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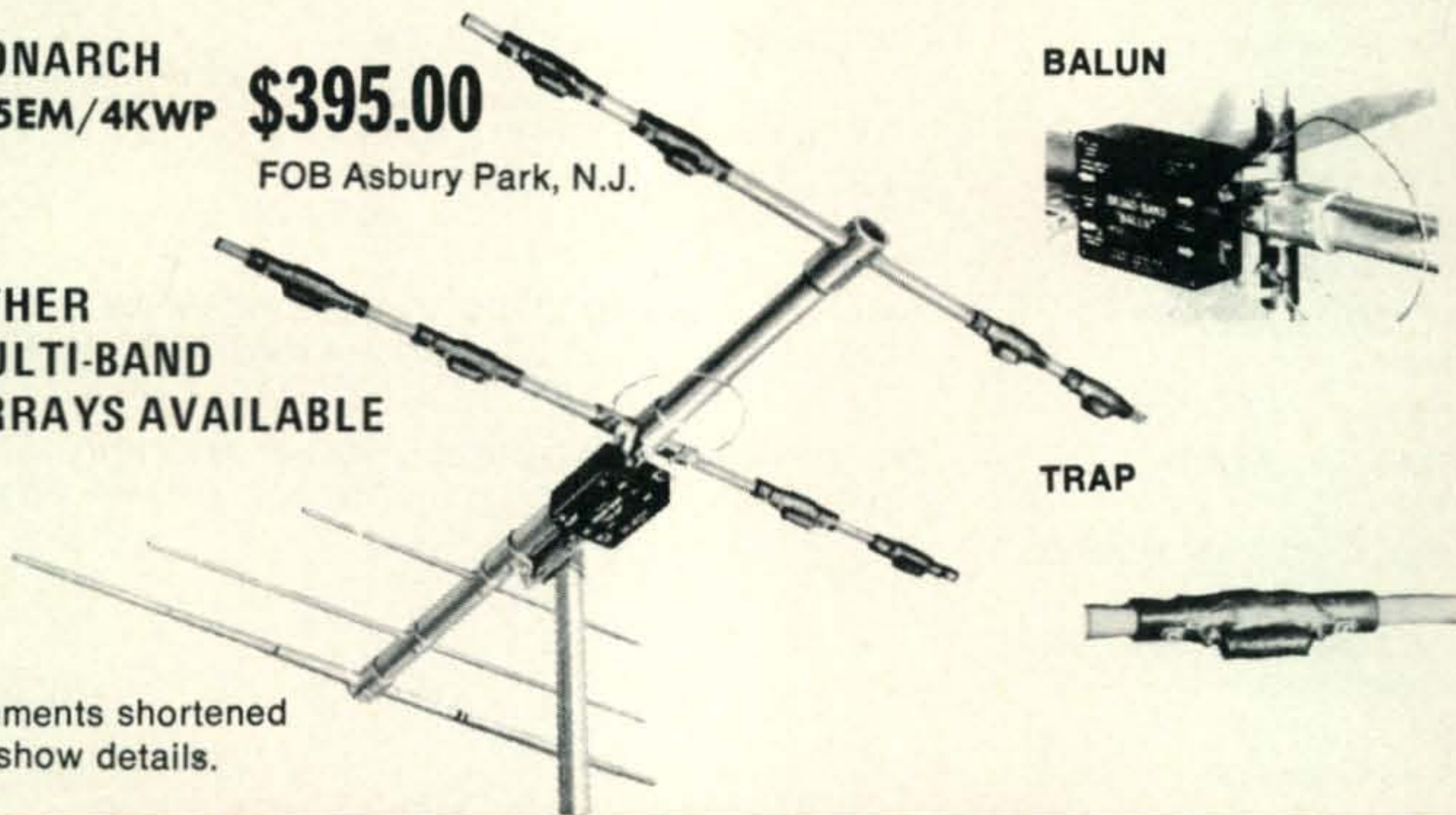
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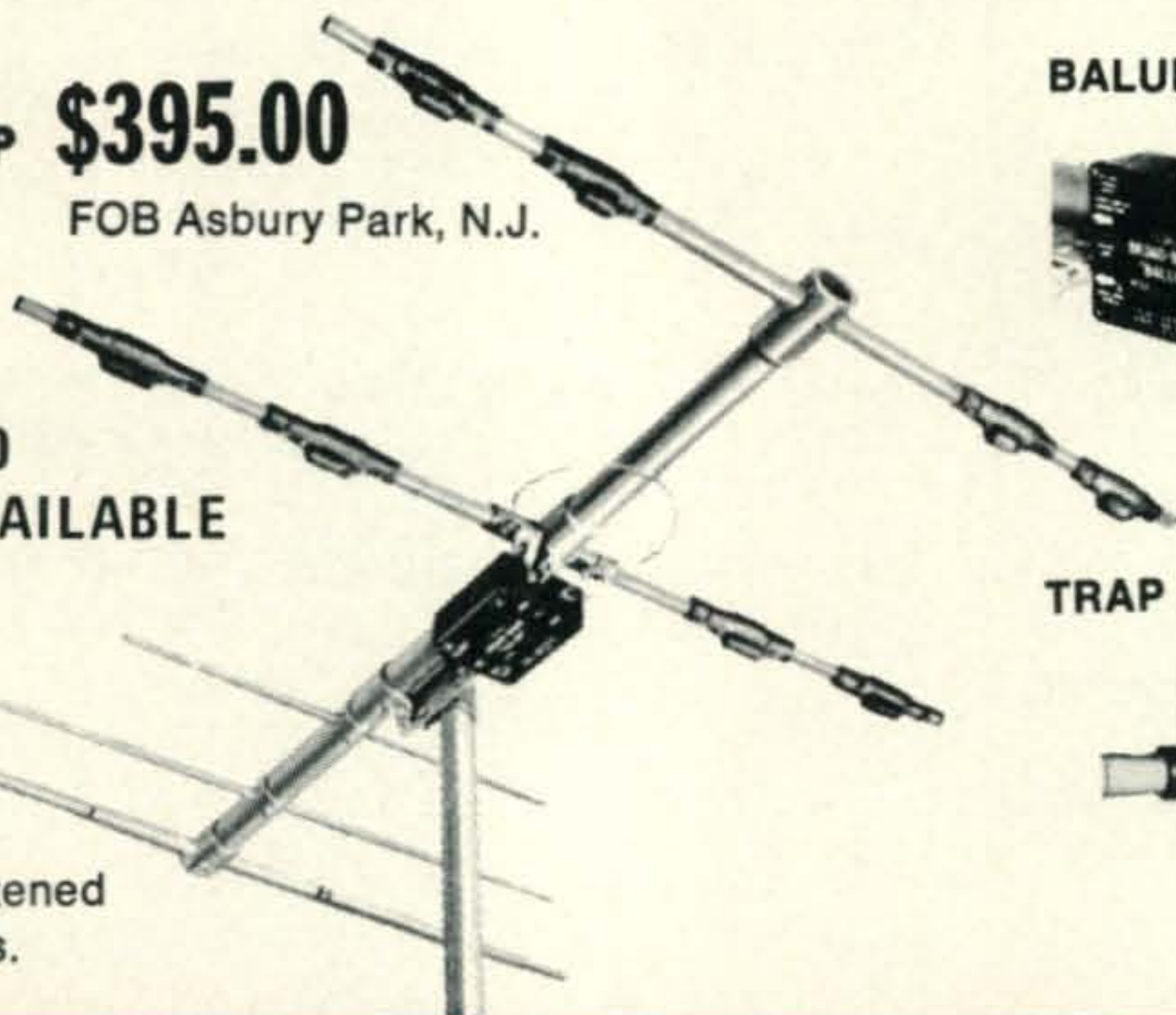
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