17. Previous affairs have been attended by over 1,000 amateurs from New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware.



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### Springfield, Mo.

The Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will hold their annual picnic and hamfest on August 24, 1969. For complete information contact: Roy Testerman, W0FXU, Southwest Missouri ARC, P.O. Box 291, Springfield, Mo. 65801.

### St. Louis, Missouri

The Central Communications Region (AFCS) will hold its Fourth Annual MARS conference, for Military and Civilian members, at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis on August 29, 30 & 31. Registration fee for the conference is \$11.50 and includes, among other things, the banquet on Saturday, August 30th, which will have Sen. Barry Goldwater, AFA7UGA, as the primary speaker. For reservations and advance registration contact Mr. Eugene Depeneloz, AFB0AUX, 6320 Wydown Blvd., Clayton, Mo. 63105.

### Reno, Nevada

The Nevada Amateur Radio Association is once again organizing their annual picnic at Bowers Mansion. The picnic is scheduled for August 30 and called the Sierra Hamfest. Last year over 200 amateurs and their families attended. For full particulars contact: George Lyle, K7ZAU, 1047 Mark Way, Carson City, Nevada 89701, or by calling 702-882-5470 in the evening.

### Puget Sound, Wash.

The Puget Sound Council of Amateur Radio Clubs will issue a Governor's Certificate to qualifying amateurs during Washington State Amateur Radio Week, September 1st through 7th. The certificate, signed by Gov. Daniel J. Evans, will be sent to out-of-state hams who contact ten Washington State hams, and in-state hams who contact twenty other Washington hams during the above period. Send list of stations worked, their QTH's, and the dates of the contacts to: The Puget Sound Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, Drawer A, McChord AFB, Washington 98438.

### Haddonfield, N.J.

The South Jersey Radio Association is holding their annual hamfest at Molia Farm in Malaga, N.J. on September 7 (rain date Sept. 21). This promises to be their largest hamfest to date. Numerous activities are planned for the entire family. Advance registration for non-members is \$2.00 (which includes entire family) and closes August 31. General admission at the gate is \$3.00. For complete details write to: Gene Bond, WA2MGV, 15 East Camden Ave., Moorestown, N.J.

### Rock Island, Illinois

The Quad City Amateur Radio Club, W9YCR, will hold its annual Hamfest on August 24 at the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois. Food will be available at the Arsenal Cafeteria.

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Feenix, Ariz.

Dear Hon. Ed:

Three months ago I riting you about dreem having. You remembering—it about working ee-x in the yeer 2069. I dreeming how mchoors working peeples on planets of tars reel far away.

Well, Hon. Ed. the more I thinking about , the less true I thinking it can being done. trying to figyour out how somebuddy can oing it.

Like take suppose you wanting to working irius III (that being third planet out from e star Sirius). First of all you got to look p where that star is in the hevvin. This aking complicated star table, and reel ac- urate clock.

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OK, once you getting parabola aimed rite, nd that no meen feet, you starting motor hat turning parabola so it following star as arth turning. If you not doing that, you osing star so fast it not being funny.

Once you have beem tracking good old irius, then you turning on xmitter. It can't e any old 2 kw. p.e.p. jobbie. No indeedy, s Sirius is some 16 million million miles way. So maybe you having pulsed million att job. You sending some kind of see-w, ith 100 microsecond pulse for dash, and maybe a 25 microsecond pulse for dot.

You can sending seek-you a few times, hen sineing. Or, maybe you making extra- ng xmission—say 5 minutes. Now, you think ou turning on your reseever and listening? ah!! not on your tinny tipe. You know why ot? On acct. it taking your signal about 8

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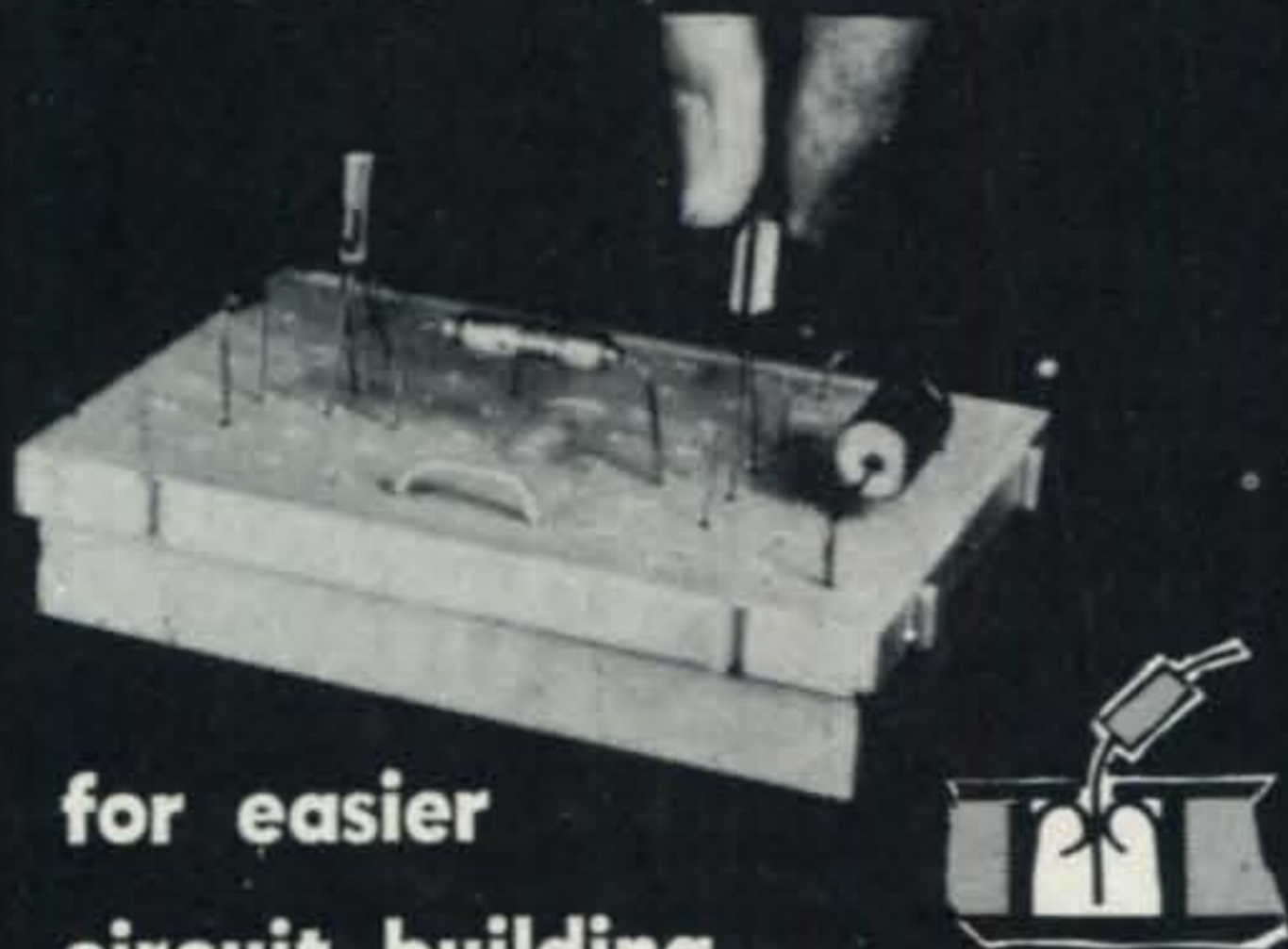
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years just to getting to Sirius, that's how comes.

So, you getting out your calendar and making note to listening for answer about 16 years from now! That giving time for signal to get to Sirius III, have some amchoor then hear you, and call back. You got to do some pretty fancy calculating to figuring out exact time to listening, taking into acct. 16 years and all that jazz.

Of course, you can send seek-you every day, so in 16 years you can listening every day to see if anybuddy hearing you. It's putting big damper on ragchewing though doesn't it, Hon. Ed!

If you wanting to talk to planet of Alpha Centauri, it only taking about 8 years—years each way. But, after that, with two planets worked, you in reel trouble to working extra-solar dee-x.

Oh, maybe you can't wait 20 years to talk to Procyon, and 36 years for quickie-qso with Altair. But now it getting reel tough. Fomalhaut taking 54 years, Pollux 62 years, Alderamin 108 years, give or take a week or two and Regulus and Achernar 140 years. Hon. Ed., you should live so long!

And what about poor amchoor at other end. Say he on Alpha Centauri planet, 4 light years away. Four years after you send seek-you, he answer you with RST349. In 8 years you hear this (if you listening) then you send back his signal report. Twelve years after you start, he gets your report, and sends you an acknowledgement. Another 4 years after you know he got your report. A total of 20 years!

On that basis, qso's to Sirius take 32 years, Procyon 40 years, and Altair 72 years. That's it—that's all there is to work. Four light years. Some dee-x. Hah! I thinking maybe we better having some contest for all stations on the moon, or all zones on Mars, or something easy.

On the other hand, maybe there is some way to making radio waves go faster than speed of light. Hon. Albert Einstein not thinking so. Howsumever, Hon. Scratchi not sure. I putting on my think-cap and see what I can figuring out. Don't throw away your star-chart until you hearing from me.

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BY KATASHI NOSE,\* KH6IJ

**T**HE central Electronics CE100V s.s.b. transmitter is no longer in production but still is available at a reasonable price considering its versatility. You have a choice of a.m., u.s.b., l.s.b., p.m. f.s.k., c.w. from 10 through 80 meters with no tuning except for v.f.o. knob and bandswitch. In fact there are no tuning knobs. Unfortunately, the set was too far ahead of its time and was a casualty in the "battle of p.e.p.'s", which is what sells a set these days.

With the liberalized ruling for 160 meter operation (one kilowatt in certain areas), manufacturers have one more headache to contend with as the demand for this band increases. Fortunately, for 100V and 200V owners, this fine transmitter has provision for an "X" band (you install whatever band you want, MARS, CAP, etc.) and no "cutting into" or reworking is necessary. If anything, the addition of the extra band enhances the value of the transmitter since the "X" band position normally is left blank both dialwise and coil-socket wise.

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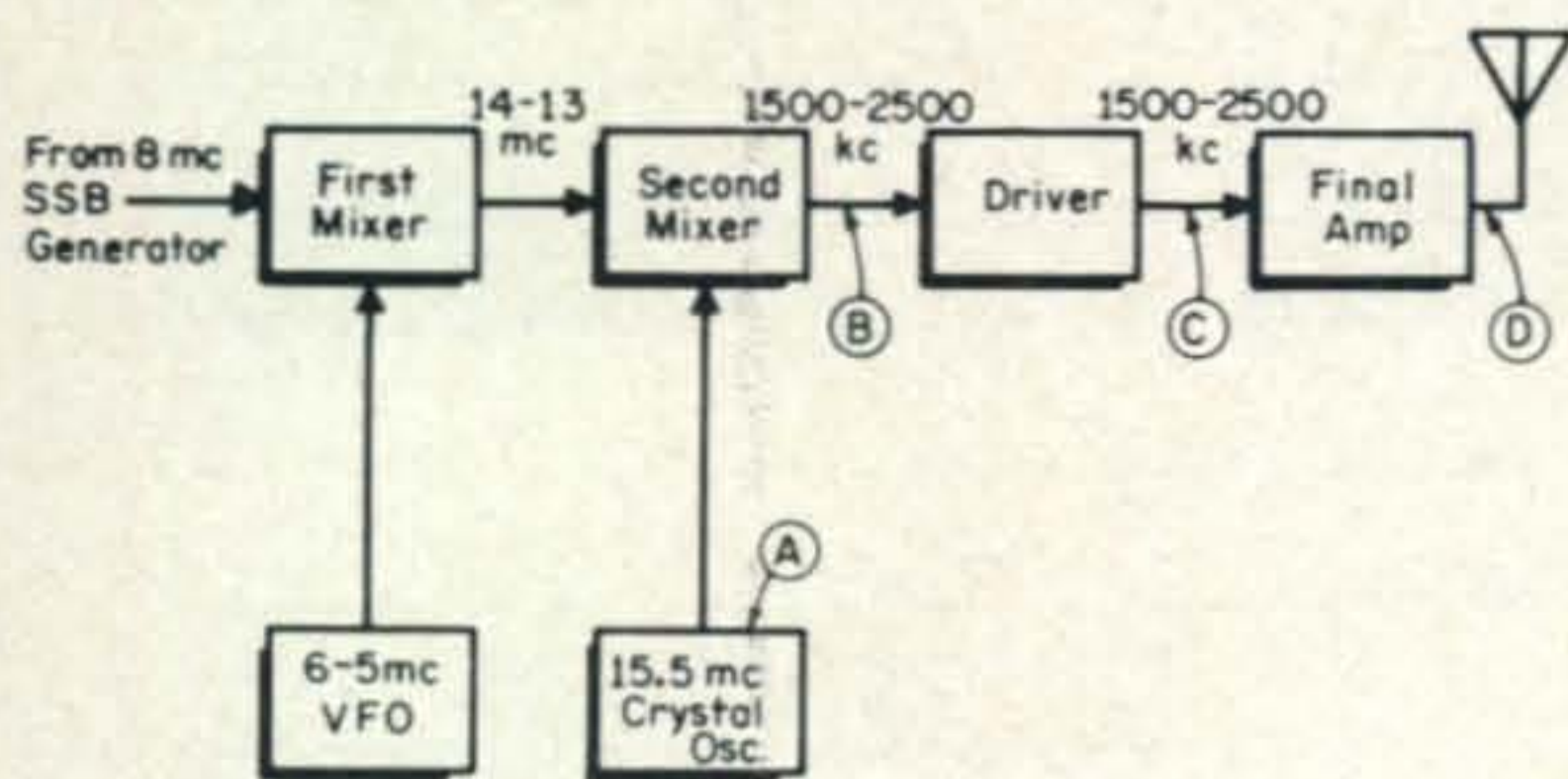


Fig. 1—Block diagram of the conversion process for 160 meter operation of the Central Electronics 100V and 200V.

## The Conversion

Conversion merely entails winding some wire on a final coil form and scramble-winding three slug-tuned forms which are then plugged into holes already provided. The entire job can be done in a few hours if you have a grid dip meter, but even this is unnecessary if you don't mind the cut and try method. The conversion is actually easier to perform than to describe.

## Circuitry

Referring to fig. 1, the 8 mc signal and 6-7 mc v.f.o. injection produce a first mixer output of 14-13 mc which is then converted to 1500-2500 kc output with 15.5 mc crystal injection. The output is amplified by a driver before application to the broadband final amplifier.

## The Final Tank Coil

When the original conversion was performed some 12 years ago Central Electronics had not yet released conversion data and therefore the author had to feel his way around. The low level stages gave no trouble, as they could be scaled up from studying the high frequency coils. However, the final

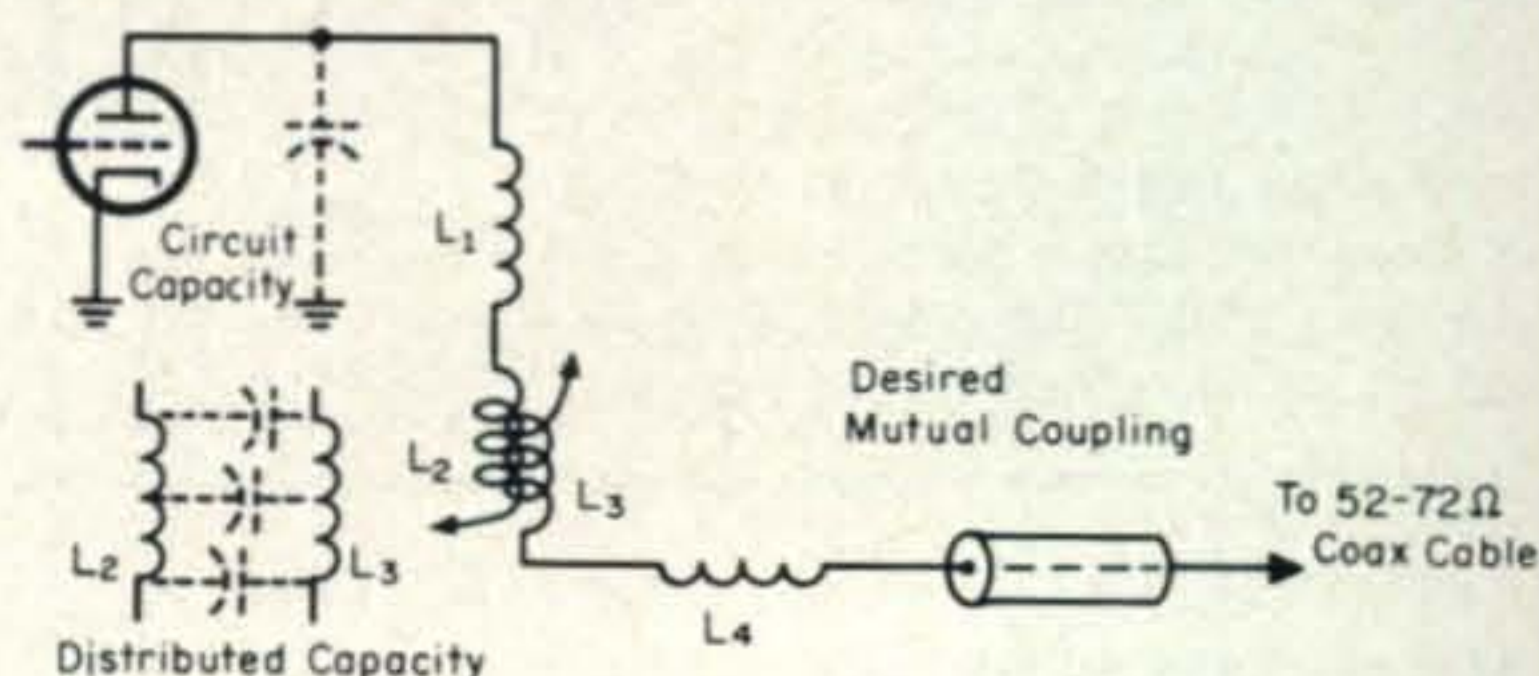


Fig. 2—Original method of broadcasting the final amplifier coil in the CE100V and CE200V.

patented "broad-band" coil was a secret device and I could not duplicate it and small wonder as will be seen later.

Referring to fig. 2, the primary coils  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  resonate at the high frequency end of the desired passband. Part of secondary  $L_3$  and  $L_4$  is bifilar wound with the primary. The bifilar winding has a distributed capacity between the wires. This capacity appears as a series resonant circuit with  $L_4$  at the low frequency end of the desired passband. By controlling the size of the bifilar winding and the mutual coupling between  $L_1$  and  $L_4$  it is possible to show an essentially constant load to the amplifier plate across the desired bandpass assuming of course that a proper load is placed across the output.

The coils have a brass shim stock material between primary and secondary and there is no final tuning tank capacitor. Central Electronics said of their coil in a correspondence, "Although the coils appear simple to wind, the winding is not the problem—it is to make them work at proper efficiency and to have the required band-pass characteristic. Even with all our experience, we could get only a 50% yield." We hams don't appreciate the effort of some manufacturers and their production problems.

### The Ham-Style Final Tank

Forget about broadbanding the final tank. If you are interested in covering both segments of the band there is no alternative but to use a tuning capacitor for which there is no room in the coil compartment. But, if you don't mind sticking to one segment or winding two separate final tank coils and plugging in the proper one, then this is the article for you.

### Materials Needed

Two double slug paper coil forms, a final tank coil form, a 15 mc fundamental crystal in a Type HC6 or FA9 holder and #36, #28, and #22 magnet wire is required. In addition, six mica or ceramic fixed padding capacitors and 1 watt loading resistors are required. The exact value is not critical for these padding capacitors since they will be resonated by adjusting the slugs as indicated by a grid dip meter. Study the high frequency coil forms of the 100V or 200V and get the nearest physical size available. "Loop-stick" forms used for replacement in BC sets are satisfactory with the addition of another slug through the bot-

tom end. The 15 mc slug form uses single slug and any conventional form is satisfactory.

### Crystal Oscillator for First Mixer Injector

The crystal oscillator is the easiest to work with and so should be tackled first. The exact frequency is immaterial since the dial is uncalibrated anyway and you will have to calibrate it. The idea is to heterodyne the 14-13 mc output from the first mixer with a 15 mc signal to produce 1500-2500 kc output (if a 15,500 kc crystal happens to be chosen).

Unplug the coil set marked "crystal oscillator," unscrew the two Phillip screws and remove the aluminum cover. You will see a hole where the "X" band coil should go.

Referring to fig. 3(A), wind  $L_1$  which is 21 turns of #22 enameled wire on a slug tuned form. Pad with a 50 mmf (or nearest available) mica capacitor. Before installing the coil, check the resonant frequency with a grid dip oscillator by coupling to  $L_2$  which is merely a two turn output link of #28 wire.

### Second Mixer Coil

Similarly, expose the second mixer coil set. This one is a little tricky since the "X" band and 80 meter coils are hooked up alike but the higher frequency coils have their leads reversed as will become obvious when comparing the coils as they are installed and the manual. The coil prongs are numbered and should correspond to the start and finish as indicated in the drawing.

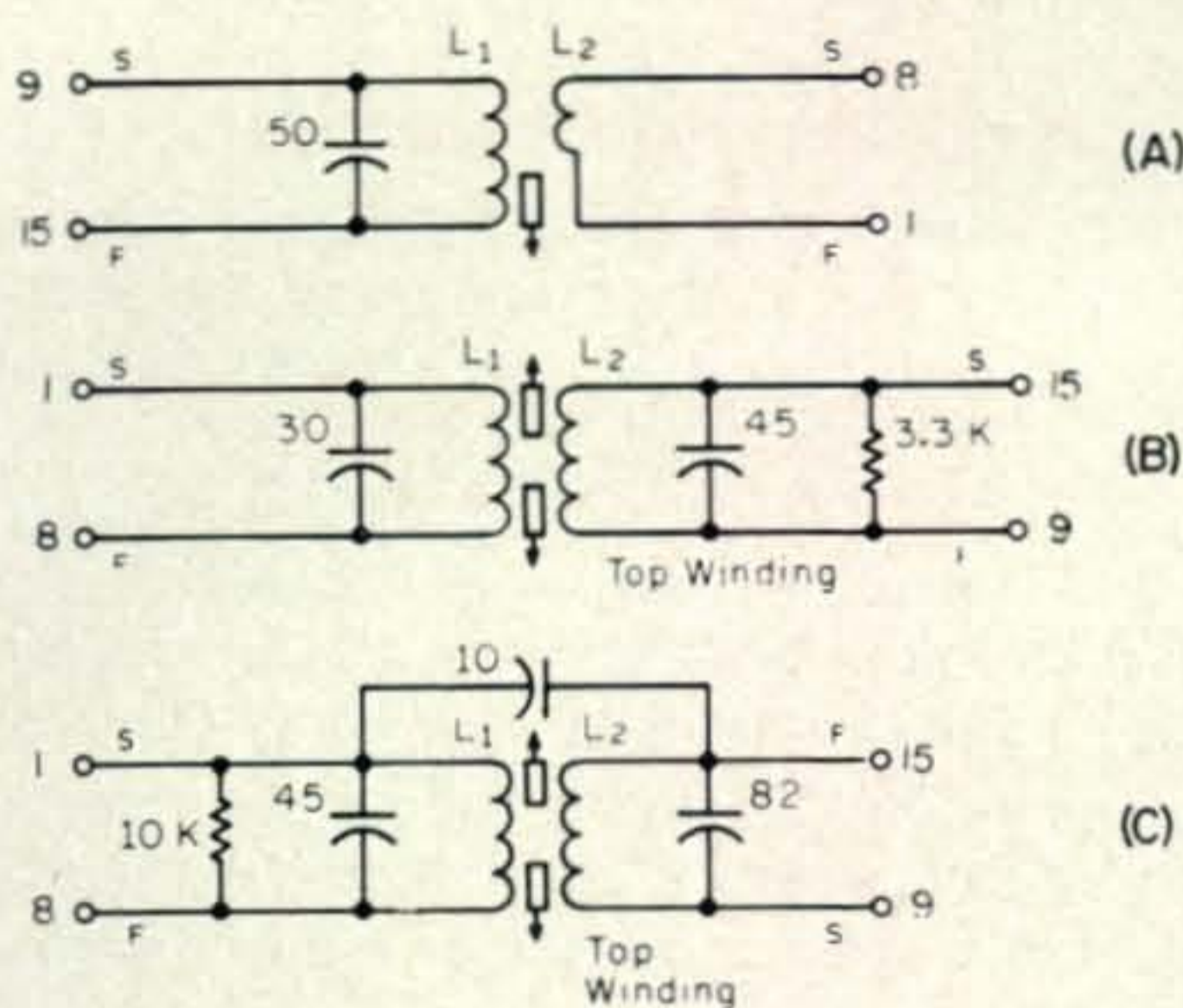


Fig. 3(A)—Crystal oscillator coil for 160 meters. The coil is constructed with the link ( $L_2$ ) on top and the coil is peaked with the slug at the bottom of the  $L_1$  winding. (B) Second mixer coil construction data. Two slugs are required, one at each end. (C) Driver coil for 160 meter operation. All capacitor values are in mmf. Letters S and F indicate start and finish of the windings.

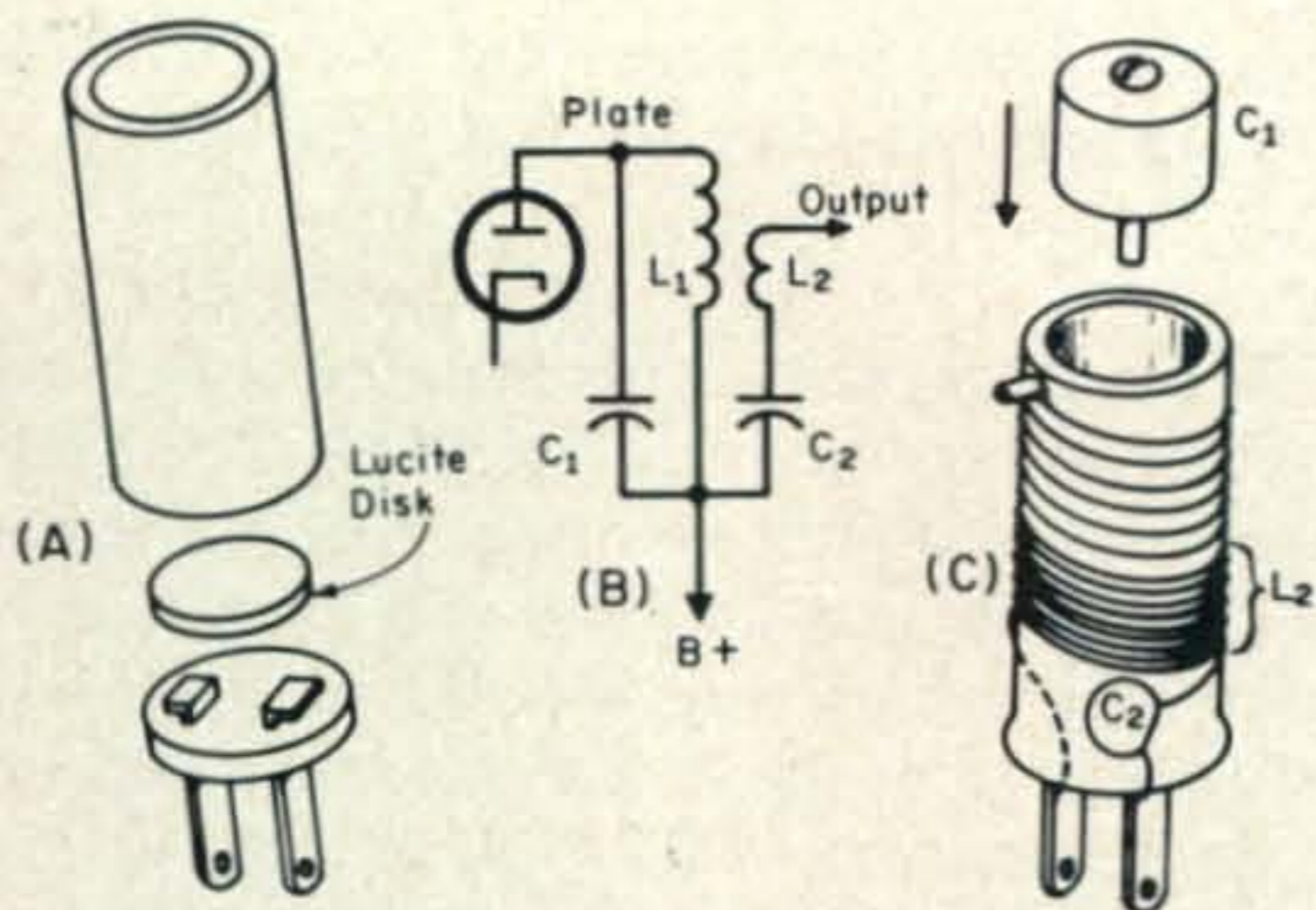


Fig. 4(A)—Coil form for the final tank is made from lucite tubing with pins adapted from a standard a.c. plug. The lucite parts are cemented together. (B) Schematic of the coil. Capacitor  $C_1$ , the padder, is 50 mmf at 6 kv. Capacitor  $C_2$  is 0.001 mf 6 kv. The assembly, shown in (C), is described in the text.

Unless you have facilities to wind "honeycomb" coils, forget about the fancy winding job on the factory coils. Merely scramble-wind the wire by hand, simulating honeycomb style as much as possible to reduce distributed capacity. Alternately, take turns off the inside of a standard pie-wound r.f. choke and resonate with a grid dip meter. However, let me assure you that the pregnant looking coils work just as well as any old time radio serviceman who has had to handwind i.f. coils in an emergency, will tell you.

Steal some "gunk" from the other coils and melt with a soldering iron to hold things in place. Use the grid dip meter to get "within the ball park."

### Driver Plate And Final Grid Coils

The driver plate and final grid coils are wound in the same manner as the second mixer coils. Refer to fig. 3(C) for further data.

### Final Amplifier Plate Coil

Coil forms are no longer available from the manufacturer. The prongs are the same as those from a standard a.c. plug. Construct the form out of lucite tubing as shown in fig. 4 duplicating the dimensions of the other final coils. The prongs can either be made from copper sheets or from a standard a.c. plug.

Looking at the bottom of the coil with the top pin facing left, the spade pin nearest to you is the "B plus" and the spade pin away

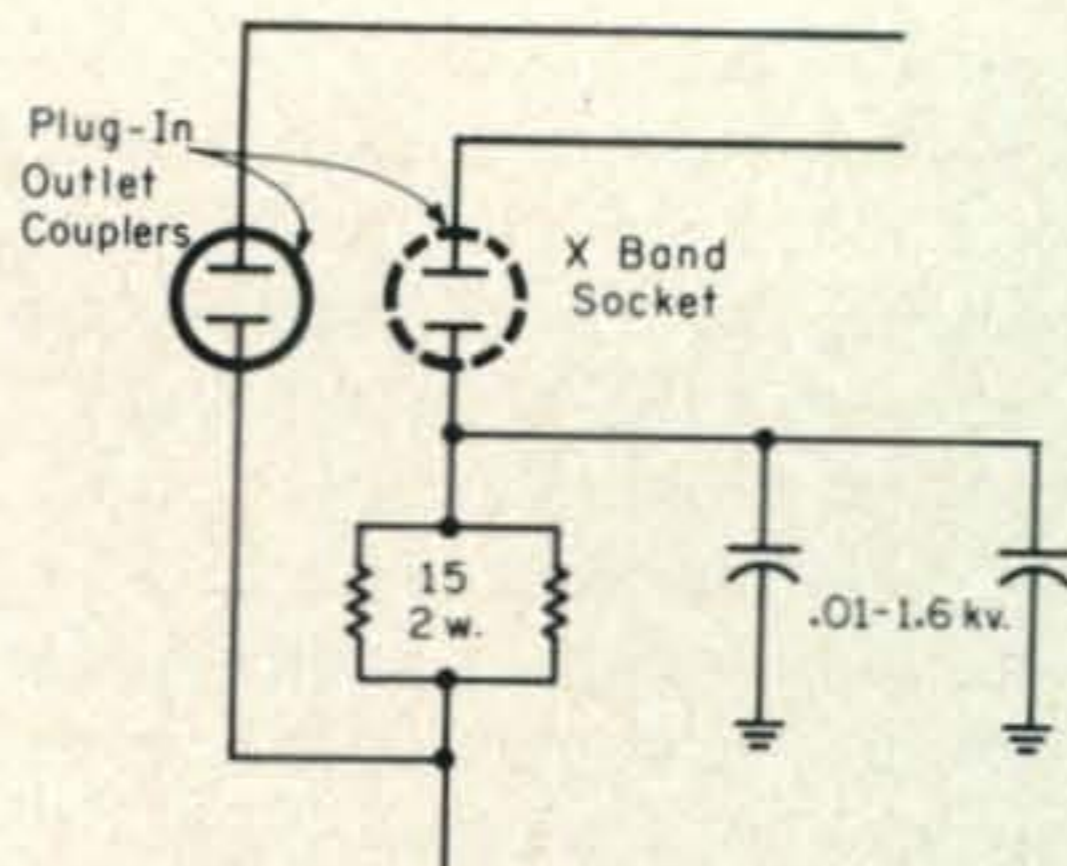


Fig. 5—Circuit of the plug-in output couplers showing the R-C decoupling network added for 160 meter operation in the "X" band position. On the 100V two 15 ohm resistors and two 0.01 mf capacitors are used. On the 200V a single capacitor and resistor is used.

from you is the antenna output pin. Double check your set however, by checking continuity from coaxial output to the socket, and from the B plus lead to the other spade pin. The anchor pin at the top is the plate lead.

Starting from the top pin as an anchor, close-space wind about 125 turns of #24 wire, or as much as the coil form will take. Install a Centralab Type 858 transmitting ceramic capacitor of about 75 to 100 mmf capacity. Place this capacitor inside the coil form since there is no room elsewhere in the coil compartment. Check the resonant frequency with a grid dip meter before adding the secondary winding.

The output link should be wound with well insulated wire, preferably glass or Teflon insulation since it will have to isolate the d.c. from the output. A Centralab DD60 series 6000 volt 1000 or 1500 mf capacitor should be anchored to the spade pin and a 15 turn output link be wound and terminated at the other spade pin.

Use the oscilloscope output indicator and tune the various stages for maximum output. In the 200V (not 100V), the dial scale will not be illuminated unless a jumper is installed on r.f. bandswitch section 1F (nearest the front panel) from the white-black-yellow lead to the unused lug on the wafer.

Additional bypassing and decoupling of the B-plus supply was recommended in a flier from Central Electronics just before it went out of production. The author has not had a chance to try this additional bypassing but it is shown in fig. 5. ■

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# Results of the

## 1968 CQ World Wide DX (C.W.) Contest

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**T**HE c.w. section of this year's contest (November 1968) was not as we had hoped it would be. With the 4% increase in the phone returns we thought we would surely break 3000 logs for the whole contest this year.

However this was not the case. The increase made by the phone boys was offset by almost an equal decline in the c.w. returns. So we ended up with almost the same figure, 2914 logs, only 3 more than in 1967.

I was almost positive that the c.w. decline was due to a lack of entries from the US, however it turned out that the decline was from overseas, mostly the European area. Our boys more then held their own with a slight increase over last year.

My topic was going to be "frequency cut-backs cut down c.w. activity." So with egg in my face I'm left without an alibi. Could be the east coast dock strick last winter which

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Don Wallace, W6AM and his son Bill, W6TCG talking over the results of the c.w. weekend. Just once we would like to see Don and Bill get a crew together and have W6AM join the ranks of the multi "Big Guns." How about it Don?

### TOP SCORES

#### SINGLE OPERATOR

##### ALL BAND

KV4FZ .....1,947,456	LA0AD .....1,035,188
ZD8J .....1,709,955	W3GRF ....1,024,125
YV5ANT ....1,437,588	OM3OM ....1,016,644
ZL1AJU .....1,096,779	W4YHD .....997,548
JA1AEA ....1,043,100	9J2MX .....994,224

##### SINGLE BAND

28 mc	7 mc
K1JGD .....158,510	LZ1KPG .....159,964
ZE3JJ .....145,340	SM5BPJ .....131,394
HZ1AB .....132,390	W2LXK .....106,526
W8VSK .....131,733	LZ1KSF .....101,008
VE1TG .....122,018	W5WZQ .....91,504
W3MFJ .....102,742	W3FU .....89,094
21 mc	3.5 mc
CR6GO .....530,550	OM1BY .....43,560
PY2SO .....479,385	DJ3KR .....42,070
K1FNA/ KG6 .....380,064	UQ2KAY .....41,706
DU1UP .....353,248	G3VWK .....35,316
G3HCT .....240,468	W1SWX .....35,309
SM3VE .....214,024	W2MEL .....29,445
14 mc	1.8 mc
PY4OD .....747,410	DL1CF .....2,235
W4AXE .....396,414	OM1IQ .....2,185
K4PHY/ YV5 .....296,429	DL9KRA .....2,112
K2KUR .....253,450	OK1AWQ .....1,984
ZL4BO .....234,252	OK1ATP .....1,904
VK2APK .....230,103	OK2ZU .....1,824

#### MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

DL0KF .....1,969,830	DJ2BW/ LX .....1,526,328
K1DIR .....1,729,408	UA0KFG ....1,321,650
9F3USA .....1,599,754	W2PCJ .....1,260,480

#### MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

PJ0CC .....8,258,787	W4ETO .....3,435,939
W3MSK .....4,560,038	W4BVV .....3,209,518
OH2AM ....4,118,688	W3GM .....2,982,650

held up all foreign surface mail might have lost some logs. Many were received very late and in very poor condition.

We could certainly use more activity out of the Carribbean/Central America, South America, Africa and Oceania areas. Even the W3AA and W6RR awards failed to turn on these guys.

And how do you account for the big turnout of VE6's in the phone contest but not a single one on c.w.? Guess the boys have forgotten the code and gone to "yakking."

However I still insist that the frequency cut-backs, that went into effect the day before the contest, had a marked effect on the participation of the US hams. Many of the old standbys informed me not to expect them in this year's c.w. affair; a rather drastic way to show their disapproval, but understandable. The lower activity on the lower 25 kc of the effected bands was quite evident. I would still like to know how the "powers that be" arrived at November 22nd as the effective date when these restrictions went into effect.

So much for that, now down to some actual details. The Trophy winners, Top scores and other lists tell their own story. You will note the Herb Schoenbohm, KV4FZ is the all band winner. Herb reversed his position in the phone contest and topped the Ascension Island competition, this in spite of the lower QSO point handicap for W/K contacts. So John Beck, ZD8J last year's champ had to be satisfied with the runner-up spot because he could not match KV4FZ's output on the lower frequencies.

It was decided not to present the W3AA award for the Caribbean/C.A. area due to



LU6FA, the 14 mc winner for Argentina. Basilio should really tear the band wide open with such an impressive looking rig, but he did not put in a full week-end.

a lack of eligible entries. This award, and the African too, is only available to permanent residents of these areas. And its a contest policy that only *one* award may be won by the same station.

I'm sure you will recognize PY4OD, the single band winner. Talma was also the single band winner back in 1962, and all band winner in 1964.

And W3GRF needs no introduction, Lenny won the first USA award in 1964, and can always be found in the Top Ten.

The European winner Bob Snyder, LAØ-

### PLAQUE & TROPHY WINNERS

#### Single Operator, Single Band

**World**—North Jersey DX Association, Earl Lucas, W2JT Memorial Trophy. Won by Talma D'Angelo Drummond, PY4OD.

#### Single Operator, All Band

**World**—Larry LeKashman, W9IOP Trophy Won by Herb Schoenbohm, KV4FZ.

**U.S.A.**—Frankford Radio Club Trophy Won by Leonard Chertok, W3GRF.

**Europe**—W3MSK operators' Trophy. Won by Robert M. Snyder, LAØAD.

**Africa**—Gordon Marshall, W6RR Plaque Won by D. J. Andrews, 9J2MX.

#### Multi-operator, Single Transmitter

**World**—Dr. Anthony Susen, W3AOH Trophy. Won by Station DLØKF. (Oprs. DJ3UL, DJ4FZ, DJ6TN, DJ7SW, DL1-FL, DL1GN, DL2ZT)

#### Multi-operator, Multi Transmitter

**World**—Hazard Reeves, K2GL Trophy Won by Station OH2AM. (Oprs. OH2-BBM, 2BBR, 2BC, 2BCZ, 2BH, 2BQ, 2BS, 2KH, 2QV, 2SB)

#### Contest Expedition

**World**—Donald Miller, W9WNV, Dr. Harold Megibow Memorial. Won by Karl Kozlik, VK2BKM/LH.

### SPECIAL CQ PLAQUE

#### World Champions

#### Multi-operator, Multi Transmitter

Station PJØCC. (Oprs. K1ANV, K3NPV, W1BDG, W1BIH, W1EOB, W1FJJ, W1-TX, W2ADE, W3ML, W4GF, W4KFC, W4ZM, W6RR)

#### Club Award

Potomac Valley Radio Club

AD will be remembered for his operation as WØGTA/8F4 two years ago. This makes it a double for LAØAD this year, Bob having also won the phone section.

Returns from Africa hardly justified the award donated by Gordon Marshall, W6RR, but 9J2MX's score did make the Top Ten, so Mr. Andrews has got himself a Plaque. We hope this will stimulate some African activity.

Over in the multi divisions the DL boys made a clean sweep in the single transmitter section, having also won the phone contest.

The "Big Guns" sure put on a show. The PJØCC expedition by members of the Potomac Valley and Connecticut Wireless clubs, maintained their championship. The W3MSK crew will have to wait another year before they are eligible for the Trophy, so the Cup goes to the boys of the OH-DX-Ring. This is the first time that OH2AM has won the C.W. Trophy, although they do dominate the phone contest.

The Committee and its donor Don Miller

are awarding the Contest Expedition Trophy to Karl Kozlik for his exceptional operation as VK2BKM/LH, making rare Lord Howe available to over 1000 contacts.

The CQ Club Award goes to the Potomac Valley gang again. The Frankford boys made a valiant effort and actually beat the PVRC in single operator scores total, but the big PVRC multi scores killed them.

The Northern Cal. Club finally topped the Southern Cal. group by a narrow margin. Mostly due to a concentrated effort in the multi-operator division.

Among the foreign clubs its still the Rhein-Ruhr DX group at the top of the list, although the expected increase over last year did not materialize. Many of the clubs that have been in contention in the past few years, have fallen by the wayside.

The list of club scores is somewhat curtailed because only clubs with three or more entries are being listed. So if you want to see your club listed you had better get after your members to send in their logs.

The highest score on a single band was again produced on 20 but 2nd and 3rd highest were made on 15 with CR6GO breaking the record on that band and PY2SO making her usual excellent showing. Sonia said that Jose's (the OM) sandwiches are improving so we can expect her back in the next one.

That's a new USA record on 20 for W4-AXE, nice going Jim. It was WA4PXP at the key, and with 6 elements at 127 feet, he had a lot going for him.

No new world records were set on the lower frequency bands but W1SWX did set a new USA record on 80.

The Czechs again dominated the Top Band although they did not take top honors. If you look over the band by band breakdown you will note that the multi stations ran up nice totals on 160, especially OH2AM and PJØCC, the later giving a new country to many a top bander.

Once again we were given a valuable assist by some of the European organizations. The Central Radio Club of Chechoslovakia sent all their logs in neat packages, sorted by bands and categories, with scoring corrections made by Karel Krbec, OK1ANK and Milos Prostecky, OK1MP. The Rhein-Ruhr entries were handled by Gerhard Schnautz, DJ1QP and the DM entries were similarly treated by Klaus Voight, DM2ATL. And T. Jokiel SP-5GH took care of the PZK logs.

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The DJ2BW contest operation from Luxembourg. The crew at the entrance to the shack (?) L. to R. —DL1KS, DL8ML, DJ2BW & DJ7UK. The operating position, set-up in the wash room with DJ2BW and DJ6RX at the controls of the water cooled rig.









### Single Operator — All Band

Station	QSO's						Zones						Countries					
	1.8	3.5	7	14	21	28	1.8	3.5	7	14	21	28	1.8	3.5	7	14	21	28
V4FZ	55	242	464	779	515	462	7	11	20	32	21	16	7	34	42	60	45	41
D8J		60	168	624	516	374		8	19	33	29	19		8	37	70	69	41
V5ANT	1	54	330	682	483	285	1	5	13	30	22	12	1	5	27	60	51	34
L1AJU		24	60	332	467	412		8	12	34	30	25		6	12	68	56	40
A1AEA		36	165	457	409	195		12	22	30	20	21		12	40	60	40	28
AØAD		64	94	438	222	439		10	14	25	22	23		34	37	53	47	43
3GRF	4	46	175	222	276	230	3	11	19	27	30	21	3	19	49	69	69	55
M3OM	9	254	362	500	225	105	2	7	19	28	25	22	4	35	53	73	57	35
4YHD	6	47	111	183	291	252	5	9	19	30	29	24	6	22	50	70	64	60
U2MX			49	459	430	347			11	32	23	23			16	62	50	47

### Multi-Operator — Single Transmitter

LØKF	327	573	513	629	287	9	29	28	30	32	35	71	67	64	65
DIR	96	265	334	323	245	17	26	35	30	28	35	69	88	75	69
F3USA	27	128	514	435	495	8	10	30	29	27	13	30	64	67	60
J2BW/LX	323	392	336	454	332	10	19	29	26	28	40	57	76	52	50
AØKFG	53	199	599	598	245	9	23	32	25	21	10	38	65	49	25
2PCJ	92	216	291	272	213	11	22	31	24	26	33	60	76	62	59

### Multi-Operator — Multi-Transmitter

JØCC	57	371	1181	2129	1341	967	4	13	25	37	29	27	5	33	66	89	68	63
3MSK	20	162	484	761	759	510	6	24	32	39	34	31	10	50	78	110	96	79
H2AM	126	290	571	955	902	433	2	16	28	40	35	34	11	52	70	102	94	82
4ETO	7	149	446	742	514	516	5	20	24	37	30	29	4	44	63	102	75	74
4BVV	12	140	420	579	659	430	6	19	28	35	33	24	7	44	61	93	83	61
3GM	12	135	381	700	523	326	6	18	22	37	31	27	8	43	61	97	75	68

### Top scores band-by-band breakdown

DU " 198 7 5 6 CQ 7 28,644 244 13 31 WL " 26,325 207 10 25 F " 7,227 103 11 22 AG A 305,946 573 64 143 AF " 196,911 530 50 103 DV " 31,944 321 35 31 ZK " 18,277 284 26 23 TP " 10,332 112 16 26 L " 3,422 36 17 22 JS " 112 9 4 4 SL 21 97,989 462 28 61 W 14 37,972 339 19 25 TI " 24,225 231 21 30 BQ " 21,352 210 12 22 YE " 20,142 145 25 29 MI " 17,574 189 24 34 TD " 15,867 164 20 23 UQ " 15,732 224 17 29 SA " 11,132 112 14 30 LS " 12,960 161 21 27 IW " 10,980 120 19 26 YD " 10,413 119 14 25 ZS " 7,047 137 14 15 PD " 6,552 102 16 20 ML " 1,430 25 11 11 UF " 975 43 6 9 FB 3.5 3,525 86 13 12 Armenia EA 14 33,936 219 15 41 JJ " 5,285 60 11 24 AD 7 59,760 440 12 36 Azerbaijan AM A 218,280 462 73 131 BD 21 12,555 98 15 30 BQ 14 34,099 209 17 44 Georgia LA A 378,056 820 47 125 DR 28 55,705 308 17 48 Kazakh GW A 177,840 463 60 120 IE " 170,940 502 45 95 IT " 72,891 355 31 60	UL7GQ " 26,828 180 28 48 UL7CA " 6,240 57 15 25 UL7AST 28 26,496 228 12 34 UL7JG " 17,204 153 13 31 UL7GR 21 44,446 240 22 49 UL7HV 14 18,048 150 17 30 UL7YR " 12,455 117 18 29 UL7YP " 8,316 79 17 27 UL7AU 7 42,834 291 18 41 UL7JI " 1,652 48 5 10 Kirghiz UM8IE 14 53,130 315 23 47 UM8AO " 9,920 123 14 26 Tadjik UJ8AB A 46,812 175 32 62 UJ8AH " 17,472 119 32 46 Turkoman UH8AE A 341,352 605 55 143 UH8DH " 76,092 312 34 68 UH8BO " 40,920 175 28 60 UH8DT 14 10,384 84 14 30 Uzbek UI8FB A 15,030 131 15 30 UI8AI 28 14,525 166 12 23 EUROPE Aaland Island SM5BGK/OHO 21 89,356 484 26 63 SM5DHK/OHO 7 66,649 532 23 60 SM5MX/OHO 3.5 27,456 353 15 49 Austria OE1WO 21 7,055 78 17 28 Belgium ON4XG A 350,700 738 66 144 ON5WL 7 1,950 65 7 19 Bulgaria LZ2ZZ A 279,246 772 56 147 LZ1AG " 139,700 383 67 153 LZ2EA " 86,520 322 48 120 LZ2GS " 888 29 8 16	LZ1CW 28 46,057 288 24 55 LZ2KFD 14 1,127 41 5 18 LZ1KPG 7 159,964 792 34 82 LZ1KSF " 101,008 675 31 76 LZ1DZ " 60,384 694 17 51 LZ1KSA " 43,260 379 18 52 Czechoslovakia OM3OM A 1,016,664 1455 103 257 OM1PD A 754 110 907 119 223 OM2QX " 375,524 760 86 183 OM1ARN " 319,088 847 56 140 OM2BLG " 192,324 604 55 131 OM3CGP " 141,282 596 39 102 OM2BHV " 134,850 580 56 130 OM2BFT " 107,859 377 44 113 OM3CES " 80,983 350 28 133 OM2BWI " 65,750 377 31 94 OM2LN " 64,960 302 40 105 OM1ADM " 61,457 150 64 87 OK3CAU " 51,867 353 31 82 OM2BNZ " 46,980 181 51 111 OK1AOV " 34,760 238 30 80 OM1RX " 33,372 185 31 72 OM1KZ " 27,348 188 30 56 OM2BFX " 26,200 213 26 74 OK1AIA " 23,520 209 25 71 OM2BPE " 20,664 322 16 56 OK1KYS " 20,202 141 19 55 OM1XN " 15,900 167 17 43 OK2SFS " 15,162 118 25 32 OK2KFP " 13,230 167 11 52 OM1AZQ " 12,615 128 19 68 OM2PAE " 10,478 114 18 54 OK1FAE " 10,266 107 18 40 OM2BCI " 7,296 49 31 45 OK2BLC " 6,908 70 16 28 OM1CIJ " 1,593 29 13 14 OK2BBQ " 812 26 9 20 OM2BEY " 63 9 3 4 OM3DG 28 81,729 392 29 52 OK1GT " 69,660 297 28 62 OM2DB " 40,788 224 26 40 OM1TA " 32,000 179 25 39	OM2BMF " 29,055 160 26 39 OK2BIP " 14,700 113 21 28 OM1MP " 11,600 92 20 30 OK1AHZ " 9,495 73 20 25 OM1APV " 4,608 50 14 18 OM100 " 3,640 64 9 11 OM1BMW 21 78,565 324 31 64 OM1AGQ " 48,546 339 20 34 OM1ABP " 45,496 203 28 60 OK1ALG " 33,948 192 23 46 OK3KGI " 29,304 190 23 49 OM1MX " 25,244 170 21 43 OK1AI " 25,200 165 24 46 OK3CDL " 18,125 155 19 46 OM2BNA " 17,490 172 20 35 OM2BBI " 12,878 122 17 30 OK3CU " 10,058 114 18 29 OK1PT " 7,436 65 20 24 OM2BPF " 4,332 70 13 15 OK1FAK " 3,136 39 13 15 OK1AQO " 1,026 36 8 11 OM2BJR " 126 14 4 3 OK1ALW 14 109,410 502 32 73 OM2BEW " 39,816 260 24 55 OK2BFS " 21,274 218 19 43 OM1EG " 20,709 255 15 44 OM1NW " 11,300 167 13 37 OM3BT " 11,124 133 14 40 OK2WDC " 11,020 174 12 36 OK3JV " 10,595 75 19 46 OM3KOW " 9,954 203 9 33 OM1EP " 6,776 77 11 33 OK1FAF " 6,027 117 10 31 OK2BNI " 5,719 102 11 32 OM1UY " 5,250 90 10 32 OK1ADH " 3,813 53 14 27 OM1XW 7 41,684 472 17 51 OM3DT " 27,540 311 16 44 OM3ALE " 27,335 315 12 43 OM1AHG " 17,710 235 12 43 OK1MSS " 6,916 167 7 31 OK1MAD " 4,768 151 5 27 OM1MSJ " 315 22 4 11 OM1BY 3.5 43,560 464 17 49
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The neat lay-out at JA1NLX. Akira likes the CQ WW Contest because it permits single band operation, allowing plenty of time for sleep when the band goes dead.