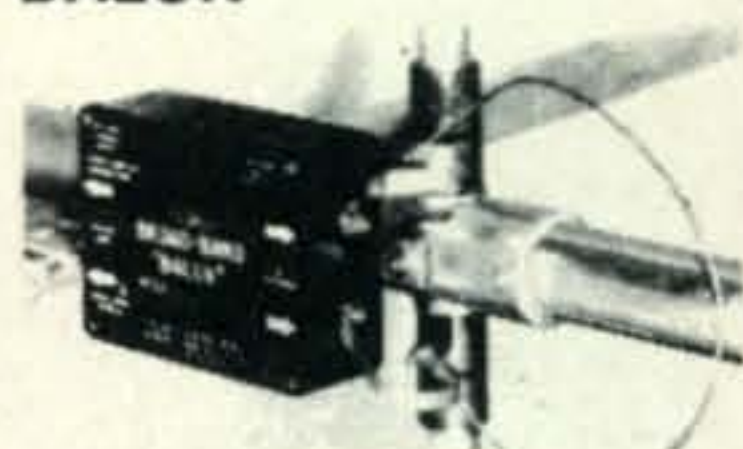
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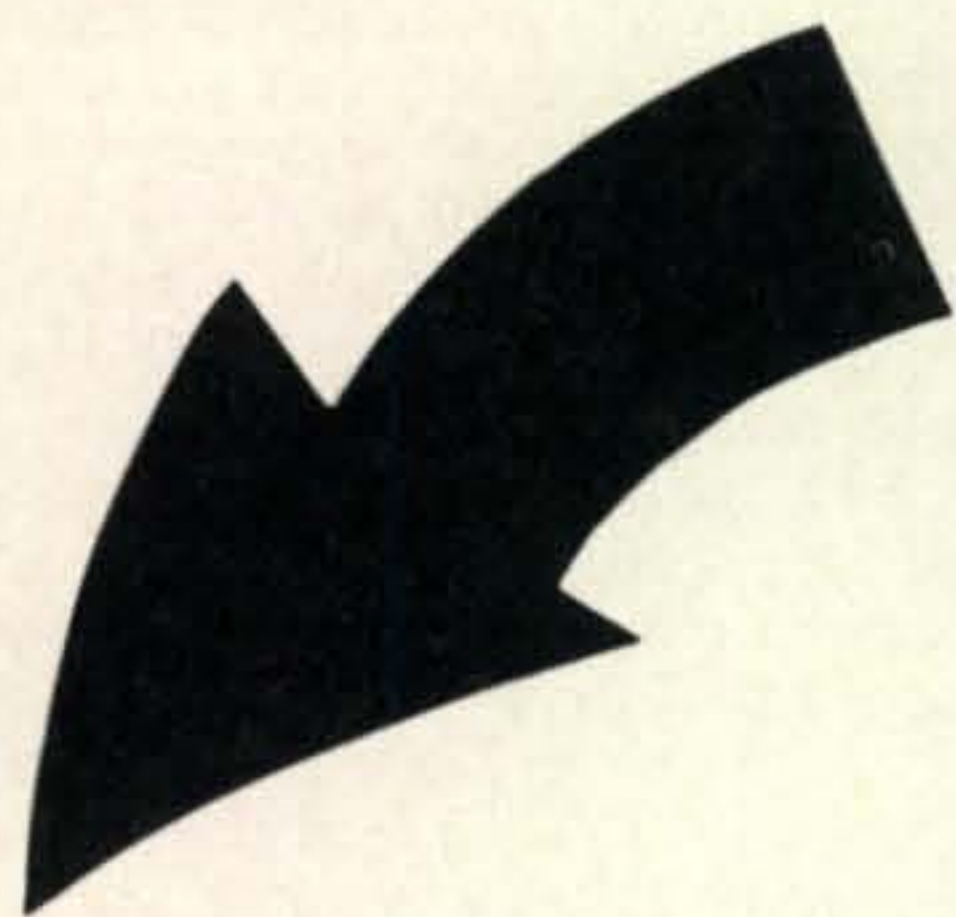
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# **SOME VERY TRIVIAL STATISTICS**