KH6FRQ	7	1,197	57	4	3
Lord Howe Island					
VK2BKM/LH		A 703,296	1095	85	137
Philippines					
DUIAT	A	481,644	822	91	113
DUIUP	21	353,248	1081	33	79
DUICE	"	138,776	539	30	58
New Zealand					
ZL1AJU		A 1,096,779	1295	109	182
ZL1AMO	21	62,030	295	23	46
ZL1IL	"	13,975	115	18	25
ZL4BO	14	234,252	748	34	74

**SOUTH AMERICA**

Argentina					
LU7AS	A	37,754	149	38	48
LU6FA	14	122,061	357	30	57
LU5FEH	"	45,045	284	23	32
Brazil					
PY3BXS	A	4,817	53	15	14
PY7SR	"	4,698	54	12	17
PY1CKV	28	3,952	84	8	8
PY2SO	21	479,385	1211	38	97
PY4OD	14	747,410	1621	39	116
PY1PK	"	14,615	269	22	33
PY7AEW	"	5,056	51	17	19
PY3ANP	"	3,150	54	12	9
PY2YC	"	396	13	6	5
PY7VNY		3.5	420	28	3
PY2BJH	1.8	99	6	4	5
Chile					
CE4AD	A	39,760	243	28	28
CE2CR	21	3,406	48	13	13
Colombia					
HK4ALE	A	109,263	481	34	43
Neth. Antilles					
PJ2VD	3.5	18,704	225	10	18
Peru					
OA4PF	A	523,926	795	89	145

Trinidad					
9Y4KK	A	259,492	761	55	61
Venezuela					
YV5ANT	A	1,437,588	1835	83	178
YV1DP/5	21	28,195	198	18	31
K4PHY/YV5		14	296,429	845	34
YV40Y	"	66,588	360	24	38
YV5BKA	7	17,329	190	11	20

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**NORTH AMERICA**

U.S.A.					
K1DIR	1,729,408	1,263	136	336	
W2PCJ	1,260,480	1,084	114	290	
W8UM	932,719	878	117	262	
W4ZXI	829,380	814	106	239	
W3MWC	812,772	845	103	218	
W0AIH	705,875	788	110	215	
K6CQF	682,605	763	125	190	
W9EXE	624,526	726	105	209	
W4TRC	578,452	688	97	195	
K3JYZ	543,515	659	87	206	
W6KG	538,958	700	103	171	
WA6UFW	530,604	643	111	178	
W8IPA	483,039	507	94	187	
W6GFS	457,920	608	102	168	
WA2IZS	364,896	522	82	170	
W3KT	283,866	393	84	169	
K6EVR	235,640	600	37	100	
W6QJW	234,588	476	95	131	
K5YPS	110,871	404	26	71	
K3JLK	38,850	122	40	71	
Alaska					
KL7GKA	207,220	647	65	65	
Canada					
VE2DCW/2		403,555	708	67	148
VE1ASJ		475,803	747	87	174
VE4MF		129,129	370	54	89

VE6AED	79,734	376	43	54	
Sint Maarten					
PJ5MO	330,540	1,123	57	83	
AFRICA					
Ethiopia					
9F3USA	1,599,754	1,599	104	234	
ASIA					
Japan					
JA6YCU	873,422	1,007	119	200	
JA1YHA	299,314	535	92	126	
JA6YAF	195,545	421	79	106	
JA1YUL	94,355	315	55	58	
JA9YCE	54,990	233	44	46	
JA1YDU	49,896	199	50	58	
JA6YFL	178,398	374	79	108	
Korea					
HL9US	566,004	1,082	82	120	

**U.S.S.R.**

**Club Stations**

Asiatic					
UA9KQA	660,558	863	68	199	
UA9KAG	476,718	765	68	165	
UA9FU	138,840	483	21	83	
UA9KOG	135,061	308	37	94	
UW9KDL	31,382	171	22	49	
UA9KMD	26,145	206	21	42	
UA9KJA	15,444	125	11	33	
UW9KDI	11,460	188	15	45	
UA9KDL	9,780	88	17	28	
UA9KYA	3,969	63	10	17	
UA0KFG	1,321,650	1,694	110	187	
UA0KUV	215,327	688	47	86	
UA0KZD	82,983	593	41	28	
UA0KZB	35,348	293	26	23	
UA0KSB	33,524	252	22	36	
UA0KCW	18,718	196	22	27	
UA0ZH	6,162	167	17	17	
Azerbaijan					
UD6KAB	375,760	675	66	154	
Georgia					
UF6KAE	367,296	686	53	139	

UF6KAM	229,274	593			
UF6KAR	37,950	207			
Kazakh					
UL7KAA	719,055	1,093			
UL7KFE	25,916	142			
UL7KLF	14,910	153			
Kirghiz					
UM8KAB	34,844	228			
Uzbek					
UI8KTA	4,887	63			
EUROPE					
Bulgaria					
LZ1KSM	379,920	1,030			
LZ1KAA	344,955	1,041			
LZ1KRD	236,338	809			
LZ2KAF	138,317	558			
LZ1KDZ	108,768	630			
LZ1KRB	60,416	369			
LZ2KSK	59,334	522			
LZ2KRZ	40,248	297			
LZ1KBG	31,150	272			
LZ2KRM	19,497	255			
LZ2KSU	2,220	56			
Czechoslovakia					
OK3KAG	739,152	1,133			
OM1WC	568,576	1,198			
OM1KTL	559,170	893			
OK2KJU	78,228	374			
OM1KZD	5,060	70			
Denmark					
OZ5DX	837,495	1,237			
OZ1LO	656,448	1,116			
OZ7DH	427,056	822			
England					
G3SSO	1,003,563	1,225			
GB2SM	667,392	1,152			
G8FC	461,833	1,035			
G5BK	167,265	504			
Finland					
OH5UX	500,358	892			
OH2BFJ	125,892	321			
Germany					
DL0KF	1,969,830	2,329			
DL0WR	1,561,480	1,738			
DL0WW	795,400	1,088			

**United States Club Scores**

Potomac Valley Radio Club	29,523,987
Frankford Radio Club	22,001,615
Northern California DX Club	13,952,597
Southern California DX Club	13,797,267
Golden Triangle DX Club (Fla.)	7,309,826
Florida DX Club	5,661,121
Northern Illinois DX Assoc.	4,311,865
Connecticut Wireless Assoc.	4,224,394
Order of Boiled Owls (N.Y.)	3,595,267
North Jersey DX Association	3,251,940
128 Contest Club (Mass.)	3,023,769
Laurentian DX Club (Montreal)	3,146,446
Western Washington DX Club	2,911,838
Southern Pacific A.R.C. Society	1,735,441
West Park Radiops (Ohio)	1,288,933
Central Michigan A.R.C.	1,233,632
Rochester DX Association (N.Y.)	812,709
Minnesota Wireless Association	686,818
Ohio Valley A.R. Assoc.	606,631
Miami Valley A.R.C. (Ohio)	465,757
QCWA DX Club (N.Y.)	352,904
Sagamon Valley DX Assoc. (Ill.)	278,384
Brightleaf A.R.C. (N.C.)	209,342
Richardson A.R.C. (Texas)	194,270
Oak Park A.R.A. (Mich.)	173,410

**Canada**

Northwest DX Association	3,023,769
Calgary Amateur Radio Assoc.	1,512,190
Canadian DX Assoc. (Toronto)	1,456,510
Edmonton DX Club	969,066

**Foreign Club Scores**

Rhein-Ruhr DX Association	21,124,78
OH-DX-Ring-Ry. (Finland)	14,192,80
Saar-Pfalz Radio Club (Germany)	6,887,83
Lampertheim-Beugstrasse (Germany)	3,430,53
Radio Club Venezolano	3,383,90
Akademisk Radioklubb (Norway)	2,484,55
Uruguay DX Club	2,475,41
Gateway to Europe R.C. (Germany)	2,445,83
Wetterau DX Assoc. (Germany)	2,286,47
Leningrad Radio Club (USSR)	2,109,94
Kiel Canal Activity Group (Germany)	1,969,83
Kaunas Politechnic A.R.C. (Luth.)	1,681,45
SP-DX Club (Poland)	1,560,32
Sakhalin Island R.C. (USSR)	1,321,65
Moscow Citizens R.C. (USSR)	1,073,51
Swiss DX Club (Switz.)	1,019,71
Lvov DX Club (Ukraine)	974,68
Kiev Radio Club (Ukraine)	592,21
DM-DX Club (East Germany)	571,79
Mauritius Amateur Radio Society	418,97
Radio Club of Latvia	304,99
Kharvov Radio Club (Ukraine)	287,78
Beograd "Mihailo Pupin" (Yugoslavia)	276,57
Hammarbyhoejden Wireless (Sweden)	183,40
Radio Club Derventa (Yugoslavia)	148,60
Plovdiv Radio Club (Bulgaria)	139,70
Radio Club of Tallinn (Estonia)	117,98



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# SIGNALS FROM SPACE

BY GEORGE JACOBS,\* W3ASK

**S**INCE the first SPUTNIK was launched in 1957, nearly 1,000 man-made satellites and spacecraft have been successfully rocketed into space. The United States is responsible for approximately 600 of these launchings; the Soviet Union 400; France 4; and Italy and Australia 1 each. The USA total includes 3 satellites built by British scientists, 2 by Canadians, 2 by the European Satellite Research Organization (ESRO), and 1 each by France and Italy.

Communications in one form or another play a vital role on every satellite and spacecraft launched. The vast amounts of scientific data collected in outer space by satellites are sent back to earth over radio telemetry channels; astronauts and cosmonauts keep in touch with the world below them via spacecraft-to-earth communication links; spectacular live color television shots of the moon, and close-up photos of Mars and Venus have been flashed back to earth recently over communication links; beacon transmitters aboard every satellite permit pinpoint tracking from the earth, and the smallest movements of many satellites can be controlled remotely from the earth by radio control circuits.

By mid-1969, at least 400 satellites were in orbit, of which no fewer than 50 were transmitting radio signals of one type or another back to earth on frequencies between approximately 19 and 402 mc.

## Table of Satellite Frequencies

The following table lists those frequencies on which orbiting satellites launched by the United States were transmitting radio signals back to earth as of the end of June, 1969. The transmitters on many of these satellites are expected to continue operating throughout 1969, and beyond.

The USSR has launched more than 280 satellites to date in their COSMOS scientific

and space exploratory series, in addition to more than 100 other scientific, communication, interplanetary and lunar satellites as well as several manned spacecraft. Since most of the Russian satellites remain in orbit or transmit radio signals for only a few days, their frequencies are not shown in the table. For the most part, however, signals from Russian COSMOS satellites can usually be heard on frequencies between 19.990 and 20.010 mc in the high frequency range. COSMOS satellites have recently been launched on inclinations of approximately 48, 51, 65, 72 and 81 degrees, and have had periods ranging between 88 and 93 minutes.

Space-listeners have reported that many COSMOS satellites change frequency while in orbit; using 19.995 mc when first launched and changing to 19.990 mc shortly before re-entry.

Signals from Russian satellites in the METEOR weather satellite system (apparently containing cloud-cover information), have recently been reported on 461.5, 464 and 466.5 mc. These satellites have a period of approximately 97 minutes, and are inclined about 81 degrees to the equator.

Russian satellites in the scientific PROTON series have been reported operating on 19.910 mc, with an inclination of approximately 51 degrees and a period of about 92 minutes.

## Man In Space Frequencies

While most of APOLLO's communications will be carried out on microwave frequencies in the 2,000 mc range, some will take place on v.h.f. and possibly on h.f. as well. Communications between the lunar module and the APOLLO command module may take place on 296.800 and 259.700 mc. The command module's recovery beacon, used during splash-down, is expected to operate on 243.000 mc a.m., and there is a s.s.b. h.f. backup beacon on 10.006 mc.

For more complete details concerning the

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**Table I—List of Frequencies on which Satellites could be heard as of May 15, 1969**

<i>Freq. (mc)</i>	<i>Satellite Name</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Period (Minutes)</i>	<i>Inclin- ation (Degrees)</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
20.005	EXPLORER-22	Geodetic studies	105	79.6	Command, tone modulated
40.010	EXPLORER-22	"	"	"	"
41.010	EXPLORER-22	"	"	"	"
136.020	EXPLORER-33	Scientific	70673	56.7	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.050	IRIS	Scientific	98	97.2	"
136.078	ALOUETTE-1	Ionospheric studies	105.4	80.4	"
136.080	ALOUETTE-2	"	121	79.8	"
136.080	ISIS-A	Ionospheric studies	128.3	88.4	"
136.140	EXPLORER-34	Interplanetary studies	6216	71.5	"
136.142	RELAY-2	Exp. Communications	194.7	46.3	Command telemetry
136.170	ESRO-1	Auroral studies	100.3	93.7	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.171	EXPLORER-22	Geodetic studies	105	79.6	Command telemetry
136.200	OGO-1	Geophysical studies	3843	57.5	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.200	OGO-3	"	2913	64.5	"
136.200	OGO-4	"	96.6	85.9	"
136.200	OGO-5	"	3746	43.8	"
136.259	OAO-A2	Astronomical studies	100.3	34.9	"
136.290	OSO-3	Solar studies	95.4	32.8	"
136.290	OSO-5	"	95.6	32.9	"
136.290	EXPLORER-40	Atmospheric studies	118.3	80.6	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.320	EXPLORER-36	Gravity studies	112.2	105.7	"
136.350	EXPLORER-38	Radio Astronomy	224.3	120.8	Command telemetry
136.380	EXPLORER-31	Ionospheric studies	121.2	79.8	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.410	EXPLORER-37	Solar studies	98.5	59.4	"
136.410	ISIS-A	Ionospheric studies	128.3	88.4	Command telemetry
136.440	INTELSAT 2 F-1	Communications	717.9	18.2	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.441	OAO-A2	Astronomical studies	100.3	34.9	"
136.470	ATS-1	Applied technology	1436	1.3	Command telemetry
136.470	ATS-2	"	123.1	28.3	"
136.500	NIMBUS-3	Weather	107.4	99.9	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.530	EXPLORER-37	Solar studies	98.5	59.4	Command telemetry
136.560	ARIEL-3	Scientific	94.6	80.1	Continuous c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.590	ALOUETTE-2	Ionospheric studies	121	79.8	Command telemetry
136.590	ISIS-A	Ionospheric studies	128.3	88.4	"
136.591	ALOUETTE-1	Ionospheric studies	105.4	80.4	"
136.620	RELAY-2	Exp. Communications	194.7	46.3	"
136.620	EXPLORER-39	Air Density studies	117.3	80.7	Continuous c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.650	HEOS-A	Magnetic Field studies	6700	28.2	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.653	SN-39	Solar studies	107.3	89.8	Command telemetry
136.710	OSO-4	Solar studies	95.5	32.9	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.770	ESSA-2	Weather	113.4	100.8	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.770	ESSA-5	"	113.5	101.9	"
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136.770	ESSA-7	"	114.9	101.7	"
136.770	ESSA-8	"	114.6	101.8	"
136.770	ESSA-9	"	115.2	101.7	"
136.800	DODGE	Gravity studies	1316	6.2	"
136.800	EGRS-13	Geodetic studies	107.3	99.3	"
136.830	ERS-28	Scientific	576.2	25.9	Transmitting only in sunlight
136.860	ERS-21	Scientific	1435.8	3.0	Command, c.w. beacon & telemetry
136.860	TETR-2	Test & Training	97.4	32.8	"
136.890	IRIS	Scientific	98	97.2	Command telemetry
136.950	ESRO-1	Auroral studies	100.3	93.7	"
136.950	NIMBUS-3	Weather	107.4	99.9	Command, telemetry & photo (APT)
136.980	ALOUETTE-1	Ionospheric studies	105.4	80.4	Command telemetry
136.980	ALOUETTE-2	"	121	79.8	"
136.980	INTELSAT 2 F-1	Communications	717.9	18.2	"
137.290	EXPLORER-38	Radio Astronomy	224.3	120.8	Command telemetry
137.350	ATS-1	Applied technology	1436	1.3	"
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137.620	ESSA-8	Weather	114.6	101.8	Command, telemetry & photo (APT)
137.950	ISIS-A	Ionospheric studies	128.3	88.4	Command telemetry
162	EXPLORER-22	Geodetic studies	105	79.6	Command, tone modulated beacon
235	ESSA-5	Weather	113.5	101.9	Command telemetry
235	ESSA-7	Weather	114.9	101.7	"
324	EXPLORER-22	Geodetic studies	105	79.6	Command, tone modulated beacon
360.090	EXPLORER-22	"	"	"	"
400.250	OGO-1	Geophysical studies	3843	57.5	Command telemetry
400.250	OGO-3	"	2913	64.5	"
400.250	OGO-4	"	96.6	85.9	"
400.250	OGO-5	"	3746	43.8	"
400.549	OAO-A2	Astronomical studies	100.3	34.9	"
400.650	EXPLORER-40	Atmospheric studies	118.3	80.6	"
400.850	OGO-1	Geophysical studies	3843	57.5	"
400.850	OGO-3	"	2913	64.5	"
400.850	OGO-4	"	96.6	85.9	"
400.850	OGO-5	"	3746	43.8	"
401.500	NIMBUS-3	Weather	107.4	99.9	"
401.750	ISIS-A	Ionospheric studies	128.3	88.4	"
466.000	NIMBUS-3	Weather	107.4	99.9	"

APOLLO communications system and a listing of all frequencies used, see "Said the Spider in the Sky", by H. W. Kelley, which appeared in the June, 1969 issue of *CQ*.

Cosmonauts of the Soviet SOYUZ 4 and 5 spaceships launched earlier this year used frequencies 15.008 and 20.008 mc in the h.f. range, while other Soviet manned spacecraft have used 17.365, 18.035, 19.996 and 143.625 mc for voice and telemetry transmissions.

### Listening to Satellites

Signals from many of the satellites operating in the h.f. region, especially from the Russian COSMOS series have been reported heard on ordinary shortwave receivers using nothing more than a simple vertical or dipole type antenna. Signals from the higher power satellites operating in the v.h.f. band (136-138 mc) have often been reported using relatively inexpensive v.h.f. receivers, or on shortwave receivers equipped with a suitable frequency converter. An outside antenna, preferably one with directivity and gain is highly recommended for receiving most satellite signals.

The satellite which can usually be heard with the least difficulty are those which transmit continuous c.w. signals. These signals, which are often used as tracking beacons, can usually be identified by their steady tone when the receiver's beat frequency oscillator (b.f.o.) is in the ON position. Telemetry signals are often more difficult to receive, since in most cases telemetry data is transmitted for only brief periods upon command from the ground. Telemetry signals usually consist of two or more musical sounding tones transmitted at the same time, or as in the case of many Russian satellites, of a series of dots and dashes or varying lengths.

There are so many satellites now in orbit, it is necessary to command-operate more and more of their transmitters in order to share the few remaining frequencies and to avoid interference between them. Note in the table the number of times that three, four and sometimes five satellites share the same frequency!

### Identifying Satellites

Satellites are usually identified by their orbital characteristics. Among the most important characteristics are *inclination* and *period*, both of which are given in the table for each satellite.

Inclination is the angle that the satellite's orbit makes with the earth's equator as the satellite crosses the equator in a south-north direction. By plotting the inclination on a map or globe, it is possible to determine quite easily the direction in which the satellite is travelling. If a rotatable directional antenna is being used to receive satellite signals, the inclination value will help to determine in which direction to aim the antenna for strongest reception.

The satellite's period is the time it takes, in minutes, for a satellite to complete an orbit. By timing reception on successive orbits, it is often possible to identify a satellite by its known period.

The exact time that a satellite passes overhead, or its nearest approach to a listener's location as it orbits in space can be determined by noting the *Doppler shift* on the satellite's signal. The relative velocity of the satellite with reference to a listener on earth causes the satellite's signal to change pitch in much the same manner that a train's whistle changes pitch as the train approaches and moves away from an observer.

As a satellite approaches a receiving location, its frequency will be slightly higher than its actual frequency, and it will appear to be decreasing. The satellite's true frequency will occur at the instant of closest approach, and will continue to decrease for a short time as the satellite passes by. At 20 mc the Doppler shift will be approximately one kc, while at 136 mc the shift can be as much as six kc, for satellites in orbits below a thousand miles.

Three additional satellites in the Orbiting Vehicle (OV5) scientific satellite series were successfully launched by the United States on May 23. OV5-5 has an inclination of 33 degrees, a period of 3120 minutes and transmits on 136.650 mc; OV5-6 has an inclination of 33 degrees, a period of 3115 minutes and transmits on 136.380 mc; OV5-9 has the same parameters but transmits on 136.530 mc. All three transmitters are command-controlled from the ground.

On June 5, the United States launched its sixth satellite in the OGO flying laboratory series. OGO-6 is designed to study the interaction between solar radiation and the earth's atmosphere and magnetic field. The satellite has a period of 100 minutes and is inclined 82 degrees to the equator. Its command-controlled transmitters operate on the same frequencies as previous OGO satellites; 136.200, 400.250, and 400.850 mc. ■

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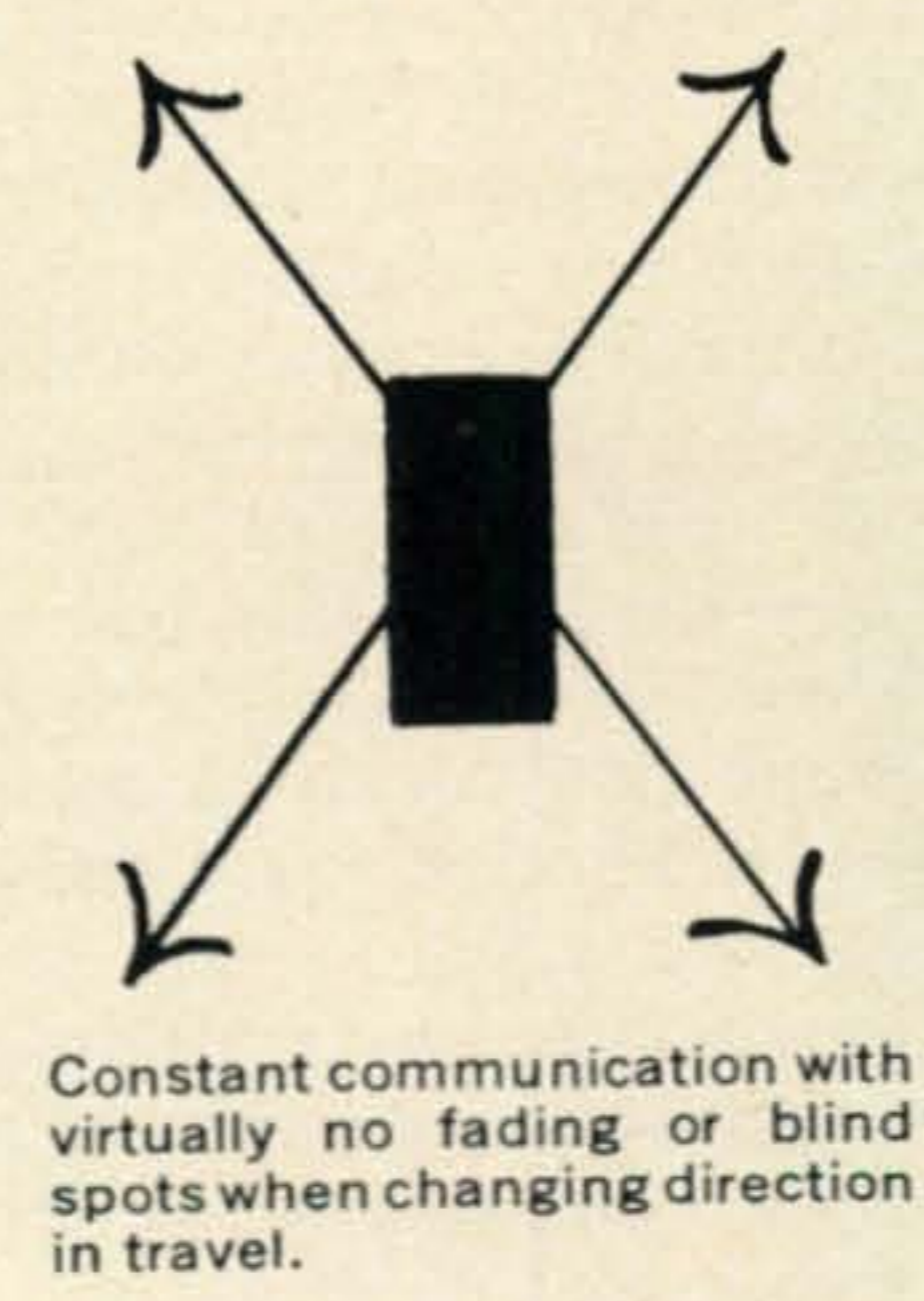
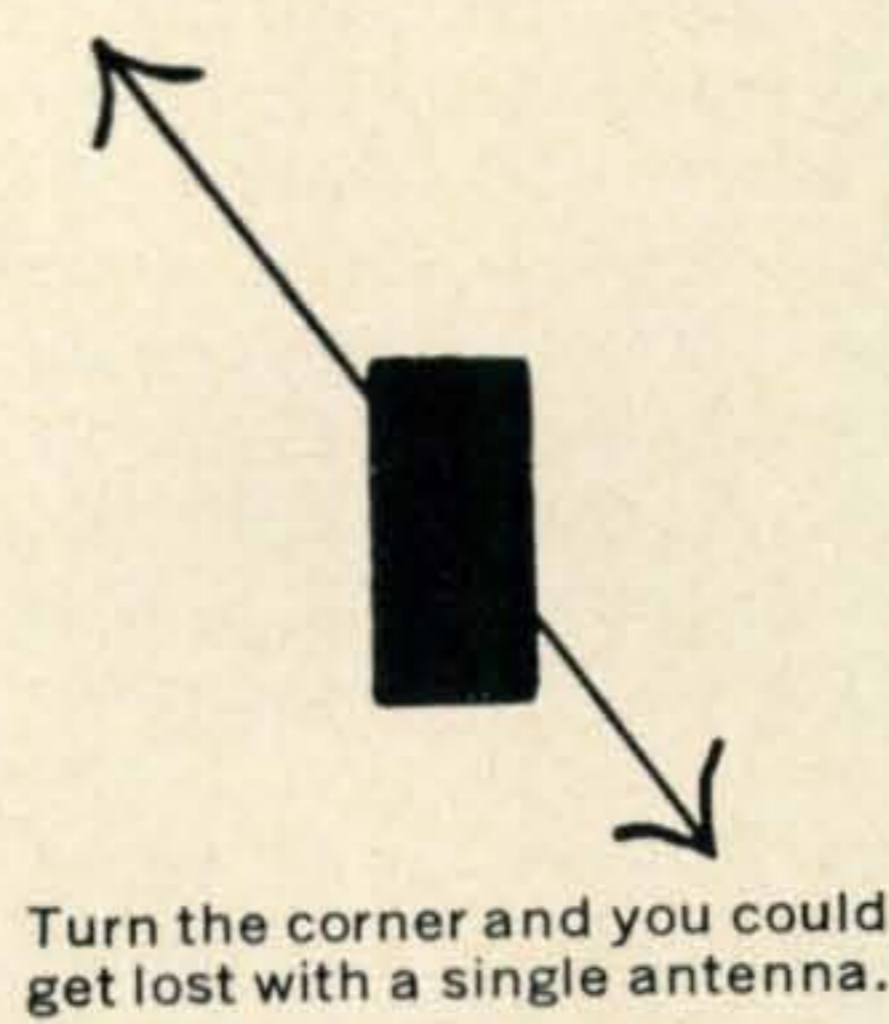


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# SLOW SCAN TELEVISION

The preceding installment of this two part article discussed the possibility of using a sampling technique to generate a slow scan television picture from a conventional fast scan closed circuit TV camera. This second part gives the complete circuit details to convert a typical fast scan TV camera to a slow scan camera for the transmission of long distance (DX) television whenever the occasion demands.

**M**ANY amateur television enthusiasts have on hand a tube type vidicon camera or have acquired a low priced Japanese transistor camera. Either of these types is useable but it should be kept in mind that a thorough understanding of the particular camera is necessary. Needless to say a camera schematic is necessary because you should be able to locate the particular circuit called out in this discussion. It is also important to keep in mind that 60 cycle hum may become a problem and it may be necessary to mount the camera power supply transformer away

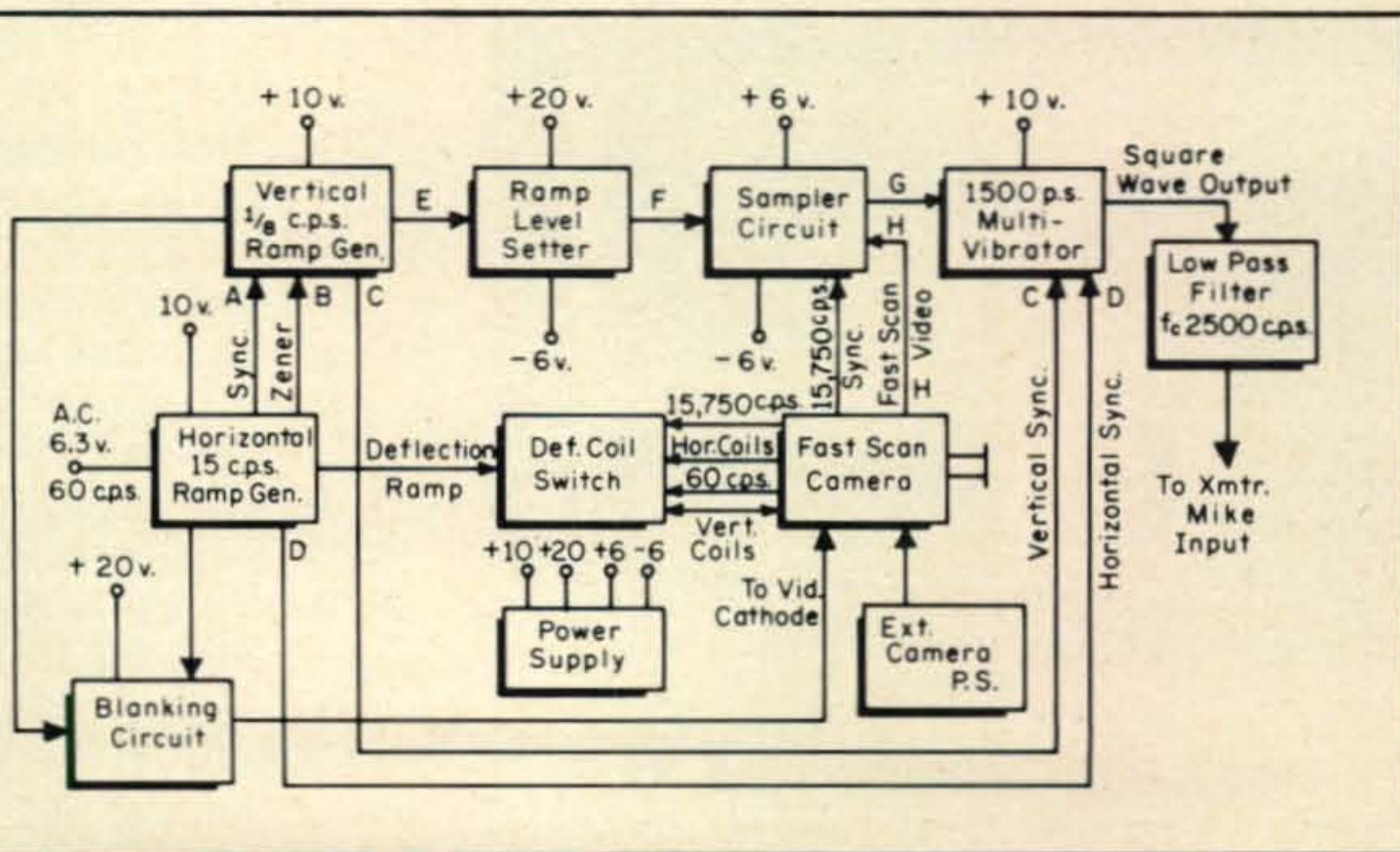
from the vidicon in a separate box. The hum will vary from camera to camera and may be negligible in some cameras.

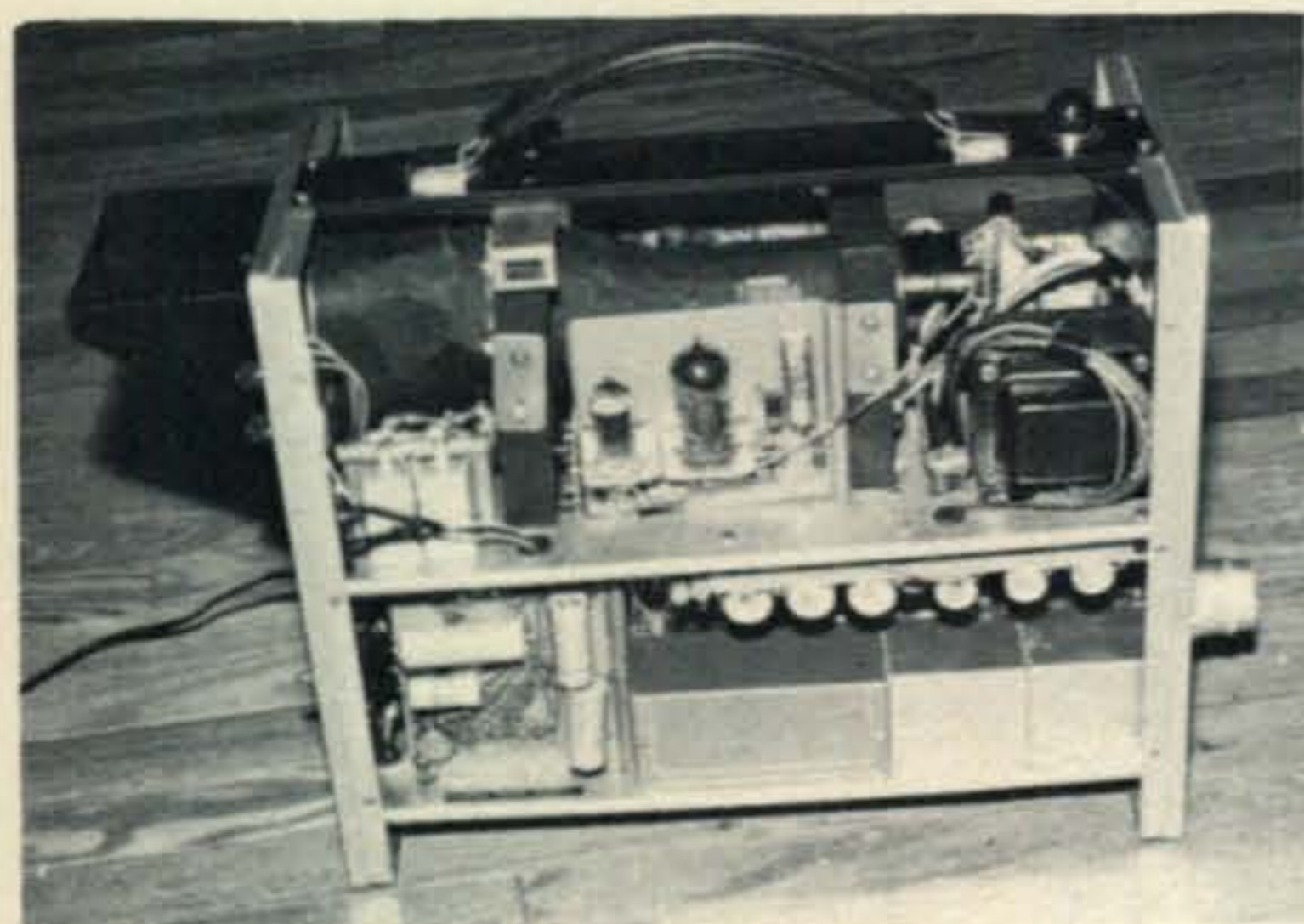
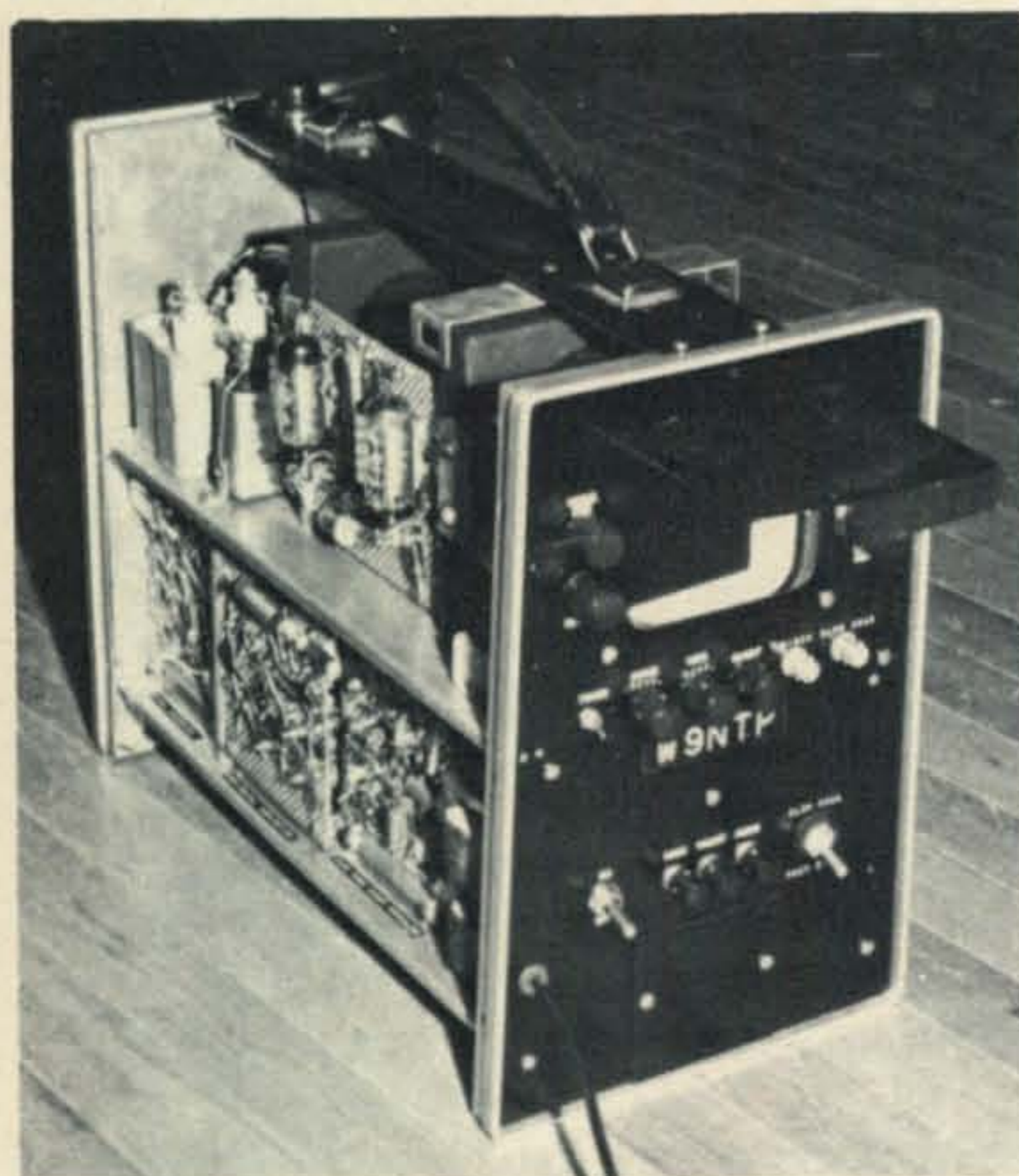
In order to get started, examine the block diagram shown in fig. 8. Two ramp (sweep) generators are required. The 15 cycle sweep is synchronized to the 60 cycle lines and provides the basic horizontal line rate for the slow scan TV picture. The sweep voltage drives one set of deflection coils in the fast scan camera when it is operated in the slow scan mode. This generator also provides signals for blanking and synchronizing.

The 1/8 cycle ramp generator provides the "sliding pulse" reference to generate a

\*Waldron, Indiana 46182.

Fig. 8—Block diagram of a slow scan sampler camera.





Views of the interior of the W9NTP sampler camera which includes a monitor scope. Construction is on glass epoxy vector board. The boards are supported by slotted dowels.

pulse at a 15,750 cycle rate that moves in time across the original fast scan raster. The ramp level setter adjusts the d.c. voltage level and magnitude of the ramp to center the sampling pulse. It will be remembered from the first part of this two part article that the sampling process moves in a perpendicular direction from the top left corner of the picture down across the original horizontal scanning lines and repeats the cross scanning a small distance to the right of the first line. This continues for 8 seconds until 120 cross lines are created. Because of the cross scanning the resulting slow scan picture will be on its side and in a mirror image format. The first model of the camera had a mechanical mount that rotated the camera 90 degrees. To take care of the mirror image, the XYL made a sign for ID with my call letters written backwards. Those of you that like better solutions can use the alternate method of switching the deflection coils in the manner shown in fig. 16(A). This may require a camera that has the same inductance deflection coils in the horizontal and vertical directions. This can be easily accomplished if you have built your own fast scan camera which is highly recommended. ATV Research in Dakota City, Nebraska generously provided the author with matched coils.

The 1500 cycle multivibrator is standard among all slow scanners. Circuit details will be discussed later but the two sync signals from the 15 cycle and 1/8 cycle ramp generators cause the multivibrator to shift its frequency to 1200 cycles. The lack of picture information causes it to oscillate at 1500 cycles (black frequency) and the presence of a white signal cause it to change its frequency toward 2300 cycles. This filtered square wave from the multivibrator is next fed into the transmitter through the microphone jack.

The power supplies are zener regulated from surplus house zeners (Polypaks) and provide the necessary regulation.

The sampling circuit consists of a Schmitt trigger that has applied to it two ramps (15,750 c.p.s. and 1/8 c.p.s.). The combination of the two ramps cause the Schmitt to trigger at a changing period throughout the 15,750 cycle period for the frame time of 8 seconds. A pulse is generated from the variable firing period of the Schmitt and a field effect transistor (FET) is gated on for the time of the pulse. If the fast scan video is applied to the "source" of the FET it will be gated on for the length of the pulse to the output



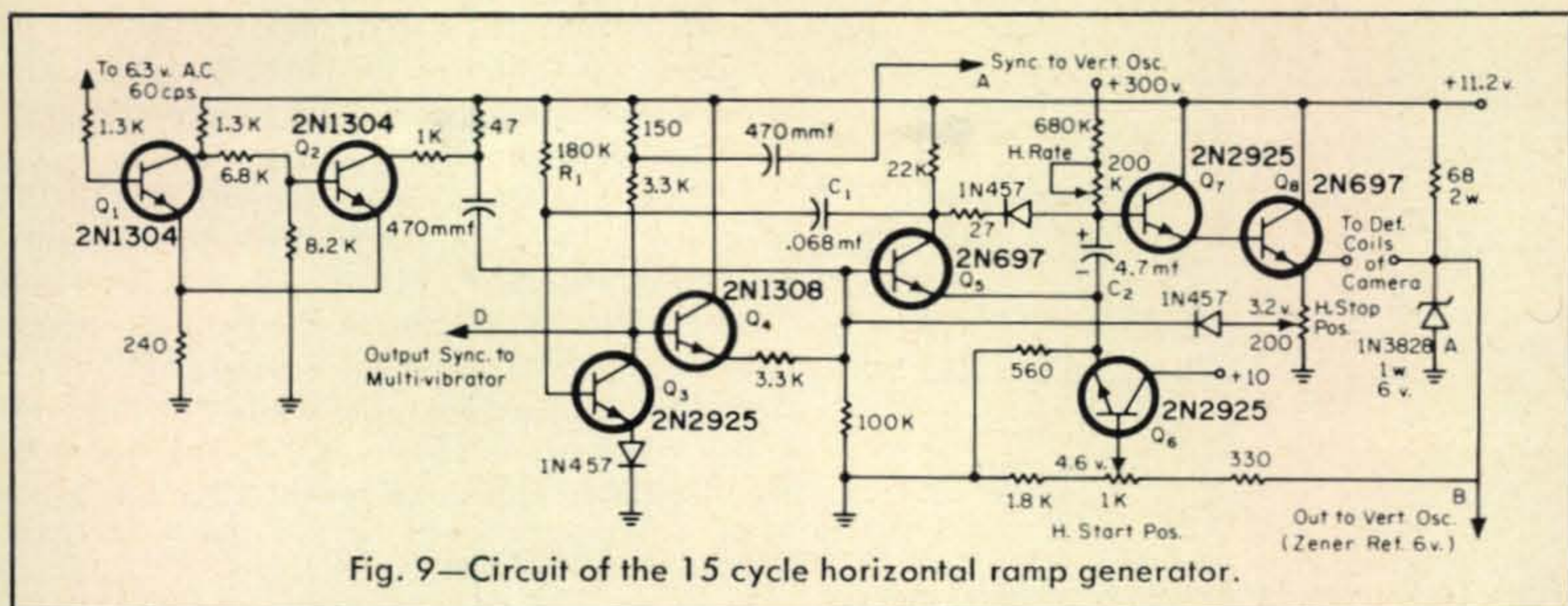


Fig. 9—Circuit of the 15 cycle horizontal ramp generator.

“drain.” Since it will be necessary to “box-car” (hold the sample until the next gating pulse) this pulse to increase its energy content, the drain is connected to a 200 mmf capacitor. A high impedance Darlington bipolar transistor pair provide the high impedance discharge path for the FET and provides a low impedance sampled “slow scan signal” to the multivibrator.

### Circuit Discussion

#### Horizontal Ramp Generator

The slow scan ramp generator shown in fig. 9 consists of a monostable multivibrator and an RC charging network to form the sawtooth sweep. In order to maintain lock with the 60 cycle line, transistors  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  distort and sharpen the sine wave signal to provide a sync pulse for triggering the monostable formed by  $Q_3$ ,  $Q_4$ , and  $Q_5$ . The RC combination formed by  $R_1$  and  $C_1$  determine the retrace time and the width of the sync pulse from the generator. Transistor  $Q_5$  acts as the discharge transistor for the RC net-

work formed by  $C_2$  and the resistors connected to plus 300 volts. Provision is made to limit the start and stop of the charging by means of start and stop potentiometers that set the beginning and ending of the voltage across  $C_2$  to make sure that the ramp is charging over the time period between the end of the sync pulse and the beginning of the following one. In the adjustment of the H RATE, START and STOP potentiometers, it is helpful to display a Lissajou figure on an oscilloscope to form the familiar 4 to 1 pattern.

#### Vertical Ramp Generator

The operation of the 1/8 c.p.s. oscillator shown in fig. 10 is basically the same as the 15 c.p.s. oscillator. The sync signal is provided by a pulse from the 15 cycle oscillator. In this case the timing network has a much greater time constant as can be seen in the values of  $C_3$  and  $C_1$ . The setting of the START and STOP potentiometers will be described later. The output ramp is centered about 6.2 volts and has a range from 5.2 to 7.3 volts.