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**Statistic .... In 1971, 127 new businesses advertised in one or more of the amateur radio magazines for the first time.**

**Statistic .... Of those 127 that tested the ham marketplace, only 64 continue to advertise products or services for hams.**

**Statistic .... Of those 64 that survived, 51 advertised in CQ with consistency.**

**Statistic .... Of those same 64 that survived, 46 advertised in CQ first as their primary test.**

**Statistic .... Of those same 64 that survived, 58 used CQ as their heaviest advertising medium.**

What does all this prove? Only that CQ readers are darned good customers, for which we are indeed grateful.

So, if you have a product or service to sell your fellow hams, it might pay to try CQ first with your advertising campaign. Somehow those that don't have a strange way of becoming unfortunate statistics.



# OUR READERS SAY

## APO QSL'ing

Editor, CQ:

Here are a few facts about Germany that you may not be aware of. Also, you may be wasting some of your hard-earned cash needlessly.

As of last January, Germany started issuing the DA1 and DA2-prefix callsigns to Americans serving with the NATO forces in Germany. Add these new calls to the already existing DL4 and DL5 calls, and you have quite a few American hams in D-land. When the holders of the DL4 and DL5 leave Germany, the calls will be re-issued to Germans.

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Bill Moore, Publicity Director  
ARC of Stuttgart  
Stuttgart, West Germany

## The Golden Years

Editor, CQ:

Having operated similar junk box gear as described on page 16 of November '71 issue, I certainly appreciated the article; especially the remarks vis. store boughten stuff. Small wonder that many of us old timers have been disgusted with the present day conditions on the ham bands.

Enough of this. My question is this: in reference to schematic on p. 18, how does this rig get its drive inasmuch as the circuit shows an awful big air gap between  $C_6$  and grids of the pair of 46's. I'm sure the original must have been connected okay. Those rigs sure did get out and had a nice sweet sounding signal. Of course in those days we didn't need umpty thousand kw. Had more of a brotherhood. Keep up the good work.

E. H. "Ed" Marvin, W7IIA  
Beaverton, OR

Editor, CQ:

I read the article written by Bill Orr, W6SAI, with much interest and considerable nostalgia. I built my first "tube type" receiver around a UV-199 peanut tube in 1921. Circuitry was "single circuit, regenerative, and very hot."

My present call and license was received in 1939, after a year of bootleg operation. A 45 tube as a Hartley Oscillator with "loop modulation" was the phone rig. You late comers with factory built transceivers *did not* discover f.m.

Back to the W6SAI article, the schematic (fig. 1) with "phantom" drive to the 46's is a dandy. Is CQ emulating QST with the unedited schematics? I hope you get those 46 grids connected to the oscillator before too many of the gang build by the schematic.

D. V. "Den" Tolle, W9EBT  
Canton, IL

Editor, CQ:

Bill Orr's article on the 1934 transmitter I found very delightful. I have also become fascinated with the antique aspects of amateur radio. I believe that the future of amateur radio is dependent upon having more home construction. If we cannot have people build modern equipment, let us at least have them build replicas of the old, when things were a lot simpler. Perhaps when they have gotten a taste for building the old, they will try building the new.

On the day when I read Bill's article, I had just worked Japan on 80 meter c.w. using my new "1927" transmitter based upon the cover article in January 1927 QST, which incidentally was the first issue of my regular subscription. When I became interested in antique wireless, I was intrigued with the idea of going on the air with the earliest type of transmitter that would put out an acceptable signal, and it seemed that an all-triode crystal controlled one was probably the best I could do. That article was by no means the earliest on an amateur crystal controlled transmitter, but it appears the first one to attempt to popularize the subject, as the circuit is unusually simple. To avoid neutralization, the final is operated as a doubler.

My transmitter employs the same general layout and method of construction as the original with the important difference that it uses the tube line up of 210 crystal oscillator and 203A final instead of 112 and 210 respectively, but this change is historically correct. Not having a center-tapped filament transformer, following the First Edition of the ARRL Handbook (1926), I made a center-tapped resistor out of two Christmas tree bulbs in series. I have worked Japan on 40 meters with the final frequency doubling as in the original, but most of the time I operate the amplifier straight through with a neutralizing capacitor mounted on the plate tank coil. The 203A is drive hungry and is not driven to full output, but the output is approximately equal to another transmitter with a 6146B in the final. I have had nothing but favorable comments on the signal. Ironically, simultaneously, I have had a number of complaints on "chirps" and "ICW" on a modern commercial s.s.b. rig when used on c.w.

While in principle the rig is operational in its



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original bread board state, I have not even bench tested it in this condition. I have been worried not only about TVI, but, also in my present ancient absent-minded state, about the exposed high voltage. Therefore, before applying any power, I put it bodily in a shielded box with extra by-passing and a TVI filter on the output. It seems to be completely clean on our TV set.

As a receiver, at present I am using a modern one. Since my objective is to have a pre-1930 all-triode station, I am looking for a Grebe CR-18 on the antique market rather than for an SW-3. I do not expect to find one. Therefore, I am collecting the parts to make a receiver using the same circuit—a detector and one step with 201A's (see June 1926 *QST*, p. 24). I shall compromise with the modern world by mounting it in a shielded box with extra by-passing on the output and by putting a Pi step attenuator on the input to help protect it from blocking. A couple of years ago I built a transistorized regenerative receiver this way, and it appears to be completely free of body capacity and it is stable enough to copy s.s.b. on 75 meters.

I hope that we shall have a lot of other "antique" stations on the air.

Yardley Beers, WA1NOJ  
Boulder, CO

Editor, *CQ*:

I just received the November issue of *CQ*. I was especially interested in that old time transmitter using a 47 oscillator and a pair of 46's in the amplifier. Many years ago I had a transmitter identical to that one. I noticed a little difference in the wiring however. My rig had a coupling

condenser from the plate of the oscillator and also had a resistor going from the grids of the final to ground.

Richard E. Wheaton, W9HL  
Valparaiso, IN

### Equipment Stolen

Editor, *CQ*:

On September 26, 1971 my home was burglarized. In addition to a list of hi-fi and electronics equipment that was taken, my new General Electric Personal Master Portable Radio Model PR-36-RFS-55, serial #1041218, 4-frequency (.28/.88; .94/.94; .34/.94; .34/.76) is also gone. This unit can be positively identified by special modifications and markings. A reward is offered for information leading to its recovery.

Contact me or the Rochester, Police Department, Detective Division.

Melvyn S. Stoller, K2AOQ/WA7QYM  
373 Park Ave.  
Rochester, NY 14607

### When A Bargain Is Not A Bargain

Editor, *CQ*:

While I have faithfully read and enjoyed Gordon Eliot White's *SURPLUS SIDELIGHTS* for years, the November '71 article is for real. Reading it made me laugh and cry depending on which of my experiences I remembered.

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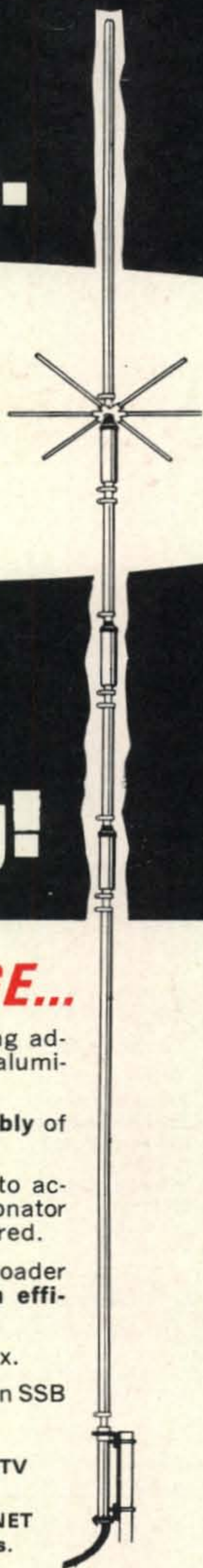
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Bidding is fun and can be rewarding but never—I mean *never*—bid without looking.

As Mr. White also stated, scrap (junk) yards can be excellent sources of electronics equipment. Lots of my best buys, condition and price-wise, were from junkyards I was patronizing for other materials.

More articles along the lines of this one will be appreciated. While I don't like to be burned, neither do I wish it on someone else. Keep telling it like it is!

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## Announcements

### Southfield, Michigan

The Southfield High School Amateur Radio Club will be holding its 6th annual Swap and Shop on January 16th, 1972 at Southfield High, 24675 Lasher Rd., Southfield, Michigan (just northwest of Detroit near 10 Mile Rd. and Telegraph Rd.) It will run from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., with refreshments available.

### Schererville, Indiana

The Lake County Amateur Radio Club, Inc., announces its 19th Annual Banquet to be held at 6:30 P.M., CST, February 12, 1972, at a new location. They outgrew the old place; therefore, have moved to the Scherwood Club, 600 E. Joilet St., Schererville, Indiana. Join them with your wife or girl friend and enjoy good food (all you can eat), entertainment, speeches, awards, and fellowship. At the new location, there is plenty of space to circle around to visit with your friends throughout the room. The Scherwood Club is less than a mile from the junction of U.S. Routes 30 and 41. And to help people unfamiliar with the area they have printed a simple map on the back of each ticket. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from Herbert S. Brier, W9-EGQ, Ticket Chairman, 385 Johnson St., Gary, IN 46402, and from various other club members. Positively no tickets sold at the door.

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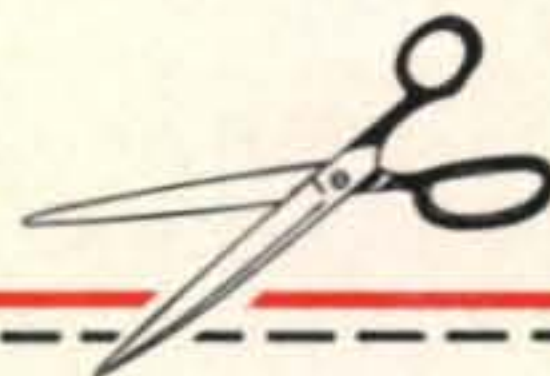
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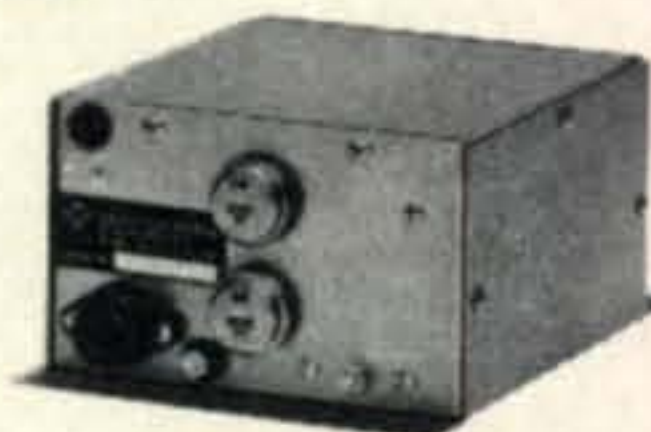
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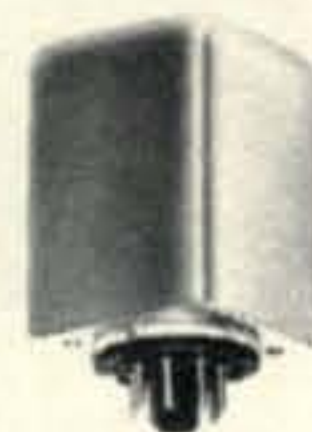
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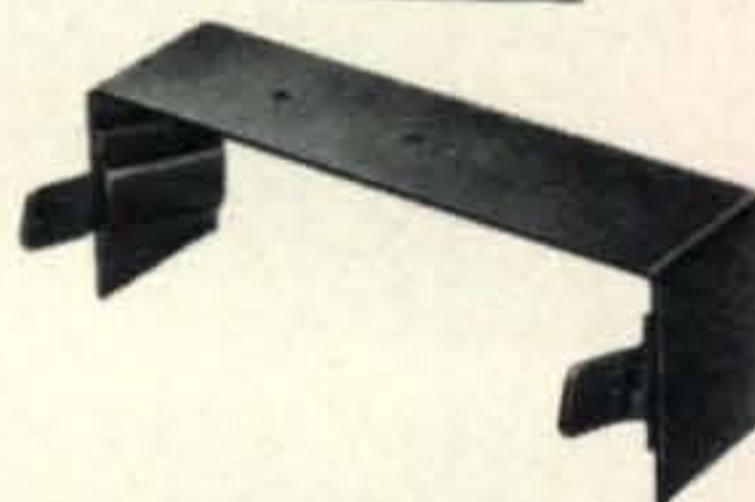
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# Putting The Heath HW-17 and HW-17A On 2 Meter F.M.