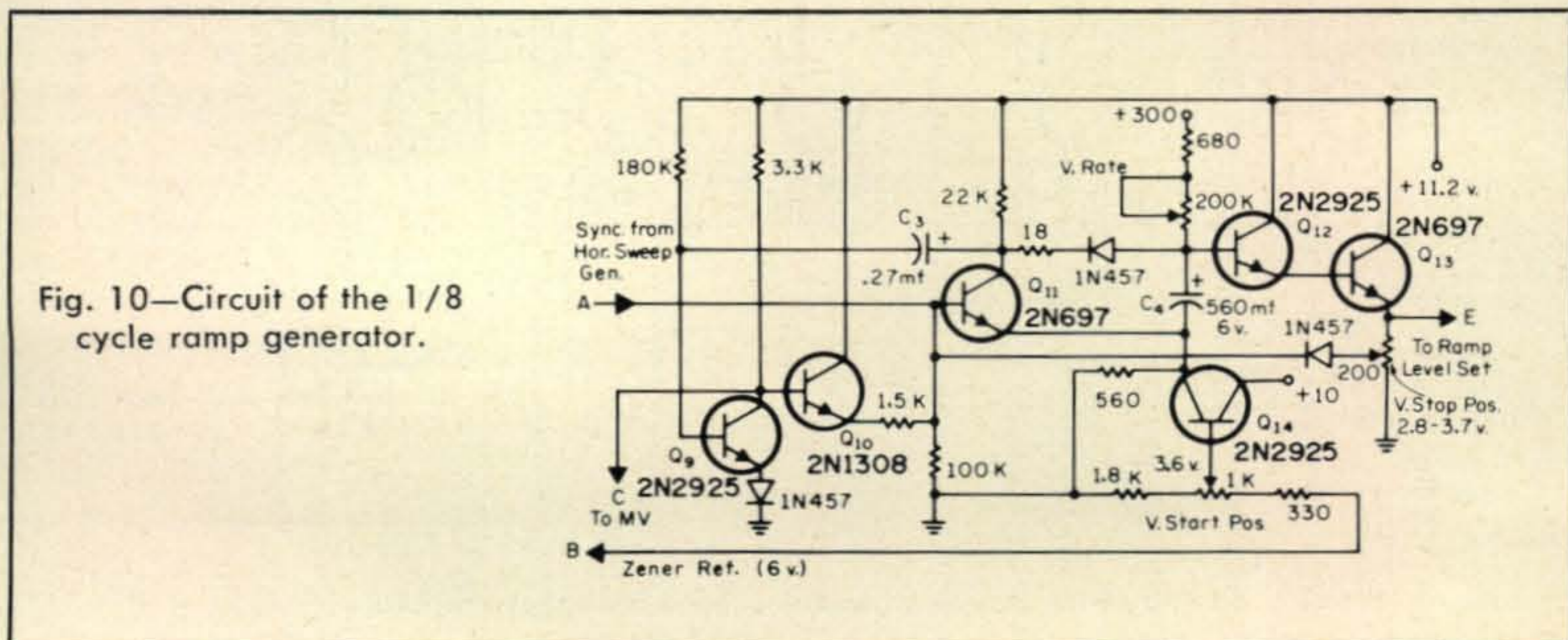


Fig. 10—Circuit of the 1/8 cycle ramp generator.

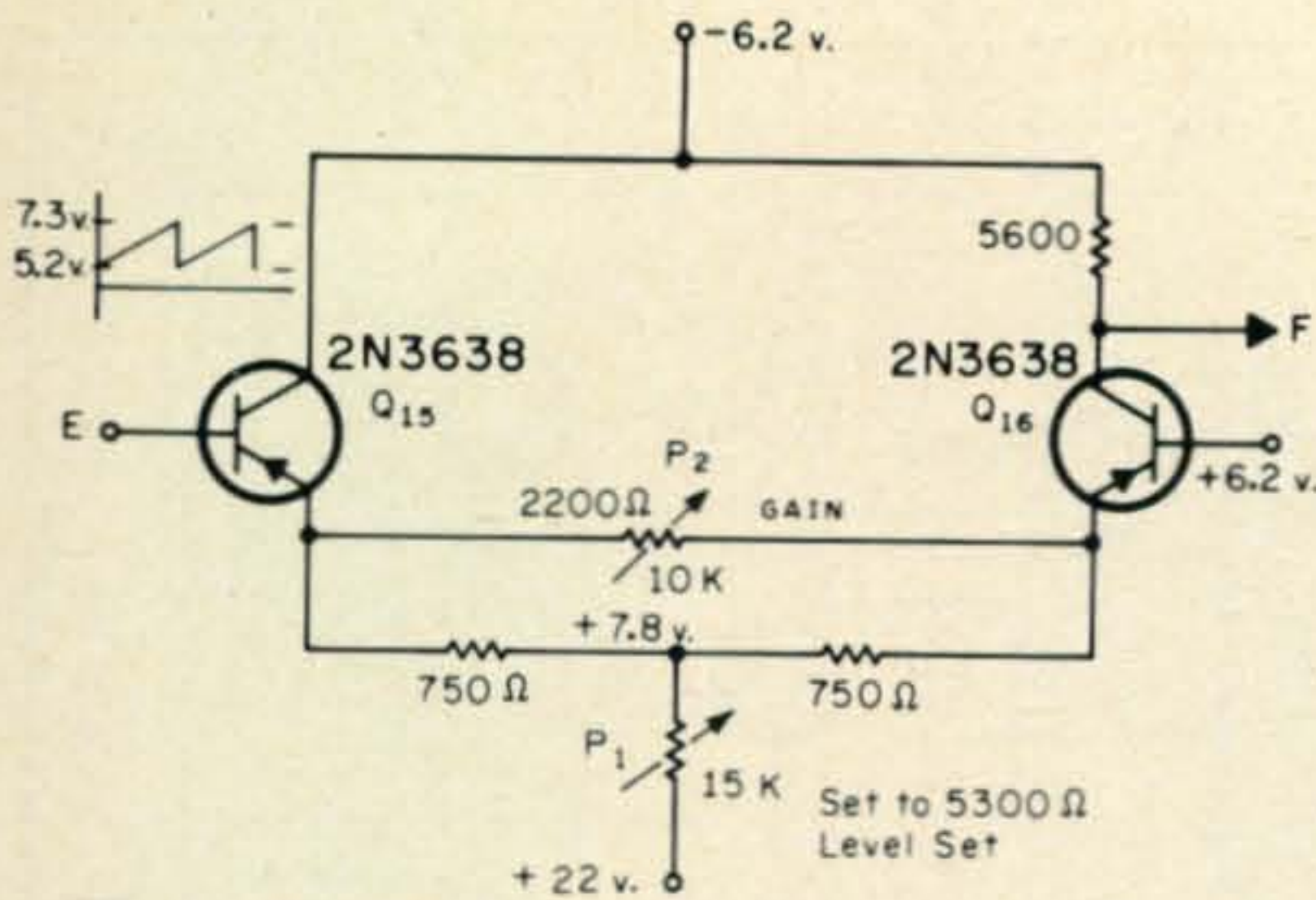


Fig. 11—Circuit of the ramp level setter and d.c. amplifier.

It is for this reason that the output must go to the ramp level setter to provide the correct level and amplitude ramp to the Schmitt trigger circuit. It is important to note that this sweep (1/8 cycle) does not drive deflection coils as was the case of the 15 cycle ramp generator.

### Ramp Level Setter Circuit

In order to amplify the 1/8 cycle ramp and set its average level it is necessary to use d.c. amplifier circuits. The differential amplifier configuration shown in fig. 11 serves to do this and maintains the same phase output as the input. The ramp from the 1/8 cycle generator is applied to the base of transistor  $Q_{15}$ . A d.c. voltage is applied from a zener reference to the base of transistor  $Q_{16}$ . The schematic shows the measured voltages when the ramp has been adjusted properly.

It should be stated that the results of proper operation of this circuit can be seen on a *fast scan monitor* when the complete system is operating properly. A faint white vertical line moves from the left side of the screen to the right side in 8 seconds. Potentiometers  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  provide the d.c. level and amplitude adjustment to the Schmitt sampling circuit to cover the screen. Maladjustment is evident when the white line does not cover the whole screen in 8 seconds or does not quickly appear to repeat after one scan.

### Sampling Circuit

The basic principle of the Schmitt circuit is such that it is used as an amplitude comparator to mark the moment when an arbitrary waveform reaches a reference level. When the reference level is reached the output makes an abrupt change. Another name for the circuit is the emitter coupled binary.

In fig. 12 transistors  $Q_{17}$ ,  $Q_{18}$ , and  $Q_{19}$  take the 4 volt negative pulses from the fast scan camera and generate a 15,750 cycle ramp at the emitter of  $Q_{19}$ . This 4 volt negative signal can be derived at various places in the fast scan camera and usually comes from the retrace pulse generated during the horizontal flyback time.

Transistor  $Q_{27}$  provides an emitter follower output for the 1/8 cycle ramp. Both ramps (15,750 c.p.s. and 1/8 c.p.s.) are added together through 2700 ohm resistors to the base circuit of  $Q_{20}$ .

The Schmitt circuit consists of transistors  $Q_{20}$  and  $Q_{21}$ . The addition of the 1/8 cycle

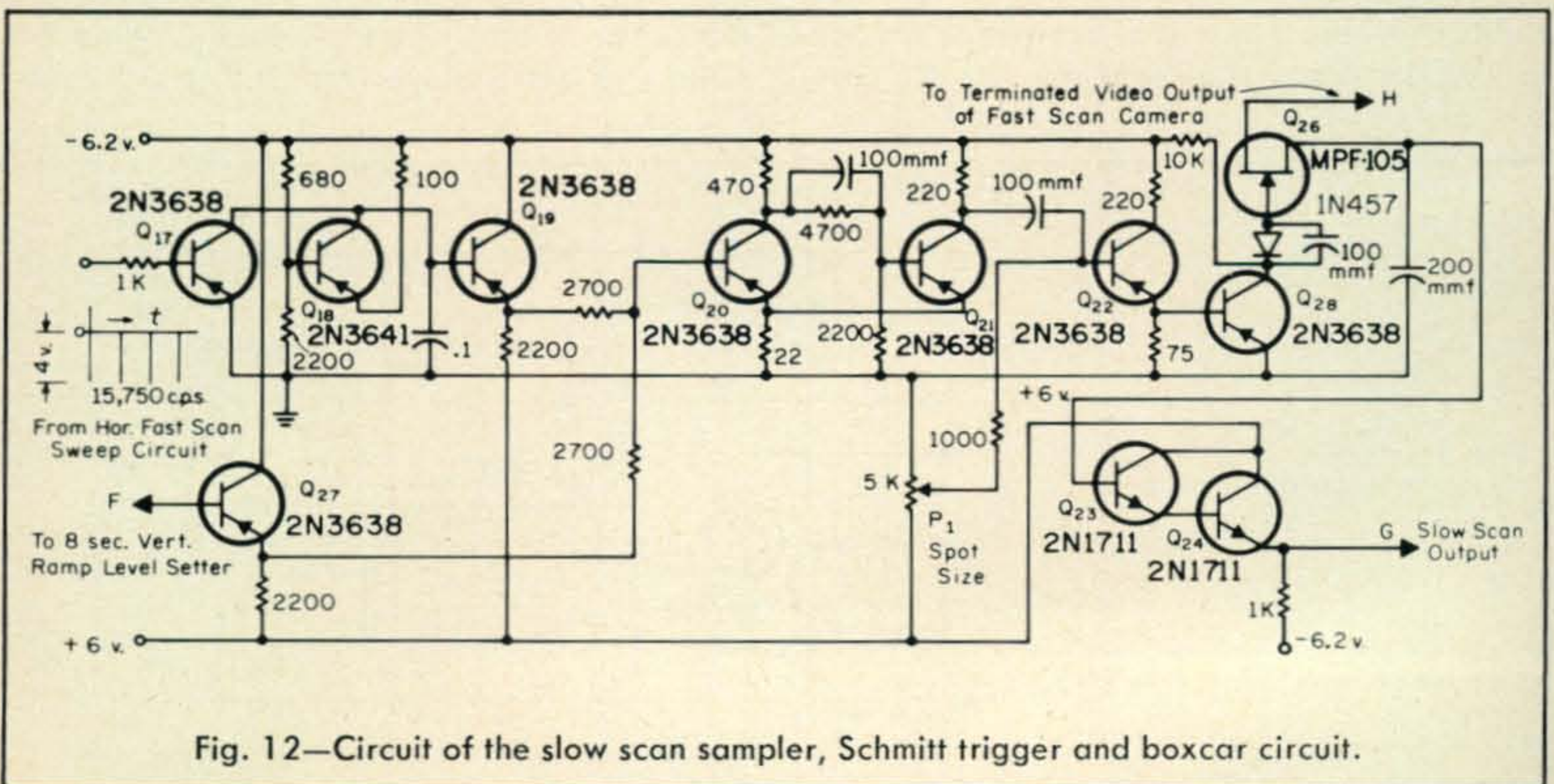


Fig. 12—Circuit of the slow scan sampler, Schmitt trigger and boxcar circuit.

ramp to the 15,750 cycle ramp causes the Schmitt to fire at a slightly different time for each cycle of the 15,750 cycle waveform.

Figure 13 shows this addition and how the time between the firing points of the circuit changes ( $t_1$  vs.  $t_2$ ) for a given firing voltage. The result is that a succession of pulses with a constantly changing period is generated. The output is  $Q_{21}$  is differentiated by a 100 mmf capacitor and the conduction of transistor  $Q_{22}$  is controlled by the SPOT SIZE control,  $P_1$ . This adjustment makes the sampling pulses wider.

Transistor  $Q_{22}$  has an emitter follower output that feeds the sampling circuit consisting of transistors  $Q_{28}$  and  $Q_{26}$ , an MPF-105 junction FET. The fast scan video is fed into the source of the FET at a point  $H$  and this video is gated through the FET for the time of the Schmitt generated pulse. The drain of the FET connects to a boxcarring capacitor and a high impedance Darlington combination of transistors  $Q_{23}$  and  $Q_{21}$ .

The purpose of the boxcarring capacitor is to hold the sampled video at the sampled value until the next sample. The low frequency energy is increased in this way.

### Multivibrator Circuit

The multivibrator shown in fig. 14 is a free running symmetrical solid state type. There are three adjustments required to set the output frequencies for sync, black and white to

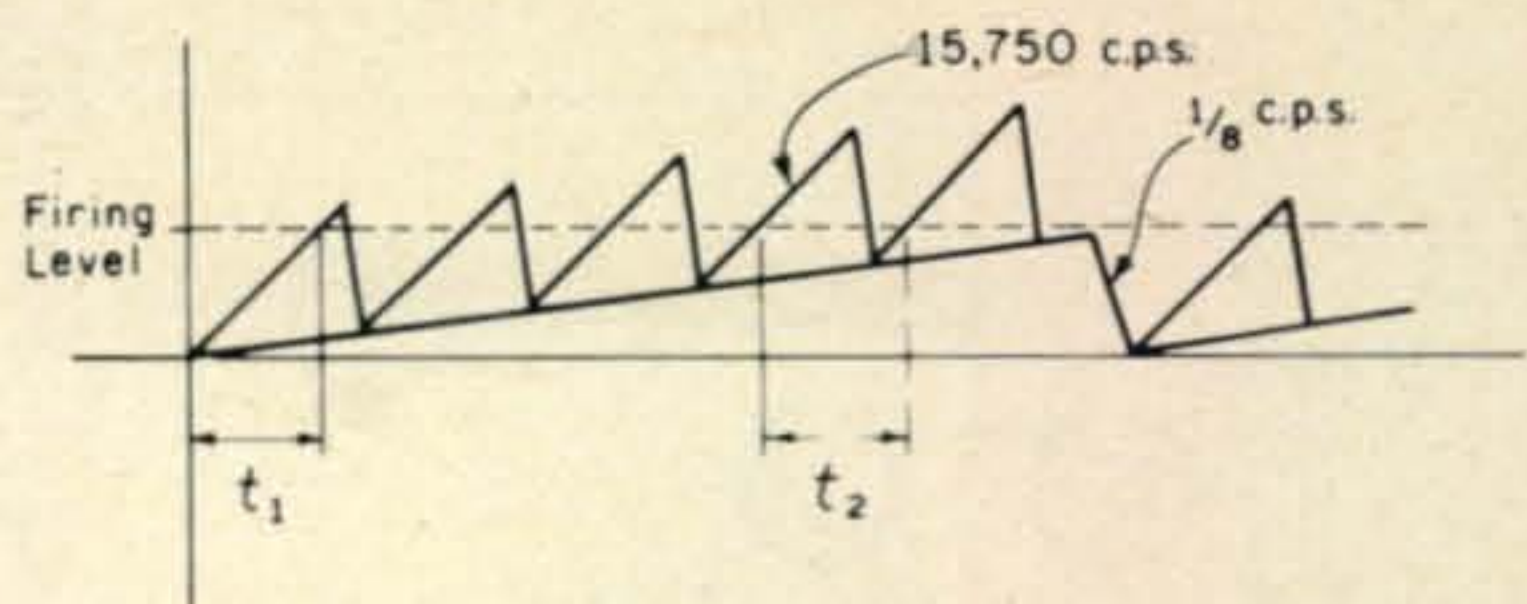


Fig. 13—Waveform showing the addition of the two ramps to generate the sliding pulse. (Drawing is not to scale.)

1200 cycles, 1500 cycles and 2300 cycles respectively. It is easy to see that the frequencies are changed by changing the voltages to which the timing components are returned. All of the adjustments are somewhat inter-related in the initial set up and require several sequential adjustments to bring the frequencies into proper range.

It should be noticed that potentiometers  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  should be ganged but satisfactory adjustment can be made with individual potentiometers if an oscilloscope is used to keep the duty cycle symmetrical. The circuit diagram, fig. 14, shows the voltages that must be applied to the multivibrator for initial setup.

The output if the MV is amplified, filtered and fed into the microphone input of a tape recorder or the transmitter. One word of caution should be given here. It is very important that no higher audio components than 2300

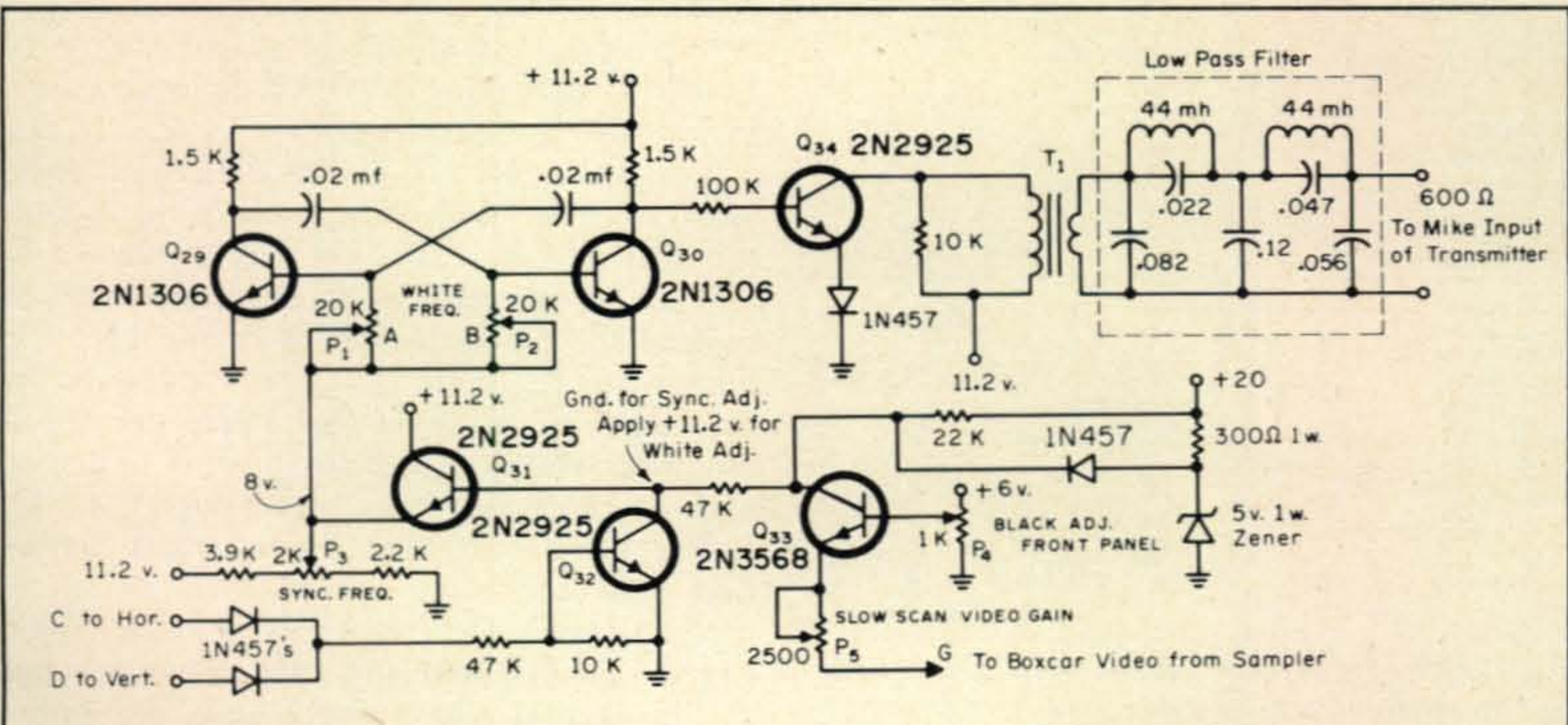


Fig. 14—Multivibrator circuit. The frequencies involved are: White-2300 cycles, Black-1500 cycles and Sync-1200 cycles. Transformer  $T_1$  is a Knight 6T17PC, 10K primary to 500 ohm secondary. The two 44 millihenry coils in the low pass filter are toroids normally used in RTTY construction.

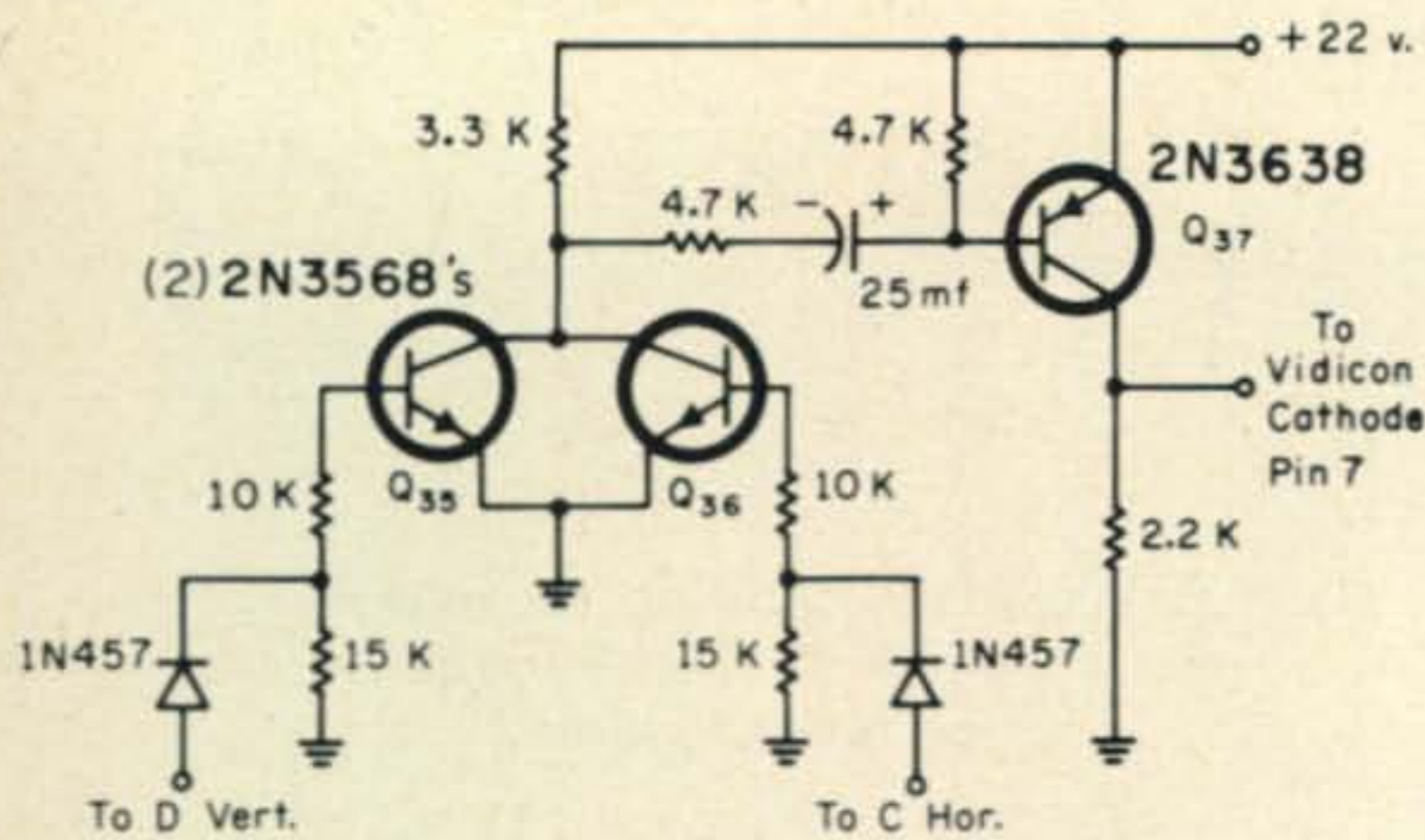


Fig. 15—Circuit of the Vidicon blanker for 15 cycles and 1/8 cycles. The 2200 ohm collector resistor of Q<sub>37</sub> should be the only ground return for the vidicon cathode.

cycles are transmitted through the transmitter. The FCC rules state that the bandwidth should be no greater than 3 kc (s.s.b.). It is our intention to keep it considerably below that. The square wave from the MV should be run through a low pass filter that has a cutoff of no more than 2500 cycles. Perhaps your mechanical filter in the transmitter will do this for you but why take a chance? A typical low pass filter with a cut-off frequency of 2500 Hz is shown in fig. 14.

Distortion can also occur if you overdrive the first audio tube before the mike gain control in the transmitter. Modern transmitters

may prevent spurious outputs but several very popular ones do not. The author owns one of these that does not. If in doubt check the width of your signal with your receiver in the narrowest bandwidth mode. It should be no more than 3 kc. It is important that slow scanners operate carefully in order not to undo the great selling job of MacDonald and others with the FCC.

### Vidicon Blanker For the Slow Scan Sweeps

The fast scan camera will have blanking for the original two fast scan sweep rates. It is probably best not to modify this original circuit in the camera but to add the simple blanker shown in fig. 15. The cathode of the vidicon in the camera should be lifted from ground and returned to ground through the 2200 ohm resistor shown. Some means should be provided to remove the +22 volts when it is desired to view the picture on a fast scan monitor since the slow scan blanking will show as flicker.

The two sync signals are fed into the bases of transistors Q<sub>35</sub> and Q<sub>36</sub> and since they share a common collector resistor add to turn on and off the base circuit of Q<sub>37</sub> for the two slow scans. The cathode of the vidicon will be driven positive for the sync signals and cut off the vidicon for the required period of time.

### Deflection Coil Switching

As mentioned several times before, in order to obtain a slow scan picture that is sitting upright and not a mirror image of itself it is necessary to switch deflection coils in the fast scan camera.

For those that are not sure of the inductance of their deflection coils it is recommended that the simplest circuit shown in fig. 16 be followed. It is only necessary to replace the 60 cycle scan with the 15 cycle scan with a simple d.p.d.t. switch or relay. Be sure that you don't lose sweep voltage at any time while the vidicon "beam" is turned high or the target may be damaged.

For those that have symmetrical deflection coils the more complicated circuit is recommended. Here not only is the 60 cycle sweep replaced with the 15 cycle sweep but the horizontal and vertical coils are interchanged and one is reversed. There is a complete explanation of the reason for this in Part 1 of this series. Again the author recommends the simpler of the two circuits until you have all the circuits checked out. In case you

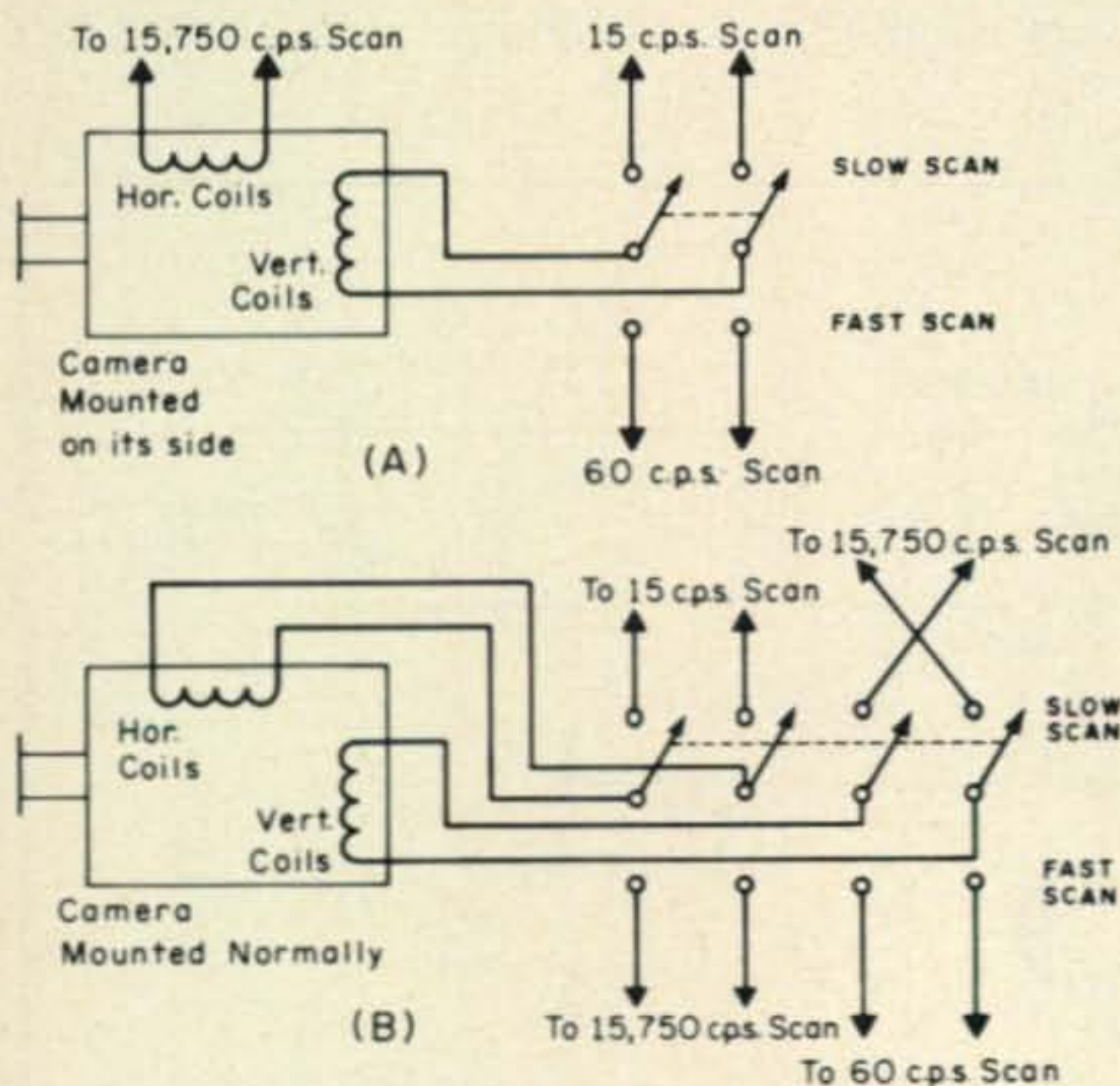


Fig. 16(A)—Deflection coil hookup if the camera is mounted on its side. With this arrangement writing appears in its mirror image form as was illustrated in the text. (B) Deflection coil hookup permissible if the horizontal and vertical coils have the same inductance (not usually the case). This arrangement eliminates the mirror image problem.

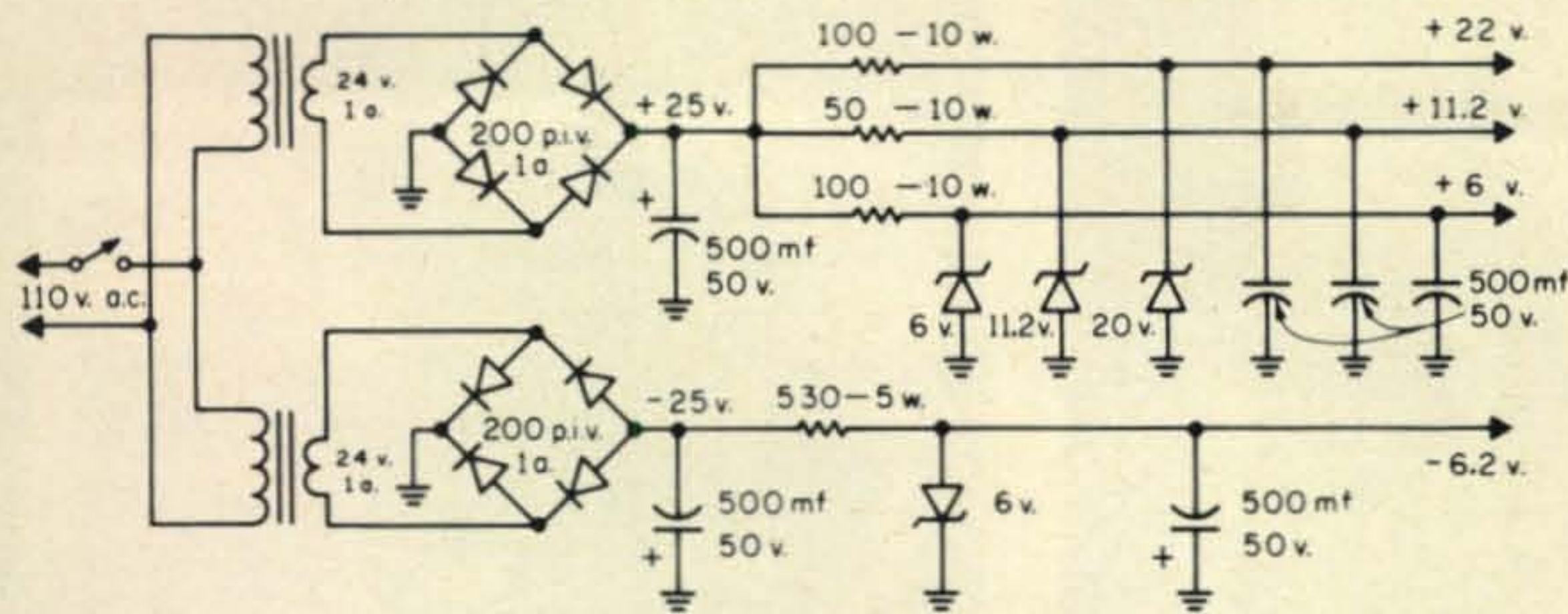


Fig. 17—Power supplies for the sampler camera. The regulation and ripple characteristics are discussed in the text.

are wondering what happens if you don't replace the 60 cycle scan with the 15 cycle scan you may recall that 4 pictures are created side by side on the slow scan monitor.

### Power Supplies

Since both polarity voltages are required in the camera modification, two 110/24 volt, 1 amp filament transformers are used. This circuit is shown in fig. 17. A bridge rectifier circuit gives full wave rectification for both polarities. It is important to use the largest filtering capacitors possible since 60 and 120 cycle hum is the plague of all slow scanners.

Zener diodes are used for all regulated voltages and it may be necessary to make slight adjustments in the dropping resistors to make sure that the zeners are regulating for full load. The zener voltage should be constant from no-load to full load.

As a final test of adequate filtering, connect an oscilloscope adjusted for high sensitivity to the outputs of the power supply and add filter capacitance until the hum level drops to the millivolt level.

It was mentioned earlier that hum problems caused by magnetic fields may necessitate the removal of the camera transformer to an external box. It is advisable, if possible, to put all of the transformers in this box far away from the vidicon and sensitive circuits.

### Construction

Since this is supposed to be the computer age it seemed fitting to build each circuit on a computer type card. Home made cards were constructed from glass epoxy vector board. The cards are approximately 4" x 5" and a flat plug obtained at the local surplus house was bolted on the bottom to mate with the equivalent chassis mounted plug. A dowel rod was slotted to provide a support on one side of the home made card. The components

are mounted on one side of the vector board by means of pins provided for this purpose. Wires were put on one side to connect the components. A jig holder with an extension cable and plug is sometimes used to adjust the card mounted potentiometers that were inaccessible in the completed enclosure. The author feels that this method of construction has nearly the compactness of printed circuit cards while providing the flexibility required for circuit changes and simplicity for home construction and maintenance.

The author built a complete fast scan camera and sampler and included a monitor in the same box. Plug-in cards were used for the transistor circuitry. The photos show this camera-monitor combination. It has several modes and generates both fast and slow scan pictures and is also able to display either fast or slow scan pictures on the monitor tube which has a  $P_7$  phosphor.

In any case the circuitry is not difficult to make work in any configuration. Regardless of whether home made plug-in cards are used or not, the use of the green glass epoxy vector boards is highly recommended. They will not break and construction is very fast and looks good. It is very easy to modify for circuit changes.

The power supply should be tested un-

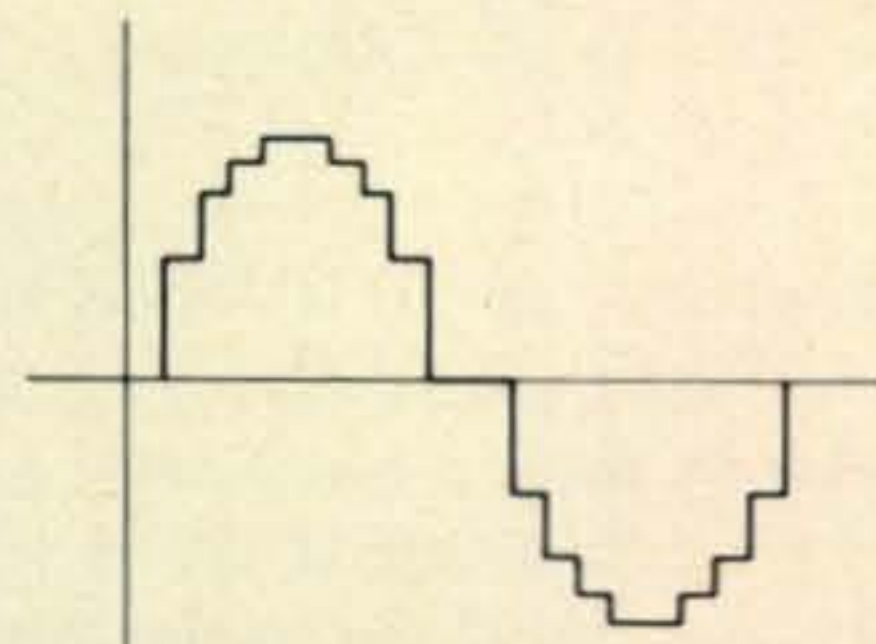
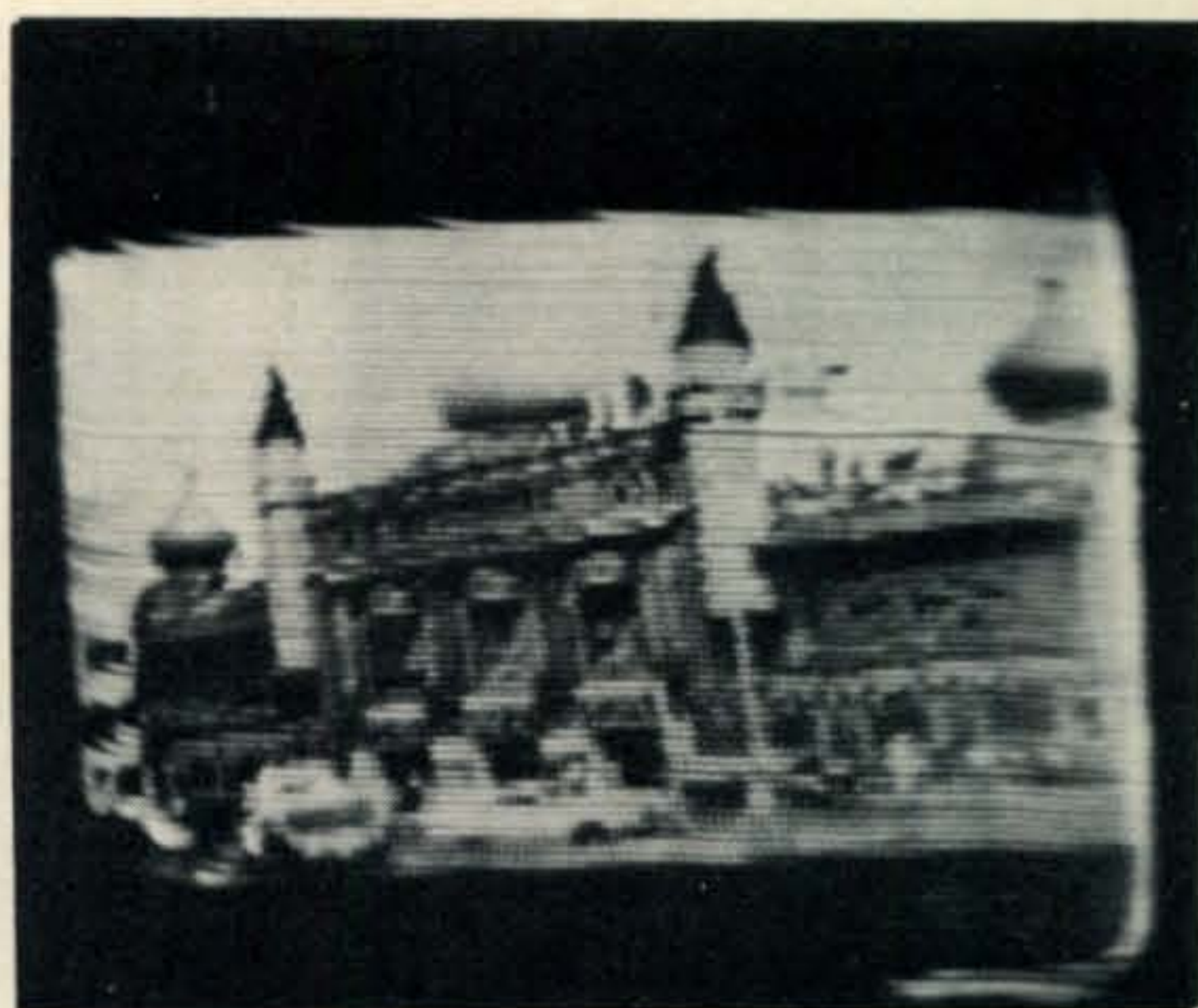


Fig. 18—Boxcarred 1000 cycle waveform as viewed at point G of fig. 12 in a test of the sampler operation.



Comparison photographs from the fast scan (left) and slow scan monitors. The photos were taken with Polaroid cameras using several close up lenses in tandem which limited the quality of the picture.

loaded initially to make sure that the dropping resistors are not overheating. The voltages should measure the proper amount as shown in fig. 17.

The outputs of the power supply should be checked both unloaded and loaded on a cathode ray oscilloscope to make sure that the ripple is in the millivolt range.

Next, the horizontal oscillator (15 c.p.s.) should be aligned. Remember to connect the 6.3 v, 60 cycle voltage to the input of  $Q_1$  to provide the line synchronization. The plus 300 volts which is needed for this sweep circuit can be obtained from the fast scan camera since one of the vidicon anodes is run at 300 volts. With the vertical input connected to the output of transistor  $Q_8$  and the horizontal input connected to 60 cycle lines the display should show the familiar 4/1 Lissajou pattern.

If the circuit has been properly constructed the adjustment of the H START pot, H STOP pot and H RATE pot will result in a Lissajou pattern of some submultiple of 60 cycles.

In the author's case the exact potentials measured at the arms of the respective potentiometers is as follows:

H START pot. +4.6 v.

H STOP pot. +3.2 v.

Once the 4/1 pattern is observed the c.r.o. can be switched to the ordinary display. A 15 cycle sawtooth should be observed at the output of  $Q_8$ . Check to see if the 6 volt zener is working before going on to the vertical ramp generator.

The vertical ramp oscillator receives its synchronization from the horizontal oscil-

lator previously aligned. As in the case of the horizontal oscillator the three potentiometers labeled V RATE, V START, and V STOP must be adjusted. Since the rate is so slow a d.c. coupled c.r.o. or 20,000 ohm per volt v.o.m. can be connected to point E at the output of transistor  $Q_{13}$ . The voltages measured at the arms of the potentiometers are as follows:

V START +3.6 v.

V STOP +2.8-3.7 v.

The output voltage varies from 5.2 to 7.3 volts and feeds the ramp level setter discussed next. The timing is best adjusted with a stop watch. There should be no hesitation in the cycle when the ramp retraces to recycle at the end of the 8 second period.

The ramp level setter is shown in fig. 11 with the measured supply voltages shown. The measured voltage at the intersection of the 750 ohm resistors is 7.8 v.

The two potentiometers for level set and gain should be readjusted after the system is in operation. As mentioned before, a white sampling line is visible in the fast scan monitor when sampling. The line should move from one side of the screen to the other and retrace without hesitation.

The sampler circuit is not critical to adjust. A 15,750 cycle ramp should be observed at the emitter output of transistor  $Q_{19}$ . A 1/8 cycle ramp should appear at the emitter output of transistor  $Q_{27}$ . At the emitter output of transistor  $Q_{22}$  small narrow spikes of voltage can be seen with the aid of a c.r.o. These are

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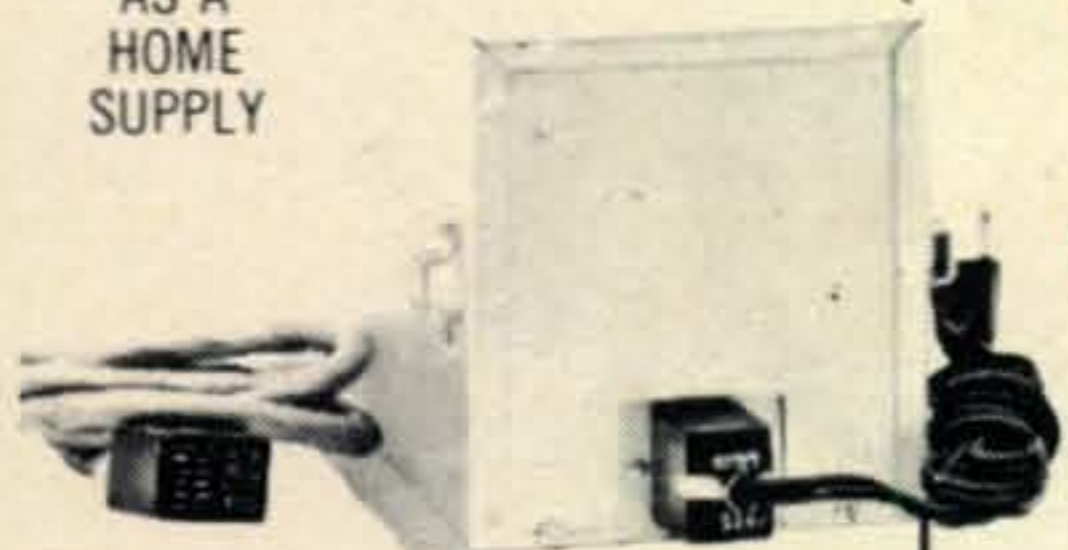
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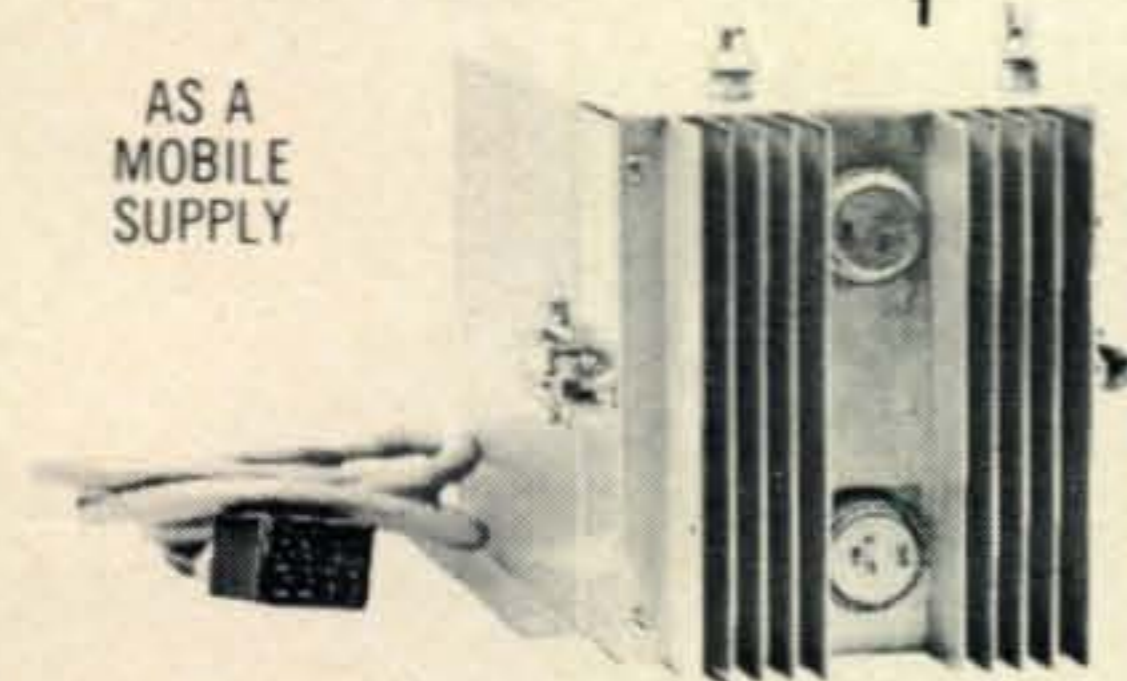
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# CQ Reviews: The Swan Model 250-C 6-Meter Transceiver



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**T**HE Swan Model 250 6-Meter Transceiver was reviewed earlier in *CQ*;<sup>1</sup> but since then, a revised version, the Model 250-C, has become available. Inasmuch as present and prospective users usually are interested in differences between original and newer versions of a piece of gear, at this time we'll discuss the changes incorporated in the Model 250-C. We'll also recap some of the basic features of the 250-series, a block diagram and specific details for which may be found by reference to the earlier review.