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**T**HE Heath HW-17 and HW-17A two meter transceivers are "naturals" for conversion to f.m. operation. They feature crystal controlled transmitters and tunable receivers capable of much more sensitivity than rated. This article will provide a straightforward and relatively inexpensive conversion of the HW-17 to the HW-17A, and then to full a.m./f.m. operation. The final product will have an a.m. or f.m. sensitivity of 0.25 to 0.3 microvolts, and an f.m. r.f. output of 10-15 watts.

## HW-17 to HW-17A Receiver A.M. Conversion

The following steps are necessary only for the older HW-17 units, to bring them up to HW-17A standards.

1. Remove top and bottom covers of the transceiver and be sure to save all hardware, feet, etc.
2. Referring to the receiver printed circuit board, in the vicinity of  $Q_{12}$ , remove  $C_{234}$ , a 10 mf electrolytic capacitor, and replace it with a .01 mf disc ceramic.
3. Remove  $R_{238}$ , a 470 ohm resistor.
4. Add a 1N914 silicon diode from the junction of the .01 mf capacitor just added and  $Q_{12}$ , to the cathode of  $D_{204}$ .  $D_{204}$  is located right near the printed

circuit potentiometer. The cathode of the 1N914 should go to  $D_{204}$ .

These steps will eliminate the noise fed to the audio amplifier from the microphone stage while in the RECEIVE mode. Now, the minimum setting of the volume control will be just that—no more annoying background hissing noise.

This completes the a.m. receiver conversion as far as Heath is concerned. It will be noted, however, that there really isn't adequate gain in the system. The FET front end is quite hot but the i.f. strip leaves much to be desired. Figure 1 shows a broadband amplifier with a gain of at least 20 db (at the first i.f. frequency) that is installed at the output of the tuner between  $T_1$ , and  $L_6$ . This amplifier will do wonders for the i.f. stages. The background noise will not overload the audio stages at full volume and 0.25 microvolt signals should be Q5 copy. For ease in construction, a phenolic board, 1 x 2 inches was used with push-in terminals. Layout is not critical except to keep inputs away from outputs. After installation, re-touch the slugs of  $L_6$  slightly for maximum gain on a test signal at 146 MHz. The location of the amplifier board in the HW-17 is shown in the photo.

## Transmitter A.M. Conversion

1. Remove  $C_{124}$ , a .22 mf capacitor from the screen lead of  $V_3$ , the output amplifier.
2. Connect a 470 mmf mica capacitor from pin 7 of  $V_3$  to the transmitter shield. Solder directly to the shield.
3. Connect a 470 mmf capacitor from pin 11 of  $V_3$  to the shield. Solder directly to the shield and use the hole remaining from the .22 mf capacitor.
4. Solder a 470 mmf capacitor from the hole remaining from the .22 mf capacitor to the transmitter shield.
5. Remove  $R_{107}$ , a 470 ohm resistor and re-route it to the violet wire at point U. Figure 2 shows the position of the 470 mmf capacitors in detail.

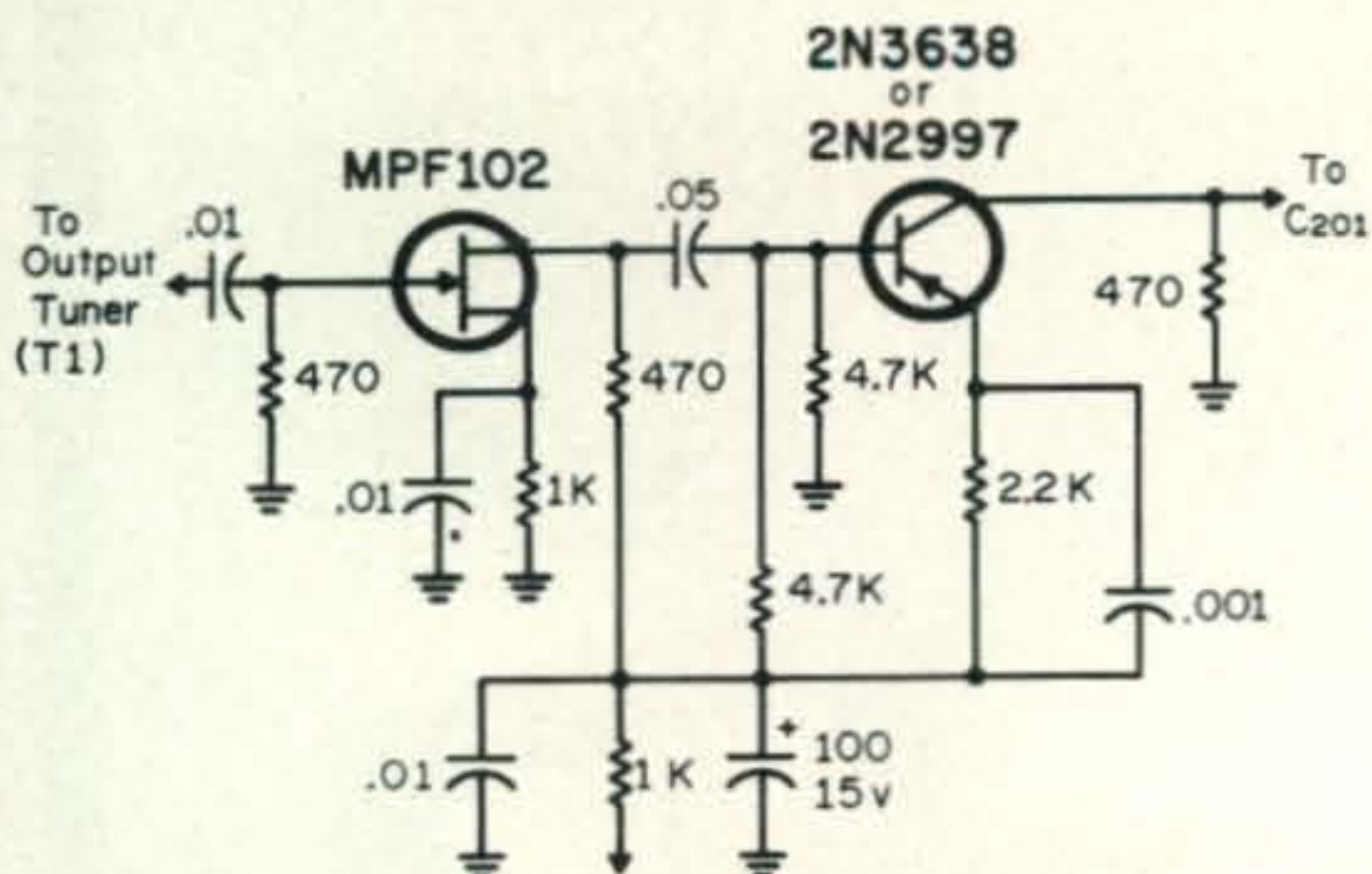


Fig. 1—I.F. preamplifier for the Heath HW-17 2-meter transceiver. The +15 v. is obtained from the positive terminal of  $C_{325}$  (2500 mf).



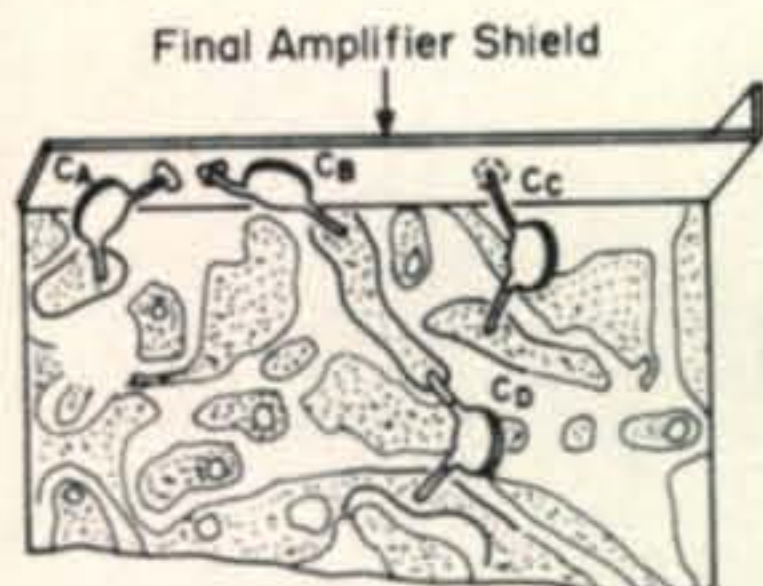


Fig. 2—Sketch showing the locations of three additional 470 mmf disc ceramic capacitors at the screen of the final amplifier. Capacitors  $C_A$ ,  $C_B$ , and  $C_C$  are new;  $C_D$  is already installed in the HW-17.

Be sure to very carefully check the condition of the air-wound coils. Power output and general overall transmitter operation is directly related to the symmetry of these coils and how well they are "tuned up."

The unit should now be complete and should operate as a good two meter transmitter/receiver on a.m. Replacement of the microphone cartridge with a good quality replacement element will do wonders for the audio quality. The original one is OK for communications, however.

### Receiver F.M. Conversion

The f.m. conversion of the receiver consists of the addition of a Signetics N5111A f.m. detector and limiter integrated circuit. This unit has been tried and tested and found to be an excellent, low cost device that is ideal for f.m. detection.<sup>1</sup> The schematic of the converter is shown in fig. 3. Construction, as in the case of the amplifier, is on a 1 x 2 inch phenolic board. Be sure to keep the leads from pins 5, 6, and 12 at short as possible. Also keep the lead from pin 4 as far away from that of pins 9, 10, or 12. All .1 mf capacitors should be disc ceramic types, but the 300 mmf should be a silver mica. A J. W. Miller 4000 series coil can be used for the tuned circuit. Alternately, the 300 mmf capacitor can be replaced with a compression type trimmer of 300-400 mmf max. and 30-50 mmf min. and the coil replaced with a 36 microhenry peaking coil. The location of this unit in the receiver section of the HW-17 is seen in the photo. A typical method of mounting these boards is with small angle brackets made of aluminum or steel. Mine were cut from a tin-can and soldered from a ground point on the circuit board, to ground on the

<sup>1</sup>Math, I, WA2NDM, "A Simple IC F.M. Detector," *CQ*, Nov. '71, p. 23. A small error in Fig. 2 of that article results in the loss of 50% of the audio recovery, but this loss will be significant only on very weak signals.