Full coverage of the 6-meter band is provided for operation with 240 watts p.e.p. input on s.s.b., 180 watts input on c.w. and 75 watts carrier on a.m. (using one sideband only). Other features are: adjustable Pi-network for matching to loads of 50-500 ohms, p.t.t. operation or v.o.x. (with accessory unit), product and envelope detectors, operation from 117/234 v.a.c. or 12 v.d.c. external power supplies.

Single conversion is used throughout with a high order of frequency stability achieved by the use of a solid-state v.f.o. and a crystal-controlled b.f.o./carrier oscillator.

The v.f.o. tunes over a 500 kc range for which the frequency dial is calibrated in 5 kc steps. Any desired 500 kc segment on the 6-meter band is selected by shifting an mc-range-setting capacitor to calibrated points related thereto. Swan's customary velvet-smooth two-speed drive mechanism, equipped

with large easy-to-handle knobs, is furnished for tuning the v.f.o.

Filter-type s.s.b. generation and selectivity is obtained with a 2.8 kc bandwidth crystal filter.

## Revised Features

Most of the changes incorporated in the Model 250-C involve the receiver section, the most notable of which is at the r.f. front-end where two 6CW4 Nuvisitors in a cascode-type circuit are used in place of a single neutralized 6HA5 triode as originally used in the Model 250. An improved noise figure and better sensitivity is realized with the new setup. A 6HA5 triode mixer has been retained. The front-end circuitry is shown at fig. 1.

**Traps**—Two parallel-tuned traps are connected in series with the antenna input which is matched for 50 ohms by means of a tap on the r.f.-input inductor. One trap is tuned to 28 mc for improving the rejection of images that may be due to signals on the 10-meter band. Its effectiveness is attested by the fact that the image rejection measured 80 db.

The other trap is tuned to 58 mc to minimize the possibility of "birdies" from TV Channel 2.

**V.F.O.**—Another change is that the v.f.o. is completely shielded with its components installed above the chassis. The mc-range-setting capacitor is now adjusted by a 6:1 ratio control that has a dial which may be locked at any chosen setting. The dial is calibrated for the settings required for each 500 kc segment of the 50-mc band. The mechanics of

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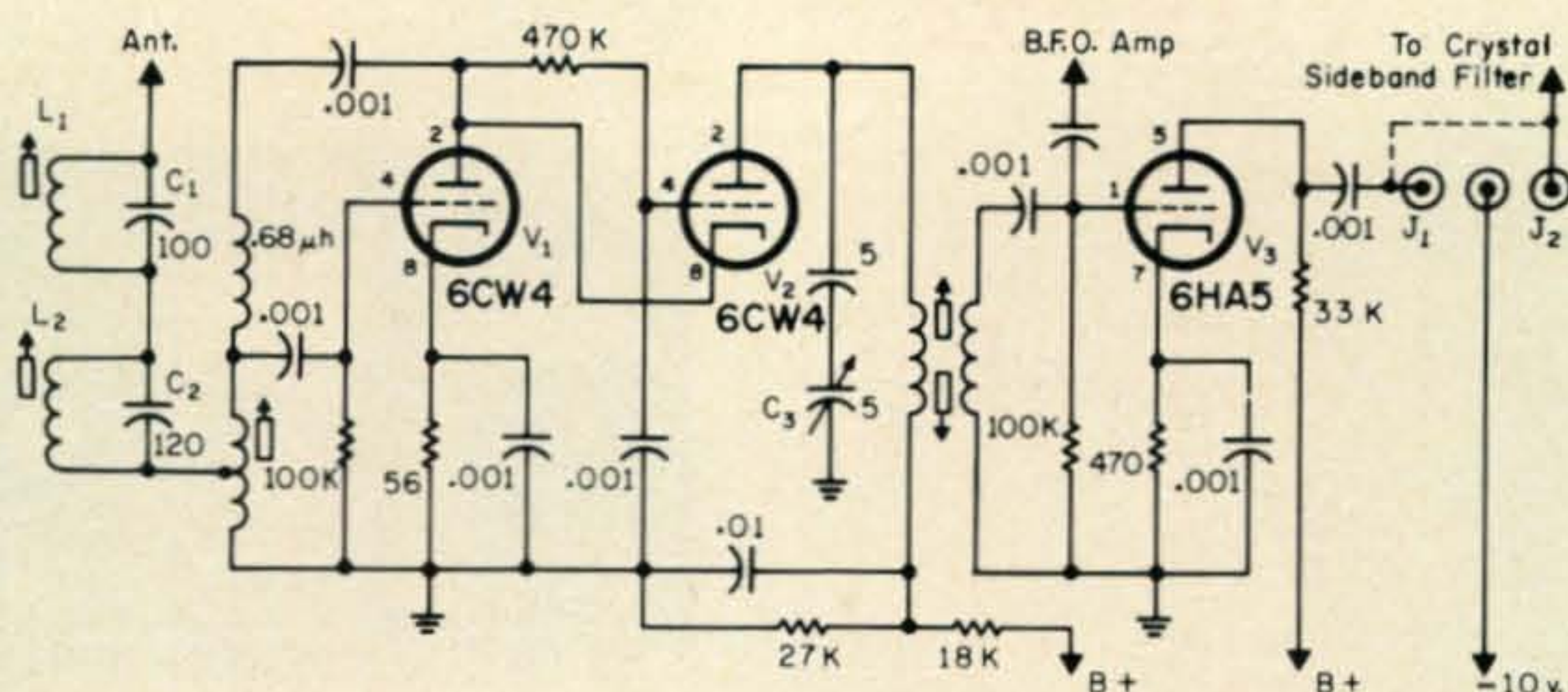


Fig. 1—Front-end circuitry for the Swan 250-C.  $L_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $C_2$  are 28 mc 58 mc traps, respectively, as explained in the text. The grids of  $V_1$  and  $V_3$  are fix-tuned, the plate of  $V_2$  is tuned with a variable capacitor ( $C_3$ ) that is ganged to the tuning capacitors for the v.f.o. amplifier, transmitter mixer and driver. A noise silencer or blanker may be installed in place of the jumper between  $J_1$  and  $J_2$ .

the setup make it easy to precisely adjust the capacitor and to subsequently prevent its accidentally being knocked off calibration. In addition, a built-in crystal calibrator furnishes markers at the 250 kc intervals, thus allowing an accurate setting of the capacitor to be made for proper correlation with the frequency readout on the v.f.o. dial.

An accessory socket on the rear of the set permits an external v.f.o. (Swan Model 210) to be fed to the v.f.o. buffer/amplifier for split-frequency operation.

**I.F.**—In the Model 250-C the i.f. has been changed from 10.7 mc to 10.9 mc which thus

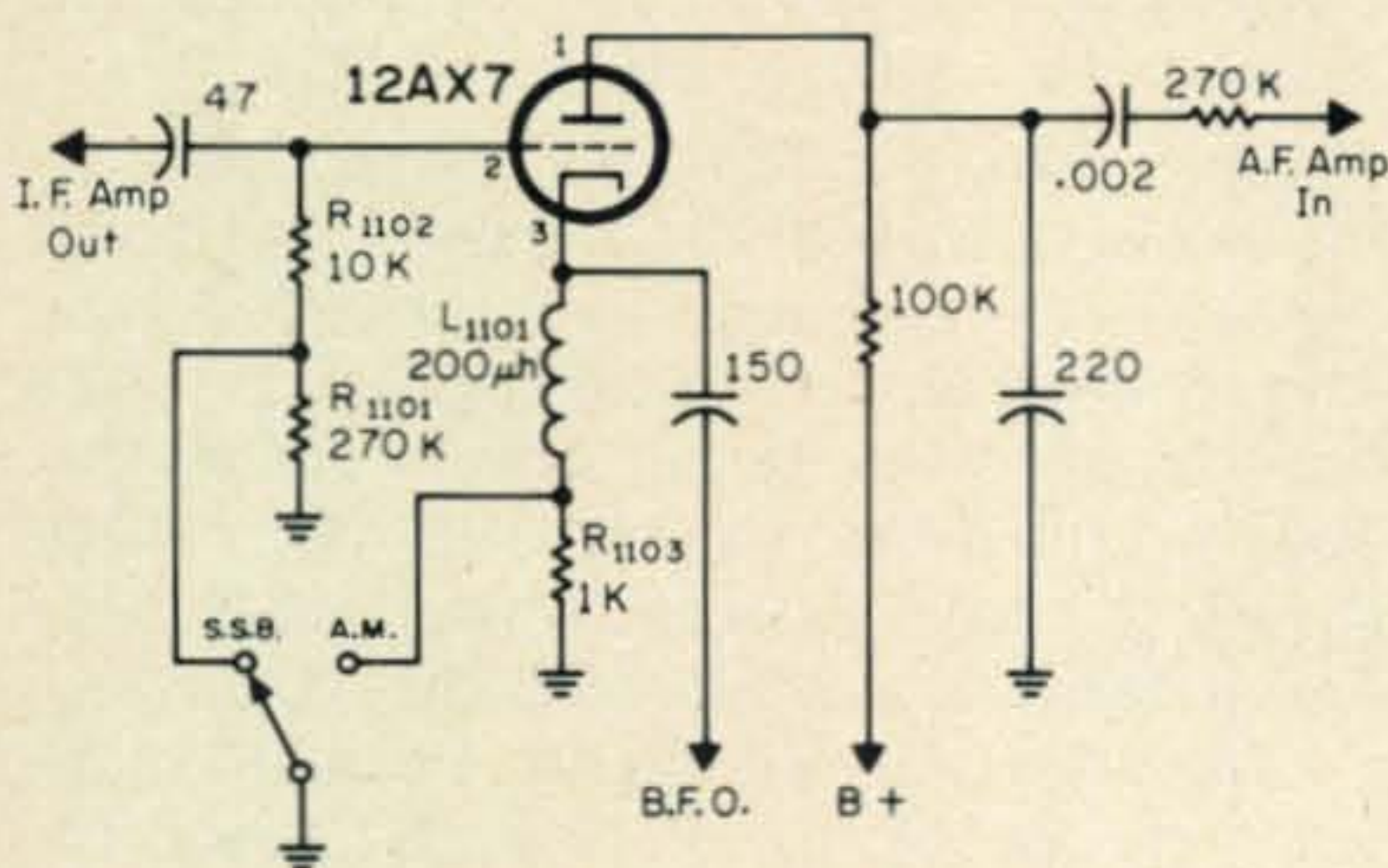


Fig. 2—Product/Envelope Detector circuitry used in the 250-C. The triode normally functions as a conventional product detector. The tube is made to function as a grid-leak type envelope detector for a.m. by the mode switch which sets up cut-off bias on receive to disable the b.f.o., grounds the bottom end of  $L_{1101}$  (shorting out  $R_{1103}$ ) and removes the ground from  $R_{1101}$ - $R_{1102}$  junction thus providing a grid leak of 280 K.

requires a 200 kc shift in the range of the heterodyning signals from the v.f.o. This move evidently has been made to eliminate certain spurious responses.

**Detectors**—One triode section of a 12AX7 is used for the product detector in a conventional setup of this type; however, by switching certain circuit elements, it also is made to function as an envelope detector for a.m. The arrangement is the same as that used in the Model 250, but since the circuitry was not shown in the former review, it is now presented at fig. 2.

**Sideband Selection**—A choice of operation on either the upper or lower sideband is now provided and is accomplished by switching crystals at the b.f.o./carrier oscillator for a 3 kc frequency change to either side of the crystal sideband-filter. The v.f.o. frequency is not compensated for this frequency shift thus necessitating that the v.f.o. be retuned 3 kc when sidebands are changed.

**A.G.C.**—A modification in the a.g.c. system is that the gain of the 1st and 2nd i.f. amplifiers is controlled from the same a.g.c. line and with the same time constants. The a.g.c. now also controls the r.f.-input amplifier and an a.g.c. charging-bypass diode is incorporated to prevent the time-constant capacitor from charging during transmit and hanging up on the switch back to receive. The r.f.-gain control has been rearranged so that it varies a negative potential applied to the a.g.c. line.

**Noise Silencer**—There is no built-in noise limiter as in the Model 250, but through the use of rear-apron phono jacks, the circuit

between the receiver mixer and the crystal filter may be opened and a noise silencer (or noise blanker) may be installed thereat where it can be most effective, since it then functions before any noise-pulse stretching can take place at the crystal bandpass filter.

The Swan Model NS-1 Noise-Silencer accessory is available for the job. It consists of a two-stage 10.9 mc amplifier using f.e.t.'s with the often found i.f. noise-limiter setup using two self-biased diodes shunted across the amplifier output as shown at fig. 3. Operating voltage is obtained from a third phono jack.

**Transmitter**—The only apparent changes related to the transmitted section are that a 6JH8 is used in place of a 7360 in the balanced modulator, auxiliary relay contacts are located on the antenna-transfer relay instead on the XMT-REC relay, the latter relay switches the screen and plate voltages on or off for receive and transmit as needed on the related stages without simultaneously opening or closing the tube-cathode returns as is done in the Model 250.

**Metering**—Besides indicating the p.a. cathode current or relative output power, the meter now is automatically switched on receive to indicate signal strength up to 70 db over S-9. On transmit, the meter automatically indicates the p.a. cathode current; while on tuneup it shows the relative output.

**Controls**—The only other change in the way of controls is that the mode switch selects either u.s.b., l.s.b. or provides for a.m. on receive. The function switch has five positions: CALIBRATE, RECEIVE, TRANSMIT, C.W. and TUNE.

The normal operating position for s.s.b. or a.m. is at RECEIVE, in which case either c.t.t. or v.o.x. operation may be had. An out-board accessory is required for the latter. The Swan VX-2 v.o.x. accessory is a solid-state affair which also may be used for v.o.x.-type of break-in with c.w.

**I.F. Filtering**—The rear of the socket for the connections to the external power supply is enclosed in a copper box with r.f. chokes therein and feedthrough-type bypasses employed on the voltage-supply lines for minimizing stray r.f. radiation or TVI. The power-supply requirements are the same as those for the Model 250.

#### Performance

The performance of the 250-C, both on

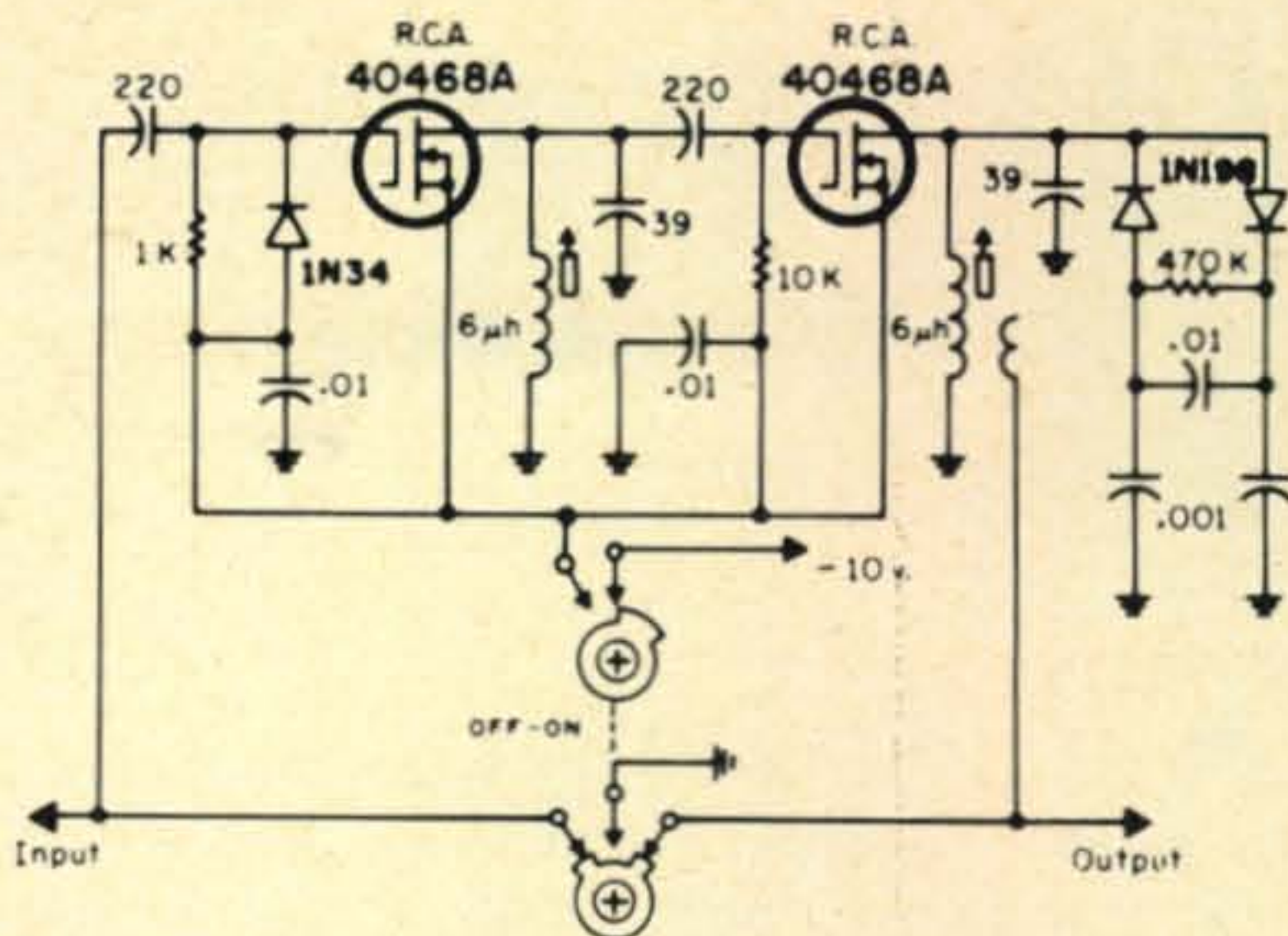


Fig. 3—Circuit for the Swan NS-1 Noise Silencer for use at  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$  (fig. 1). Two f.e.t.'s make up a 10.9 mc amplifier with self-biased noise-limiting diodes shunting the output.

receive and transmit, was found to be essentially the same as reported earlier for the Model 250, but with the following exceptions or additions:

**RECEIVER NOISE FIGURE:** 3 db. **SENSITIVITY:** 0.1  $\mu$ v for 10 db S+N/N (on s.s.b.). The front-end apparently is optimized for operation on the lower portion of the band, inasmuch as the gain and the sensitivity both decreased as the receiver was tuned higher in frequency, particularly above 52 mc with an eventual drop in sensitivity to 1  $\mu$ v for 10 db S+N/N at 54 mc.

**IMAGE REJECTION:** 80 db with receiver tuned to 50.2 mc, 60 db at 51 mc. Where operation usually is conducted at the higher frequencies and if adverse images thereat are experienced, the 28 mc trap may be retuned for higher rejection. This must be done with a tool passed through the p.a. compartment, so extreme care must be taken to avoid contact with high voltage therein.

Spurious-Signal rejection otherwise was at least 60 db and i.f.-signal rejection was 70 db. A more desirable a.g.c. release time also was experienced.

The Swan Model 250-C 6-Meter Transceiver is priced at \$420, less power supply. It is a product of Swan Electronics, Ocean-side, California.

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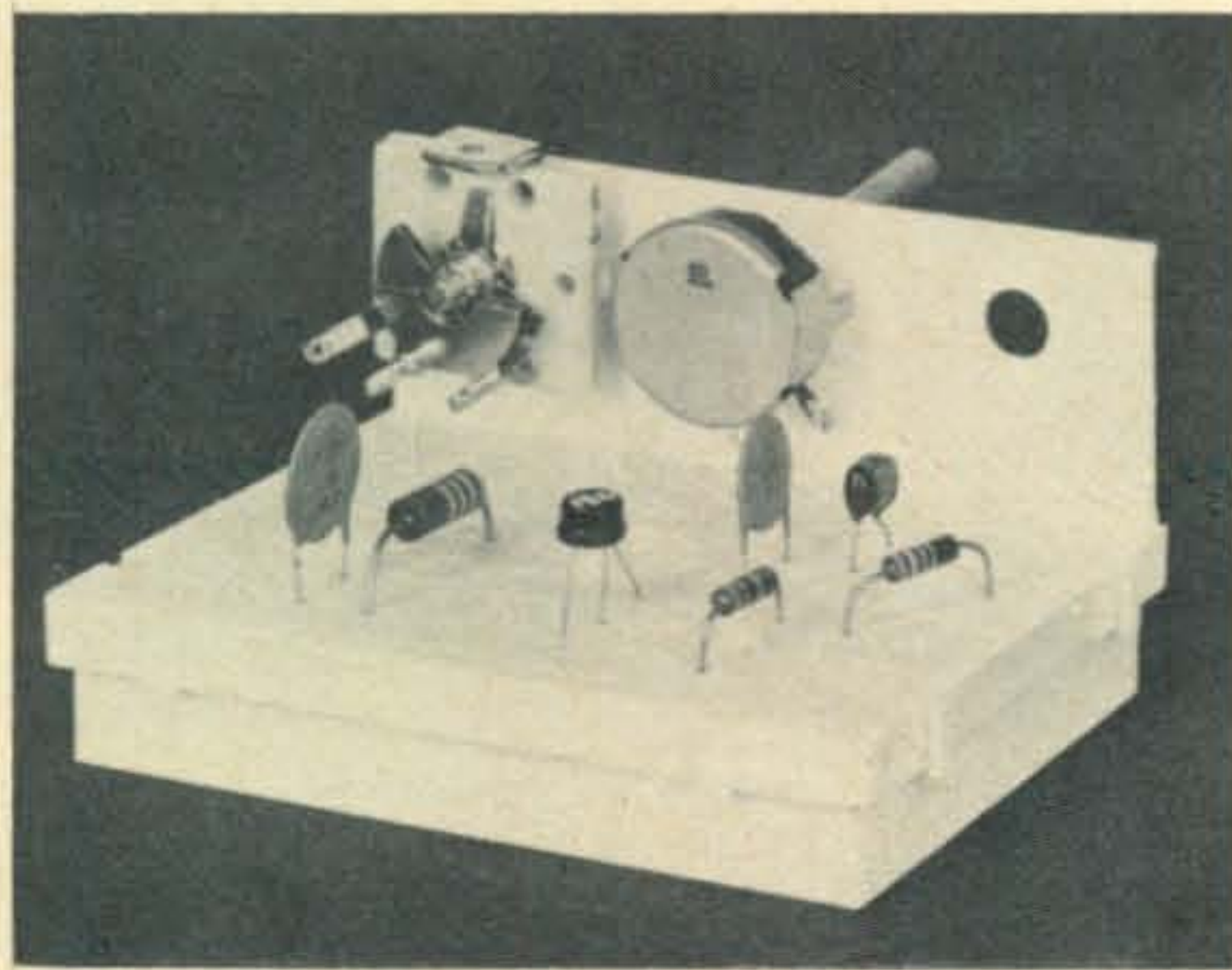
BY WILFRED M. SCHERER,\* W2AEF

**A** RECENT product is the S-DeC unit which is a universal-type circuit board into which electronic components may be inserted and automatically interconnected for rapidly breadboarding electronic projects, experimental or developmental circuits, test setups, etc., without the need for soldering.

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As shown at fig. 1, each contact hole is identified by a numeral for a reference that makes it possible to plan beforehand and note on a schematic diagram the individual contact holes required for each component.

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An S-DeC shown with the accessory panel installed, illustrating controls mounted on the panel and the leads of other circuit components inserted at the contact holes on the face of the unit.

If needed, the components may easily be rearranged for circuit changes or different value-ones may be substituted simply by pulling out their leads and reinserting them at the required contact holes. This is particularly helpful where experimental projects are involved.

Also supplied with the S-DeC is an accessory kit which includes a small panel with 3/8"-diameter holes in it for the installation of controls such as a potentiometer, small switch, variable capacitor, etc. The panel mounts vertically into slots along one side of the box. In addition, solderless connections to these components may be made using small springs provided in the kit. A spring is pushed over the component lug, the connecting lead is inserted in the lug hole and the spring is then released to trap the wire lead. There also are several clips that can be mounted on the edge of the panel for holding other type components such as a small coil form or a ferrite-rod antenna.

Interlocking keyways on the sides of the box make it possible to join two or more S-DeC's together in order to provide large circuit area or to couple together additional electronic functions.

From the radio-amateur's point of view the S-DeC would be most valuable for experimental work or for testing various setups; however, instructions are supplied with the S-DeC for assembling various transistorized projects, some of which may be useful for the amateur or of interest for the hobbyist. The projects include: an electronic flasher, a binary counter ( $\times 2$ ), L/C oscillator, 3 stage a.f. amplifier, code practice oscillator, 3-transistor standard-broadcast radio receiver, u.h.f. microphone, light-operated switch, phase-shift a.f. oscillator and a Wein-bridge oscillator.

In respect to these, the contact holes are spaced apart by about 3/8", so where a transistor with short leads is used, it will have to be plugged into a socket the terminals of which are connected to the required S-DeC

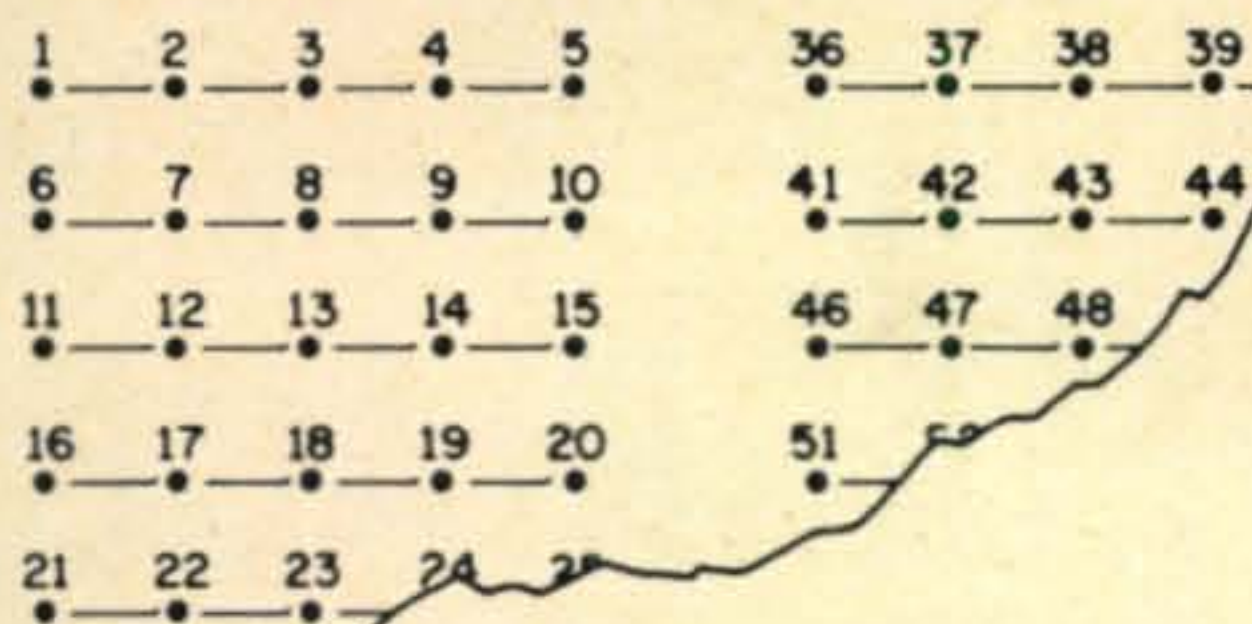


Fig. 1—Drawing of a portion of an S-DeC showing the layout for the contacts. The horizontal lines between the contact-holes show the parallel connections for each group of five contacts. Similar lines and the numerals are embossed on the S-DeC for the user's guidance.

contacts.

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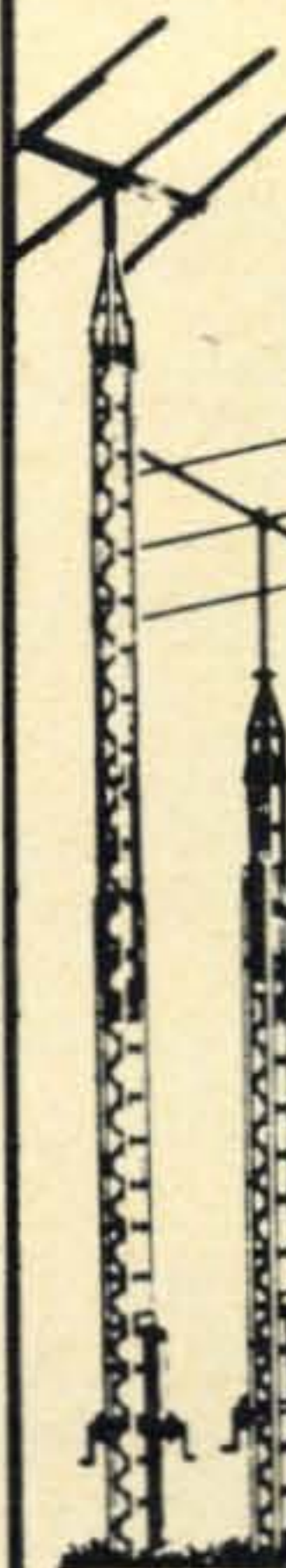


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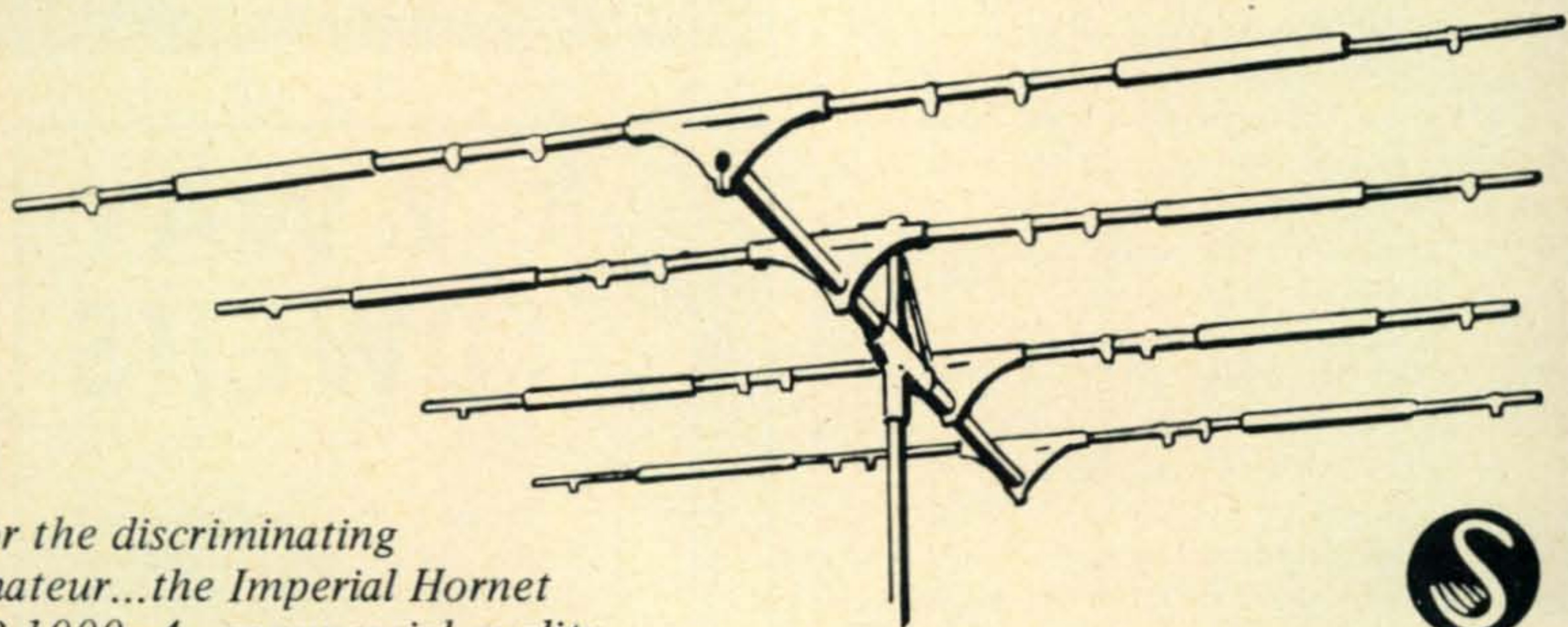
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*This article describes the conversion of a CB transceiver to 6 meter operation. Also included is a simple audio squelch circuit.*

**T**HE necessary complexity in equipment which is required as a result of crowding on the citizens band has relegated the venerable Heathkit CB-1 to the back shelf in many areas of the country. On the other hand, the Heathkit "Sixer," which is very similar in design, has an excellent current reputation on six meters since crowding is seldom a problem. Conversion of the CB-1 to six meters is quite a simple and inexpensive job, but you should be sure that the unit works on the citizen band before tackling the conversion.

Obtain the following items for the receiver portion of the conversion and tackle it first:

4½ inch length of insulated hook up wire #18 to #22).

1 each 50 mmf 600 volt disc ceramic capacitor.

4½ inch length of heavy insulated wire or RG-58 coax.

The part numbers in the step-by-step instructions refer to the schematic on page 6 of CB-1 Manual.

1. Remove 270K resistor ( $R_{205}$ ) from across antenna jack. Simplest method is to break the resistor in half and clip off the ends.

2. Remove wire connection between antenna jack and trimmer capacitor ( $C_{209}$ ).

3. Rotate the antenna jack one half turn so that its ground lug is next to the trimmer capacitor  $C_{209}$ .

4. Remove trap coil ( $L_{203}$ ) from across trimmer capacitor  $C_{209}$ .

5. Solder adjacent end of trimmer  $C_{209}$  to ground lug of antenna jack.

6. Carefully remove the heavy insulated wire between the end of trimmer  $C_{209}$  and pin 12 of TRANSMIT-RECEIVE SWITCH.

7. Break and remove the 2.7K resistor ( $R_{101}$ ) from between pin 8 of tube 6AN8 ( $V_{1A}$ ) and the tie strip lug which is connected to the center of the tube socket.

8. Remove the 12 mmf capacitor,  $C_{102}$ , across terminals of coil  $L_{101}$  and also remove 3 turns of wire from coil. This coil connects to pin 8 of 6AN8 ( $V_{1A}$ ).

9. Remove the 2.2 mmf capacitor,  $C_{101}$ , from between pin 10 of transmit-receive switch and top of coil  $L_{101}$ .

10. Bare both ends of a 4½ inch length of insulated hook-up wire and connect one end to the ground terminal of coil  $L_{101}$ ; make two turn link around lower portion of the coil and connect the free end of the wire to pin 10 of TRANSMIT-RECEIVE switch.

11. Remove capacitor  $C_{110}$  from across detector coil,  $L_{102}$ , and remove 3 turns from coil  $L_{102}$ .

12. Remove the 100 mmf capacitor,  $C_{111}$ ,

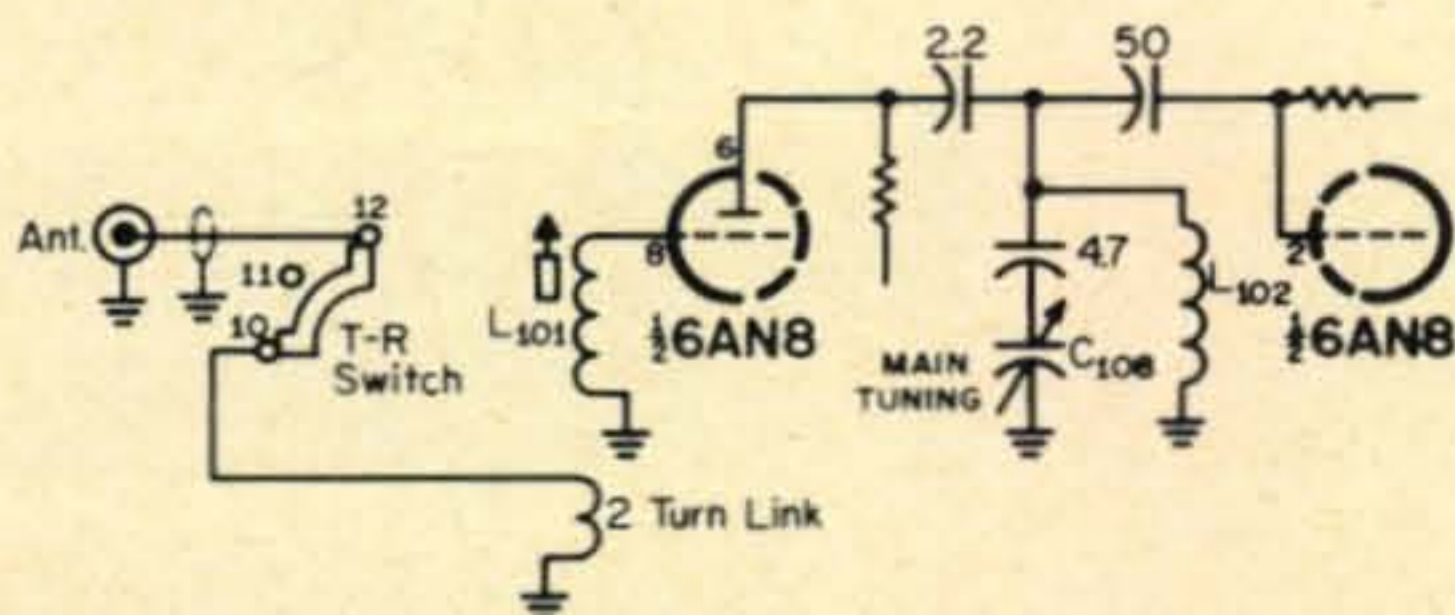


Fig. 1—Modified receiver circuit of a Heath CB-1 converted for 6 meter operation. Only the changes are shown.

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and replace it with a 50 mmf capacitor between pin 2 of  $V_{1B}$  and the top of the detector coil,  $L_{102}$ .

13. Remove the upper end of the 2.2 mmf capacitor,  $C_{107}$ , from the main tuning capacitor,  $C_{108}$ , and connect the end directly to top of coil  $L_{102}$ .

14. Connect the 4½ inch length of heavy insulated wire (or center conductor of same length of RG-58 coax) directly between the center pin of the antenna jack and pin 12 of TRANSMIT-RECEIVE switch. If coax is used, ground outer shield to the chassis connector at the phono plug.

Except for adjusting the tuning range and peaking the r.f. stage, the receiver is now converted for sensitive 6 meter reception. As converted, a total coverage of approximately 1.5 mc of the band is possible, and this can be set to cover the most active portion of the band by adjustment of the slug in the detector coil,  $L_{102}$ . Upon completion of the transmitter conversion which follows, use pages 41 to 44 of the CB-1 manual for adjustment techniques. The circuit, after modification is shown in fig. 1.

### Transmitter Conversion

Obtain the following items for the transmitter portion of the conversion.

1-10,000 ohm 1/2 watt resistor.

1-100 mmf 600 volt ceramic disc capacitor.

1-10,000 ohm 2 watt resistor.

1-crystal, HC-6/U style, 5th harmonic cut, for desired transmit frequency (50.25 to 50.5 recommended).

Step-by-step instructions for transmitter conversion are given below.

1. Disconnect the ground lead of the crystal socket at the lug on the side of the 6AU8 ( $V_{4A}$ ).

2. Remove  $R_{201}$ , 47K resistor, from across the crystal socket.

3. Disconnect and remove the lead between

the crystal socket and pin 2 of the 6AU8 ( $V_{4A}$ ).

4. Disconnect the ground end of the 0.001 mf capacitor,  $C_{202}$ , and connect it to the closest pin (now open) of the crystal socket.

5. Connect a 10K 1/2 watt resistor between ground and the other end of the crystal socket.

6. Connect pin 2 of the 6AU8 ( $V_{4A}$ ) to the ungrounded end of the crystal socket.

7. Connect a 100 mmf capacitor from the other end of the crystal socket to ground. (Note: If crystal is not active, a 50 mmf capacitor may be used instead.)

8. Remove the 12 mmf capacitor,  $C_{203}$ , from across the oscillator coil,  $L_{201}$ .

9. Remove 3 turns from the oscillator coil,  $L_{201}$ .

10. Remove the 12 mmf capacitor,  $C_{208}$ , from across the amplifier coil,  $L_{202}$ .

11. Remove 2 turns from the amplifier coil,  $L_{202}$ .

12. Replace the plate voltage dropping resistor ( $R_{202}$ ) for the oscillator section of the 6AU8 with a 10K 2 watt resistor.

13. Using the 3½ inch length of heavy insulated wire removed in step 6 of the receiver section conversion (or a 3½ inch length of RG-58 coax), connect the open end of two turn link on transmitter coil,  $L_{202}$  to the open end of the trimmer capacitor  $C_{209}$ . If coax is used, ground the shield to the antenna jack.

14. Place a 6 meter crystal in the socket (Note: Only harmonic cut crystals will work satisfactorily in this conversion, as in HW-2 version of the Sixer.)

15. Except for tune-up as indicated on pages 41 to 44 of CB-1 manual, the basic conversion is completed and a very efficient watt transceiver is now yours. The circuit of the converted transmitter section is shown in fig. 2.

### Audio Squelch

For construction and installation of the audio operated squelch circuit, the following items will be needed:

1-s.p.d.t. sensitive relay (4K to 8K, 3½ to 1½ ma respectively).

1-germanium or silicon diode such as 1N34 or 1N83.

1-NPN medium gain transistor such as 2N35A, 2N228 or 2N697 ( $Q_1$ ).

1-5 ohm 1 watt resistor.

2-11K 1/2 watt resistors.

1-1200 ohm 1/2 watt resistor.

1-d.p.d.t. slide switch.

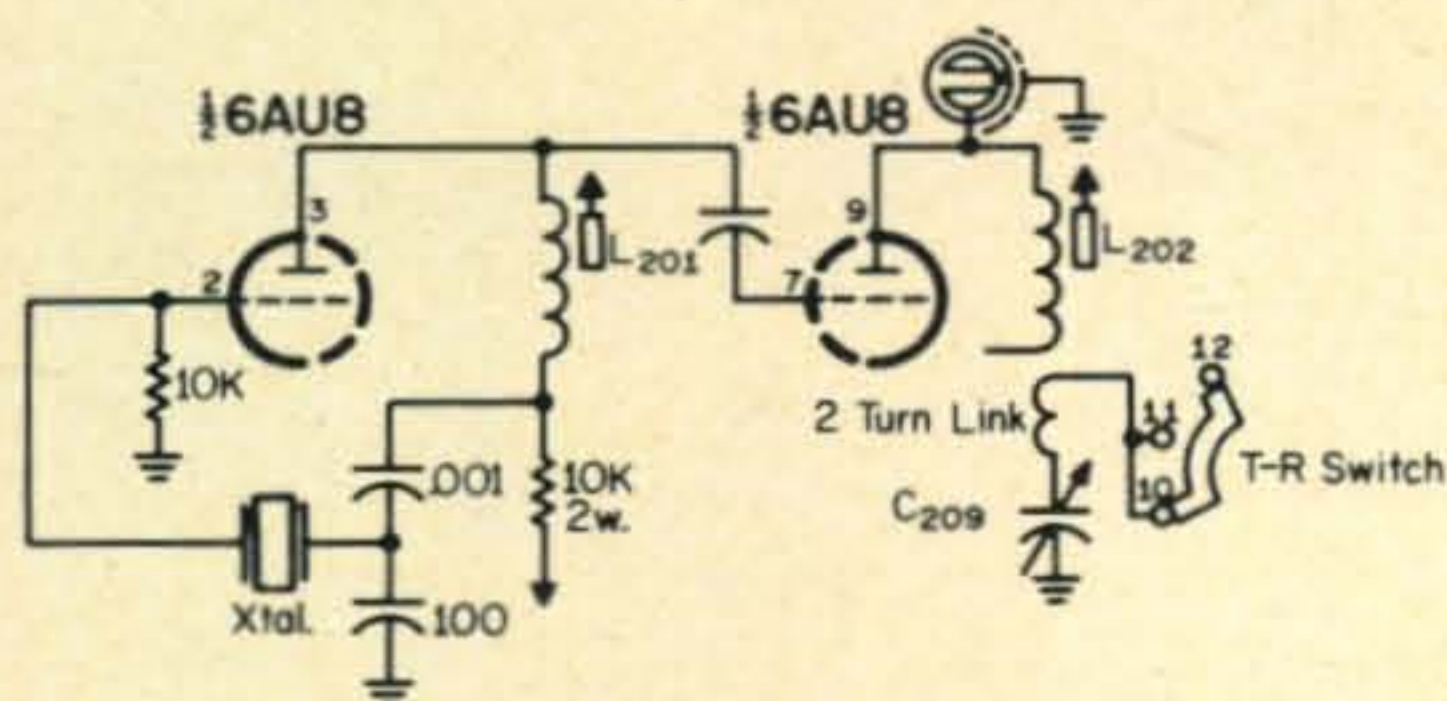


Fig. 2—Modified transmitter circuit of a Heath CB-1 converted for 6 meter operation. Only the changes are shown.



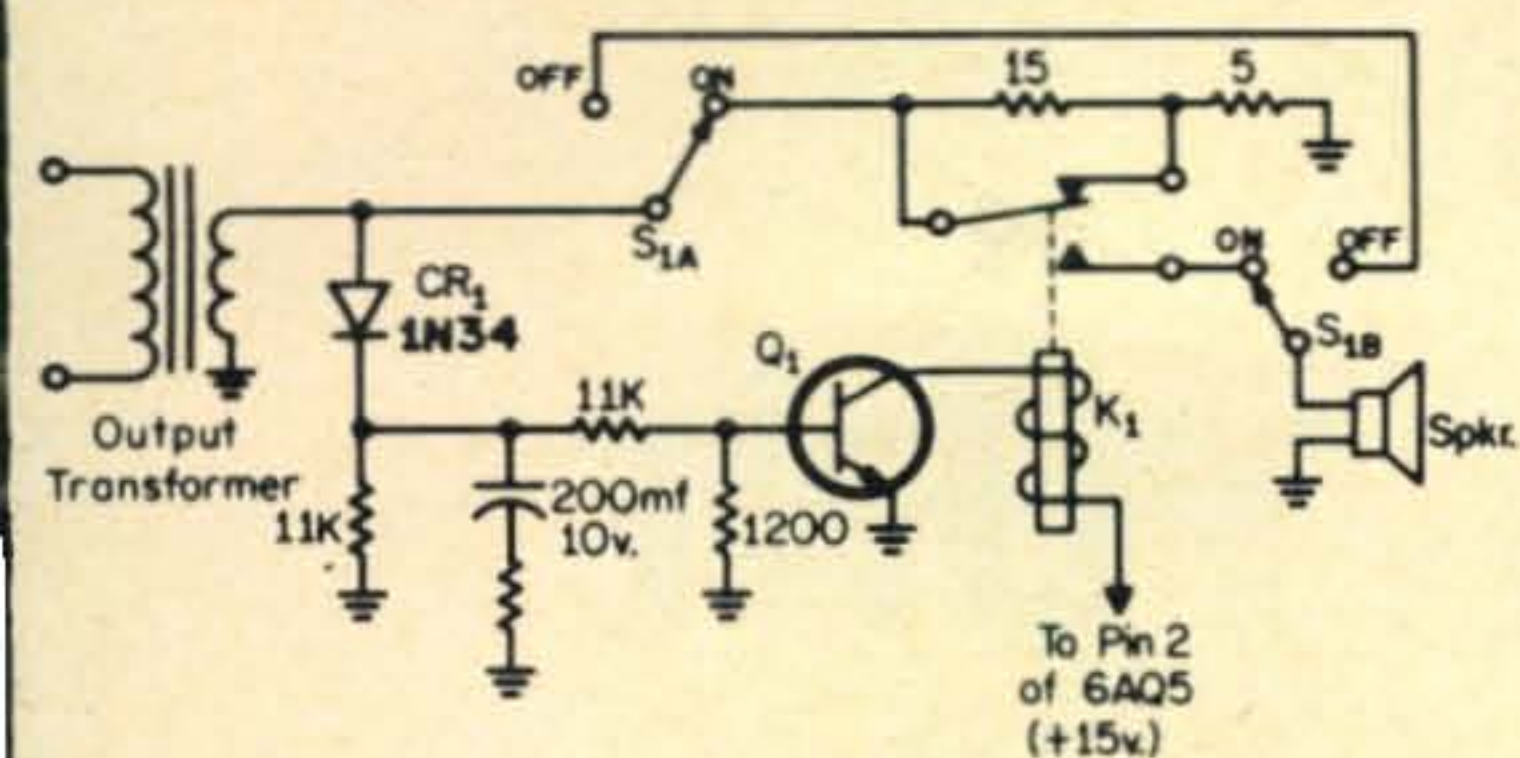


Fig. 3—Circuit of an audio squelch that can be added to the Heath CB-1, modified for 6 meter operation.

- 1-15 ohm 1/2 watt resistor.
- 1-200 mf 10 volt electrolytic.
- 2-4 lug terminal strips.

The circuit of the squelch used is shown in fig. 3 and a pictorial for the construction is shown in fig. 4. The audio voltage that appears across the secondary of the output transformer is rectified by  $CR_1$  and filtered by  $C_1$ . This voltage forward biases  $Q_1$  so that its collector current triggers  $K_1$  connecting the speaker to the output. Switch  $S_1$  bypasses the squelch circuit.

The relay may be mounted on the transmitter power transformer by sanding the top of the transformer and soldering a copper or tin bracket at this point. The remainder of the circuit components mount on the terminal strips that are located on a bracket at the back of the speaker. The switch can be mounted on the front panel above the pilot and transmit lights.

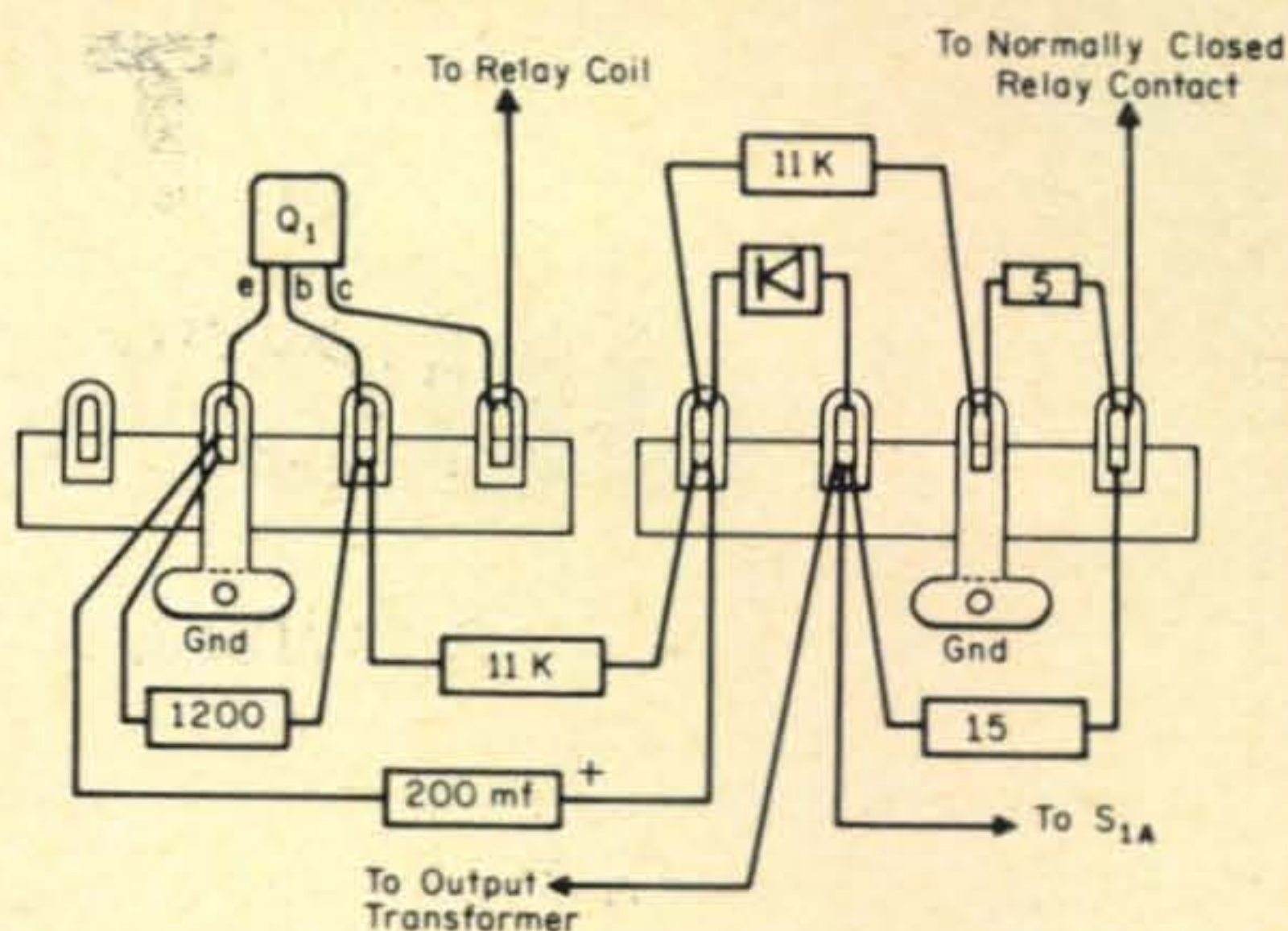


Fig. 4—Pictorial layout of the audio squelch construction.

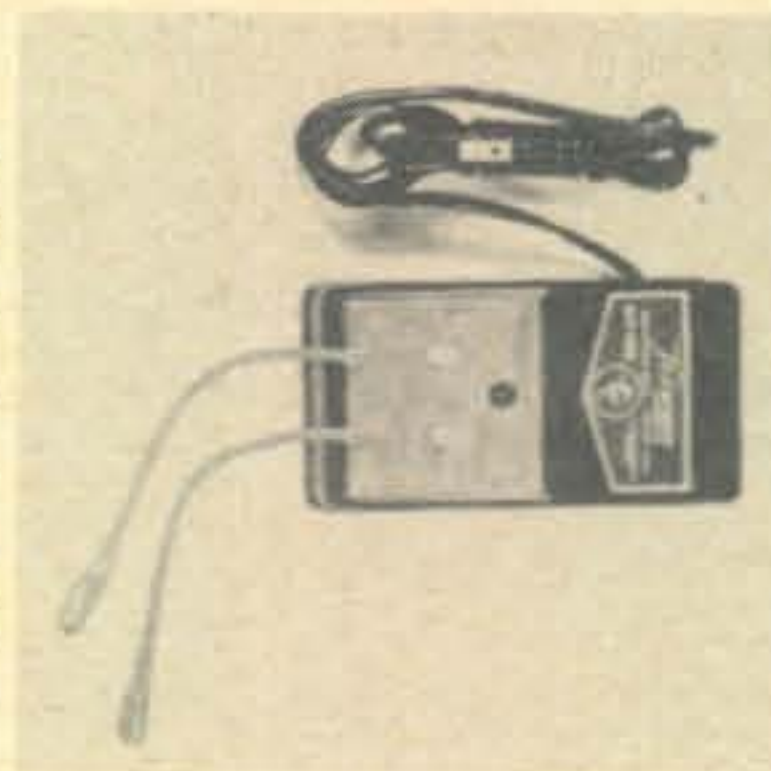
This circuit is only useful for strong local stations since it depends on the increase in audio strength of speech over the normal hiss of the superregenerative detector. With squelch on, the audio gain control must be first advanced until the circuit triggers with noise, and then backed off until the noise cuts off. A strong modulated signal will then trigger the circuit on. The 200 mf capacitor will tend to hold the circuit on during short pauses in the speech. Carrier alone will not trigger this circuit nor will it work on signals with weak modulation.

Two CB-1's have been converted in the above manner and I have had a ball with both. Hope you have the same success. ■

## New Amateur Products

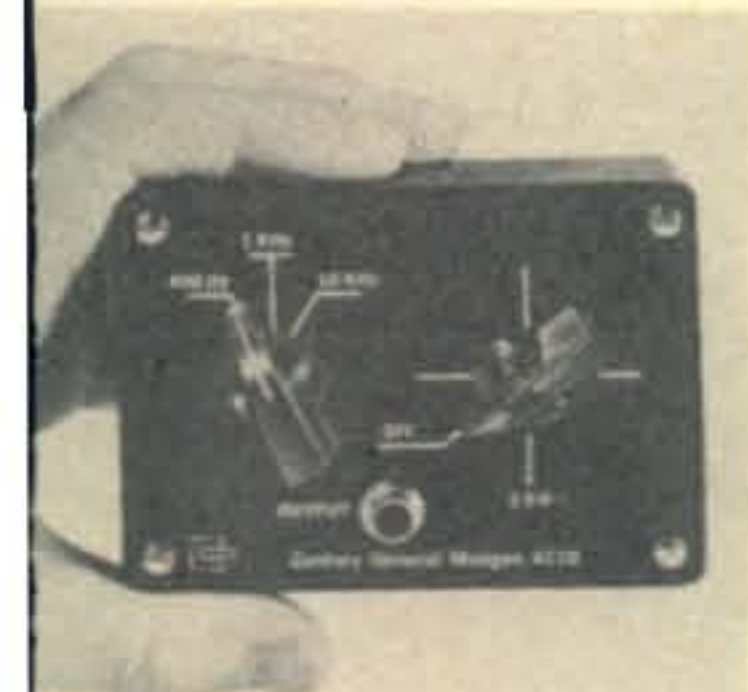
### Diode and Transistor Checker

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# THE INDUCTO-TUNER

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*A versatile antenna system for 1.8 to 30 mc, patterned after the AN/SRA-25, makes use of a 35' whip, a variable impedance matching transformer, a loading coil and an s.w.r. bridge. It will also work into random lengths of wire.*

**A**N antenna system that will operate over the complete frequency range of 1.8 to 30.0 mc is a handy device to have at hand. It permits operation on amateur bands that might normally be out of the range of the main antenna installation and also allows efficient operation on MARS frequencies plus good reception on RTTY stations outside the amateur bands. If the main station antenna becomes inoperative, the auxiliary all-frequency, general purpose antenna may be quickly pressed into use. It can also serve as an auxiliary antenna for DX operations when the user wishes to monitor two frequencies simultaneously. In addition, if the auxiliary antenna exhibits polarization opposite to the main station antenna, it is very useful when propagation anomalies render the main antenna virtually useless. All in all, if you have never used an auxiliary antenna of this type, you really don't know what you have missed in the way of convenience provided by a reliable all-frequency back-up antenna system.

The antenna described in this article is a simplified version of the military type AN/SRA-25 antenna system designed for semi-portable, low power (100 watts p.e.p.) s.s.b. installations. The AN/SRA-25 system was a semi-automatic device that provided means for electrically adjusting a standard 35 foot vertical whip antenna for operation as a quarter-wave grounded Marconi element for four separate frequency ranges covering the h.f. spectrum. The military device was pre-tuned and motor driven for automatic frequency selection. The amateur version, on the other hand, dispenses with this auxiliary

equipment and allows the tuner to be used with a random length wire antenna, if desired. A remote control relay system may, of course, be added by the amateur, but this (in my mind) tends to spoil the simplicity of the antenna system.

## The 35 Foot Whip

The 35 foot vertical whip seems to be a standard item of military hardware, as it is used for fixed land-based operations and also on various Naval vessels. Indeed, when the TV shots of the Apollo-8 recovery operation were observed, the carrier *Yorktown* seemed to be bristling with antennas of this type. In any event, an antenna of this type is easy for the radio amateur to assemble and erect and is modest in cost.

If the whip is operated against ground Marconi-fashion, the terminal feed point impedance of the antenna goes through the usual gyrations covering positive and negative reactance and various values of radiation resistance, ranging from an ohm or two at 1.8 mc to several hundred or a thousand or so ohms at a point of half-wave resonance. Some form of antenna tuner is therefore necessary to transform this wide range of impedance values presented by the whip to a nominal value of 50 ohms, suitable for match to modern s.s.b. transmitters and transmission line. The reactance, too must be accounted for in some fashion.

Various antenna tuning schemes have been presented over the years. Most of them function as an L-C circuit in series or parallel with the antenna to provide the correct amount of inductance or capacitive reactance values to make the 35 foot whip appear electrically as a quarter-wave antenna. The AN/SRA-25 tuning unit does exactly this job, and include

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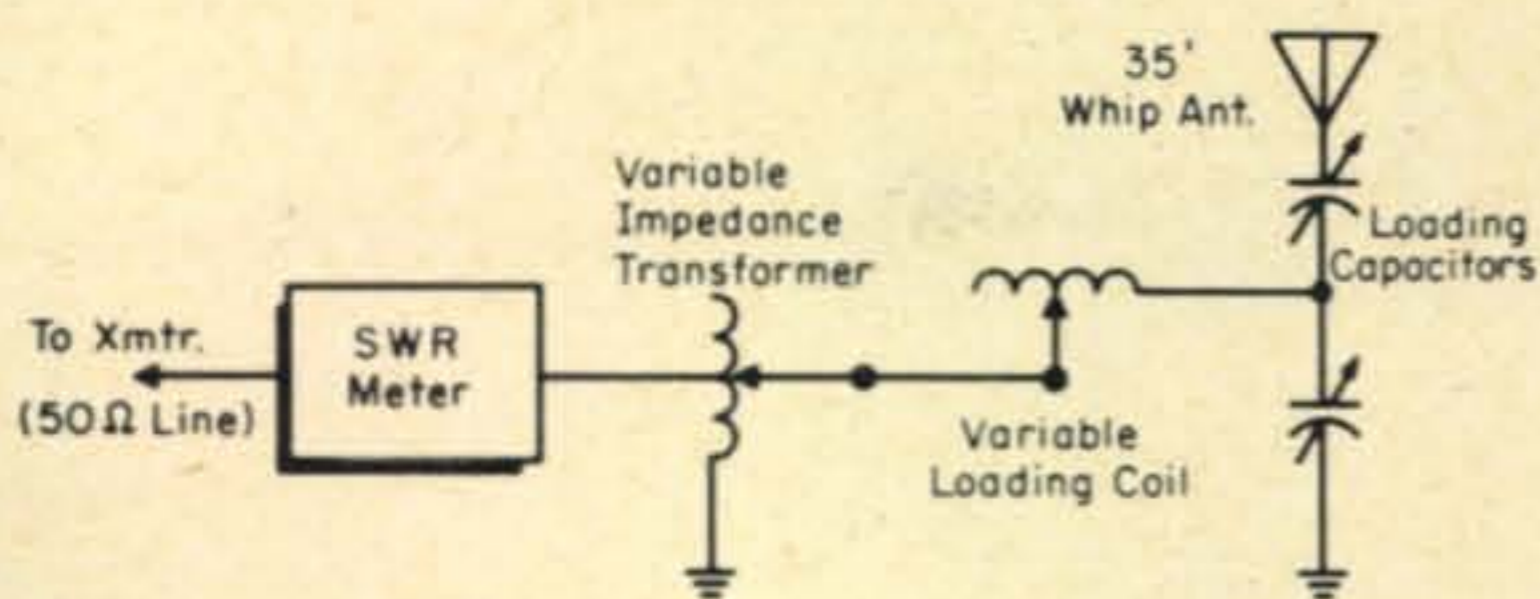


Fig. 1—Block diagram of the matching system used to feed a 35' whip over a frequency range of 1.8 mc to 30 mc. The variable impedance transformer is a center tapped rotary coil and with the loading coil and capacitors, permits matching of the antenna to a 50 ohm line. The s.w.r. bridge, incorporated into the tuner, indicates the proper match.

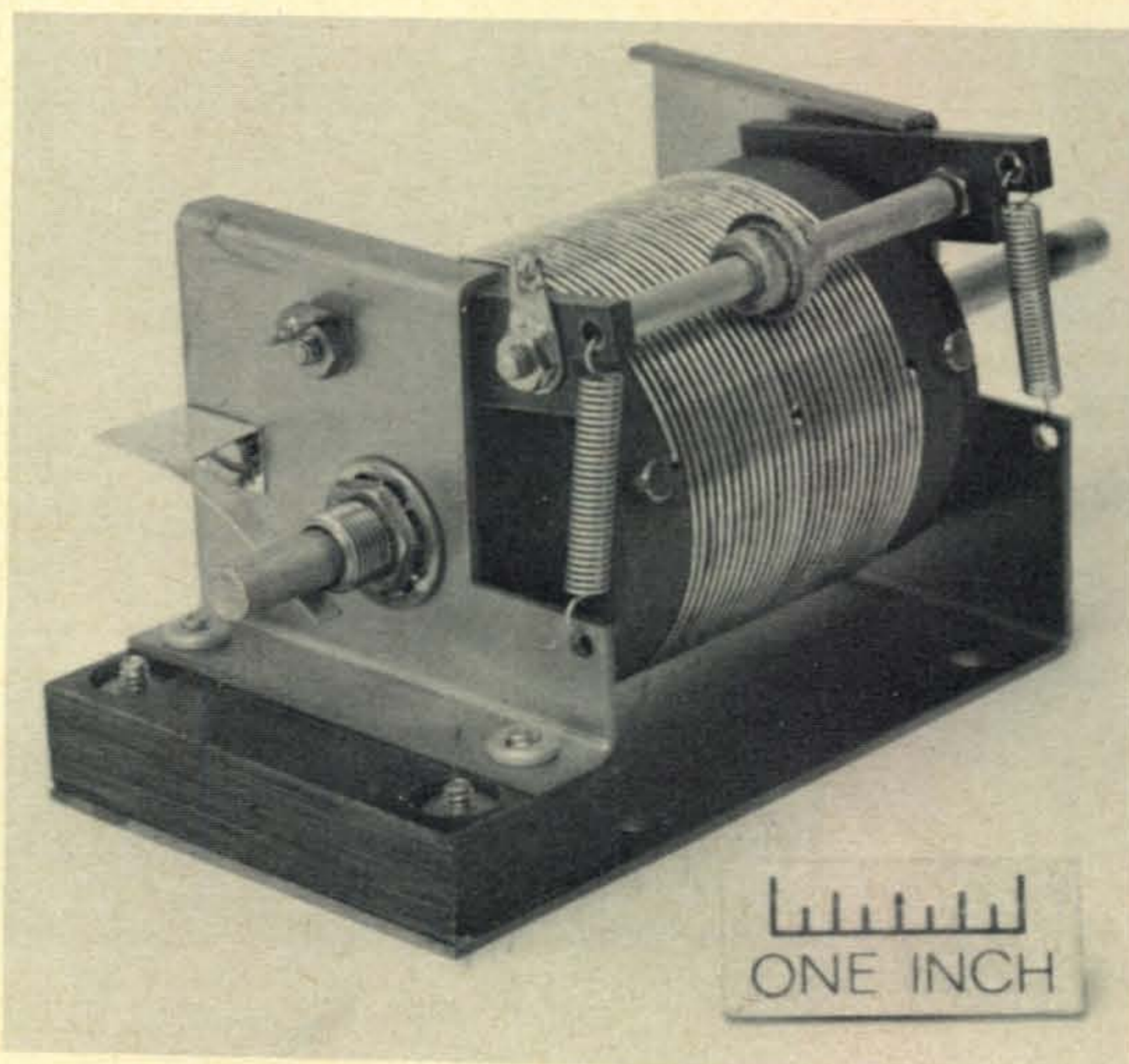
a unique variable transformer for adjusting the impedance of the antenna to the 50 ohm impedance of the transmission line, regardless of the transmitter frequency in the h.f. range of the antenna system.

### The Matching System

A block diagram of the matching system is shown in fig. 1. The system is composed of a reflectometer device which indicates antenna impedance and reactance plus controls to adjust the degree of reactance and value of antenna impedance presented to the transmission line. A frequency selector switch permits the operator to choose the following operating ranges:

- 1—50 ohm dummy load
- 2—1.8-4.0 mc
- 3—3.6-7.0 mc
- 4—5.0-10.0 mc
- 5—8.0-19 mc
- 6—18-30 mc

Fig. 2—Variable impedance matching transformer used in the AN/5RA-25 tuning unit is a center tapped rotary inductor. The shaft is split at the center and insulated. Wiping contacts on each end of the shaft make connection to the center tap and one end of coil winding. The opposite end of winding floats.



The dummy load position enables the transmitter to be initially loaded for optimum performance at the proper impedance before it is switched to the antenna resonating and matching circuits.

The low frequency range (switch position 2) is covered in two segments; however, only one of these segments is available at a time. The extra frequency range extension below 2.5 mc is covered by the insertion of a fixed loading coil in series with the variable loading coil. This coil is normally out of the circuit except for operation on channels between 1.8 and 2.5 mc.

Resonance may thus be established by the series connected loading coils to provide a point of maximum current at the antenna terminal of the tuning unit. At the higher frequencies (30 mc, for example), the antenna is about two half wavelengths long and a point of high voltage exists at the antenna terminal of the unit. Sufficient inductance is therefore added to bring the overall electrical length to the nearest current loop, which is two and one-quarter wavelengths. Reactance adjustment capacitors compensate for usual excursions of reactance near half-wavelength frequency points.

At the lower frequency end of the operating range (2 mc, for example), the whip is a fraction of a quarter wavelength and must

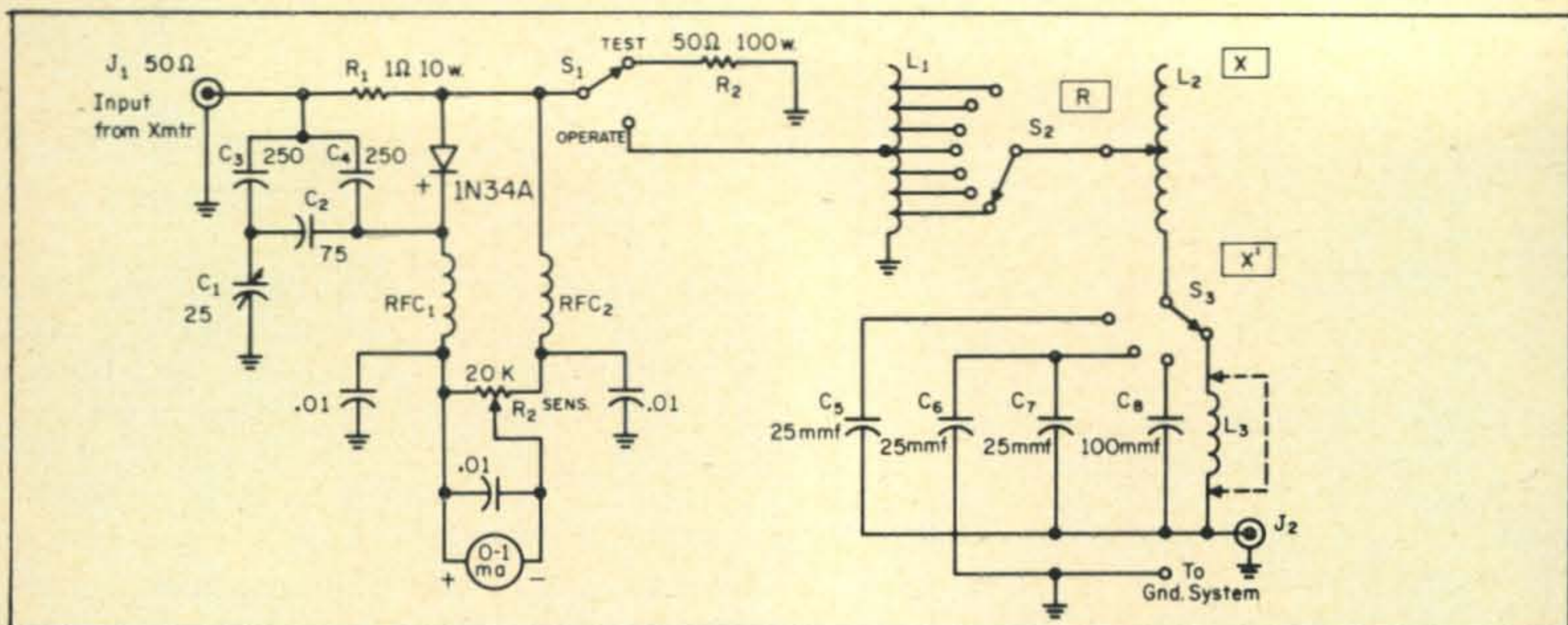


Fig. 3—Circuit of the Inductor-Match antenna tuner patterned after the AN/SRA-25 tuning unit. Components  $L_1$  and  $S_2$  eliminate the need for the variable impedance transformer shown in fig. 2. The two 0.01 capacitors are ceramic types.

#### Parts List

- $C_1$ —25 mmf ceramic trimmer; Centralab 822-CN or equiv.  
 $C_2$ —75 mmf silver mica.  
 $C_3, C_4$ —250 mmf silver mica.  
 $C_5, C_6, C_7$ —24 mmf, 7500 volts; Centralab 850S-25Z or equiv.  
 $C_8$ —100 mmf, 7500 volts; Centralab 850S-100N or equiv.  
 $L_1$ —32  $\mu$ h (approx.) 36 t. #20, 2" dia. 2" long tapped every 3 turns; Air Dux #1616 or equiv.

- $L_2$ —Rotary inductor, approx. 25  $\mu$ h; Johnson 229-203 or equiv.  
 $L_3$ —15  $\mu$ h (approx.) 20 t. #16, 2" long; Air Dux #1610 or equiv.  
 $R_1$ —Ten 10 ohm 2 watt composition resistors in parallel. See fig. 4.  
 $R_2$ —50 ohm 100 watt non-inductive dummy load. Sprague type 453-E Koolohm or equiv. Use ten 500 ohm 5 watt resistors in parallel for 100 watts p.e.p. or 50 watts average power.  
 $RFC_1, RFC_2$ —2.5 mh; National R-100 or equiv.  
 $S_1$ —S.p. 2 pos. ceramic deck, Centralab 2501 or equiv.  
 $S_2$ —S.p. 11 pos. ceramic deck, Centralab 2503 or equiv.  
 $S_3$ —S.p. 4 pos. ceramic deck, Centralab 2501 or equiv.

be electrically loaded to establish the proper resonance. This is accomplished by the use of the rotary loading coil, just as in the case at 30 mc, however, the total inductance requires the use of the additional series-connected coil.

When resonance is established, the resistive load presented to the transmitter by the whip and series loading coil varies over a range of approximately 2 to 100 ohms. This may be transformed to a nominal value of 50 ohms by means of an air core matching transformer. In the military unit, the matching transformer took the form of a variable inductor having a center-tap connection. This coil differs from the common rotary coil in that the winding is tapped and one end is free. The opposite end of the coil is grounded. Such a device poses a tricky construction problem as the center-tap point must be brought out by means of a wiping contact to provide electrical continuity as the coil is rotated. The unit used in the AN/SRA-25 tuning unit is shown in fig. 2. The shaft of the inductor is

split and insulated at the center and the two portions are joined by a phenolic coupling. Wiping contacts at the shaft ends permit two rotary joints to make connections to the coil center-tap and also to the moving tap point. The supports at each end of the inductor are insulated from each other and electrical connection to the unit is made at these supports.

When the rotary inductor is set so the moveable tap is at the mid-point of the coil, the transformation ratio is 1:1. As the coil is rotated and the tap moved towards the ground end, a step-down ratio is achieved, which increases in magnitude as the tap approaches the grounded end of the coil. On the other hand, when rotation is reversed, the moveable tap approaches the free, or "hot" end of the coil and a step-up ratio is achieved, which increases in magnitude as the tap approaches the free end of the coil. Thus the resistive component of antenna impedance may be matched over a large range by rotating the variable ratio transformer.

The two main controls of the matching

unit thus provide impedance transformation and reactance cancellation over the operating range of the tuning unit. Since fixed high voltage series capacitors are used, no high voltage buildup on variable air capacitors occurs in the unit and danger of flash over is nonexistent. This is especially important when the unit is used in humid climates or at high altitudes.

### The Inducto-Match

An amateur version of the military unit may be constructed without the necessity of using the rotary matching transformer, which is a difficult unit to build. A satisfactory substitute for this unique device is a tapped transformer which, while not affording infinite resolution, provides a sufficient number of discrete transformation ratios so that the match to the antenna may be made very close. As in the case of the military unit, a simple s.w.r. meter is incorporated in the device to permit the operator to establish the correct settings of the various controls. A schematic of the Inducto-Match is shown in fig. 3. The panel identifiers of the various controls are shown in boxes.

To the left of the TEST-OPERATE switch,  $S_1$ , is a simple s.w.r. meter connected in *reverse* position. When the s.w.r. ratio at the input terminals is 1:1, the meter will read zero, with increased reading for higher values of s.w.r. Thus it is only necessary to "tune for zero" to establish correct antenna resonance. The bridge capacitor of the s.w.r. meter is made up of three separate silver mica capacitors connected in a triangle, as shown in fig. 4. This tends to provide a better meter null at the higher frequency end of the spectrum.

The bridge resistor,  $R_1$ , is made up of ten 10 ohm, 2 watt composition resistors grouped in a bunch and parallel connected. The physical arrangement is also shown in fig. 4. Leads should be reasonably short. The leads from the r.f. chokes to the meter contain only d.c. and their length is not critical.

The TEST-OPERATE switch,  $S_1$ , permits the operator to select the antenna tuner or a dummy load as the terminating device. When placed in the OPERATE position, the antenna tuner is in use. Coil  $L_1$  is a length of air wound inductor mounted to the back of switch  $S_2$  by its leads. Coil  $L_1$  is placed at right angles to coils  $L_2$  and  $L_3$ . Rotary coil  $L_2$  is run from a counter dial, while coil  $L_3$  is placed to the rear of  $L_2$ , and is shorted out for operation above 2.5 mc. The simplest way

to accomplish this is to jump the coil with a short length of wire having copper battery clips at the ends. The jumper is removed for operation below 2.5 mc. Reactance switch,  $S_3$  and its capacitors are placed near the antenna terminal,  $J_2$ .

Aside from the placement of parts in the s.w.r. bridge, construction of the Inducto-Match is not critical. It is only suggested that sufficient space be allowed around the inductors so that their  $Q$  is not degraded by the presence of nearby cabinet walls or other large metallic objects.

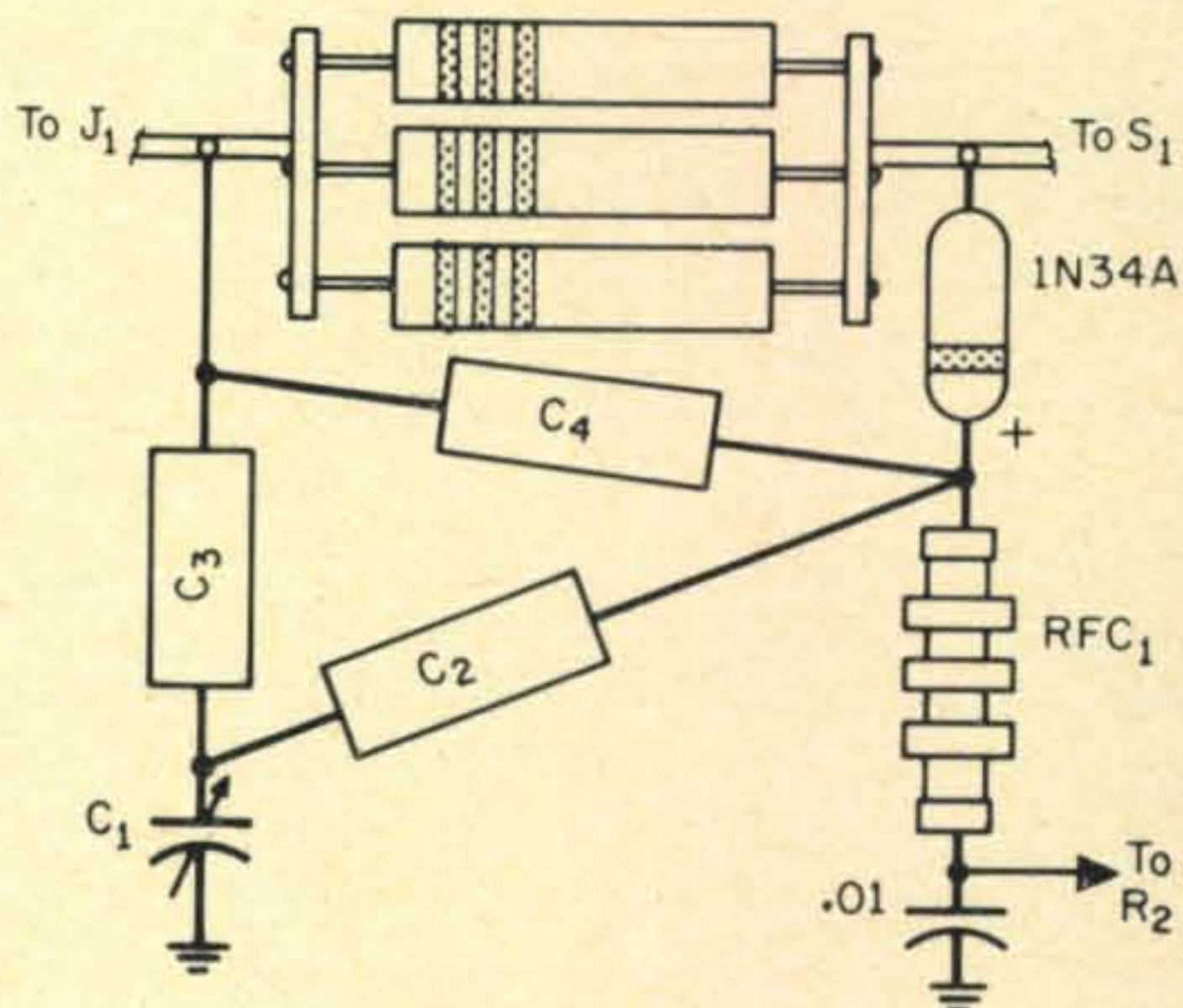


Fig. 4-Recommended physical layout for the s.w.r. bridge components. Resistor  $R_1$  is made up of ten 10 ohm composition resistors mounted between two 1" diameter copper discs.

### Moni-Match Operation

Operation of the Moni-Match is very simple. The antenna is attached and the transmitter tuned up with the TEST-OPERATE switch in the TEST position. The transmitter is tuned into the dummy load with reduced transmitter power. The switch is then thrown to the OPERATE position. Unless by a fortunate stroke of fate, the tuning unit will not be properly resonated and a reading will be observed on the s.w.r. meter. The SENSITIVITY control is set to provide a near-full scale reading on the meter. The impedance transformation switch (labelled  $R$ ), the reactance switch (labelled  $X'$ ), and the rotary coil (labeled  $X$ ) are varied until the s.w.r. reading declines. With proper setting of these controls, the meter reading may be made to approach zero, indicating that the transmitter "sees" a 50 ohm nonreactive load.

It is recommended that tuning be done at low power, especially when "hunting" for

the proper settings of the controls. Sensitivity of the s.w.r. meter is sufficient that good readings may be obtained with power levels as low as 10 watts.

### Ground Systems

A final word about the ground connection. As with any Marconi antenna system, overall system efficiency depends to a great extent upon the resistance of the ground system. Most grounds are none too good and an effort should be made to establish as good a ground as can be obtained under the circumstances. The ground should be backed up with a few radial wires cut to the most-used operating frequencies.

In the author's case, the ground system is composed of two ground rods driven into clay type soil, plus three sets of radial wires cut for 3.8 mc, 7 mc and a MARS frequency in the 2 mc region. Two radials are used for each frequency and each radial is a quarter wavelength long. All radials are connected in parallel at the junction of the ground rods, and a short, heavy strap is run from this junction to the Moni-Match unit. The mediocre ground, backed up by the radials does a fine job at the lower frequencies. At 14 and 21 mc, the ground system seems to function well as the antenna performs and no r.f. is noticed on the equipment or the microphone.

At 28 mc, a bit of r.f. on the microphone was noticed, and advancing the audio gain control of the transmitter brought about a feedback condition. This was promptly cured

by attaching a single "radial" wire 8'6" long to the rear of the transmitter cabinet and letting it fall to the floor behind the operating table. The feedback disappeared and operation was normal on all frequencies.

The low frequency radials are made up of insulated wire, stapled to the sides of the house and the fence about a foot or two above the ground. The position or height of the radials is not important, so long as they do not actually lay on the ground. The radials form part of a tuned system which is severely detuned if the radials are allowed to run along the surface of the ground.

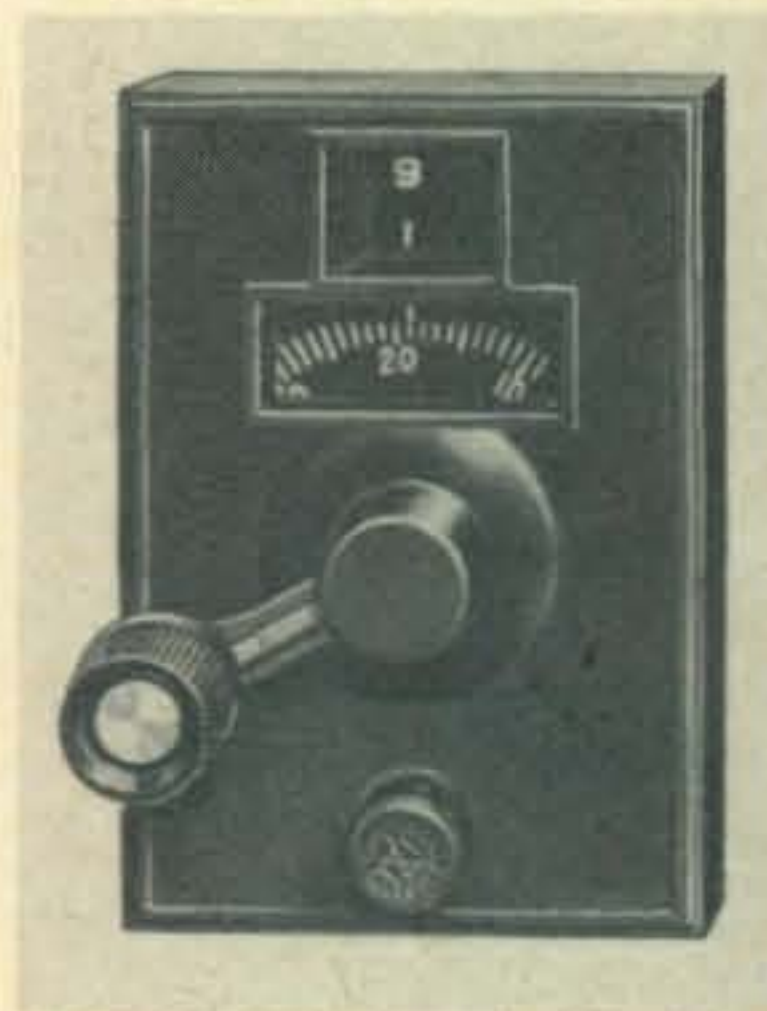
While this particular system was designed to be used with a 35 foot whip or wire antenna, it has been used with various other antennas of random lengths. Conceivably, an antenna length could be found which would not be tuneable with this device at some certain frequency, but over the months of use, such an unlikely length has never been found. At the present time, it is used with a 70 foot wire for operation over the 1.8 to 7.3 mc frequency range with good results. It has also been used with a 190 foot wire antenna over the same frequency range, and also on 80 and 40 meters with a 12 foot whip.

The components specified in fig. 3 were designed to be used up to the 500 watt p.e.p. level with a Swan 500-C transceiver. Operation at the 1000 watt p.e.p. level with a Collins 30L-1 linear amplifier has produced good results, with no damage to the tuner or flash-over at switch points. ■

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# AUSTRALIS-OSCAR

## Amateur Radio's Next Satellite In Space

BY GEORGE JACOBS,\* W3ASK

*If all goes according to plan, Australis-Oscar, the fifth in a series of satellites designed and built by radio amateurs, is expected to be launched early this Fall. In anticipation of this event, W3ASK, CQ's Space Communication Editor, discusses the technical characteristics of the satellite, how its signals can be received and tracked, how its telemetry signals can be used for scientific experiments, and how QSL cards can be obtained for space-listener reports.*

**T**HE design and construction of the AUSTRALIS-OSCAR satellite began "down-under" during 1965, under the direction of the Melbourne University Astronautical Society. It was built, as are all OSCAR amateur radio satellites, entirely on a voluntary basis, and without payment to the project's participants. Although the Wireless Institute of Australia gave the project a small grant for the purchase of materials, most of the components used in the satellite were donated by Australian firms.

The satellite was completed and shipped to Project OSCAR headquarters in California during mid-1967 for final testing and to await assignment to a launch vehicle. This past spring it was shipped across the continent to AMSAT<sup>1</sup>, where it is now going through final preparations for a hoped-for piggy-back ride into space aboard a NASA vehicle early this fall.

### The Satellite

AUSTRALIS-OSCAR 5, as it will be called once it is successfully launched, is a 35-pound rectangular satellite, measuring 17 × 12 × 6 inches. Its aluminum case has been

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<sup>1</sup>Jacobs, G., "Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) Formed On East Coast". CQ, June, 1969 p. 52.

designed to withstand the acceleration and vibration that the satellite is expected to undergo as it rides into space. It is hoped to keep the internal temperature of the satellite within limits by applying a special paint pattern to its surface.

The electronics within the satellite is represented in fig. 1. Two telemetry-beacon transmitters aboard will operate in bands allocated internationally to the radio amateur service. One transmitter will operate on 144.050 mc in the two meter band, with a power of 50 milliwatts. Operation will be continuously from the time the satellite is put into orbit until its batteries are exhausted, about two months later.

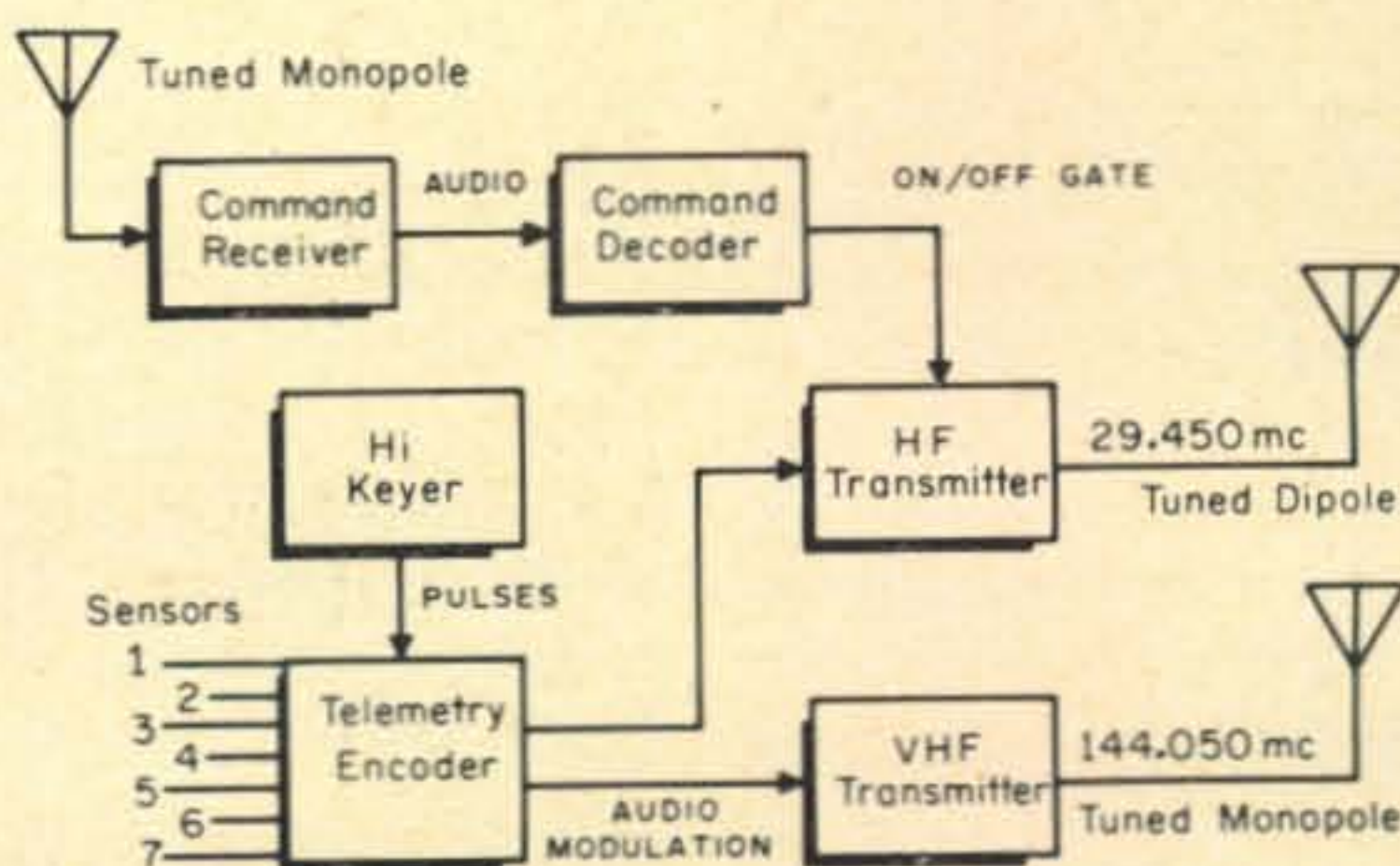


Fig. 1—Block diagram of Australis—Oscar 5 satellite's electronics.



AMSAT members examine the Australis-OSCAR A satellite after receiving it from Project OSCAR Headquarters.

The second transmitter will operate on 29.450 mc in the ten meter band, with an average power of 250 milliwatts. It will be commanded to switch on and off by a number of pre-selected, specially equipped amateur radio tracking stations. The command decoder and receiver system in the satellite will be activated by coded signals transmitted by these stations. It is planned to operate the ten meter station only on weekends in order to conserve battery power. Turn-on time is planned for about 0700 GMT Fridays, and turn-off time about 0700 GMT Mondays. This should enable all parts of the world to receive data from the ten meter transmitter.

Power for the satellite is supplied by 28 size "G" manganese alkaline cells wired in two identical 20-volt series strings. Each string supplies one transmitter, and the rest of the electronics is run from both strings through protective diodes. If one string should fail, only one transmitter would cease operating, but the rest of the system would continue to function.

The satellite also contains a HI Morse Code keyer and a seven channel telemetry system which relays to earth temperature, spin rate and battery measurements.

Antennas will rise from four of the satellite's six faces. A 17-ft. tuned dipole will be used with the ten meter transmitter, a 19-in. tuned monopole with the two meter transmitter and a short receiving antenna will pick up command signals from the ground.

Once in orbit, the satellite is expected to have an initial spin rate of approximately 4 r.p.m. A magnetic attitude stabilization system (MASS), which consists of a permanent bar magnet and permalloy hysteresis wires has been designed to stabilize the satellite after a few days, so that one of its faces will always

be pointing towards the earth. This is expected to reduce tumbling and eliminate signal fading which bothered reception of signals from previous OSCAR satellites. The Australian-built satellite will be the first amateur satellite to employ such a system.

### Satellite's Purpose

AUSTRALIS-OSCAR 5 will not contain a transponder, and it will not be possible to communicate through it. The satellite is intended instead to be a flying laboratory which will serve as a testground for systems and techniques that will be used to develop more advanced models of amateur communication satellites in the future.

This will be the first satellite to operate on 10 meters. Since there are a greater number of receivers among radio amateurs and space-listeners that can tune ten meters, a greater participation in satellite tracking, telemetry decoding and propagation studies is expected this time than was the case with previous OSCAR satellites. The satellite's transmissions on 10 and 2 meters are expected to yield much worthwhile scientific data about the ionosphere during the present period of relatively high solar activity.

### Orbit

The chances are excellent that the AUSTRALIS-OSCAR satellite will be placed in a sun-synchronous, circular, polar orbit.

In a sun-synchronous orbit, the satellite will pass nearest to directly overhead at the same times every day. Based on an 1110 GMT lift-off these should occur around 3 P.M. local standard time each afternoon and again around 3 A.M. local standard time each morning. The daylight passes will be from the south to north (ascending node), and the nighttime passes from north to south (descending node).

From its circular altitude of 900 miles, the satellite will "see" an area of the earth's surface approximately 4600 miles in diameter. The latitude of the receiving location will determine how many consecutive passes will be within reception range. At the equator four passes a day will be within range—two during daylight and two during darkness. At 40 degrees north latitude, about the middle of the United States, three, or perhaps four consecutive passes should be within range each afternoon and morning, while in polar regions almost every pass will be within range. On the near overhead passes, the satellite's

signals may be heard for as long as twenty minutes. Passes to the east or west will be heard for progressively shorter duration the farther east or west they are.

Up to date orbital information will be transmitted by W1AW<sup>2</sup>. These transmissions will include times and longitudes of equatorial crossings (ascending nodes), as well as the approximate times the satellite will be over selected areas. Once an orbit has been established for the satellite, advance fly-by calculations can be made using the orbital parameters discussed above.<sup>3</sup>

The above data will help determine when the satellite will be within "line-of-sight" radio range. It should be remembered, however, that the satellite's ten meter transmitter may often be heard when the satellite is far out of range, as a result of ionospheric reflection. Out-of-range reception of the two meter transmitter may also be possible at times.

### Telemetry System

The telemetry system aboard the satellite will convert impulses produced by seven strategically located sensors into audio tones. These tones will modulate both the ten and two meter transmitters, which relay the information back to earth.

An eighth telemetry channel is linked to an automatic keyer, which produces the familiar HI in Morse code. (.....).

The eight channel telemetry system operates in the following sequence:

Channel 0	HI identification
Channel 1	Battery current drain
Channel 2	X axis stabilization
Channel 3	Battery voltage
Channel 4	Y axis stabilization
Channel 5	internal temperature
Channel 6	Z axis stabilization
Channel 7	Skin temperature of package

In all cases the measured value is specified by an audio frequency and not by time counts as in previous OSCAR satellites.

The HI channel consists of a 1.6 second tone followed by a 1.6 second HI burst, all repeated once again for a total time period of approximately 6½ seconds. The HI is trans-

mitted not as m.c.w. but as a.f.s.k. Thus the tones do not key on and off, but switch between two tones of different frequency. This channel is used only for identification and the tones do not convey any telemetry data.

The HI channel is followed by seven tones, each about 6½ seconds long and each sending telemetry data. The total time required to transmit HI and the seven telemetry signals is close to 52 seconds, and the cycle is repeated continuously.

The audio frequency associated with each telemetry channel may vary between 400 and approximately 2000 c.p.s. depending upon the level of the parameter being measured.

### Telemetry Decoding

The telemetry system aboard the satellite has been specially designed so that it can be decoded using relatively inexpensive equipment.

One convenient method for decoding the telemetry is to use an oscilloscope and a calibrated audio oscillator. The received audio telemetry signal is applied to the vertical input of the oscilloscope and a sine wave from the calibrated oscilloscope is applied to the horizontal input. The frequency of the audio oscillator is adjusted until the Lissajous figure on the face of the oscilloscope is a stationary ellipse, indicating that both frequencies are the same.

If the oscilloscope timebase is calibrated, the audio frequency oscillator may not be required. In this case, a set number of cycles can be displayed on the scope, and the frequency determined from the calibrated timebase. If the timebase is free-running, use as little sync as possible to avoid changing the calibration.

If an oscilloscope is not available, the frequencies of the received telemetry can be matched by ear against a calibrated audio oscillator. Even with poor signal to noise ratios this method can give results accurate to within about 10 c.p.s. at 2000 c.p.s. If the signal to noise ratio is good, the best method to use is a direct-reading frequency meter or digital counter, if one is available.

If a tape recorder is used to record data, its speed should be accurate to within five percent, at worst, or results can be seriously in error.