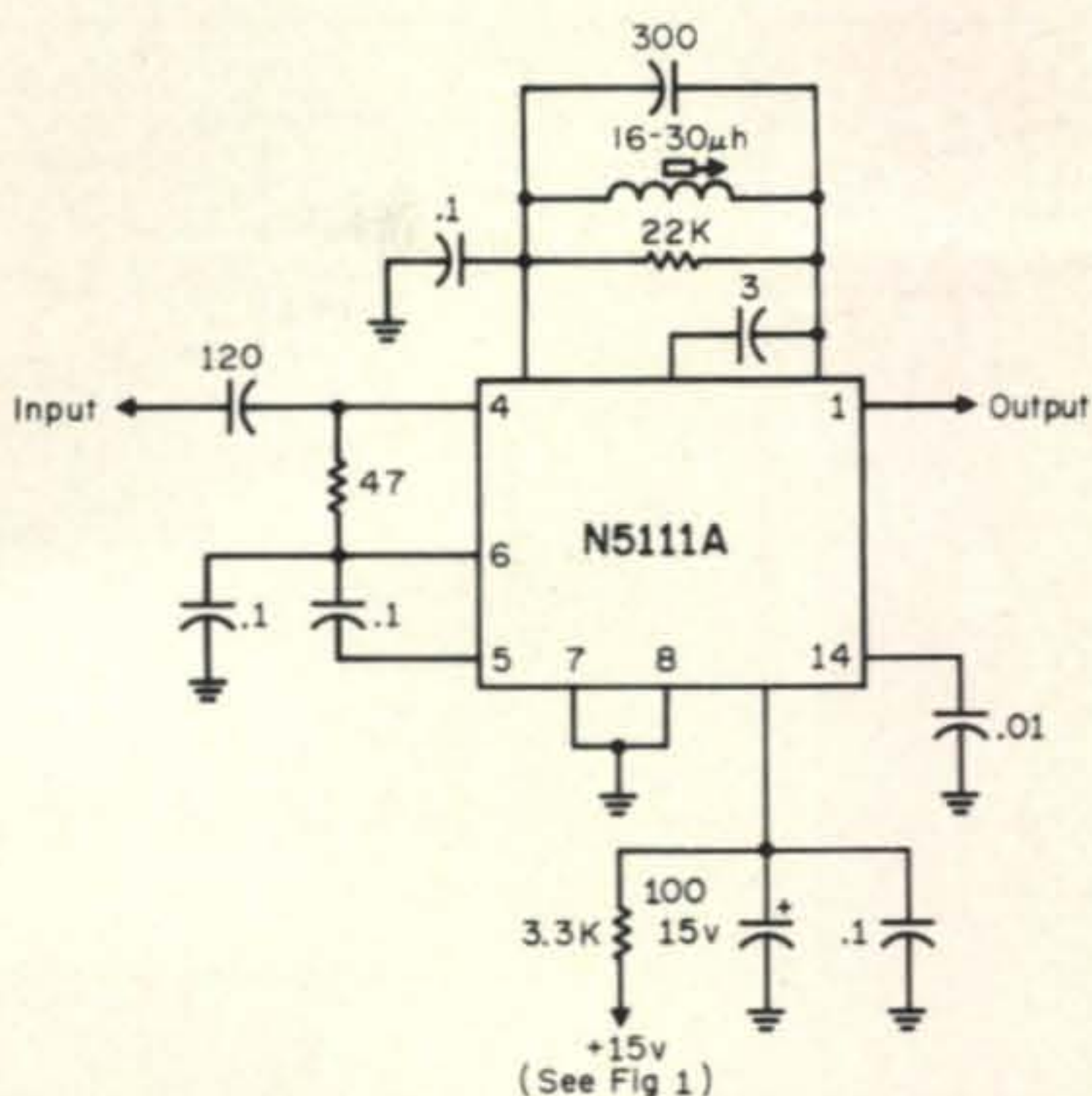


Fig. 3—F.m. detector circuit identical to that shown in Nov. '71 *CQ*, with the exception that a small error existed in the original presentation.<sup>1</sup> The circuit above is correct.

printed circuit board. Mechanical rigidity is a must—especially for mobile work.

A hole should now be drilled through the front panel to mount the a.m./f.m. switch. This switch can be any 3 pole double throw type as long as it fits into the space shown and can handle 400-500 volts.

Figure 4 shows the wiring of the a.m./f.m. switch. The original diode detector is kept as it develops the a.m. signal, a.v.c. and i.f. stage bias. Only the audio is switched between detectors. After wiring, tune the HW-17 to a local f.m. station with the switch in the a.m. position. Peak the tuning control for maximum signal as shown on the front panel meter—not best audio. In fact, at the exact peak, there should be very little audio if any. Now turn the switch to the f.m. position. Adjust the coil for maximum audio output. If a trimmer capacitor was used instead of the slug-tuned coil, adjust it for maximum audio. This adjustment sets the N5111A chip exactly to the i.f. frequency. The detector is now fully aligned.