A stop watch with a sweep second hand is almost a must to ensure that the correct channel is being measured. If the tones of two adjacent channels have approximately the same

<sup>2</sup>Transmission schedules for W1AW can be obtained from the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main St. Newington, Conn. 06111. They are also published monthly in *QST*.

<sup>3</sup>Scherer, W. M., "The Oscalator", *CQ*, Aug. 1965, p. 54.

Giro, G., "Predicting OSCAR's Orbit With Ease", *CQ*, June, 1962, p. 58.

frequency, it may be very difficult to tell when the transmission on one channel ended and the other began, except by the 6.5 second timing period.

The following equations *should* be used:<sup>4</sup>

CHANNEL 1:

$$\text{Current in milliamperes} = \frac{f}{9} - 63$$

Linear to 1400 c.p.s.

CHANNEL 3:

$$\text{Voltage in volts} = 27.5 - \frac{f}{80}$$

Linear to 1300 c.p.s.

CHANNEL 5:

$$\text{Internal Temperature (C}^\circ\text{)} = .0642 f - 34.1$$

Linear to 1200 c.p.s.

CHANNEL 7:

$$\text{Skin Temperature (C}^\circ\text{)} = .0692 f - 36.9$$

Linear to 1200 c.p.s.

Channels 2, 4 and 6 contain axis stabilization data. This is in binary form and no conversion will be required. The tones on these channels will change frequency as the satellite tumbles. The steadier the frequency, the smaller the spin rate. After the first few days in orbit, the satellite's MASS system should take over to reduce spin. If this works as planned, telemetry channels 2, 4 and 6 will confirm a reduced spin rate.

Those planning to decode the AUSTRALIS-OSCAR telemetry signals are advised to practice measuring the frequency of an audio tone in less than 6 seconds, with a read-out accuracy of at least ten percent.

### Satellite Reception

Any good communication receiver of the type used by most radio amateurs and short-wave listeners, should be adequate to receive the satellite's ten meter signals. Receivers without at least one stage of tuned r.f. amplification may require a preselector.

The satellite's two meter signal should be received adequately on most of the v.h.f. type receivers used by radio amateurs, if the receiving system has a noise figure of about 4 db or better and the i.f. bandpass is not too wide.

Both transmitters aboard the satellite are amplitude modulated, with a maximum modulation frequency of 2000 c.p.s. Receivers used to copy these signals should have a bandwidth of at least 4000 c.p.s. A b.f.o. should *not* be used to receive telemetry signals, since

the beat note might make it impossible to accurately measure the frequency measure the frequency of the telemetry tone. A b.f.o. would, however, be useful for Doppler measurements and for receiving weak signals.

An antenna with at least 10 db gain will be required to receive satisfactory telemetry signals from the two meter transmitter. It is desirable that it be circuitry polarized to reduce signal fading. The helix is perhaps the best all around antenna for this purpose<sup>5</sup>, although an array of crossed Yagis would also be suitable. The Yagis should be pointed in the same direction, one mounted vertically and the other horizontally on the same boom, and configured to give the 90 degree phase shift required for the system to act as a circularly polarized array.

To track the satellite from horizon to horizon, the two meter receiving antenna should be steerable in elevation as well as in azimuth.

Other type horizontally or vertically polarized fixed antennas with appropriate gain can be used, but the signal will be heard for shorter periods of time, and with somewhat greater fading.

The satellite's more powerful ten meter transmitter is expected to often produce signals considerably stronger than the two meter transmitter. Any h.f. antenna with a gain of at least 3 db should be adequate for reception. If the antenna is steerable in both elevation and azimuth, signals will be heard for the maximum time possible on each pass. A pair of fixed, crossed horizontal dipoles, mounted a quarter wavelength above ground (about 7½ feet), should give reasonable good omnidirectional reception without the need for steering. Such an antenna system would also reduce signal fading.

### Telemetry & Reception Reports

The AUSTRALIS-OSCAR 5 satellite will transmit telemetry continuous on 144.050 mc, and on 29.450 mc on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The purpose of these signals are to constantly monitor the condition of the satellite and to determine its precise orbit. Project participants are urged to obtain telemetry data from either transmitter whenever possible, since acquisition and reduction of this data is one of the projects major objectives.

To enable rapid evaluation of the telemetry and orbital reports by computer techniques, all reports *must* be in the same form. For

<sup>5</sup>De Mar, "The Basic Helical Beam", *QST*, Nov. 1965, p. 20.

<sup>4</sup>Updated, enlarged calibration curves will appear next month in *CQ*, or can be obtained by writing AMSAT, P.O. Box 27, Washington, D.C. 20044. Please include s.a.s.e.



Inching our way through the crowd we get a closer view of the Australis-OSCAR 5 satellite with the Telemetry Sensor Terminal Block in the foreground.

this purpose, special reporting forms have been prepared and their use is absolutely essential.<sup>6</sup> Data reported in any other way cannot be handled by the computer, and will be of little value. Report forms, calibration curves, and instructions for their use, can be obtained free of charge, from the nearest Regional Director listed below. Be sure to indicate the number of forms desired and include a self-addressed stamped envelope or IRC with the request.

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The Regional Directors will also act as reception points for the completed reports, and reports should be sent as soon as possible to the nearest one. From the Director, the reports will be forwarded to the project's master computer at the University of Melbourne for evaluation. The Director will also act as a central source for up-to-date orbital, tracking and other information about the satellite.

<sup>6</sup>Bellair, D. T. and Howard, S. E., "The Tracking and Obtaining of Data From Australis-Oscar 5", *QST*, Aug. 1969.

Tracking reports should include the time the two or ten meter signal is first heard, or aquired on a pass (AOS), and the time it faded out, or was lost (LOS). The exact time of closest approach (TCA), determined by Doppler shift or when the signal reaches peak intensity, would also be very useful in determining the satellite's precise orbit.<sup>7</sup>

### Propagation Observations

Telemetry and orbital tracking reports are two important objectives of the AUSTRALIS-OSCAR project. Propagation observations are another equally important objective, and the satellite is ideally suited to carry this out.

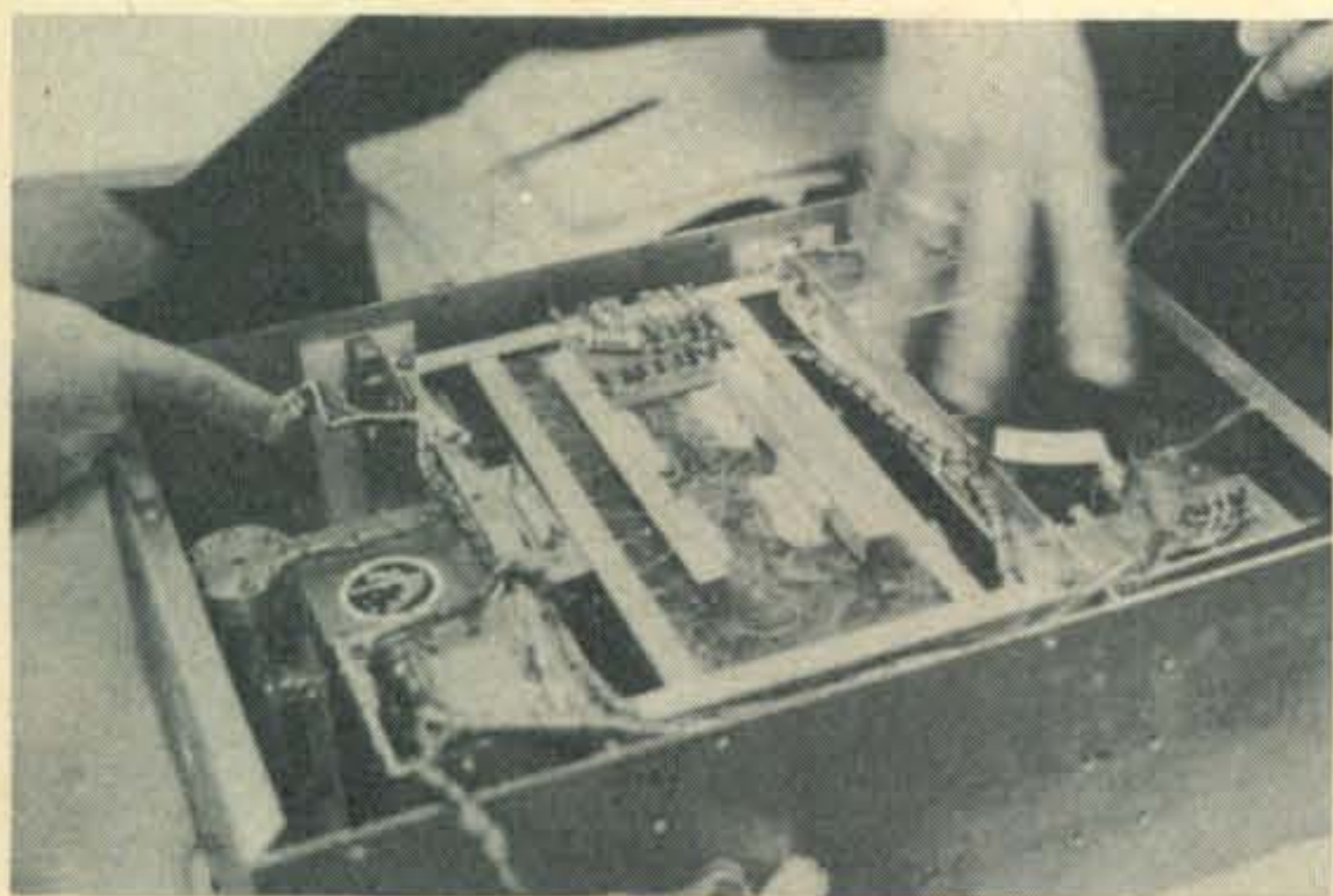
All previous OSCAR satellites carried two meter beacon transmitters, but AUSTRALIS-OSCAR 5 will be the first to carry both two and ten meter transmitters. This provides an excellent opportunity to gain new propagation data. The two meter signal will permit further observation of anomalous propagation detected with previous OSCAR satellites, while the ten meter transmitter will allow observations to be made of an h.f. signal source well *above* the ionosphere. These observations may be of particular importance during the present period of relatively high solar activity. The satellite will also permit a comparison to be made between the reception of both signals, in an effort to determine in what bands to place future OSCAR communication satellites.

Thousands of observations made of previous OSCAR two meter signals confirmed that signals appeared and disappeared abruptly, and that the radio range was horizon-limited as propagation theory would indicate.

However, there were a significant number of reports of signals being received initially for several seconds, followed by a quick fadeout, then reappearance of the signal again. Similar anomalous reception was sometimes observed as the satellite disappeared over the horizon at the end of a pass. This unusual reception is believed to have been due to some diffraction process in the atmosphere.

Several observers at high latitudes reported complete blackouts of OSCAR signals during auroral displays, while observers in tropical areas sometime reported echos, rapid fluctuation in signal strength and gradual, rolling fades on OSCAR transmissions.

<sup>7</sup>Norgaard, D., "Eyeball and Eardrum Doppler Tracking", *QST*, April, 1962, p. 44.



In this close-up view of the satellite, one of the AMSAT members points out where the Command Receiver mounts. The battery pack is in the center.

meter reception considerably beyond the line of sight range, with at least one observer reporting reception when the satellite was 7000 miles away.

While much is known about ten meter ionospheric propagation between stations on the ground, AUSTRALIS-OSCAR 5 will permit observations to be made for the first time of a ten meter signal source above the ionosphere. This opens the door to a new world of experiments. The interaction between the ionosphere and the satellite's ten meter signal is expected to give rise to a considerable number of propagation peculiarities. For example, while a ground-originated ten meter signal is reflected from the lower part of the ionosphere to another area on the earth's surface, the satellite's signal will be shielded from the earth and will be reflected from the upper surface of the ionosphere. While an earth signal might penetrate the ionosphere to be lost in space, the space-originated signal will penetrate the ionosphere to be heard on earth!

Of the strange things that happen to h.f. satellite signals as they pass through the ionosphere, perhaps none is so interesting to observe as the *antipodal reception effect*.<sup>8</sup> This is the sudden reappearance of a signal as the satellite passes above a point approximately at the opposite side of the earth from the receiving station. Antipodal reception is often possible when there is a complete absence of skip at shorter distances. As yet, no fully satisfactory explanation of antipodal reception is available, and the AUSTRALIS-OSCAR 5 satellite may help to provide more clues.

<sup>8</sup>Soifer, R., "Antipodal Reception of OSCAR Signals", *QST*, Nov. 1968, p. 32.

Antipodal listening periods should, of course, be scheduled to center around approximately one-half an orbital period (approximately 57 minutes in the case of the AUSTRALIS-OSCAR 5 satellite), before and after the time of nearest satellite approach to the receiving location.

It is hoped that continuous observations throughout the world can be made of the satellite's transmissions in an effort to detect unusual propagation conditions on ten and two meters. This might be the sort of activity that could best be handled by a radio club. Although it may be impractical to maintain round-the-clock monitoring for the entire period of satellite life (hopefully two months), it should be possible for a club to set up a two or three day watch over a weekend when both transmitters are expected to be in operation.

Not only is it important to record observations of reception, but it is also important to record instances when signals are *not* heard when they should be. Such reports might provide a clue to ionospheric disturbances or auroral or other unusual activity.

A club, or a single-operator station may find it more convenient to conduct long period propagation observations by using a continuous running receiver tuned to one of the satellite's signals, and coupled to a slow-speed tape or ink recorder. The recording would serve as a permanent unattended record of reception, and might turn up instances of unusual propagation conditions.

Propagation observations should be reported on the standard report forms discussed earlier, and should be marked "PROPAGATION STUDY" in the space provided for comments. The report will be entered into the computer, but will also receive special attention for propagation studies that are an important part of the project.

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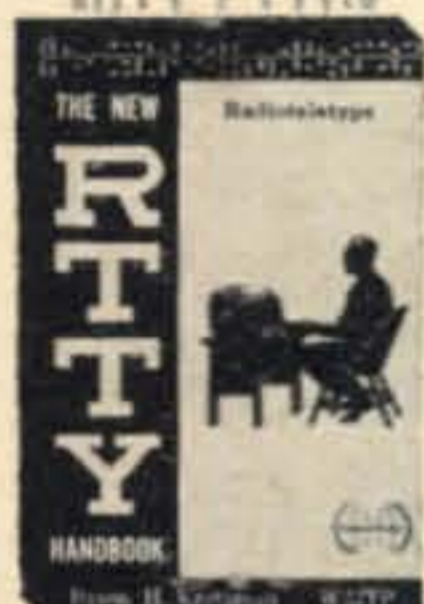
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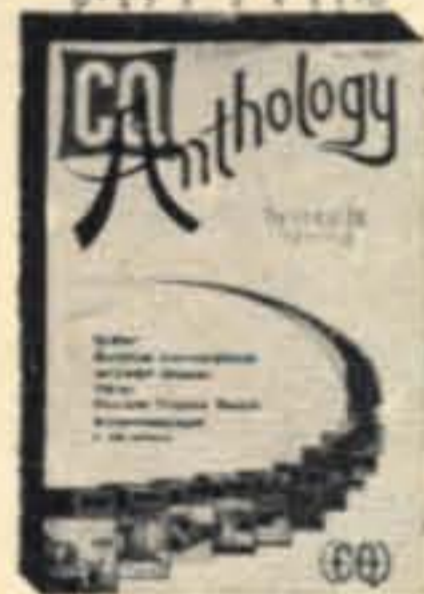
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BY JOHN A. ATTAWAY,\* K4IIF

*"O lonely night, last forever. You've made me learn to live and love... and work DX"*

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN

The news from the front speaks of DXpeditions. By the time you read this the monumental effort from Navassa Island by Ernie Hendry, K4CAH, and his gang should be past history. Ernie worked long and hard for this one so we're happy to see him pull it off.

At the time of this writing (June 7), Gus Browning, DX Hall of Fame No. 1, is scheduled to begin a rampage across the Indian Ocean. The old master is eyeing such DXpedition standby's as Des Roches, Farquhar, Aldabra, Juan de Nova, and Chagos. In addition he plans to hit a number of developing countries such as Etoile Cay, Bandeuse Cay, Geyser Reef, Wizard Reef, and Blenheim Reef. Population figures for these countries were thoughtlessly omitted from our Atlas, and we also couldn't locate them on our maps. My best guess is that they are somewhere in Zone 39. One wag was heard to remark over the air that: "Gus will never raise the DXCC countries list to 400 by relying only on sandbars which rise above the water at low tide. He's going to have to take a lot of equipment, build walls around shallow areas of the ocean at 500 mile intervals, pump out the water, and set up on his newly created land." If followed this would add a new dimension to the term "developing country."

Vern Buerg, WB6KBK, advises that he is completing plans for operation from KP6-Palmyra, KB6-Baker, and VR3-Fanning/Christmas Island. Vern's operation may be already started by the time you read this.

Jose, XE1J, is lining up a generator and some antennas for another effort at Revilla Gidego, probably in October.

In October's CQ Worldwide DX Phone Contest Jim Walsh and the PJ0MM gang will be back on Sint Maarten for another try at

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the World Multi-op, Multi-transmitter trophy. The call will be PJ8MM. Their goal is 10,000 QSO's in 48 hours, and logistic planning has been going on for months. They hope for more worldwide activity on the lower frequencies, particularly 160.

### De Extra

*Don't Write off C.W.:* We've heard many discouraged amateurs say: "to heck with c.w., I'm selling my keyer and concentrating on s.s.b. DX, because of the big bite incentive licensing took from the c.w. frequencies. Don't do it. You'll miss too much real DXing."

To begin with I sincerely believe that "this too will pass." The technical proficiency to build and operate c.w. gear is much less than that required for s.s.b. gear, so the very unnatural situation requiring a higher class license for full c.w. privileges than for s.s.b. is bound to be abolished in time.

If you give up c.w. you will miss some of the greatest pleasures of DXing. On nights when 20 is up tight with stateside signals above 14200 you can still tune down into the c.w. band and pick those UA9, UA0, VU, UL7, AP5, etc. c.w. signals out of the noise and QRM. The average ham in many areas of DX-land is still apt to be running homebrew or converted Command gear with less than 100 watts to a dipole or longwire antenna. You can't work him unless you get down there with him.

Working those weak c.w. stations coming over the pole is DXing in its purest and natural state. It's the real thing. Well-equipped DXpeditions with strong signals are glamorous and exciting and they stir up the troops, but there's something sort of artificial about it all. For the real thrill of DXing dig out the little guy, the one who lives there. After all, this is the way to enhance international goodwill.

### Here and There

*Rare Zone Activity:*

**Zone 19:** Reports are sketchy so more data on stations active from 19 would be appreciated. UW0IJ on 14002 and UW0IP on 14049 are mentioned, but no times.

**Zone 21:** UD6BQ, 14040 kc, 0235 GMT; UF6DZ, 14010, 0320; AP5CP, 14055, 1545; EP2BQ, 14210, 0230; MP4BBW, 14230, 0245.

**Zone 22:** VU2AJW, 14261 kc, 1113 GMT; VU2TI, 14025, 1230; 9N1MM, 14235, 1440; VU2DK, 14220, 1230; 4S7PE, 14285, 1630.

**Zone 23:** JT1AD, 14032 kc, 1225 GMT; 140-37, 1615.

**Zone 24:** VS6AL, 14210 kc, 1550 GMT; VS6-EK, 14225, 1120; BV2A, 14030, 1500.

**Zone 26:** XW8AX, 14233 kc, 1540 GMT; XW8CS, 21064, 1330; XW8BP, 14048, 1358.

**Zone 28:** 9M2FR, 14225 kc, 1520 GMT; 9M-2LN, 21043, 0500; 9M6HM, 14225, 1300; CR8AI, 14200 up, 1100-1530 GMT.

**Zone 34:** SU1MA, 14202 kc, 0345 GMT; SU1IM, 14017, 0400 GMT.

The above are times and frequencies at which these stations have been heard and worked. There is no guarantee that they will be on those same frequencies at those times again. However, it may help in establishing operating patterns and propagation conditions to various parts of the world. Consult your local DX bulletin for more information.

*New and Rare Prefixes:*

**C21 (?)**—This is the new prefix for Nauru Island, ex-VK9. The double figure indicates confusion somewhere.

**C3A—C3Z**—The new ITU calling allocation to Andorra.

**HI4**—HI4CYC, 3845 kc, 0245 GMT.

**HR4**—HR4AS & HR4RB are active on 20 meter s.s.b.

**JDI**—New prefix for some of the ex-KG6 islands now returned to Japan.

**LI2—LI2B** is Thor Heyerdahl aboard the reed-boat bound from Europe to South America.

**CW—PHONE WAZ**

2659.....WA5AUZ	2674.....W4YVK
2660.....VE3WB	2675.....W6JKR
2661.....W4USQ	2676.....SP6AEG
2662.....W6DUS/4	2677.....K8TVO
2663.....G3ISX	2678.....WA9OTH
2664.....DJ4VX	2679.....DJ1SV
2665.....DL7FW	2680.....DJ9ON
2666.....W9FJX	2681.....WA2CFG
2667.....W0JMB	2682.....W3HDZ
2668.....VE4SK	2683.....K4MPE
2669.....JA6BEE	2684.....DL9RC
2670.....W8TRN	2685.....OH3MF
2671.....PA0MRN	2686.....OH3MK
2672.....W4RJC	2687.....SM7DQK
2673.....IT1AQ	2688.....K1UHY

**TWO-WAY SSB WAZ**

677.....W8GKM	683.....9M2NF
678.....W4AXL	684.....SM5FC
679.....DJ4OQ	685.....SM6CWK
680.....I1APC	686.....SM6DHU
681.....W8GHN	687.....K1IMP
682.....DL6SI	

**CW WPX**

941.....K4OLQ	946.....W9AE
942.....K0DEQ	947.....W8ILC
943.....SM5DRW	948.....OK3BU
944.....LA9CE	949.....SU1IM
945.....SM5BNX	950.....SP1BHX

**PHONE WPX**

174.....KR6TAB	177.....F8BC
175.....WA6TAX	178.....VK5HW
176.....DK2BI	

**MIXED WPX**

198.....W9AE	200.....W8ILC
199.....WA6TAX	201.....OZ3PO

**SSB WPX**

420.....DL4FS	427.....G3TLV
421.....WB2YRU	428.....WA9SUJ
422.....WA6TAX	429.....DK2BI
423.....SM3AF	430.....I1AUM
424.....SM6CMK	431.....CT1UA
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15.....WA0EMS

**WPX Endorsements**

**SSB:** W4OPM-800, W4IC-650, HP1JC-550, YV4UA-450, W0GYM-400, YV4QC-400, W8ILC-300, VE3QD-300, I1AUM-250, K2-POA-250, and SM3AF-250.

**CW:** LA3UF-450, SM5BNX-450, SM7CRJ-400, SP1BHY-400, WA6ESB-400, W8ILC-400, LA9CE-350, OK3BU-350, and PA0MIB-350.

**Mixed:** W6KG-650, K4ZCP-600, and W8-ILC-500.

**160 Meters:** OK3BU

**10 Meters:** K2POA, and KR6TAB

**Asia:** W6KG

**Europe:** DK2BI, OK3BU, SP1BHX, and W9AE.

**WPNX**

13.....WN3KSQ

**VPX—Verified Prefixes**

Karel Sokol, OK1-15835.....15 (SSB)  
Ing. Blanarovic Juraj, OK3-5292..16 (CW)

**OY9**—OY9LV, 14240 kc, 1630 GMT.

**PK8**—PK8YAE, 14040 kc, 1400-1500 GMT.

**UZ0**—New Russian far east prefix.

**VK8**—VK8MR and VK8BB have a 20 meter s.s.b. sked on 14155 kc at 1220 GMT.

**YB1**—YB1BM, 21333 kc, 1535 GMT.

**YB0**—YB0AB, 14208 kc, 1535 GMT.

**3Z1—3Z9**—These prefixes will be used from July 22, 1969 to July 22, 1970 by Polish amateurs to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the liberation of Poland.

4U7-4U7ITU, 14030 kc, 2145 and 0130 GMT.

9M8-9M8RY, 14248 kc, 1425 GMT.

### The DX Award's Program

Interest continues to run very high, with 41 WAZ, 33 WPX, 1 WPNX, and 8 S.S.B. DX Awards for a total of 83, just 1 short of the all time record of 84 was totalled last month.

### The Thailand Ban

As all DXers are very aware, contacts with Thailand amateurs are not permitted. The following letter was received from a chap who spent some time in HS-land and apparently has first hand knowledge of the circumstances surrounding this communications ban:

"To give you a better understanding of things I will need to go back several years. In the late 40's the ITU circulated what appeared to be a questionnaire, in French, and somewhat vaguely worded. One of it's questions said something to the effect: 'Do you have any objection to your amateurs contacting those of other countries?' It was answered 'Oui.' This and only this is the basis of the whole problem. Many, including both Thai amateurs and GPO officials, feel that this question may have been totally misunderstood. Contrary to popular belief there has never been any letter written by the Thai government requesting that they be put on any ban list, and many of the new generation GPO officials don't really know how they got there in the first place. It is this feeble document of some 20 years ago which is still on file in Geneva today.

"It might be interesting to note that the kingdom of Laos received the same questionnaire and answered it in the same way. This

### Two-Way SSB DX Award

#### 300 Countries

41.....G3HDA  
42.....W4IC

#### 200 Countries

173.....ZL3RK  
174.....W0YDB

#### 100 Countries

566.....W1PCD                      568.....W4RJC  
567.....EA4CR                      569.....XE1OOL

Complete rules for the CQ DX Awards may be found in the DX column of the January, 1969 issue. Reprints may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to DX Editor, P.O. Box 205, Winter Haven, Florida 33880.

### WPX HONOR ROLL

The WPX HONOR ROLL is based on confirmed current prefixes. Stations are listed with both net and gross prefix credits. The Honor Roll is based on the current net regardless of an operator's all-time gross prefix count.

#### MIXED

W4OPM Joe Hiller .....880/950  
W8LY Michael Bakos .....733/733  
K1SHN Chuck Banta .....685/702  
IISF Serafino Franchi .....657/657  
WA6GLD Jerry Hagen .....575/600

#### SSB

W4OPM Joe Hiller .....746/810  
W4NJF Gay Milius .....712/712  
DL9OH Karl Muller .....611/611  
K1SHN Chuck Banta .....586/601  
HP1JC Juan Chen .....552/552  
I1AMU Alfonso Poretta .....526/563

#### CW

W4OPM Joe Hiller .....751/850  
W8KPL William Simpson .....725/800  
DL1QT Helmut Baumert .....672/672  
K1SHN Chuck Banta .....572/671  
IISF Serafino Franchi .....554/554

#### PHONE

IISF Serafino Franchi .....526/526

Application for the CQ WPX Honor Roll may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to WPX Manager K4DSN, 6563 Sapphire Drive, Jacksonville, Fl. 32208.

document is also said to be still on file in Geneva, and as far as ITU is concerned Laos is every bit as much on the 'ban' list as Thailand. It is my understanding that the FCC has received some documentation via the Laotian embassy in Washington to set their records straight, but it does explain why XW8 remains on the VE ban list. Geneva is not satisfied. So what it boils down to is that there has never been any sort of ban from the Thai side. HS stations can work anyone, anywhere, and if the stateside boys call them they will give them a contact. However, I doubt that anyone in Thailand has ever tried to call a W/K station to initiate a QSO.

"The FCC seems to feel they are bound to their agreement with ITU and must observe what Geneva says. The same holds true for Canada so there we stand. Many are working tooth and nail to set the record straight but this takes time. Bob Daniel, HS1BD, and Fred Laun, HS3AL, (ex-HI8XAL) should be given much credit.

"There are several possible solutions. The most obvious would be a letter from the government of Thailand to the ITU asking

that they be removed from the ban list. This is not as easy as it appears since decisions regarding radio transmissions are made very carefully by far east governments. Mr Daniel has had several meetings with the heads of GPO and they agreed to write Geneva for information on the ban lists. It was expected that this would take time, but it is believed that ITU has already received correspondence on this subject. If so, things are progressing well.

"Another plan is for the U.S. military to take blanket responsibility for control and policing the licensing of it's amateurs. This would be similar to the situation in Japan or Greece where the U.S. government has regulated its amateur licensing.

"A third alternative is to establish a reciprocal licensing procedure whereby amateurs could operate on either side of the fence. This possibility was advanced by the U.S. embassy, but it made no headway as the Thai government felt the agreement was being sought so that phone patches could be run. This is one of the bitterest subjects that can be broached in Bangkok. I'm sure the Thai officials feel that Thailand will become another Okinawa if such a thing would come to pass. If you have ever listened to ham radio from this area you know what I mean, wall to wall phone patches on all bands all coming from KR6-land. It is not so much the revenue angle as the complete inundation of the bands by a load of traffic which largely serves no purpose.

"The recent decision by the FCC to drop the ban for stations signing their stateside calls portable HS, while being made in good faith to attempt to ease the situation, has actually further confused it. First of all, the DX fraternity stateside cannot understand why U.S. servicemen don't all jump on the bandwagon and start signing new calls. Obviously they can't do this because they haven't been authorized by the Thai government to do so. The FCC hasn't been given any authority to issue call signs to Thailand hams in the past, and it doesn't appear a likely prospect for the future, thus for the present the HS call signs will be used as issued. Moreover, Americans are not willing to leave their hosts, the Thai amateurs, standing in the corner because they were not issued the magic FCC call sign. Most of them feel that until everyone gets a fair shake they will operate as is.

"The recent change to HS was due to the receipt of documentation from WA4PUC/-



Hamfest in Trivandrum, India. L to r, VU2BY, VU-2VK, VU2MSK (better known as W3MSK), VU2-JN and VU2LN. (Photo courtesy W6VFR).

HS by the FCC, and not by any special request from the Thai government. In fact, they knew nothing about it until they were informed by the local hams. At that point the biggest damage was done by the military, who saw their ship come in regarding phone patches, and put out a MARS gram to all stations in Thailand to the effect that if MARS frequencies are unusable, and if they have licensed hams in the station, they can move to the ham bands and run traffic. This was apparently based on the fact that WA4-PUC was authorized to handle third party traffic. I might point out here that Don's operation was basically a military approval to operate. Therefore, someone should warn the MARS people in the States before they start something that will have a bad ending. Fortunately there are enough level headed hams in the Thailand MARS stations, who know the true story, that we are not in trouble yet.

"I hope this effort will clear things up a bit for the CQ gang."

Amateurs licensed in Ecuador prior to 1953 hold permanent tickets. However, anyone licensed since that time must renew his license in person every year, unless he is incapacitated and unable to appear. The power limit is 1000 watts.

All HC amateurs are required to have an antenna and equipment for 40 meters for national emergency use. Failure to have such equipment will prevent the renewal of a license. A license can also be cancelled by the Minister of Communications for violating the rules or not properly notifying his office that the station is no longer in use.

A.R.E. recommends that HC amateurs QSO non-USA stations outside the U.S.

## 160 Meter News

In our eyes the most important idea to be advanced regarding utilization of 160 is the suggestion by W1BB that a DX Window be created on Top Band. Consequently, we are devoting this section of the column to a letter from W2CMS agreeing with this concept and making further suggestions.

de Angelo Lamendola, W2CMS: "W1BB's comment on pg. 67 of April *CQ* regarding the DX-Window at 1825-1830 khz prompts me to express my own feelings about 160. I have been licensed for 21 years, but only got on Top Band 2 years ago after 3 years of patiently preparing a suitable aerial system to fit a limited backyard space. The contacts came through, but no DX due to amateur QRM. I strongly support the suggestion for the DX Window.

"Top Band is a good place for amateurs to study DX communication at the lower frequencies. For example, the ever present problem of propagation to the Orient around or perhaps through the Auroral Oval. Creation of the DX window is a necessary step to clear the air so amateurs can at least hear each other.

"A second important step would be to make available suggestions for construction of a 'radio-meter-type' receiver to enable an amateur to read S1, S2, and S3 signals on 160 in a Q5 manner. I believe that the time has arrived when the serious DX-experimenter should develop the proven technique of 'radiometry' for use on weak signals on Top Band. A microwave radiometer has already been described by Alan Parrish, K1KKP, in his article 'Detecting V.H.F. Signals Too Weak to be Heard' which appeared in *QST* for January, 1968. A somewhat similar technique called a 'phase-lock amplifier' has been used on low frequencies for many years. Parts are easily available for 160 meter design and construction. I, for one, would seriously look forward to assembling and using a 160 meter 'radiometer' if someone would come forth with a *CQ* article on the subject."

### QSL Information

WA9VBG has offered his services as QSL manager for a DX station.

CR6IK—Via W8CNL, 120 Collier Ave., Battle Creek, Michigan 49017.

EA0DEC—To EA-Bureau, U.R.E., P.O. Box 220, Madrid, Spain.

FB8ZZ—Via F8US.

FG7EB—c/o VE2AFC, P.O. Box 382, Quebec 4, Canada.

FM7EB—Via VE2AFC.

FM7WQ—c/o W4OPM.

FY7EB—To VE2AFC.

G3OGA—Via C.C. Dumbrille, VP9BK, "Nightwinds", Dunscombe Road, Warwick, Bermuda.

GB3USA—To RSGB, G2MI, Bromley, Kent, England.

GB2UM—c/o G3UVM.

HB0AFM—Via HB9AFM.

HB0GJ—To HB9GJ.

HL9VX—Via W4ZXI.

K4IA/KC4—c/o WA4WIP.

KC6BY—Via WB9ALM.

KC6CT—Via W9VW.

PJ2CQ—To WB4EHX, 4800 Riverwood Ave., Sarasota, Fl. 33581.

PK8YAE—Box 8, Bandung, Indonesia.

PY0BLR—Via PY4BLR, P.O. Box 2590, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

PY0RE—To PY1HX.

SK9WL—c/o SM7CRW, P.O. Box 24, 560 12 WAGGERYD, Sweden.

SM7TV—Via WN4LKC.

TF2WLS—c/o WA5RTB, 3610 30th St. Lubbock, Tx. 79410.

VP1CP—P.O. Box 616, Belize, British Honduras.

VP2GTL—To WA5LES, 2010 McDuffie, Tx. 77019.

VP2LZ—Via W3EVW.

VP2VT—c/o VE2AFC.

VP9BK—Via VE2DCY, 8900 Lacordaire, Montreal 458, Quebec, Canada.

VR10—To G3NRA, 22 Maldon Road, Goldhanger (near Maldon), Essex, England.

VS6AA—c/o K8UDJ, 2072 Rolfe Road, Rt. 2, Mason, Mich. 48854.

WA6QGW/PX—Via K6VVA, 1634 Creek Drive, San Jose, Calif.

XW8AX—To W6KTE.

ZC4AK—c/o WA2CMV.

ZC4MO—To WB2ZMK.

ZD7AA—P.O. Box 876, St. Helena.

ZF1XX—Via VP9BK (see G3OGA).

ZK1AL—To W8SSR.

3A0II—c/o ON5TO.

4X4, Jerusalem: WB2WOU, 306 Hopper Avenue, Toms River, N.J. 08753 is QSL Manager for all Jerusalem stations. Included are the following stations: 4X4CY, 4X4QL, 4X4SK, 4X4SO, 4X4UL, 4X4VL, 4X4WP, 4Z4AQ, 4Z4HG, and 4Z4NDS.

4X4RQ—c/o VE4AE, 22 Sweetwood Bay, Winnipeg 17, Manitoba, Canada.

5X5SL—NOT via W6JZU.

5Z4KL/5X5—To VE4DLC.

6Y5XX—c/o VP9BK (see G3OGA).

9M8RY—Via 9V-Bureau, P.O. Box 777, Singapore.

9U5CR—To ON5TO, Edward de Jansstraat 30, Sint-Andries, Belgium.

73, John, K4IIF

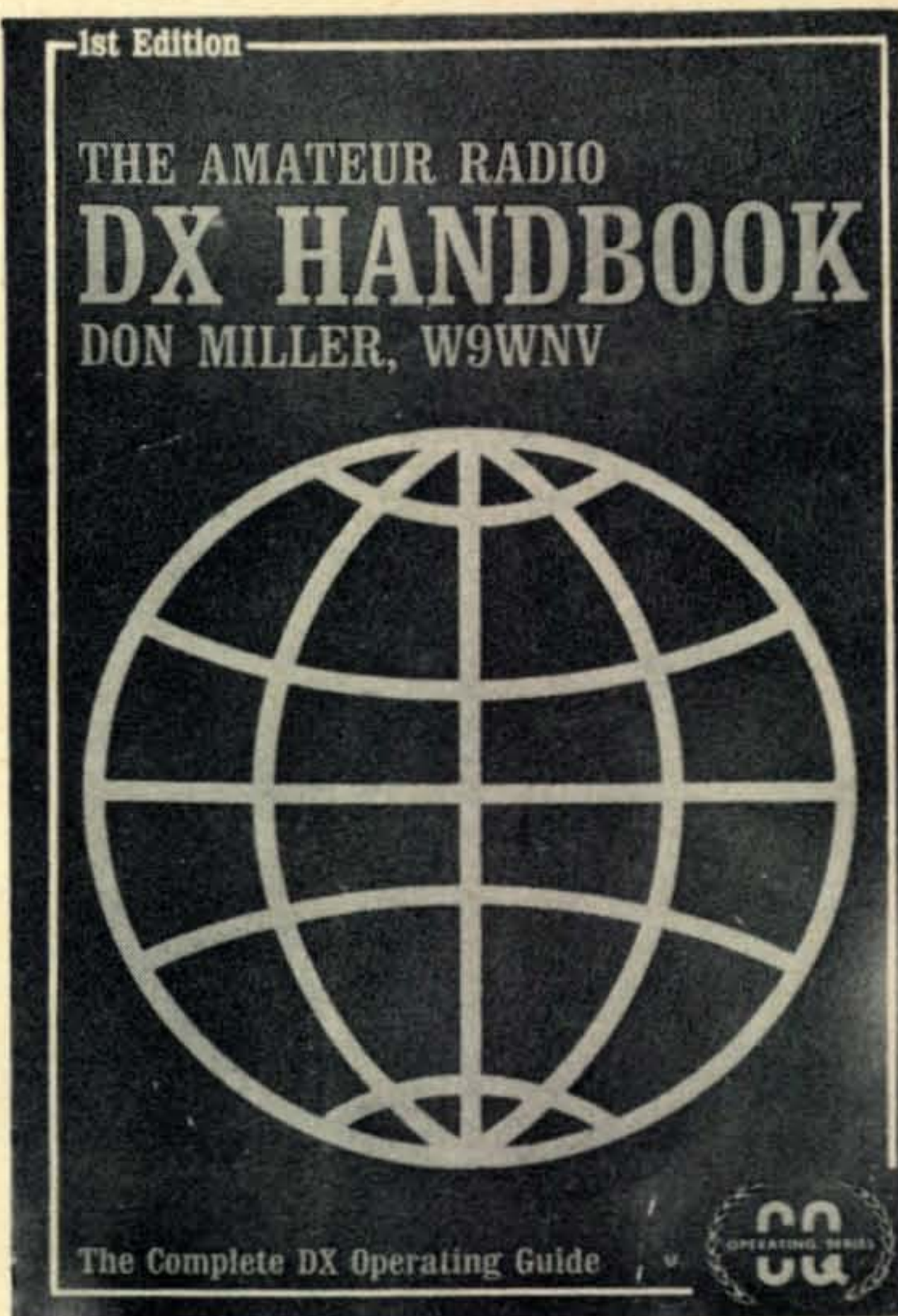
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# Q AND A

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**A** RELATIVELY new situation that is raising its ugly head, (and one that as time goes on could easily turn out to be a more horrendous monster than t.v.i.), is t.x.i. or radio interference with solid-state appliances such as transistorized radios, TV sets, tape recorders, record players, hi-fi gear, inter-coms, p.a. systems, etc. Believe it or not, we have heard of at least one case where r.f. from a mobile radio transmitter stopped the motor of a vehicle equipped with a transistorized ignition system!

The situation is due mainly to the intrinsic characteristics of the transistors used in such solid-state equipment. Since transistors essentially are back-to-back diodes, they are highly susceptible to producing rectification of even small amounts of r.f. energy, thereby functioning either as an envelope detector or as a non-linear device creating undesired harmonic energy.

These inherent characteristics and the unfavorable impedances often involved not only make remedial measures extremely difficult, but also, where such measures might possibly be effective, the task can be complicated by the fact that solid-state appliances usually are built on printed-circuit boards. Modifications to such equipment cannot be very well undertaken, nor might they be generally acceptable to owners of the affected equipment.

Furthermore, t.x.i. can be caused by transmissions from legally- and properly- operated equipment through no fault of the transmitters themselves. It is not a situation necessarily attributable to harmonics as often is the case with t.v.i. The transistorized gear simply is a sitting duck asking for trouble!

Lest the situation get out of hand and become one as experienced with t.v.i. where

such is due to inferior TV-receiver design, it seems to us that pressure should be placed on the manufacturers of solid-state appliances to forestall the possibility of t.x.i. by their investigating, developing and including preventive measures for their products in this respect.

As far as we know, the industry has done nothing toward this end either because of a lack of complaints up to this time, a failure to realize the possible magnitude of the situation or due to indifference.

In order to impress upon the equipment industry the potential seriousness of the situation and to aid in providing solutions, specific case histories will be needed. With this in view, we ask that in cases where the amateur operator has come up against t.x.i., he let us know of the circumstances (including frequencies involved) and of any effective remedial measures taken such as r.f. filtering, bypassing, detuning or swamping of resonant circuitry, complete shielding of the affected device, etc.

This information will be made available not only to industry, but will also be published in the Q & A Column as an aid to fellow radio amateurs. It also would be well for readers to send such data to other radio-amateur journals for assisting other operators. Which magazine is selected is immaterial to us—we're all in the same boat!

In the event the equipment industry fails to respond favorably, we propose that a move be instigated through the efforts of ARRL, EIA, clubs, radio amateurs and others involved in communications, that by Federal law, transistorized products be required to be labeled. "This product is not guaranteed against interference from radio transmitters or other electronic devices." This will protect the public and the radio amateur, as well as other communications services, from undue blame where interference is involved.

We'll be having more data on the subject in future issues in *CQ*. It is our hope that other radio-amateur journals and organizations will also follow through on the matter.

## Information on R.F. Clipping

**QUESTION:** I have a TR-3 with a 9 mc i.f. strip and am interested in modifying the unit to incorporate r.f. clipping. Can you supply me with some up-to-date suggestions, schematics or references?

**ANSWER:** More information than we could

\*Technical Director, *CQ*.



put into a letter or in the column regarding r.f. clipping may be found in the two following references.

"Speech Clipping for S.S.B." by Squires and Clegg, *QST*, July 1964, p. 11. This describes a setup used at a 9 mc i.f.

"R.F. Clippers for S.S.B." by Sabin, *QST*, July 1967, p. 13. Also see "Feedback", *QST*, December 1967, p. 81. This describes basic principles (as does the other article) along with an outboard unit with component values for 455 kc and 9 mc.

### Crystal Tolerance

**QUESTION:** I have a 10 mc crystal for which the tolerance is stated as  $\pm .0025\%$ . What are the frequency-tolerance limits for this crystal? I have not had any success in finding literature in which an explanation of how the calibration tolerance is applied in crystal manufacture.

**ANSWER:** The maximum error for a 10 mc (10,000 kc) crystal having a .0025% tolerance rating would be  $\pm 250$  c.p.s. when the crystal is working into a *specific* load, such as that stated by the manufacturer.

The deviation is figured this way:  $10,000 \text{ kc} \times .0025\% = 10,000 \times .000025 = .250 \text{ kc} = 250 \text{ c.p.s.}$  Note that  $\times .000025$  is used, because  $\times .01 = 1\%$ ; therefore,  $.0025\% = \times .000025$ .

Most crystals currently produced are designed to work into a capacitance load of 33 mmf. This is the sum of the circuit capacitances and the capacitance of the tube or transistor section which is shunted across the crystal. By the use of a small trimmer, with which the total capacitance can be varied between some value below and above 33 mmf (or the load specified by the manufacturer), the crystal frequency can be brought in on the nose, since changes in the load will effect the crystal frequency. Typical situations are shown at fig. 3.

### Wide-band Preamp with Heath GC-1A Receiver

**QUESTION:** I recently built the wide-band preamp described in the August and December 1968 issues of *CQ* for use with my Heath GC-1A receiver. It failed to function and the following symptoms were noted on the set:

1—The r.f. stage of the receiver appeared to be disabled. 2—The tuning meter constantly indicated no signal.

The r.f. connections for the preamp were made by breaking the connection at terminal

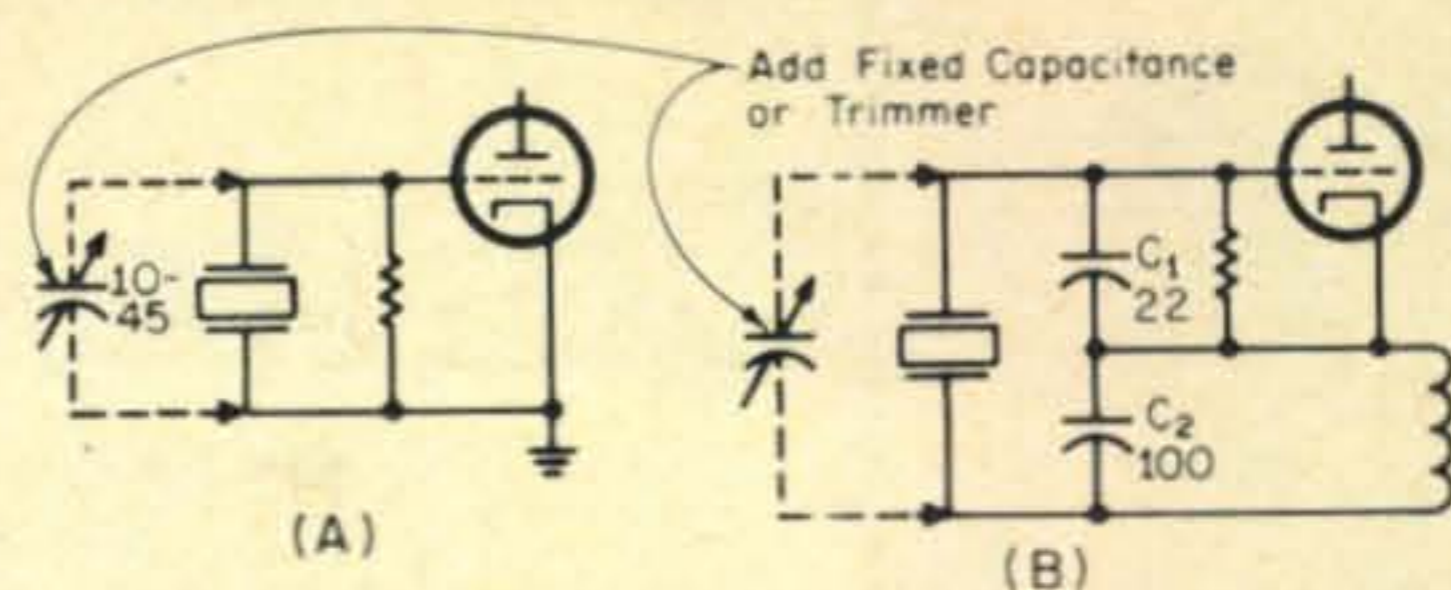


Fig. 3—Two different crystal calibrator grid circuits and suitable methods of adjusting calibrator crystal frequency to precise zero beat with WWV. Total capacitance across crystal must equal capacitance specified by crystal manufacturer, usually 33 mmf. In typical case at (B)  $C_1$  could also be altered so that total capacitance presented to crystal by  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in series, plus tube input capacitance equals 33 mmf.

12 of Deck "D". The original coupling capacitor was left in the set.

What are the possible causes of the trouble?

**ANSWER:** The reason why the preamp does not function with the GC-1A, as noted above, is incorrect installation. The r.f. amplifier in the GC-1A has a low impedance tap on the r.f. inductor to match the input of the first transistor. The wideband preamp has a high input impedance and must therefore be connected across the entire r.f. inductor for each band.

The procedure is as follows (it is assumed that the preamp has been wired for positive ground):

- 1—Disconnect  $C_{10}$  from terminal 12 of deck "D" on  $SW_3$ .
- 2—Connect  $C_{10}$  to pre-amp output.
- 3—Connect pre-amp input to terminal 6 of deck "D" on  $SW_3$ .
- 4—Readjust the cores in the r.f. inductors for maximum signal.

We wish to thank the questioner for his thoughtfulness in reporting that due to the above suggestion forwarded earlier to him by mail, the preamp now "works like a charm."

### Ferroxcube Cores

**QUESTION:** Where might I obtain Ferroxcube cores.

**ANSWER:** In respect to Ferroxcube cores, we suggest you write to Ferroxcube Corporation of America, Saugerties, New York 12477.

Suppliers of other cores are: Tergmag Corp., 88-06 Van Wyck Expressway, Jamaica, N.Y. 11418 (they are distributors for Indiana General Products); Permacor, 9540

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# Contest Calendar

BY FRANK ANZALONE,\* W1WY

## Calendar of Events

Aug.	2-3	Illinois QSO Party
Aug.	2-3	Maryland/DC QSO Party
Aug.	2-4	Missouri QSO Party
Aug.	2-3	LABRE C.W. DX Contest
Aug.	9-10	DARC WAE C.W. Contest
Aug.	16-17	New Jersey QSO Party
Aug.	16-17	QRP QSO Party
Aug.	16-17	Indiana QSO Party
Aug.	23-24	South Carolina QSO Party
Aug.	30-31	All Asian DX contest
Sept.	6-7	LABRE Phone DX Contest
Sept.	6-7	VU/4S7 Phone DX Contest
Sept.	6-8	Washington St. QSO Party
Sept.	13-14	DARC WAE Phone Contest
Sept.	20-21	VU/4S7 C.W. DX Contest
Sept.	24-26	YL "Howdy Days" Party
Sept.	27-28	VE/W Contest
Oct.	4-6	California QSO Party
Oct.	4-6	CARTG WW RTTY Contest
Oct.	4-5	VK/ZL/Oceania Phone
Oct.	11-12	VK/ZL/Oceania C.W.
Oct.	4-12	Lebanese DX Contest
Oct.	11-12	Floridora QSO Party
Oct.	11-12	RSGB 28 mc Phone Contest
Oct.	15-16	YLAP C.W. Contest
Oct.	18-19	Boy Scouts Jamboree
Oct.	18-19	KR6 DX Contest
Oct.	18-19	WADM C.W. Contest
Oct.	25-26	CQ WW DX Phone Contest
Oct.	25-26	RSGB 7 mc C.W. Contest
Nov.	5-6	YLAP Phone Contest
Nov.	8-9	RSGB 7 mc Phone Contest
Nov.	8-9	ARRL SS Phone Contest
Nov.	15-16	ARRL SS C.W. Contest
Nov.	29-30	CQ WW DX C.W. Contest

## South Carolina QSO Party

Two Periods:

1800-0300 GMT Sat./Sun. Aug. 23-24

1200-0300 GMT Sun./Mon. Aug. 24-25

This is the third QSO party sponsored by the Low Country A.R.C. of N. Charleston, S.C. Use all bands and modes, the same station may be worked on each band and mode for points.

**Exchange:** QSO nr., RS/RST and QTH. County for S.C. stations, State, province or country for others.

**Scoring:** One point per QSO. S.C. use

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state, provinces and countries for their multiplier, out-of-state use S.C. counties. (Max. of 46)

**Frequencies:** 1820, 3550, 3950, 7040, 7240, 14250, 21070, 21270.

**Awards:** Certificates to the first place winners in each state, province and country, and the first 3 winners in So. Carolina.

Mailing deadline Sept. 15th to: Low Country A.R.C., Att: Contest Chairman, P.O. Box 5026, North Charleston, South Carolina 29406

## LABRE DX Contest

**C.W.—Aug. 2-3 Phone—Sept. 6-7**

Starts: 0001 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday

We received the above dates from a reliable source. However no rules have been received. It is assumed that they are the same as previous years, and can be found in the August 1968 issue of *CQ*.

Logs go to LABRE Contest Committee, Caixa Postal 2353, ZC-00, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## All Asian DX Contest

Starts: 1000 GMT Saturday, August 30

Ends: 1600 GMT Sunday, August 31

This is the 10th annual contest sponsored by the JARL and special badges will be presented to all participants in commemoration of this anniversary.

Its the Asians working the non-Asians on all bands, 1.8 thru 28 mc, on c.w. only.

Two classifications, single and all band. Operation limited to single operators only.

**Exchange:** For OM's, five figures, RST plus your age. YL's, RST plus 00.

**Scoring:** One point per QSO. Asians use non-Asian countries for their multiplier. Non-Asians will count Asian countries as their multiplier. Use the DXCC country list.

**Final score:** Total QSO points multiplied by the countries worked on that band for single band stations, and by the sum total from all bands for all band stations.

**Awards:** Certificates to the top scorer on each single band in each country, and the three highest scorers on all bands in each country.

In addition, medals will be awarded to the continental leaders on a single band and all bands.

Use a separate log sheet for each band, and include a summary sheet with a band by band breakdown of the score, your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS, and the usual signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed.

Entries must be received no later than November 30th and go to: J.A.R.L. Contest Committee, P.O. Box 377, Tokyo Central, Japan.

### VU2/4S7 DX Contest

**Phone**—Sept. 6-7 **C.W.**—Sept. 20-21

Starts: 0600 GMT Saturday

Ends: 0600 GMT Sunday

This year the rules have been modified so that you are not limited to working VU2/4S7 stations only. Phone and c.w. are separate contests. Use all bands but cross-band operation is not permitted.

**Exchange:** The conventional five or six figures, RS/RST plus a progressive 3 figure QSO number starting with 001.

**Scoring:** For DX stations, 2 points for each contact with a VU2/4S7 station on each band, 1 point per contact with other stations.

The ARRL country list will be used, and each call area of W/K, JA, SM, UA, VK and ZL will also count as countries for scoring purposes. (Rules do not specify, but it is assumed that the above will be your multiplier)

**Awards:** Certificates to top scorers on a single band and on all bands, in each country and above call areas.

Include a summary sheet with the scoring, a signed declaration that rules and regulations have been observed, and your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS.

Mailing deadline is October 15th to: Radio Society of Ceylon, Contest Committee, P.O. Box 907, Colombo, Ceylon.

### Washington State QSO Party

Starts: 2300 GMT Saturday, September 6

Ends: 0500 GMT Monday, September 8

This is the fourth annual party sponsored by the Boeing Employees A.R.S. Use all bands and modes, the same station may be worked on each band and mode for QSO

points. Wash. may work in-state stations for QSO points.

**Exchange:** QSO nr., RS/RST and QTH. County for Wash. stations; state, province or country for all others.

**Scoring:** Wash. stations score one point for each contact, all others two points for each Wash. QSO. The multiplier for Wash. is states, VE provinces and countries; others total of Wash. counties worked. (Max. of 39)

**Frequencies:** c.w.—3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28100. a.m.—3990, 7260, 14230, 21310, 28600. s.s.b.—3960, 7220, 14290, 21290, 28700. Novices—3735; 7175, 21110.

**Awards:** Certificates to the highest scoring stations in each state, province, country and Wash. county. The Five BEARS certificate is also available to stations working five club members, during or after the party. Work the club station K7NWS and a gold seal sticker will be attached to either certificate.

Mailing deadline October 4th to: Boeing Employees A.R.S., Att: Contest Chairman K7RSB, 18415—38th Avenue South, Seattle, Wash. 98188

### CQ World Wide DX Contest

**Phone**—Oct. 25-26 **C.W.**—Nov. 29-30

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday in each instance.

Rules will remain the same as previous years and will be given in detail next month. The following brief rundown is for the benefit of our friends in remote areas:

1. All bands may be used. 1.8 thru 28 mc.
2. Exchange, RS/RST plus your Zone.
3. QSO point value: (a) 3 points between stations in different continents. (b) 1 point between stations on the same continent but in different countries. (c) Contacts between stations in the same country are permitted for Zone and/or Country multiplier but have NO QSO point value. (d) Exception: Contacts *between* stations in the North America (WAC) boundaries count 2 points. (This applies to stations in North America *only*.)
4. Your multiplier is determined by the number of Zones and Countries worked on each band.
5. Final score: (a) Single band, Zones plus Countries multiplied by QSO points. (b) All band, sum of Zones plus sum of Countries multiplied by the total QSO points.
6. Competition: Three divisions. (a) Single operator, single band or all band. (b)

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# Propagation

BY GEORGE JACOBS,\* W3ASK

**T**HE present sunspot cycle is still making news!

The Swiss Solar Observatory at Zurich, the world's official keeper of sunspot records for the past two hundred years, reports a monthly mean sunspot number of 120 for May, 1969. This results in the highest smoothed sunspot number yet recorded in the present cycle, 111, centered on November, 1968. This means that peak intensity of the present cycle *did not* occur before November, and it will take several more months to determine when the maximum of the present cycle did take place.

A smoothed sunspot number of 97 is predicted for August, 1969, as solar activity is expected to remain at a moderately high level through the remainder of the year.

### Seasonal Propagation Change

A seasonal change in shortwave radio propagation conditions usually begins to take place by mid-August. For a period of about a month, until mid-September, conditions are neither typically summer nor typically fall. For this reason, and to present a more accurate forecast to readers of this column, this month's DX Propagation Charts cover only the *one month* period from August 15 through September 15. Short-Skip Propagation Charts appearing in last month's column are also valid through the month of August.

During this transitional period, fairly good north-south openings are predicted for 10 meters during the daylight hours to such areas as Latin America, Africa and the South Pacific. The first east-west openings should begin by late August, increasing considerably by mid-September.

Excellent DX openings are forecast to almost every corner of the world on 15 meters during the daylight and early evening hours.

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## LAST MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions and Quality for Aug. 1, through Sept. 15, 1969

	Forecast Rating & Quality			
	Days (4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal:	2, 15, 18-19, 24, 27 29. Sept. 1, 14.		B-C	C
Normal:	1, 3, 5-7, 11-12, 14, 16-17, 20-21, 23, 25-26, 28, 30-31. Sept. 2, 4-6, 10, 13, 15.	A-B	B-C	C-D D-E
Below Normal:	4, 8, 10, 13, 22. Sept. 3, 7, 9, 11-12.	C	D	D E
Disturbed:	9. Sept. 8.		D E	E E

### HOW TO USE THESE CHARTS

The following is an explanation of the symbols shown above, and instructions for the use of the CQ propagation predictions:

1—Enter Propagation Charts on following pages under appropriate band and distance or geographical area columns. Read predicted times of band openings at intersection of both columns.

2—Following each predicted time of band opening is a forecast rating which indicates the relative number of days the band is expected to open during each month of the forecast period. The higher the rating, the more frequent the opening, as follows: (4) band open more than 22 days each month; (3) between 14 and 22 days; (2) between 8 and 13 days; (1) less than 7 days.

On the "Short-Skip" Chart where two numerals are shown within a single set of parenthesis, the first applies to the shorter distance for which the forecast is made, and the second to the greater distance. Note the forecast rating for later use.

3—With the forecast rating noted above, start with the numbers in parentheses at the top of the "Last Minute Forecast" appearing above. Read down the table for a day-to-day forecast of propagation conditions in terms of Above Normal (WWV rating higher than 6); Normal (WWV rating 5-6); Below Normal (WWV rating 4); Disturbed (WWV rating less than 4). The letter symbols (A-E) describe reception conditions (signal quality, noise and fading levels) expected for each day of the month and have the following meaning: (A—excellent opening with strong, steady signals; B—good opening, moderately strong signals, little fading and noise; C—fair opening, signals fluctuating between moderately strong and weak; D—poor opening, signals generally weak and considerable fading and noise; E—poor opening, or none at all.

4—This month's DX Propagation Charts are based upon a transmitter power of 250 watts c.w.; 500 watts s.s.b., or 1000 watts d.s.b., into a dipole antenna a quarter-wave above ground on 160 and 80 meters a half-wave above ground on 40 and 20 meters, and a wave-length above ground on 15 and 10 meters. For each 10 db gain above these reference levels, reception quality shown in the "Last Minute Forecast" will improve by one level; for each 10 db loss, reception will become poorer by one level.

5—Local Standard Time for these predictions is based on the 24-hour system.

6—The Eastern USA Chart can be used in the 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, KP4, KG4 and KV4 amateur call areas; The Central USA Chart in the 5, 9, and 0 areas, and the Western USA Chart in the 6 and 7 areas. The Charts are valid from August 15, 1969 through September 15, 1969, and are prepared from basic propagation data published monthly by the Institute For Telecommunication Sciences And Aeronomy of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado.

Exceptionally strong signal levels are expected during many of these openings, and 15 meters should be the optimum band for DX openings during most of the daylight hours.

Good-to-excellent world-wide DX propagation conditions are forecast around-the-clock on 20 meters. Conditions are expected

to peak during the sunrise period and again during the late afternoon and early evening hours. To most southern and tropical areas the band is expected to remain open throughout the hours of darkness as well.

Static levels are expected to begin to decrease steadily after mid-August, and some fairly good DX openings are forecast for 40 meters from the early evening hours, through the hours of darkness and the sunrise period.

Fairly good DX openings to some areas of the world should be possible on 80 meters during the hours of darkness, with conditions peaking just as the sun begins to rise on the "light" side of the path.

It's still a bit too early in the season for 160 meter DX, but an occasional opening should be possible during the hours of darkness and the sunrise period.

### V.H.F. Ionospheric Openings

While sporadic-E propagation is expected to begin to taper off by mid-August, some 6 meter openings are likely to occur over distances of approximately 750 and 1300 miles. During periods of intense sporadic-E ionization, two-hop 6 meter openings may also be possible up to distances of about 2600 miles, and 2 meter openings may take place over a range of about 1000 to 1400 miles. While sporadic-E propagation can take place at anytime of the day or night, during the late sum-

mer there is a tendency for it to peak between 8 A.M. and noon and again between 5 and 8 P.M. local standard time.

The *Perseids*, a major meteor shower, is expected to take place from August 9-14, with maximum intensity occurring at about 2 A.M. EST on August 12. Other meteor showers are forecast for August 1, 3, 5 and 18. Ionization produced by meteors entering the earth's atmosphere, especially during periods of maximum shower intensity, is expected to make possible numerous meteor-scatter type openings over distances of several hundred miles on 10, 6 and 2 meters.

Trans-equatorial scatter openings on 6 meters should begin to increase during late August and early September. There is a fairly good chance for some openings between the USA and Latin America between 8 and 11 P.M., local standard time at the path midpoint.

Some auroral-scatter openings on 6 and 2 meters are expected during the late summer period, over distances ranging upwards to 1000 miles, or so. These are most likely to occur during periods when h.f. radio conditions are disturbed or below normal. Check the "Last Minute Forecast" appearing at the beginning of this column for the days that are expected to be in these categories during August and early September.

August 15-September 15, 1969

TIME ZONE: EST (24-Hour Time)

EASTERN USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Central Europe & North Africa	08-14 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-15 (3) 15-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	05-07 (3) 07-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-19 (4) 19-21 (3) 21-23 (2) 23-03 (1) 03-05 (2)	18-20 (1)* 20-22 (2) 22-01 (3) 01-02 (2) 02-03 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-02 (1)*
Northern Europe & European USSR	08-12 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (3) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (1)	02-05 (1) 05-08 (2) 08-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-18 (3) 18-02 (2)	19-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-02 (1) 21-01 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	10-13 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-12 (2) 12-15 (3) 15-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	06-08 (2) 08-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-19 (3) 19-21 (2) 21-00 (3) 00-02 (2) 02-06 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-23 (1) 21-23 (1)*

Predicted times of 80 meter openings. Openings on 160 meters are also likely to occur during those times when 80 meter openings are shown with a forecast rating of (2), or higher.

West & Central Africa	09-12 (1) 12-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	06-08 (1) 08-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-18 (3) 18-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-22 (4) 22-01 (3) 01-05 (2) 05-08 (1)	19-22 (1) 22-01 (2) 01-03 (1) 00-02 (1)*
East Africa	11-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	09-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (4) 20-23 (3) 23-00 (2) 00-02 (1)	20-00 (1)
South Africa	08-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-13 (1)	08-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-12 (3) 12-14 (4) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	05-07 (2) 07-14 (1) 14-15 (2) 15-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-23 (1) 23-02 (3) 02-03 (2) 03-05 (1)	20-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-02 (1) 22-00 (1)*
Central & South Asia	09-11 (1) 19-21 (1)	08-11 (1) 19-21 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 17-18 (1) 18-21 (2) 21-00 (1)	04-06 (1) 18-20 (1)
Southeast Asia	12-14 (1) 17-20 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	05-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-10 (1) 18-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	Nil

Far East	17-19 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 15-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (3) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 18-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-02 (1)	05-07 (1)
South Pacific & New Zealand	08-14 (1) 14-17 (2) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-20 (3) 20-22 (2) 22-23 (1)	11-19 (1) 19-21 (2) 21-23 (3) 23-01 (4) 01-04 (3) 04-07 (2) 07-09 (3) 09-11 (2)	00-01 (1) 01-02 (2) 02-05 (3) 05-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 03-07 (1)*
Australia	08-10 (1) 15-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-20 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 15-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	05-07 (2) 07-09 (3) 09-11 (2) 11-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-01 (3) 01-03 (2) 03-05 (1)	02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-07 (1) 04-06 (1)*
Northern & Central South America	07-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-17 (4) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-07 (2) 07-11 (3) 11-13 (4) 13-15 (3) 15-19 (4) 19-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	02-04 (2) 04-06 (3) 06-09 (4) 09-15 (2) 15-18 (3) 18-23 (4) 23-02 (2) (-3)	19-20 (1) 20-21 (2) 21-03 (3) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (1) 21-01 (1)* 01-03 (2)* 03-06 (1)*
Brazil, Argentina, Chile & Uruguay	07-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-17 (4) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-19 (4) 19-21 (3) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	09-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-19 (3) 19-00 (4) 00-03 (3) 03-05 (2) 05-07 (3) 07-09 (2)	20-23 (1) 23-04 (2) 04-06 (1) 03-05 (1)*
McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	15-17 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-17 (2) 17-20 (3) 20-21 (2) 21-22 (1)	15-17 (1) 17-21 (2) 21-00 (3) 00-04 (2) 04-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-09 (1)	00-04 (1)

Time Zones: CST & MST (24-Hour Time)

CENTRAL USA TO:

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Central Europe & North Africa	10-12 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (3) 14-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	07-12 (1) 12-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-18 (4) 18-20 (3) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1) 03-05 (1) 05-07 (2)	19-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-03 (1) 21-01 (1)*
Northern Europe & European USSR	Nil	07-08 (1) 08-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	04-05 (1) 05-07 (2) 07-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-16 (3) 16-18 (2) 18-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-02 (1)	19-01 (1) 21-00 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	10-12 (1)	08-10 (1) 10-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	05-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-21 (3) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	19-22 (1) 20-22 (1)*

West & Central Africa	09-11 (1) 11-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	06-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-14 (3) 14-16 (4) 16-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-16 (2) 16-19 (3) 19-21 (4) 21-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-08 (1)	19-23 (1) 23-00 (2) 00-01 (1) 22-00 (1)
East Africa	13-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-18 (1)	10-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-17 (2) 17-22 (3) 22-23 (2) 23-00 (1)	20-23 (1)
South Africa	08-10 (1) 10-11 (2) 11-12 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-13 (3) 13-14 (2) 14-15 (1)	05-07 (2) 07-14 (1) 14-15 (2) 15-18 (3) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 22-02 (2) 02-05 (1)	19-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-23 (1) 21-23 (1)
Central & South Asia	07-09 (1) 18-20 (1)	08-10 (1) 17-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-10 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-21 (2) 21-00 (1)	05-07 (1) 18-20 (1)
Southeast Asia	11-13 (1) 16-19 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-11 (2) 11-14 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	05-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 18-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1)	05-07 (1)
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BY ED HOPPER,\* W2GT

### FLASH!

**Harry R. McNutt, K8KOM**  
Has qualified for #9  
USA-CA-3079 All Counties Plaque!  
**SEE K8KOM "STORY" JULY 1967 CQ.**

### FLASH #2

**Leo D. Staley, WA5AEB**  
Has qualified for #10  
USA-CA-3079 All Counties Plaque!

**T**HE August, "Story of The Month", about Leo, WA5AEB, after this information. John Sulak, W8UMR, acquired a USA-CA-3000 Award. Bob Smolenski, W2OST, qualified for a USA-CA-2500 Award, endorsed All 14 mc SSB. Howard Perkins, K8EUX, received USA-CA-2500 and 2000 Awards. Henry Freiberger, W5ULN, qualified for USA-CA-2500, 2000, 1500, 1000, and 500 Awards, all endorsed All 14 mc 2xSSB. Duane Ebers, W0AQE, also hit the jack pot by acquiring USA-CA-2500, 2000, 1500, 1000, and 500 Awards, endorsed, All Phone. Wilberta "Willie" Longwell, WA7IRD, added to her collection when she received her USA-CA-2000 endorsement. Bob Holt, GW3NWV, submitted proof for his USA-CA-1500 Award, endorsed All SSB, and Bob continues to be the only GW to qualify for

USA-CA. Don McCarthy, WA9PRE, collected USA-CA-1500, 1000, and 500 Awards. All SSB. John Hawkins, K5VTA (Son of W5EHY), and Joe Slattery, W9DRL, both qualified for mixed USA-CA-500 and 1000 Awards. Mixed USA-CA-500 Awards went to: Mike Steiniger, K6BFP; Kip Parker, WA3EYL; Ron Conley, K7LTV; John Morris, G3ABG (Custodian of a new English Award. I hope to tell you about next month); and Paschall Webb, W3MGP. Don Colwell, W0IXM, won a USA-CA-500 Award endorsed All SSB. "Buzz" Longstreth, WA1JTM, qualified for a USA-CA-500 Award endorsed, All A-1. I know Paul will excuse me, but I nearly missed mentioning that Paul Hunter, W0PLN, did get his mixed USA-CA-2000 Award.

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### Leo D. Staley, WA5AEB

Actually Leo, writes: "Suprise, suprise. But you did not expect my 'Story' to also include my application for USA-CA-3079!"

"As you will see on the list, the County Hunter regulars, came to the rescue on a but 3 out of the last 42.

"For my story, received General Class license in 1960 and did not go s.s.b. until June, 1964.

"Tuned across the 40 meter County Hunters one day on 7.223 and checked in with N control, Chas, W0JWD (now W0BL). I was treated with such politeness and courtes even though Dallas county was not rare, that I volunteered to check into the Net on my California vacation trip the following week

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					G3ABG ..... 716
					W3MGP ..... 717
					W9DRL ..... 718
					WA9PRE ..... 719



Due to 40 meter skip conditions, I was only able to give out a few West Texas counties.

"During the next four months, gave out many Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas counties while mobile. Then in September of 1964, started collecting counties myself.

"Have met and enjoyed visits with many of the County Hunters, including 4 of the 8 with ALL 3079 worked. You will have to look a long time to find the type of camaraderie that prevails on the County Hunter Nets. I believe it all started with the group on 40 meters and then expanded to 20 meters when many of the group moved up to work the western counties not available on 40 meter daylight hours.

"You no doubt have heard many many stories about the 40 meter Net. It was a fine group of people and hams. Each would help to pull the other up by their bootstraps for a much needed county.

"Having worked about half of my County Hunting life on each Net. I must say that the 20 meter Net is 10 times the operation of the 40 meter Net. It is hard to believe so many people could get interested in County Hunting. The highest number of contacts in a 'rare' county by myself while mobile on 40 meters, was 28 in Harmon county, Oklahoma. On 20 meters I have heard some mobiles work between 90 and 100 stations in a single county. The number of DX stations County Hunting is also quite amazing.

"Through County Hunting, I have made what I hope to be some lasting friendships, and between planes in some cities I either phone or visit with fellow Hunters. On several occasions I met my Good Buddy, John, W4OHP, at the Dallas Airport, took a 30 hour 'expedition' through Texas and Oklahoma, ending at the airport for his return to Atlanta. A finer DXpedition Buddy you could not find. Yes, I could write a book on the many trips and happenings on trips through Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida with W4OHP. He was the guy that snapped the picture you published in CQ, May 1966. John's picture was also in that issue of CQ. Those are memories I will never forget.

"What's next? I honestly do not know. For sure I will continue to give out my counties while mobile, but of one thing I am sure, I WILL NOT START OVER!

Thanks to you Ed. for fanning the interest and writing the prompt letters".

73, Leo, WAB5AE.



Cape Verde Diploma

Our records show that Leo waited until February 1966 and then qualified for USA-CA-500-#547; USA-CA-1000-#94; USA-CA-1500-#45—these all endorsed, Mixed, All 7 mc and All 2 x SSB and USA-CA-2000-#26, Mixed. Then in March, 1969 he applied for USA-CA-2500-#42 and USA-CA-3000-#18 and the BIG one—ALL 3079 Counties #10 on May 21, 1969. (*Good Luck, Leo, we will be looking for you MOBILE, on the NET, Ed.*)

#### Letters

**Harry McNutt, K8KOM**, writes: "Just a little note to let you know how much I like your column and also to list my last 179 counties.

I sure want to thank *everybody* who has helped me get the 3079! It sure is a great thrill. I am going to try to get on s.s.b., those I now have on c.w. and a.m. Again thanks to ALL!"

**Kurt Meyers, W8IBX/2**, writes: "If anyone desires a map showing all the counties in the United States, I would recommend the map of Congressional Districts for the 91st Congress. The map is approximately 4 feet by 3



The Jorgensen family L-R Tom, Lois, Jean & Jerry in the rear.



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feet in size, it is publication: 1968 0-315-190, and can be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 for 50¢. Not only can they provide a visual county record, they can contribute to one's knowledge of the House of Representatives, as well".

**Jean Delancy, KIZAT/5**, writes: "Been having fun checking into the Independent county Hunter Net. We will be operating/5 until October and will be glad to give Tom Green County (Texas) to anyone in need of it. QSL to callbook QTH is OK".

**Awards**

**QRP CLUB-New Award-Chairman** is: Hugh Aeiker, WA8CNN, 929 South Park, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

**Hong Kong Firecracker Award:** Change of rules due to increase of active VS6 stations. The complete rules and foto of Award in *CQ*, October 1967, sponsored by HKARTS, P.O. Box 541, Hong Kong. For stations located in Zones 18, 19, 23 and 25: 10 contacts needed instead of 8. For stations located in all other Zones: 6 contacts needed instead of 4. These changes effective from 1st January 1970.

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Worked Plymouth County (Mass.)

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**Worked Plymouth County:** This Award

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# SURPLUS sidelights

BY GORDON ELIOT WHITE\*

**M**Y subject this month is the TT-30/AGA-1 tape teleprinter. This is a lightweight, (23 lbs) miniature (9 inches by 14 inches) unit which, I am told, was designed for the White House aircraft shortly after World War II. The unit, fig. 1, was assigned the Teletype number #31, though I can find no indication that there was ever any civilian production. These little machines have been in surplus for several years, and seem to be available in modest quantities today.

The TT-30 came along in the period when the now-standard #28 machines were being designed, and it bears some resemblance to both the #26 and the #28. It uses the older felt friction-clutch, and is not capable of the 100 word per minute speed of the #28, through some of the mechanism was copied on the #28 reperforator.

The standard TT-30 was supplied with a 26 volt d.c. motor-dyna-motor which both

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Fig. 1—The TT-30/AGA-1 Teletype Model #31 airborne tape printer, designed to print on standard 1/4 inch paper tape.

drove the unit and provided 250 volt d.c. plate voltage to the associated terminal equipment. Some TT-30's were manufactured with 115 volt universal governed motors, capable of operating on a.c. or d.c. power. They have a switch inside the unit that must be changed to go from a.c. to d.c. (Some of these were marked "26 Volts D.C." on the cover, but the motor itself is clearly marked 115 volts.)

For anyone who would like to operate mobile RTTY, or airborne RTTY, the TT-30 should be an attractive unit. In the more ordinary shack it can provide a compact little monitoring printer that will chunk out the copy on 1/4 inch paper tape rather than pile up expensive page paper copy. It never suffers from a pileup if the carriage return or line feed signal is garbled, either.

In the original system, the TT-30 was hooked up to TT-31 and TT-32 terminal units, the former a duplex transceiver and the latter a receive-only demodulator. The TT-31 was set up for 210 c.p.s. narrow shift, using a 2265 space tone and 2475 mark. The TT-32 used 200 c.p.s. shift, 500 c.p.s. space and 700 c.p.s. mark. Together this constituted the AN/AGA-1 system I have never seen these electronic components, nor a book on the whole AGA-1, and would be most interested in looking at the manual if any of this column's readers have the *NavShips* book. I have the Teletype bulletin number 200 which covers the TT-30 alone.

Most of the TT-30's were sent out with 60 w.p.m. gears, which is fortunate, since parts for the set are no longer made. There were 75 w.p.m. gears available at one time, but they would be of little use now.

The selector in the TT-30 is of the more desirable holding-magnet design, series wired for 20 ma (which saved a little current in the original aircraft design). Since 60 ma is more commonly used as loop current, most users will want to convert the magnets to parallel operation. Fig. 2 shows how this may be done to get the magnets in the proper "aiding" operation. If you hook them up backwards they "buck" each other and will not receive satisfactorily.

One feature which I did not like in the TT-30 was the "unshift on space" provision. There is no simple way of disabling the unshift, as there is in the #15 and #28 machines. I finally took a piece of fine wire and wrapped it around the left end of the #2 (from the top) code bar (fig. 3) and moved

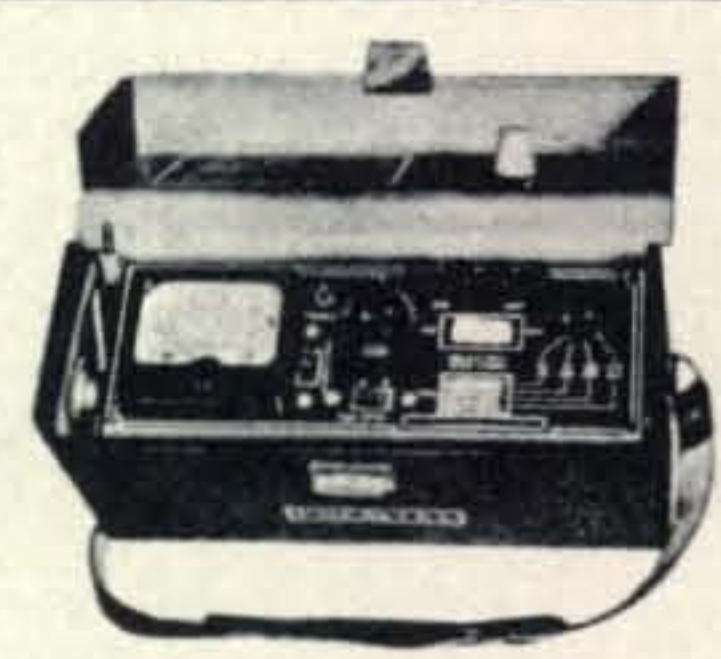
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that bar forward about an eighth of an inch to prevent it from operating. I wrapped the loose end of the wire around a handy projection on the unit. This disables the unshift on space, but allows proper unshift when received in the incoming copy. You do disable as well the suppression of printing on "space" and the unit puts a little square smudge on the tape when "space" is received, but I would rather see that than unwanted downshifts.

Fig. 4 is an overall schematic of the TT-30 as it was supplied with the motor-dynamotor. The speed control section is not included in sets built for 115 volt operation. The red and green "receive" and "transmit" bulbs do not operate from the tape printer, but are merely wired to the rear plug and were lit from circuits in the associated terminal units. The end-of-line light is actuated by a rather intricate set of gears on the left side of the unit which counts only printed characters, not including shifts or blank characters.

The keyboard is directly analogous to the earlier #15 and #26 machines, and will pose no problem to anyone familiar with those old Teletype standbys.

While most of the special Model #31 parts are no longer made, springs, nuts, screws, and several other small components are common to the #14, #15, #28 and even later Teletype units, and may still be ordered from the several individuals who stock Teletype surplus.

There was a later version of the TT-30 made for the Navy, known as the TT-34. This was simply a Model #28 keyboard-send-receive set in a cut-down cabinet. To save weight even steel screws were copied in aluminum, though the printing unit itself was strictly standard #28. The TT-34 used a 26 volt motor-dynamotor setup much the same as the TT-30. For normal operation the d.c. motor and the special wiring and intermediate gear may be discarded and a regular #28 motor and gear substituted.

The *NavShips* book for the TT-30 is N-S 91787 (0280-180-9000 federal stock code).

The current small teleprinter used by the Navy is the UGC-2, a #28 printer, with 3-speed gear shift, in a special small cabinet, equipped with a keyboard from #32 machine. Since the #32 keyboard puts out a *parallel* signal, there is a mechanical sending distributor in the UGC-2 to convert the pulses to the common 7.42 unit serial code.

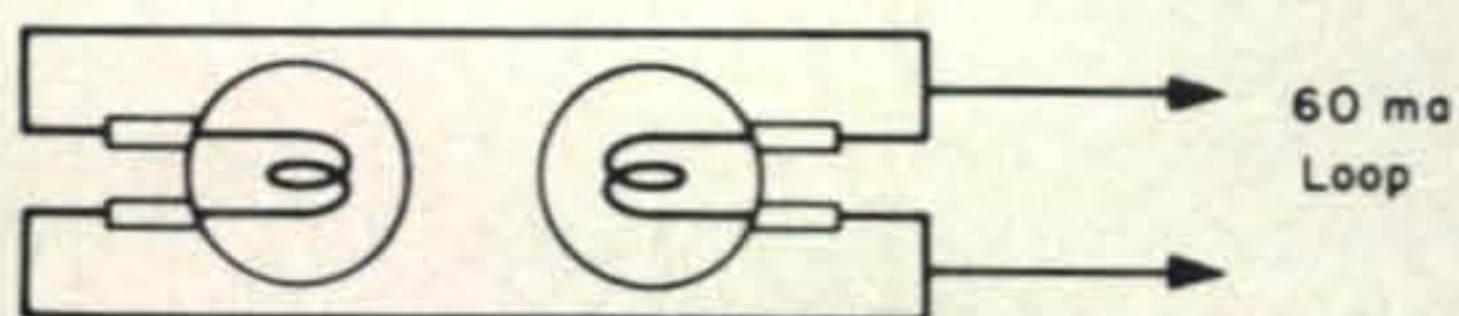


Fig. 2—Conversion of the signal magnets from 20 milliamperes operation to the more commonly-used 60 ma configuration. The diagram shows the proper hookup from 60 ma loops.

The UGC-2, in a low-level version which eliminates the husky r.f. noise output of the standard 60 ma machines, is replacing the MITE teleprinters used in Polaris and other submarines, and by the U.S. Marine Corps. The closely-shielded MITE commonly overheated in the field, and it led to r.f. emission troubles on board the *U.S.S. PUEBLO* and elsewhere afloat and submerged.

The TT-30 must have been a bear for r.f. noise. My 115 volt version puts out a good deal of hash, just receiving, and it would have to be shielded if it were to be used on weak-signal work. It helps to keep the cover closed and grounded, but the noise put out by the governor is still excessive. I hope that as it "runs in" it will improve, but like all governed motors it has a certain irreducible amount of brush contact noise.

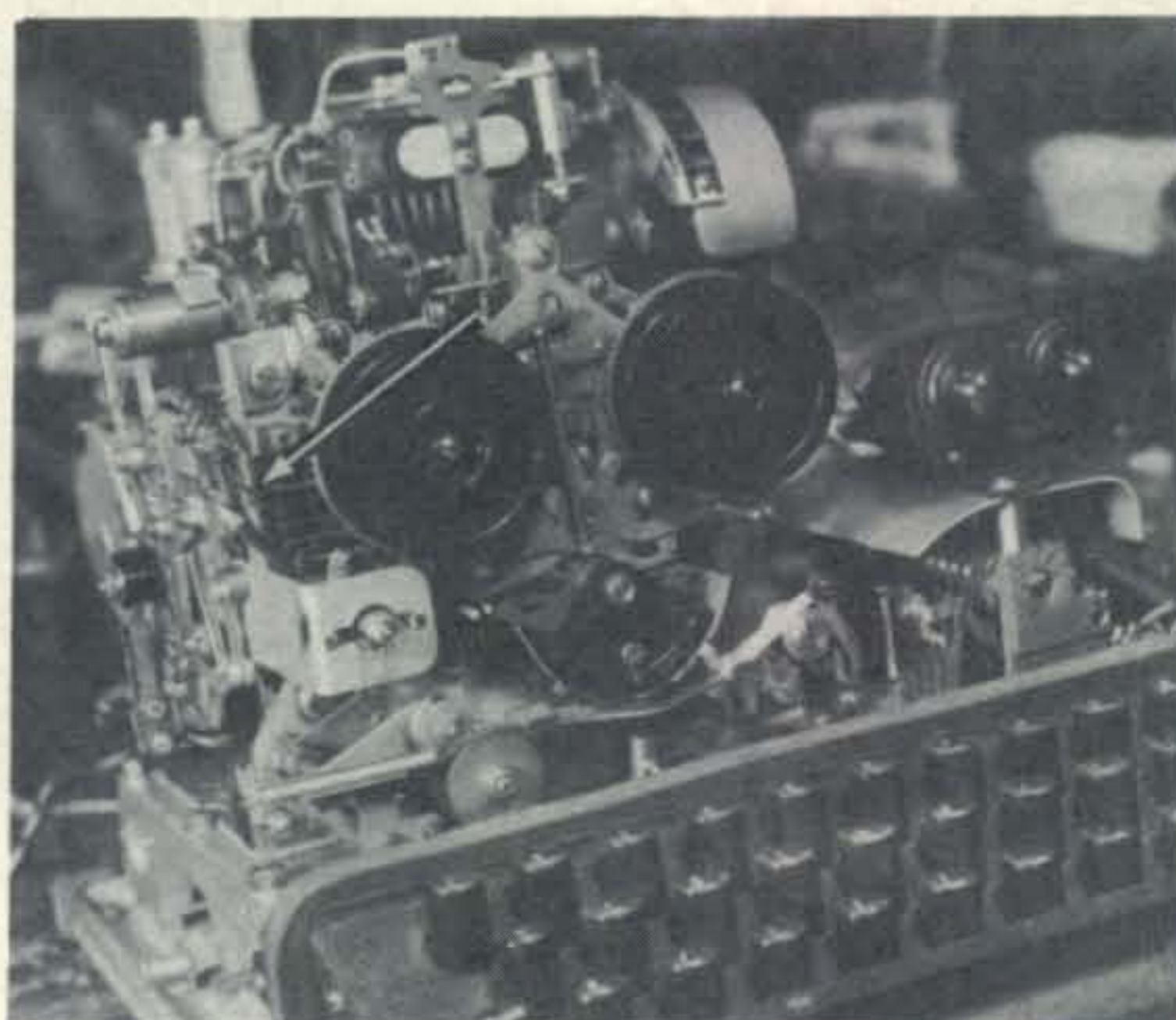


Fig. 3—Method of disabling the "unshift-on-space" feature of the Model 31. (see text)

A couple of other Surplus items have crossed my desk recently: the first is an automatic answerback unit for the #15-19 Teletype machines. This, available from Atlantic Surplus, 300 7th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215, is a device which, when tripped, will send a pre-coded signal of up to 21 characters. It may be operated from the sending keyboard, or as it was used on a land-line (TELEX) system, was actuated remotely.

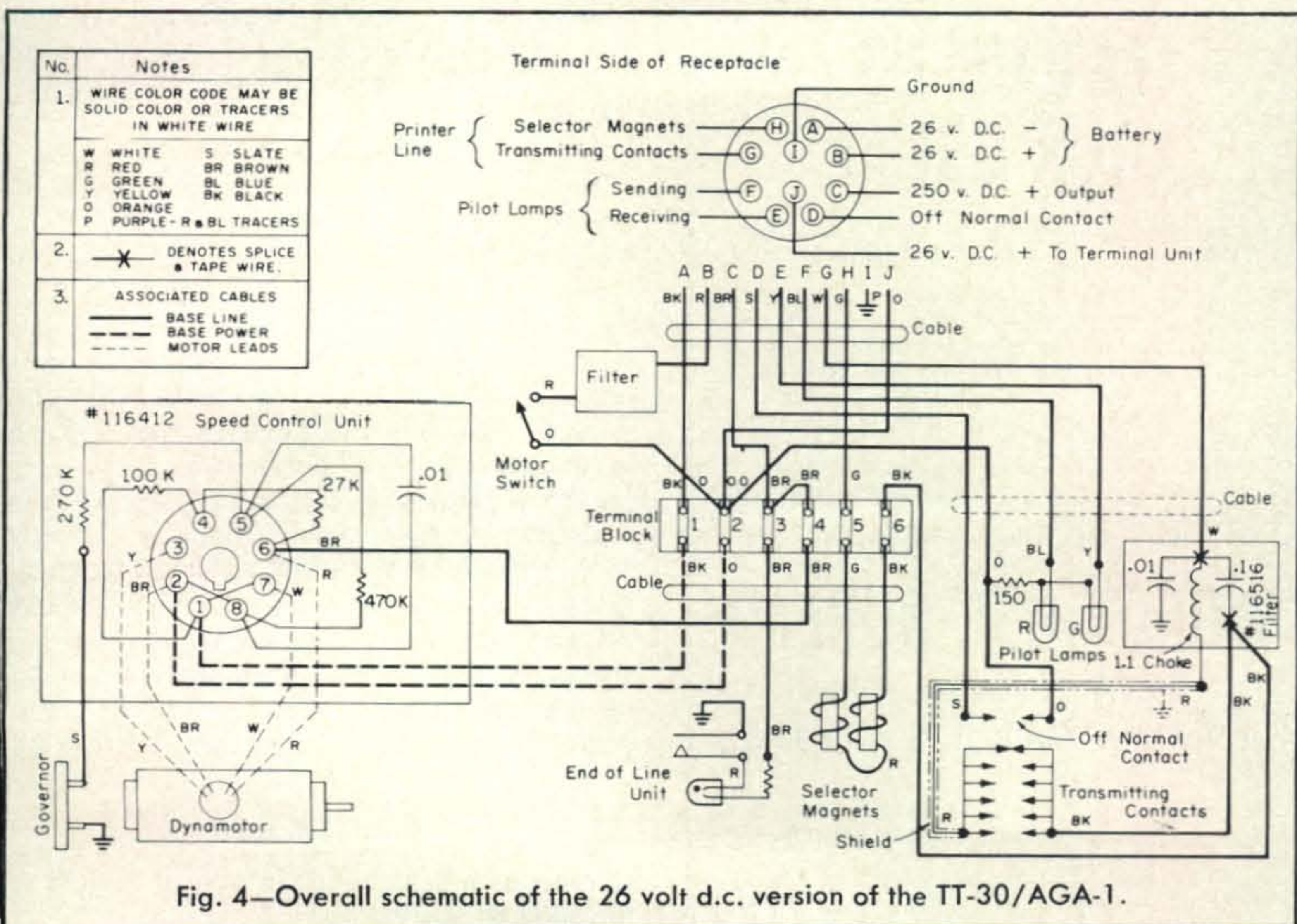
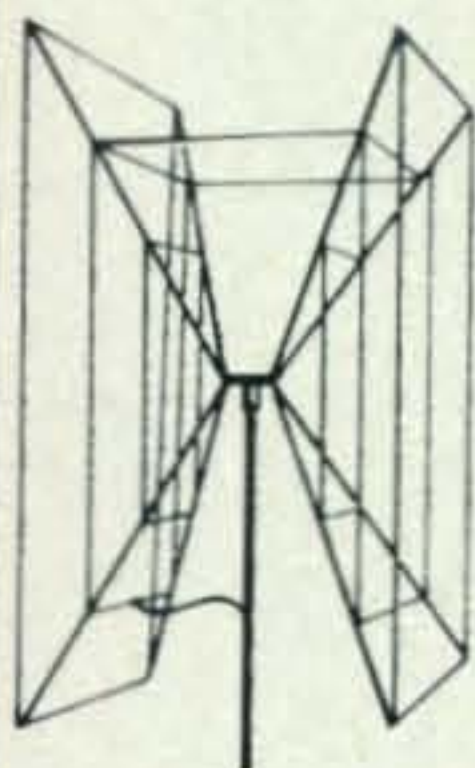


Fig. 4—Overall schematic of the 26 volt d.c. version of the TT-30/AGA-1.

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Reader Leo Drescher, of Orlando, Florida, advises me that there are a few Stewart-Warner "DATAFAX" transceivers in surplus down his way. These are designed to work on a.m. via a carrier of 2,400, 2,800, 9,500 c.p.s. etc., selected by plug-in filters. The sets are coded to indicate the configuration, i.e. "3268" means the machine is set up for 360 scan lines (r.p.m.) per minute on 2,800 c.p.s. carrier. Speeds of 900, 280, or 180 scan lines are also available, depending on the gearing.

Resolution is rather coarse, since the speed of the 30 scan machine allows it to cover an 11 inch page in three minutes, far faster than the standard Navy facsimile units. This is simply the tradeoff of speed versus quality.

For satellite reception of 240-scan transmissions from orbit, the Datafax units would require modification, or the received signal could be recorded on tape at 240 and slowed down or speeded up to accomodate the Datafax unit. ■

### Q & A [from page 79]

South Tulley Avenue, Oaklawn, Illinois 60453; Ami-Tron Associates, 12033 Otsego Street, No. Hollywood, California 91607.

### Radio Astronomy

Some time ago we referred a reader's inquiry about radio astronomy to Andrew Furlong, WA2FGK, of the Amateur Radio Astronomy Club of the Watchung Hills Regional High School. Since then, the club has received many requests from numerous parts of the world for information on the subject.

Andy has now informed us that a pamphlet entitled *Amateur Radio Astronomy* has been printed by members of the club in their own "Arts Graphic Shop." In a copy forwarded to us, we found the text extremely interesting. Included are brief, yet sufficiently informative, discussions on what radio astronomy is all about, its uses, equipment needed, source of strongest celestial signals, problems involved, important discoveries, difference between optical and radio astronomy and most intriguing of all "Signals from Space—Are We Alone?" Also included is a reference on books and periodicals related to the subject.



The pamphlet is available for the cost of handling only; namely, 25¢. Send your request with remittance to: Amateur Radio Astronomy Club, Watchung Hills Regional High School, Stirling Road, Warren Township, Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

### Noise Blanker for SB-301

**QUESTION:** I should like to add a noise blanker to my Heath SB-301 receiver, as the present one is not very effective. Do you have any circuits (preferably with IC's)?

**ANSWER:** We have no data on a noise blanker designed specifically for the SB-301; however, you might refer to the May 1969 issue of *Ham Radio* in which there was an excellent article on noise blankers using IC's. Perhaps you can adapt one of these circuits.

You can improve the present setup in the SB-301 by substituting a 6AL5 for the present noise-limiter diodes and changing the noise-limiter resistor from 20K to 500K for s.s.b. and 2 meg for a.m. Also install a .05 or .1 mf capacitor across the resistor.

### Correction

In "Product Detector and A.G.C. for the Knight Kit R-100A Receiver," July *CQ*, an error appeared in fig. 4. The polarity of the 4 mf 400 v. electrolytic capacitor should be reversed (negative side should be grounded). Sorry.

73, Bill, W2AEF

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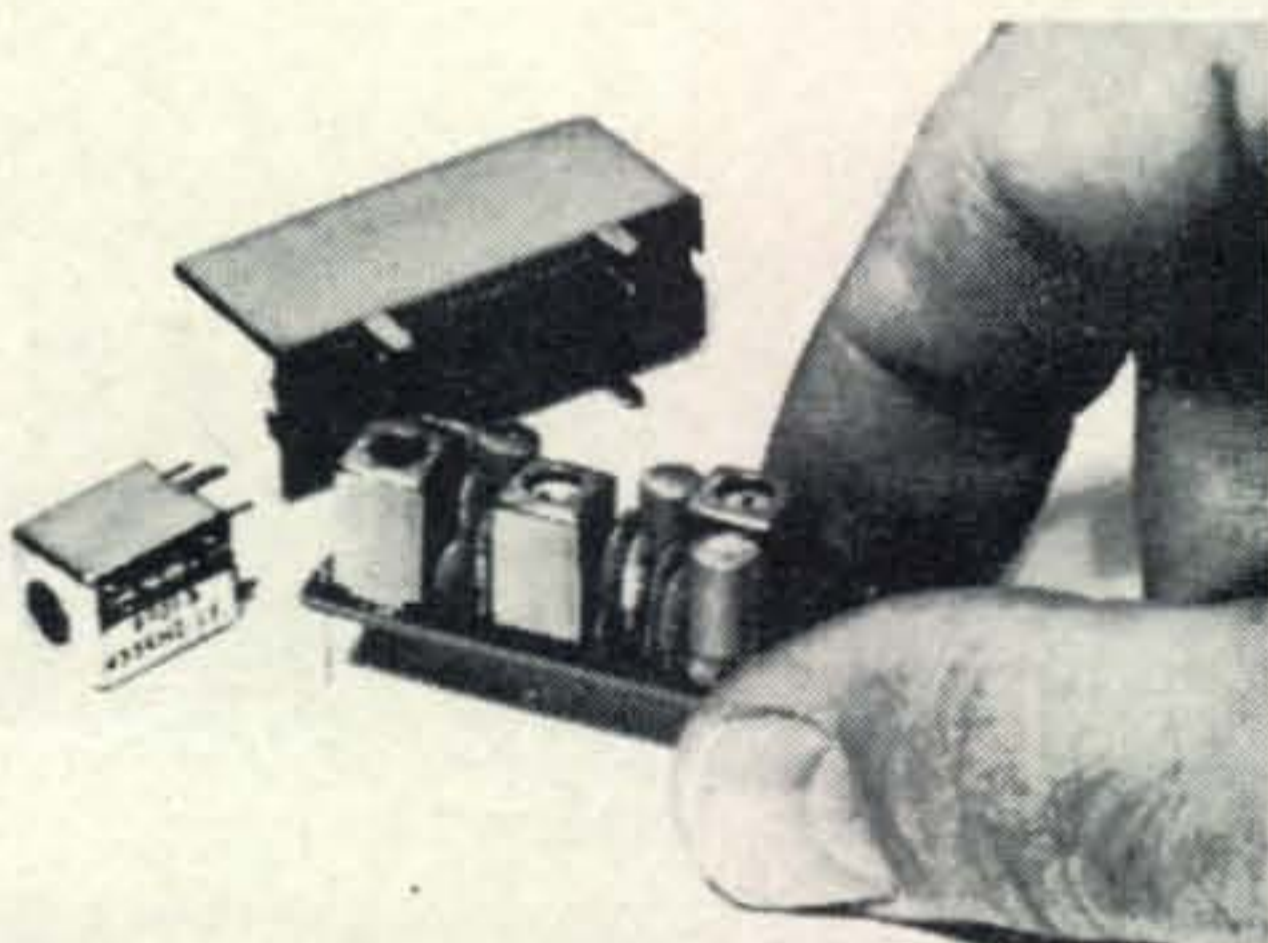
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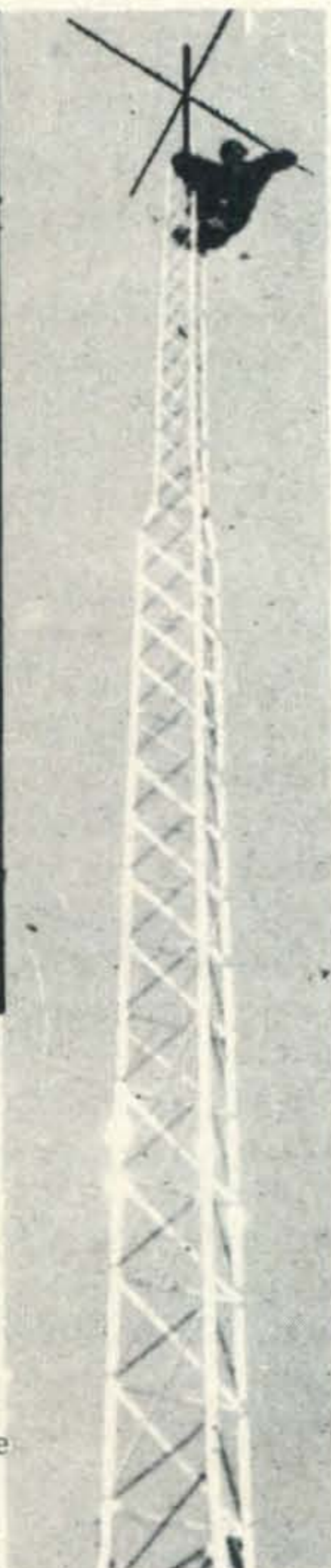


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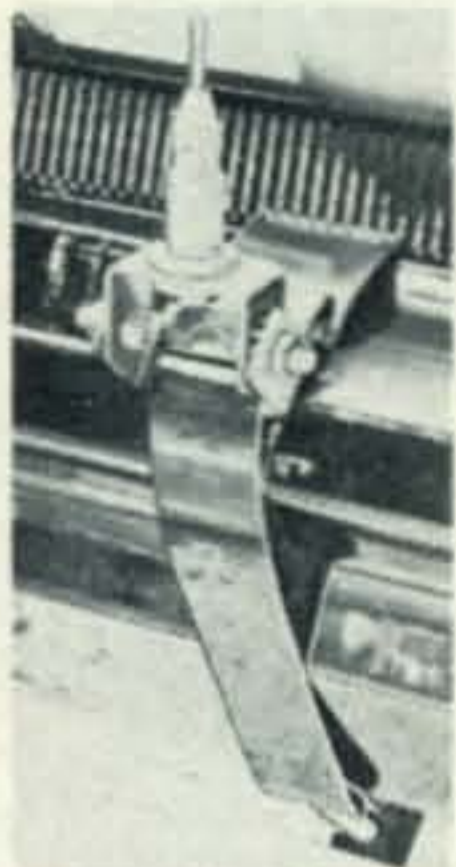
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### C. W. Results [from page 22]

And so we put another one to bed. This was a real rough one. What with the late arrival of many logs because of the mail embargo, and later an unscheduled stay in the hospital by yours truly (ulcers, aggravated by this contest business) we were really behind the 8 Ball.

However with the old reliable pitching in a crash program, we made it by the skin of our teeth. Andy Malashuk W1GYE, Bob Entwistle W1MDO, Freddie Caposella W2-IWC and a last minute crash assist by John Norback K1ZVU. I would be negligent if I didn't also give credit to Joan of the CQ staff, Lucy, Freddie's XYL and my wife Anne who puts up with this "silly contest business" almost every night for six months out of the year.

73 for now, Frank, W1WY

### Australis—OSCAR [from page 68]

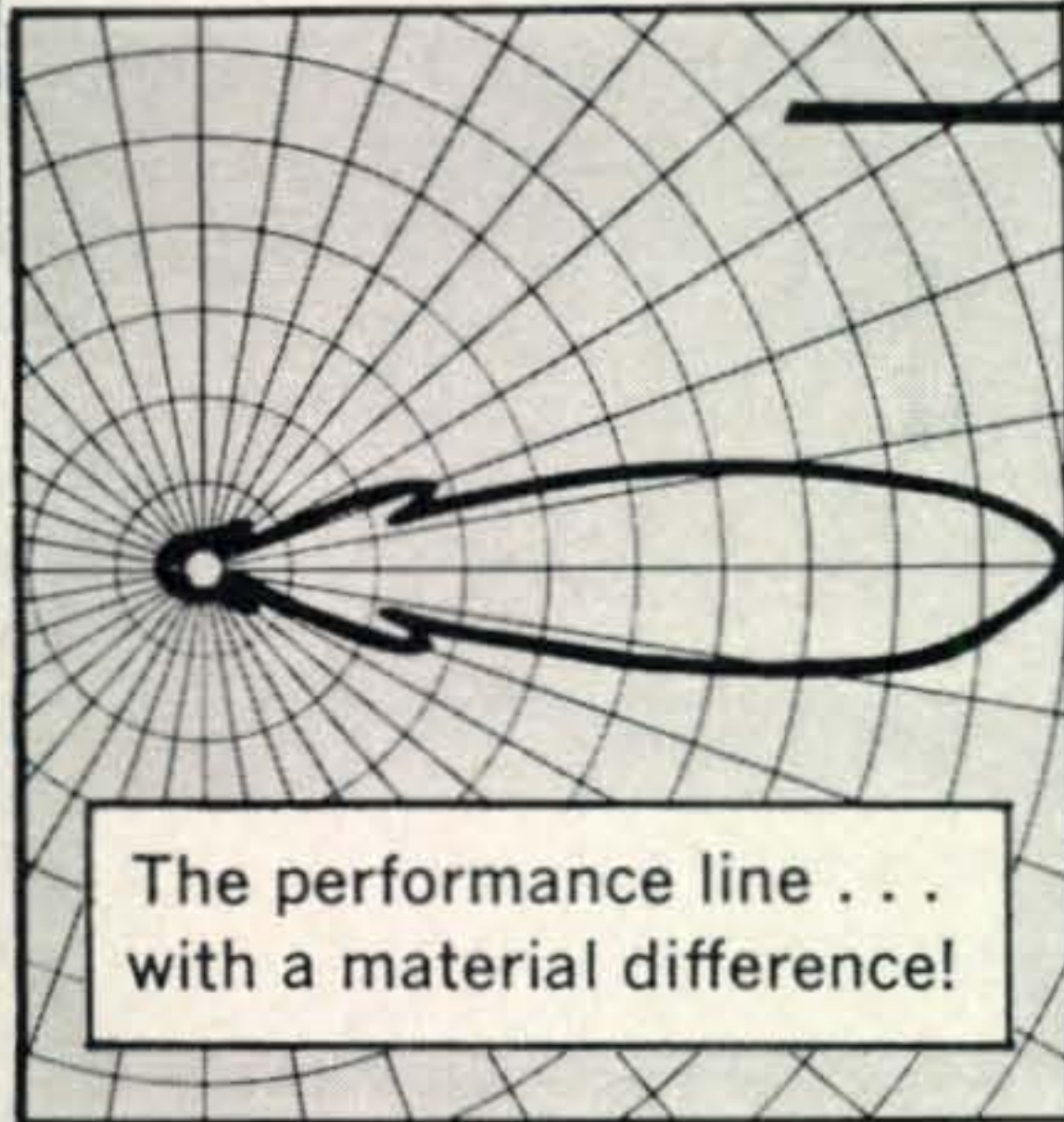
#### Philosophical Reflection

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It is hoped that the satellite will serve both as a tool and as a catalyst to encourage participation in space experimentation, especially among the younger generation who will be the engineering and scientific leaders of tomorrow. It is gratifying to note that many of the present leaders in this project rose from the ranks of the then younger generation who were attracted to the first OSCAR satellite, launched nearly eight years ago. Self education, exposure and experience in this, one of the most exciting of sciences, is the true sport of amateur radio.

Time is of the essence. Lift-off time is approaching rapidly. To conduct some of the experiments discussed in this article will require some degree of preparation. Get that equipment ready NOW. Plan to participate even if it is only to catch the HI signal on a single pass. Don't miss out on this exciting adventure for amateur radio!

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## Contest Calendar [from page 81]

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### Editor's Notes

No comments this month. Hope you are all having a good summer.

73 for now, Frank, W1WY

## USA-CA [from page 88]

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### Notes

Up to my deadline time, no new foto received from Leo, WA5AEB, so you will have to look in *CQ*, May 1966.

Many thanks for all the wonderful, wonderful and helpful letters received; I repeat, I wish I had a thousand readers like, Bertha, WA4BMC, her letters keep rolling in with much encouragement and helpful suggestions. So—How was your month?

73, Ed., W2GT.

## Slow Scan TV [from page 44]

the "sliding pulses." They will not be synchronized to 15,750 rate but will march across the c.r.o. screen like little soldiers. Negative going video is applied to the FET at point H. A good test of the sampler operation is to introduce a 1000 cycle sine wave at point H (instead of video) and observe the pattern on the c.r.o. screen at point G. The 1000 cycle sine wave will be boxcarred as shown in fig. 18.

The multivibrator circuit is adjusted by applying fixed voltages at the points specified. Remember to adjust potentiometers  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , white frequency adjust, together to produce a symmetrical square wave as observed on a c.r.o. at the output of  $Q_{34}$ .

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The best method of adjusting the potentiometers is by means of Lissajou figures on a c.r.o. with an audio oscillator connected to the horizontal plates. The adjustments are made to produce a 1/1 circle on the c.r.o. screen for the 1200 cycle sync frequency, 1500 cycle black frequency, and 2300 cycle white frequency.

The voltages measured at each of the arms of the potentiometers is given below.

$P_3$ , SYNC FREQUENCY pot. +4 v.

$P_4$  BLACK FREQUENCY pot. +.65 v.

The builder may want to have the black control, potentiometer  $P_4$ , available as an operator adjustment to compensate for video level and dynamic range of the video. In the final operation, Gain potentiometer,  $P_5$ , in fig. 14, should be adjusted to swing the frequency from 1500 cycles to 2300 cycles. (+5 v. to +11 v.). a 5 volt zener is in the collector of  $Q_{33}$  for the purpose of preventing video from interfering with sync/signals near ground potential.

### Conclusion

The slow scanner now has a variety of cameras from which to choose. Most of us started out with a flying spot scanner similar to the one described by K7YZZ in Oct., 1967 issue of 73.

The MacDonald camera described in June, July, August 1965 QST is still the best approach when considering the transmission of arrested motion but it may be difficult to focus and uses an above average priced vidicon.

Those of us that can hold still for 8 seconds can build a MacDonald camera with an open shutter using a fast scan 7735A or plumbicon as described by K7YZZ in the Feb., 1969 73 or build a sampling camera as described in this article.

The results of the sampling camera can be seen in the accompanying photographs. These two pictures compare the output of a normal fast scan monitor to that of the slow scan sampled version. Photography was done with a simple polaroid camera with several close up lenses in tandem therefore limiting the picture quality.

The author wishes to thank the many slow scanners that have had a part in providing circuit ideas and suggestions to make this camera possible. Among the many are WA2FLJ, W4UMF, W7FEN, K7YZZ, VE3EGO, W2PMV, W8SH and Glenn Southworth of Boulder, Colorado. Thanks

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### Findlay, Ohio

The Findlay Hamfest will be at Riverside Park on Sept. 7. Tickets & information available from Clark Foltz, W8UN, or any Club member. Tickets \$1.00 in advance, \$1.50 at park. Bring the whole family. No charge for flea market.

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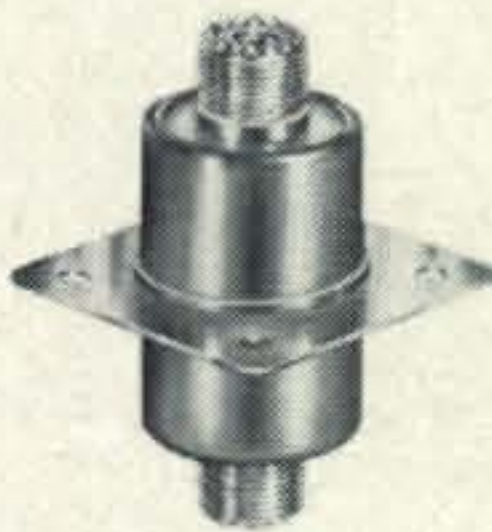
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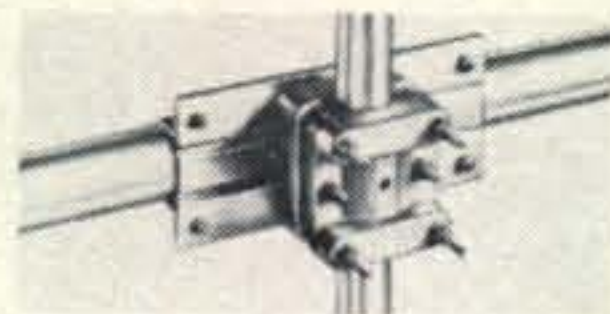
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**FOR SALE:** Ranger and Courier Amp. Both excel. and with manuals. R. Schweizer, WB2PFC, 240-270 145th Ave., Rosedale, L.I., N.Y.

**SX 122** with xtal calibrator \$140. WA0TEG, R. R. 23, Box 234, Kansas City, Mo.

**WANTED:** Collins S line and KWM-2 for best reasonable cash price. State condition SN first letter. LYNCH, 4741 Belwood Green, Arbutus, Md. 21227.

**F. M. TRANSCEIVER** 12/W PYE on 146.94 MC, W/control, spkr., manual \$50. BC-221 Freq. meter w/book \$35. W. J. Davis, 4434 Josie Ave., Lakewood, Calif. 90713.

**FOR SALE:** CQ Vol 1 No. 1 to date QST Jan. 1924 to date, make offer. D. J. Sullivan, 9607 4th Ave., Inglewood, Calif. 90305.

**RTTY 28 ASR & KSR** cabinet trade for 28 gear shifts, ASR TD or Reperf base. K0SHK, D.C. Harrington, 1620 Gardenia Ave., N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55421.

**WANTED:** Collins 399C external P.T.O. **SELL:** Collins MP-1 mobile power supply and 351D-2 mobile mount. Mike Ludkiewicz, 143 Richmond Road, Ludlow, Mass. 01056.

**FOR SALE:** Collins 75S3B S/N 15885, 32S3 S/N 13596, 516F2 PS, Johnson 250W Match box. \$1050. D. Palmquist, P.O. Box 505, Barstow, Calif. 92311.

**HALLICRAFTER** HA2 transv. w. power. Ex. cond. \$130. Joost Koenig, WB6GXT, 5143 Elsinore, Orange, Calif. 92667.

**TRADE:** Have complete radio control system and very good forty meter receiver. Will trade either or both for walkie-talkie one to five watts or cash. Carey Coggins, 7125 Hunters Branch Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30328.

**FOR SALE:** Johnson 250-39 T-R switch. New, never been used—\$20. R. C. Kaefer, WN2EWC, Box 24, Cowlesville, N.Y. 14037.

**SALE:** V.F.O. Heathkit HD-10B, new, \$25.00. Crystals for 75S1, as from factory incl. 100kc, upper-tower sb, \$20.00., clamp-on am meter for Triplet 310 VOM, new, \$6.00 + postage. K6AEZ, 150 Geneive Street, Camarillo, California 93010.

**TUBES.** New, unused. RK 38, 4D32, 866, 1806, 3E29, 829. Send stamp for bargain prices. K4PNY, 4103 N.W. 15th Street, Gainesville, Fla. 32601.

**FOR SALE:** Swan 175 \$90.00. Hustler MO-2 Mast RM-75 Resonator \$15.00. Honeywell W612B DC supply \$25.00. K8EKG, 1020 4th Street, SW, Massillon, Ohio 44646.

**WANTED:** Old battery operated radios of the early 1920's. Need not be in working condition. Also want early wireless gear. D. T. McKenzie, 1200 W. Euclid, Indianola, Iowa, 50125.

**FOR SALE:** Collins 51J4 with 1,3,6 kc mechanical filters, excellent condition with cabinet. \$625. FOB. W7QCN/O. 1610 Shasta Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80910.

**SWAP** Early HRO, P.S. plus cash for Lafayette HA144 2 meter transceiver W2NX, 29-29 213 Street, Bayside, N.Y. 11360.

**FOR SALE:** Factory Eico 753, 751. Has been completely stabilized and reworked. Will take first offer. \$180. You pay shipping. WA5PPF, Box 5025, Abilene, Texas. 79605.

**SELL OR SWAP:** Lafayette HE30 5 band receiver. \$50 or what have you to swap? J. Wasiewicz, 229 Sarles La., Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570.

**SALE OR TRADE:** Like new 28 KSR Auto CR-LF with or without 3 speed shift WA0KLC, 315 E. 20, Grand Island N.B.

**FOR SALE:** Ranger I, \$75. SASE for list of basement-cleaning surplus. Al Brogdon, K3KMO, RD 1, Box 390A, State College, Pa. 16801.

**WANTED:** T. R. Switch, outdoor baluns, mobile rig & HT33B. State terms & condx. J. L. Davis, 904 Haws Ave., Norristown, Pa. 19401.

**OMEGA DA KEYER** w/p.s. like new, \$50.00. p.p. Albert Hale, WA7ERA, Route 2, Boise, Idaho 83702.

**FOR SALE:** Heath DX60B, HR10B, AM2 S-MTR, Manuals, mint condx, shipped \$175. Jay Gardella, 120 Oaktree, No. Kingstown, R.I. 02852.

**FOR SALE:** Collins 32 S3 and 75 S3 both \$750.00. W2VL. M. R. Gutman, 491 Rebecca Lane, Oceanside, N.Y. Phone RO 4-0309.

**FOR SALE:** Magazines, CQ-QST, PF Reporter, Radio News and IRE Proceedings, 20 years of CQ and QST. Pickup or postage. Best offer S.A.S.E. for list. G. B. Martin, Box 111, Campbell Hall, N.Y. 10916.

**HORNET ANTENNA** TB 1000-4 for sale very reasonable. Locals only. WA6ZCQ, Ph. 213-663-1581.

**SELL:** Heath HX20, HP20 & man. \$150. Ameco TX 6 & 2 \$75. Elmac AF67 \$35. Not mobiles. M. Pieper, W9CSV, 26350 W. Edison Rd., So. Bend, Ind. 46628.

**TRADE/SELL** Mil. model Bird wattmeter \$75; few new meters for No. 43 system \$15; Components, List SASE. W4API, 1420 S. Randolph Street, Arlington, Va. 22204.

**SELL:** GR Freq. monitor 1175B new cond. W/cables \$120. Trade on HQ180, HQ145, AR88, CR91. WA3BNB, R. Snider, RD No. 2, Lewistown, Pa. 17044.

**SELL:** Compact Morrow Falcon 10-80 + broadcast receiver with matching AC supply and spkr. \$60. W6DJZ, 3748 Floresta Way, L.A., Calif. 90043.

**FOR SALE:** Heath 10-21 scope, excellent condition, Extras! \$37.50. Money order only. William Karl, 24 Mill Street, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

**WANTED:** Will pay \$1.50 a piece for old QST binders. Bro. Gerald Malseed, Calvert Hall College, Towson, Md. 21204.

**FOR SALE:** ART-13 3 power supplies less SB adapter. Used ARMARS. Best offer. Pickup only. KIGKA, John Welland, 35 Hayward Ave., Lexington, Ma. 02173.

**NC 125 Rcvr** w/speaker, \$75. 1" Millen scope w/ power supply. \$20. Both A1 & FOB. K2UQQ, 7 Racoon Dr., Hazlet, N.J. 07730.

**HELLO FELLOW HAMS!** My three years in Vietnam are now complete. Thank you for your prayers and good wishes. Look on 20 & 40 traffic nets (sidebands). Jerry Murphy, K8YUW.

**FOR SALE:** B & W 5100 and 51SB combination, Heath Tower, Lafayette HE45B. WA5CMC, 2309 Bullington, Wichita Falls, Tex. 76301.

**NEED:** April 1916 QST to complete file, A. R. Marcy, W4ID, 461 3rd Ave., Sea Park, Eau Gallie, Fla. 32935.

**WORKED** W5TIA/4 Jenkins Country, Ga.? An activity of the Georgia Southern Area A.R.C. Qsl via club secretary, W4DQD.

**HALL** SX-140, HT-40 HA-5VFO Heath AM-2 SWR, Mint condx. \$145. Wilson E. Brewster, Mass. 02640.

**T150—\$30.00**, excellent condx., ART13 & Rugged pwr supply—\$50.00 or trade for TX62. ART 13 pick up or delivery only. WA3JRY, Bob Huffman, RD No. 1, Dillsburg, Pa. 17019.

**WANTED:** Manual on Kahn Research Laboratories, Inc. Model RSSB-59-1A SSB receiver, Bob G. Mahrenholz, K4QQK, 307 Old Fort, Tullahoma, Tenn. 37388.

**FOR SALE:** Cliff-Dweller, 40 & 80 M with Alliance Rotator, coax cable and rotator cable. \$100.00. W8EFW, 1340 Ford Rd., Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124.

**FOR SALE:** Lafayette 45B, 6 meter transceiver \$60. Hallicrafters HA-5 UFO, Self-powered, full 80 thru 2 meter coverage, \$45.00. Both very good condition. K. N. Massie, 115 Woodlawn Dr., Ironton, Ohio. 45638.

**NOTICE:** If UR interested in wireless history, join the wireless Pioneers, a non-profit organization, P.O. Box 530, Santa Clara, Calif. Say Ed Marriner, W6BLZ, Sent U.

**MITE KSR** \$500, Unimat \$85, Monitoradio M-160 \$75, Bolex P-4, Reg 8 zoom \$85. Perera, K2DCY, 410 Riverside Drive, N.Y.C. 10025.

**COLLINS** 75A4 mech. Filter F455 J60 best offer. All replies answered. W2ASI, 15 Kensington Oval, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10805.

**ELMAC** A-54H transmitter \$28.50, SWR meter \$8.50, nuvistors \$1.15, sockets .15¢, 90w. transistors \$1.25, cast heat sinks \$.75, other parts. Send SASE for list. J. Boer, 449 Hill Street, Boonton, N.J. 07005.

**FOR SALE:** DX 60 Vy gud \$50.00 Mosley Vertical RV-4 complete with Roof Mounting \$20.00 Three brand new 12JB6 finals for TR3 \$2.50 each Eico Grid Dip Meter \$20.00. Call 212-TW 1-3714 or write WB2NDS, 16 Fane Court, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229.

**WANTED:** Dauco DR-30 or DR 50 receiver, transistorized transmitter. **SELL:** 75 A 2 w/Prod Det, Cal, Spkr, \$195. WA3BGN, 6117 Smithfield Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17112.

**WANTED:** Electric train, standard gauge, 2 1/8" wide track or larger in trade for ham equipment or parts. Send QSL with make and model for reply—will consider purchase. H. C. Deacon, 872 Santa Rita Ave., Los Altos, Calif.

**INFINITY TRANSMITTER,** phone patch & other surveillance plans \$4.20. 12 VDC/120 VAC 150 W. transistor inverter \$14. G. Denman, Rt3, Box 164, Grape-land, Texas 75844.

**SELL OR SWAP:** Mohawk recv \$100—Polaroid #250 \$80 PH 600A-35. Want KWS1 Chas. Barker, Bloomfield 52537, Ph. 515-459-3800.

**FOR SALE:** Collins 62S-1, KWM-2. **SELL OR TRADE:** RTTY CV-89A/URA converter; Model 19 & T.D., TDA-2 distortion Analyzer; TS-2B/TG Test set. LM Freq meter; TS-323/UR freq. meter. Gonset G-150; RCA 12v, 60 watt CMV-3E1, Low band, Crystalled on 52,525 MHz; G.E. Pre-Prog. Type ES-12-A, 12v, 60 watt High Band, Crystalled on 146.94 MHz. K5RTI. 1301 Clearfield Drive, Austin, Texas. 78758.

**COLLEGE BOUND:** EICO 720 \$40, EICO 730 \$30, SX-99 (as-is) \$50, Misc. Magazines CQ, QST, 73's Oct. 1960 on. 50¢ at except certain rare issues. R. Haidak, WA3JDT, 4 Homer Street, Greenville, Pa. 16125.

**COLLINS R-388** \$375.00. Hy-Gain Hy-Tower vertical 80 through 10—\$75.00. Much more, stamp for list. **WANT:** Waters Codax Keyer. J. Shank, 21 Terrace Lane, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

**JACKSONVILLE AREA** Amateur Radio Club—Hamfest July 6, 1969. 4-H building, Morgan Co. Fairground, Jacksonville, Ill.

**Heath HW22** 40 meter SSB transceiver FB condition. \$70. Hustler Mobile antenna mount plus 20 and 40 meter resonators. \$15. Art Johnson, K2POA, 29 Boone Street, Bethpage, New York 11714. Phone: 516-931-3374.

**SELL:** Heath Pawnee 2 meter TX-RX, I-177 tube tester, Ham-M rotator, Homebrew KW PP 813 final W2RUZ, 33-45 172 Street, Flushing, New York 11358.

**SELL:** Hallicrafters HT-37 transmitter—\$200. Hammarlund HQ-110 with spkr. \$129. Both in excellent condition. Lee Hagan, K4OZQ, 9312 Habersham Drive, Louisville, Ky. 40222.

**SALE:** 41000A w/sckt, chmy \$75, TS-186/4 \$275, TS-323/4 \$200, CU-57/URA \$100, ME-30/u \$40. B. Neilson, 3226 Louisville Rd., Augusta, Ga. 30906.

**WILL SWAP** English ham mags. or stamps for "QST's" pre-April 1922, "Radio" July 1935. "R/9" No's 40-49 (1932-33). A Herridge, G3IDG, 96 George Street, Basingstoke, Hants, England.

**FOR SALE:** Wheatstone oiled 15/32" perforator tape for Boehme heads. P. Lemon, 3154 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, Cal. 95401.

**FOR SALE:** National SW3 and FB7X. Also Hallicrafters SX146 never used. Won at SAROC hamfest. Erv Rasmussen, 164 Lowell Street, Redwood City, California 94062.

**WANTED:** Elevating base, B-42, and original cabinet for SX-42, also 500 kc xtal for BC 221. John Wagner, 662 W. Lincoln, Caro, Michigan 48723.

**WANTED:** Early battery receiver and wireless gear, need not be in working condition. State your price. McKenzie, 1200 Weuclid, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

**BALUN KIT** for 500 W. ratios 1:1 or 4:1 includes Toroid form and wire, you furnish connectors and mounting \$2.00 P.P. Toroids, Urbana, Ohio 43078.

**ANTIQUÉ SPEAKER** vintage 1927 for use with RCA Radiola 17. Also QST—1 or 2 issues of same period. R. Mendelson, 27 Somerset Pl., Murray Hill, N. J. 07971.

**FOR SALE:** New, factory packaged, regulated power supplies. 250-300 MDC, 105 bias and 6.3 at 10 amps. \$20.00 prepaid. Contact W5HW, 226 Blake Drive, Midwest City, Oklahoma 73130.

**WANTED:** Hallicrafters HA-10 low freq. conv. and HA-26 VFO, WB4BSH 1305 Fiske Blvd., Cocoa, Fla. 32922.

**DRAKE R-4A.** Brand new. Bought it, checked it out then moved. Warantee card, manual. original carton. \$295. cert. check plus shipping. A. Stadler, W9KHD, 525 Kinkaid Ct., Des Plaines, Ill. 60016.

**PLATE XFORMER** Stancor. 3600 volts. 2500 WV at 1.7 amps 115-230 primary. For bridge rectifier. Aprox 11"x10"x7". 1251 lbs. Best acceptable offer. A Stadler, W9KHD, 525 Kinkaid Ct., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

**WANTED:** Am interested in mint 200V with 160 meters, state details, E. F. Erickson, W2CVW, 13 Robert Circle, So. Amboy, N.J.

**WANTED:** Surplus ideas for "Surplus Sidelight;" sell: 4 volumn Test Equipment Directory, 1500 pages of military, commercial test gear, \$5.50 postpaid, also other surplus, fax, RTTY stuff, list free. G. White, 5716 N. Kings Highway, Alexandria, Va. 22303.

**Hallicrafters** receiver SX 101A MK 111 excellent condition \$150.00 W2UI 427 Oakland Ave., Maple Shade, N.J. 08052.

**FOR SALE:** Send SASE for list of amateur crystals for sale all bands 160 thru 2 mtrs in ft-243 also many novice frequencies available. K8LJQ, 351 Mower Road, Pinckney Mich. 48169.

**TRADE** National NC155 rcvr with original carton and Heath Cheyenne am xmtr. (both with manuals in as/is condx) for HW32A. Would consider sale as package or separate; make offer. VE2AUL, 6140 Shirley, Halifax, N.S.

**WANTED:** Instruction book for Heath DX100 xmtr. Ed. Rittenhouse, W3PVY, 226 Fourth Street, Weatherly, Pa. 18255.

**NCL-2000** in excellent shape—\$360.00, Gonset GSB-201 \$190.—WA5DAJ, 4305 Windsor Drive, Garland, Texas 75040.

**KEYBOARD**—Answer-Back for identification for model 15,1200. Send for Teletype free catalog. Atlantic Surplus Sales, 300 7th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215.

**FOR SALE:** Heath GR-54 SWL receiver. Ony 2 months old. Prof. alligned. \$70. ppd. Dave Naatz, Rt. 5, Box 237, Austin, Minn. 55912.

**TAPETONE SKYSWEEP** 345 6 mtr. rcvr. conv. \$75., Matching xc-144 2 mtr. conv. \$25. Ted Craven, W6CVQ, 841 Sevely Drive, Mtn. View, Ca. 94040.

**WANTED:** Copy of "Radio Reminiscences: A Half Century" by Dr. Taylor. M. Gauthier, 10425 San Jose Ave., South Gate, Ca. 90280.

**SWAP FPR?** Conversion kit, convert TA33 beam to include 40 meters—Gud condx. WA6HYB. 624 First Ave., Chula Vista, Calif. 92010.

**SB-34** in excellent condition with Mic, manual pre-paid for \$225.00—also sell Galaxy AC supply VOX, and calibrator. Len Malone, 4305 Windsor Dr., Garland, Texas 75040.

**SIERRA HAMFEST** Bowers Mansion August 23, 1969 bring the children, fenced playground and swimming area. QSP, QSL for details NARA, Box 2534, Reno, Nevada.

**RTTY** Model 14 and TD @ \$40.00, Model 15 KSR @ \$60.00. Both Syne motors and 60WPM. Dale R. Lee, W3JRM, 1228 Shelbourne Dr., Bethlehem, Pa. 18018.

**112 New Control** xfmrs 3 windings 230-230-115V. 60 50VA. Net at \$9.40 ea. Sell all or part at \$1.50 ea. D. Platsis, WA6DBR, 2161 Menzel Place, Santa Clara, Calif. 95050.

**HAVE CABLES FOR TCS;** Xfmrs many kinds, BC22TT; Little Giant 20-40 meter antenna; TV Test equipment. What do you need? L. Basham, 735 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction, Ore. 97523.

**SELL:** Swan 350 (late model) 117XC supply, 410 VFO, 22-B adaptor, swr. A-1 condition, w/books. 1st certified check for \$425. takes all. Al Povol, 3538 Center-view Ave., Wantagh, N.Y. 11793.

**WANTED:** Tents, camping gear, Ampex or equal Hi-Fi Stereo Tape Equipment, Large 12 1/2-16" Cassa-gerian Telescope. Will buy or swap for electronic equipment such as listed in our new flyer 969J2—free. Denson Electronic Corp., P.O. Box 85, Rockville, Conn. 06066.

**FOR SALE:** QST 1930 to date a few missing. Also have CQ, Radio and books. Write your needs and make offer. A. C. Gifford, Union Springs, N.Y. 13160.

**FOR SALE:** EICO CW Trans. 720 + VFO 722, \$50. Johnson Kw match box 250-30 \$30.00. Heath UT-1 P.S \$10. Exc. cond. J. Tryniski, 613 So. 1st Street, Fulton, N.Y. 13069.

**WANTED:** Correspondence with experimenters in sleep learning. M. Hoshiko, W9CJW, 707 S. James, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

**FOR SALE:** Pair NEW Arvin 9 transistor CB walkie talkies, Chan. 13, Model 97R59, \$32.50 PP Receipt money order or trade for Ham gear. WA4NED, Box 468, Gainesville, Ga. 30501.

**NEED:** WD-11 and WD-12 tubes W6AKM, 1289 Glen Eyrie, San Jose, Calif. 95125.

**HT-37** and HQ 170C for sale. Both in FB condx. Best offer takes both. Ron Clement, K7MJX, 125 Norwood, Shreveport, La. 71105.

**WANTED:** SB-72, General Radiotelephone Co. SSB/AM citizen band rig at realistic price, good operating condition, State price 1st letter. Bob McGwier, Box 565, Grove Hill, Ala. 36451.

**G3IDG** would like to add ham call license plates from KH6, KL7, KP4 & KZ5 to those already on his shack wall. A. Herridge, 96 George Street, Basingstoke, Hants., England.

**BARGAIN** 75-A1, manual, 100kc. crystal calibrator, perfect shape, C.O.D. \$130. Rafael Estevez, WA4ZZG, P.O. Box 2442, Hialeah, Fla. 33012.

**EICO 753** needs work but intact. \$50. Vibroplex champion bug \$9. 80-10 mtr. preselector exclnt cond. \$10. write K3FOD, 925 Coleridge Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21229.

**EICO 753** w/751 AC supple. Very stable. \$165.00 cash. Viking II w/VFO best offer. ART-13 best offer. Johnson 250-20 low pass filter. \$12. K5ZUV, 911 S. Liberty Ave., Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

**WANTED:** Joystick Antenna and Joymatch and 20 meter hustler. Also Eico 752 mobile DC supply. P. Ludwig, 600 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, N.Y. 10305.

**BLANK CHASSIS** 13x17x4 alum—\$3.50; Blank Chassis 11x17x2 steel—\$2.00; Rack Panel 19x14 steel, \$3.00. E. Tischler, 58 Carey Ave., Wilkes, Barre, Pa. 18702.

**SELL ARRL** Handbooks 1937-38 39-41-43-44-45-46-47-49-50-51-55-67—\$3.00 each P. P. K4JK, 2804 Broad-view Drive, Huntsville, Ala. 35810.

**FOR SALE:** Like new—Viking Valient II \$175.00. T. G. Soukup, WA1AWX, RFD 3, Bob Hill Road, Ridgefield, Conn. 06877.

**FOR SALE:** WE 417A, \$3.00 Ea, Simpson 230 VOM w/leather case, \$17.50; Heath Balun Coils, \$4.50; Heath GP-11 6, 12V PS \$6.00—WA2IEU, 72 4th Street, Woodridge, N.J. 0705.

**CAMERA:** Retina 3C f:z lens w/exp mtr. Sell \$75.00 or swap with ham SW rcvr. M. Bae, Box 9 Kingston, N.J. 08528.

**FOR SALE:** 75A4, s/n 4745, immaculate condition. 0.5 and 3.1 filters. S. J. Chmell, 2943 73 Ave., Elmwood Park, Ill. 60635.

**SELL:** SB-200 — \$175, TR4-\$450, RV3-\$50, Galaxy MKII w/AC \$300, NCL-2000—\$400. Wanted Drake or Galaxy. K5TGJ, 2817 Lakewood Dr., Garland, Texas 75040.

**ZENITH 1938** receiver console 1.8-18mc (\$40) Kodak automatic 35 camera and flash (\$45) sell or swap for home gear. Tom Dornback, 19W167 21st Place, Lombard, Illinois.

**FOR SALE:** NC-98 gen. cov. rcvr just aligned. 100% functioning \$50. Novice xtals \$75. All plus postage. WB6ZQQ, 3592 Valencia Hill, Riverside, Calif. 92507.

**SELL:** Heath DX60b, HR10B, Xtal cal, SWR, 11 novice xtals, manuals, mint condx. Guaranteed. Ship for \$175 or separate. WA1JFG, 120 Oaktree, No. Kingstown, R.I. 02852.

**SWAP OR SELL:** for \$30 unused, clean 725A magnetron made in Canada. Need schematic and operating manual of Precision Radiation Instruments, Model 106C, "Lucky Strike" Geiger Counter. George Kap-sokavadis, 13 Kolokotroni Street, Corfu, Greece.

**FOR SALE:** Late Serial Number, Exc. cond. Collins 75S3B 32S3 516F2 312B-4 Complete 30% off current list. WA0GUN, 291 So. Jasmine, Denver, Colo. 80222.

**VACUUM CAPACITOR** 5.30 mmf. 10,000 Voet Jennings, ECS-30, FB for VHF, amplifier \$15.00 prepaid. G. Lay, 109 No. 32 Ave., Yakima, Wh. 98902.

**FOR SALE:** Apache TX-1, needs minor work, best offer over \$50. Lafayette HA-230 good condx. \$35 or best offer. Consider trade for good oscilloscope. Glenn Anderson, 1100 New Jersey Ave., Pine Beach, N.J. 08741.

**G3IDG**, a student of early amateur radio, would appreciate offer of a complete set of "Spark Gap Times". A. Herridge, 96 George Street, Basingstoke, Hants., England.

**ENGLISH** amateur radio historian requires "Who's Who in Amateur Radio" (c. 1934) & "Calling CQ" (De Soto, 1941). A. Herridge, G3IDG, 96 George St., Basingstoke, Hants., England.

**R390.** very good, with manuals. \$600. Will ship U.S. or Alaska. Al Hershberger, Box 280, Soldatna, Alaska 99669.

**NEEDED:** Drake DC-4 power supply. Trade: Halli-crafters SX-110 General coverage Receiver. WB4ESE, Box 211, Lewisburg, Tenn. 37091.

**TOROIDS 88mhy.** 5/\$2.00 postpaid. 32KSR good condition. \$200. New Clegg 66er \$160. NCX5 & NCXA \$400. Drake 2B & 2BQ \$175. B&W 51SB adaptor \$50. Facimile xcvr. \$20. Stamp for list. Van W2DLT, 302X Passaic Striling, N.J. 07980.

**SELL:** Heath Apache \$100. HT-37 w/Galaxy comp. & mike. \$225. Heath Mohawk receiver needs new tubes \$225. All with manuals. W8UGD, George Eastman, R No. 1, Box 420, Ossinerg, Mich. 49766.

**CORRECTION:** Sierra Hamfest, Bowers Mansion will be held on Saturday 30 August 1969. QSP QSL for details. NARA, Box 2534, Reno, Nevada.

**WANTED:** Swan 405X Mars VFO and 22 adapter. Have BL22IT, EICO Signal Generator, Sweep Generator, Multimeters, tubes, etc. or what do you want? Basham, W7TCT, Cave Junction, Ore. 97523.

**FOR SALE:** Mobile mts & DC supply for SR-400, list \$249 sell \$120, same for SR-150 list \$149 sell \$65, Nat. NC-198 with 100kc calib. Q-mult and field effects pre-amp. spkr \$90. W9JNI, 330 N. Buffalo Street, Warsaw, Ind. 46580.

**EICO 722 VFO FOR SALE:** Factory wired used very little; like new, \$32.00. Registered check or money order. I'll pay shipping. W1B Cartwright, WA8PZJ, Chillicothe, Ohio. 45601.

**EICO 753 SSB** transceiver w/power supply \$100.00; Gonset 6 mtr. 12 v. converter \$25. WA3IAX, 8802 Church Field Lane, Laurel, Md. 20810.

**FOR SALE:** HyGain 6 mtr; 6 element beam with AR22 rotor-wire—\$39.95. Good condition. Geffner, 48 Park Avenue East, Merrick, L. I., N. Y.

**WANTED:** TG 34A keyer with tapes or Instructograph, Swan 14-117 D.C. power supply (for 350) Cassette recorder with AM/FM or just FM HAM-M Rotator & Control. Please quote lowest price. H.F. Cushing, WB6CQG, 5224 Bobbie Ave., San Jose, Calif. 95130.

**TRADE:** 6 and 2 SR-34AC Hallicrafters transceiver—good working order. Henry Wroblewski, WA9AAQ, 3747 S. Harvey Ave., Berwyn, Ill. 60402.

**WEST COAST ONLY**—4 el. Tri Band Hornet antenna for sale, reasonable. WA6ZCQ.

**ANTIQU TUBE** 226 or 326 with good filament. Prefer light bulb shaped glass. Need 3 for Antique radio. R. Mendelson, 27 Sommerset Place, Murray Hill, N.J.

**FOR SALE:** KWM-2 #15750 516F-2 (both latest series), \$895. 75S3B#16895, \$475; 399C-1 VFO, \$165, Comdel CSP-11 (new) \$95. James Craig, W1FBG, 29 Sherbourne Ave., Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.

**WANTED:** Old style CDR AR22 rotor. Will pay \$15.00. You ship. Write before shipping. Judson Snyder, K2-CBA, Babcock Lake Road, Petersburg, N.Y. 12138.

**SELL:** DX-60A, HG-10 VFO. SASE for price and details L. B. Cebik, W4RNL, 245 Morning View Drive, Athens, Georgia. 30601.

**WANTED:** Old Hallicrafters Model SX-9 Made in 1936 (not SX-99) J. Y. Wilfong, Rt. 1, Box 334, Newton, N.C. 28658.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE:** CE-20a Utica 650-A VFO BC-639 WA0KLC, 315 E. 20 Grand Island, Nebr.

**WANTED:** Mite TTY equipment for amateur use. E. A. Wille, KH6EVX/W9EKU, Page Comm. Engrs. c/o Adv. Tm. #18, APO SF 96258.

**SALE:** Collins 75S3 S/N-13526, like new. \$390 or best offer. Dan Liebreht, WA2CRD, 3950 Blackstone, Bronx, N.Y. 10471.

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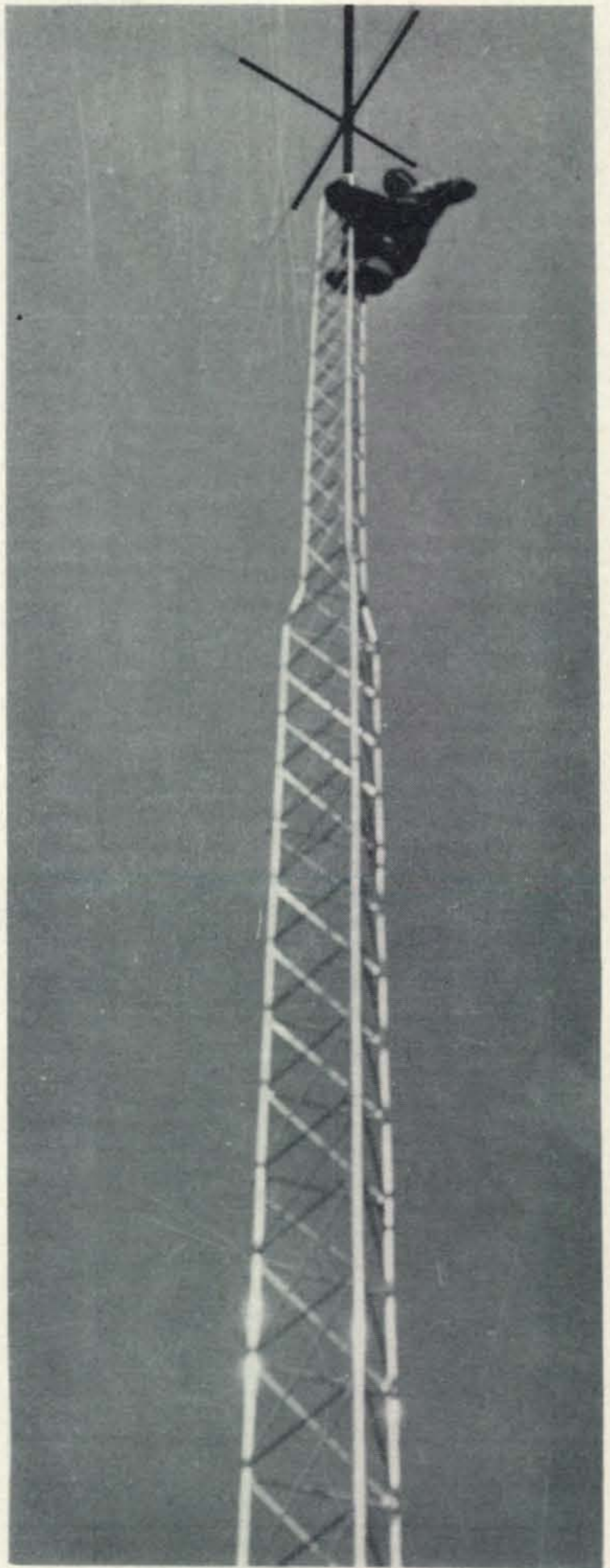
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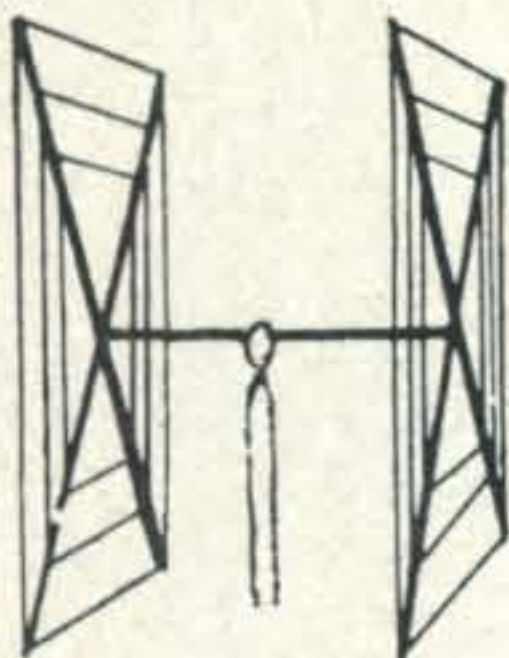
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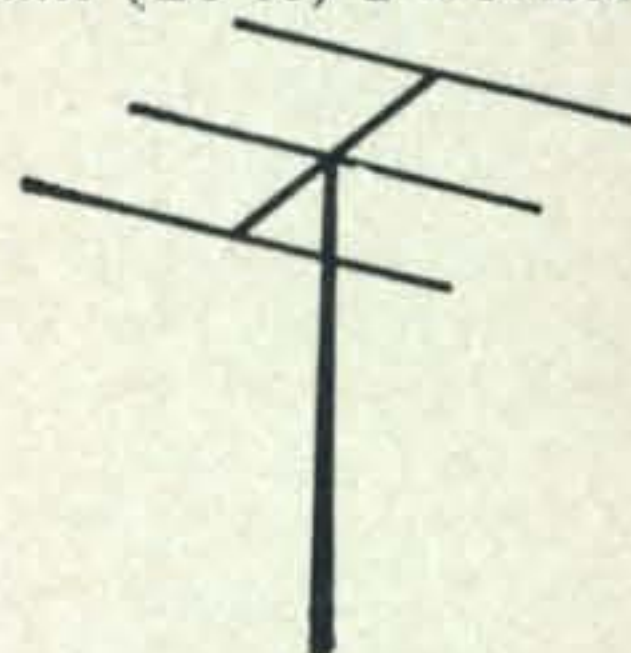
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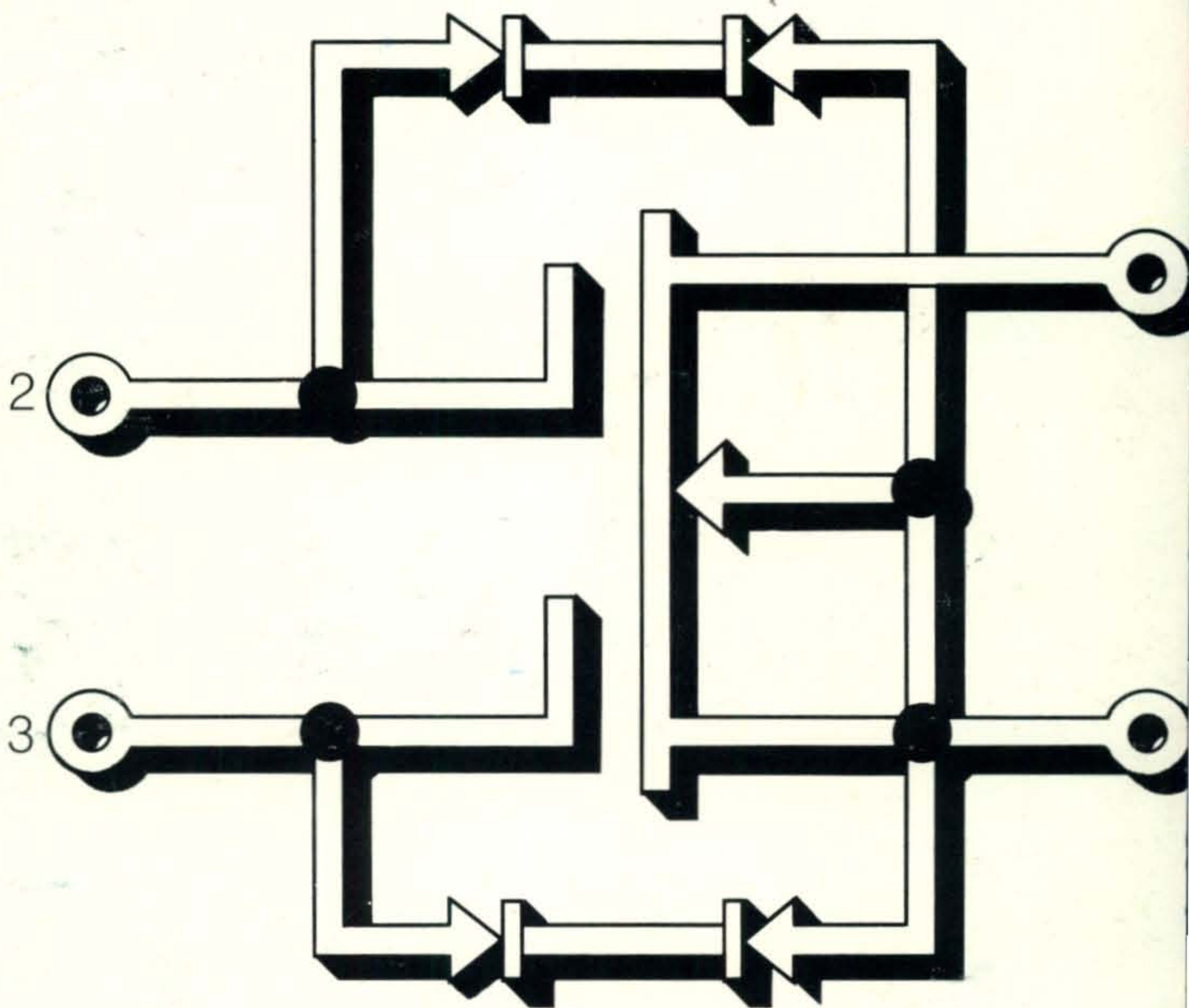
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