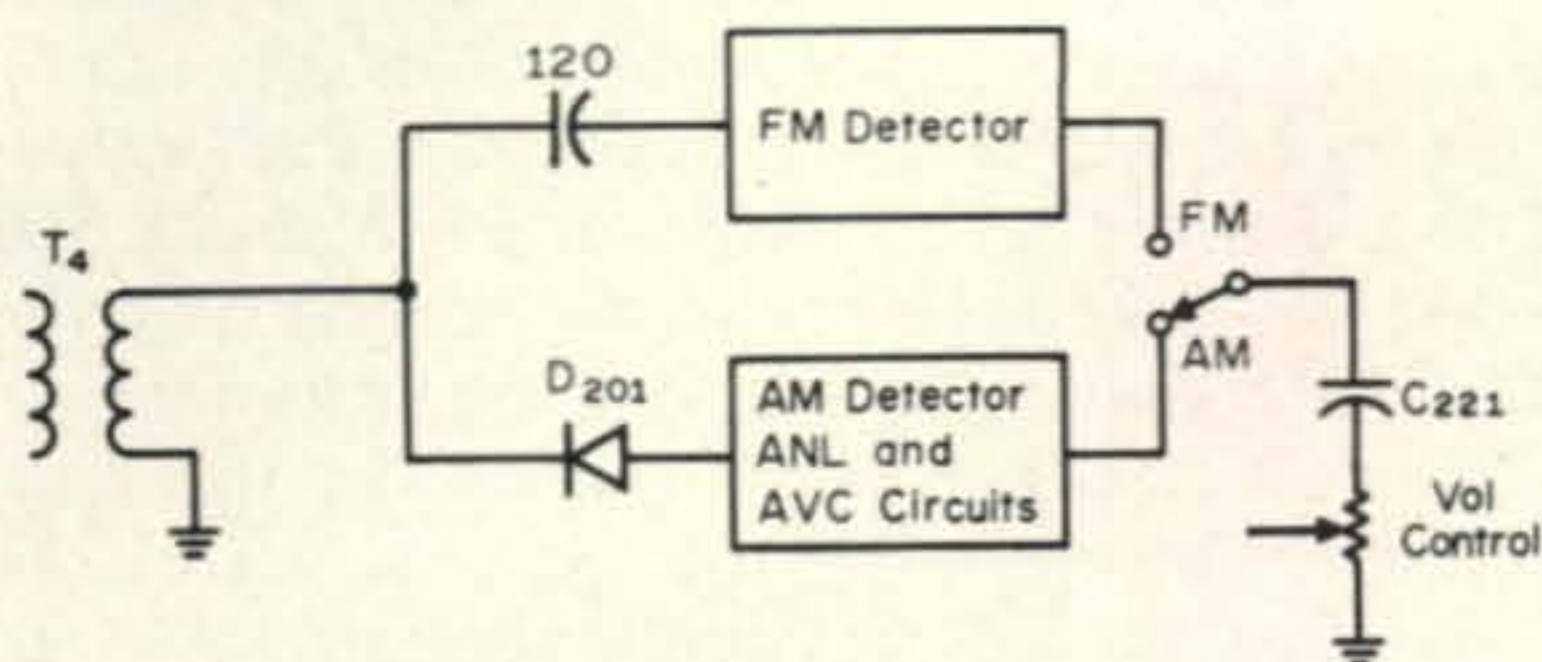


Fig. 4—Installation of the f.m. detector circuitry in the HW-17.



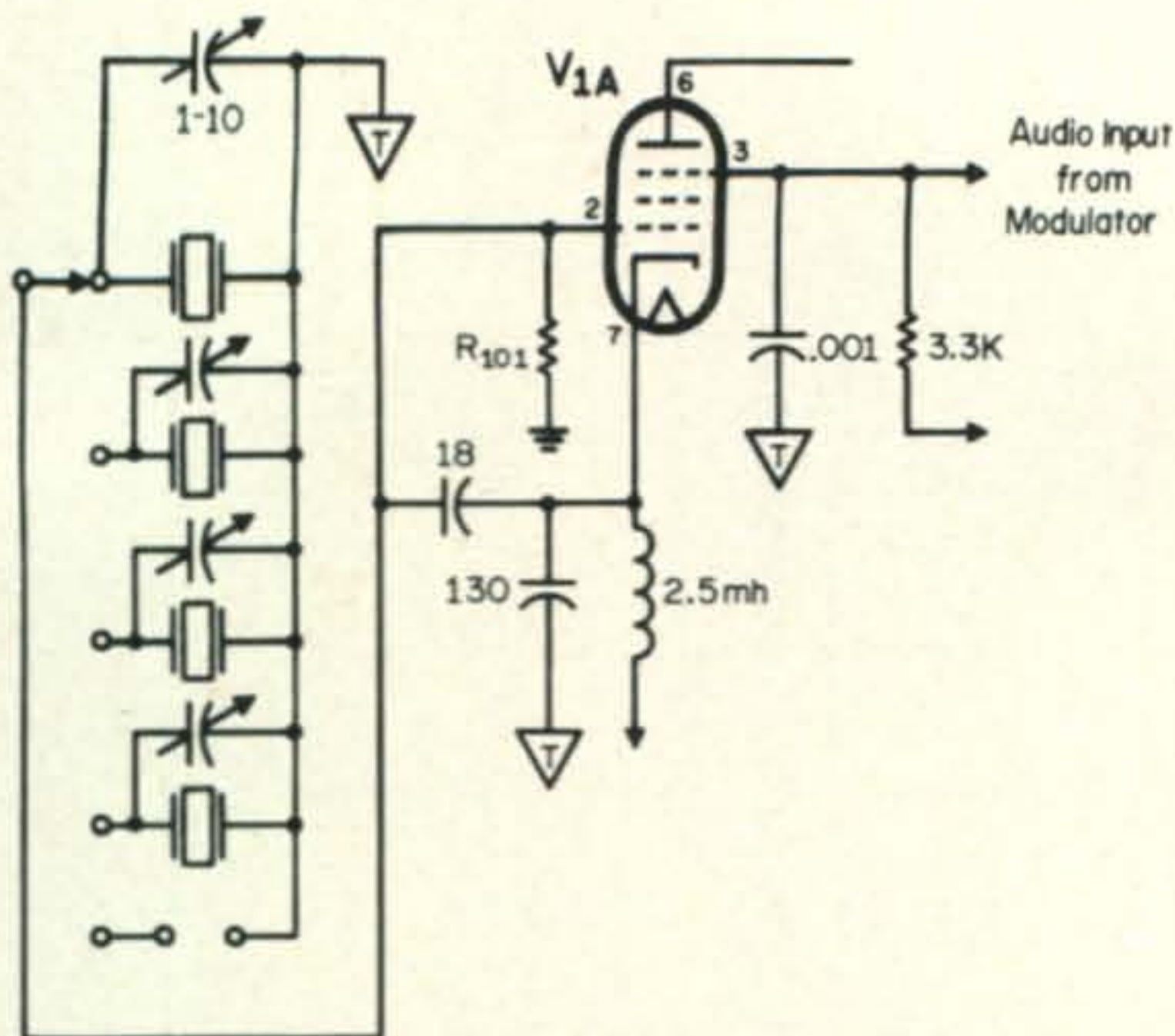


Fig. 5—Schematic of the modified transmitter oscillator.

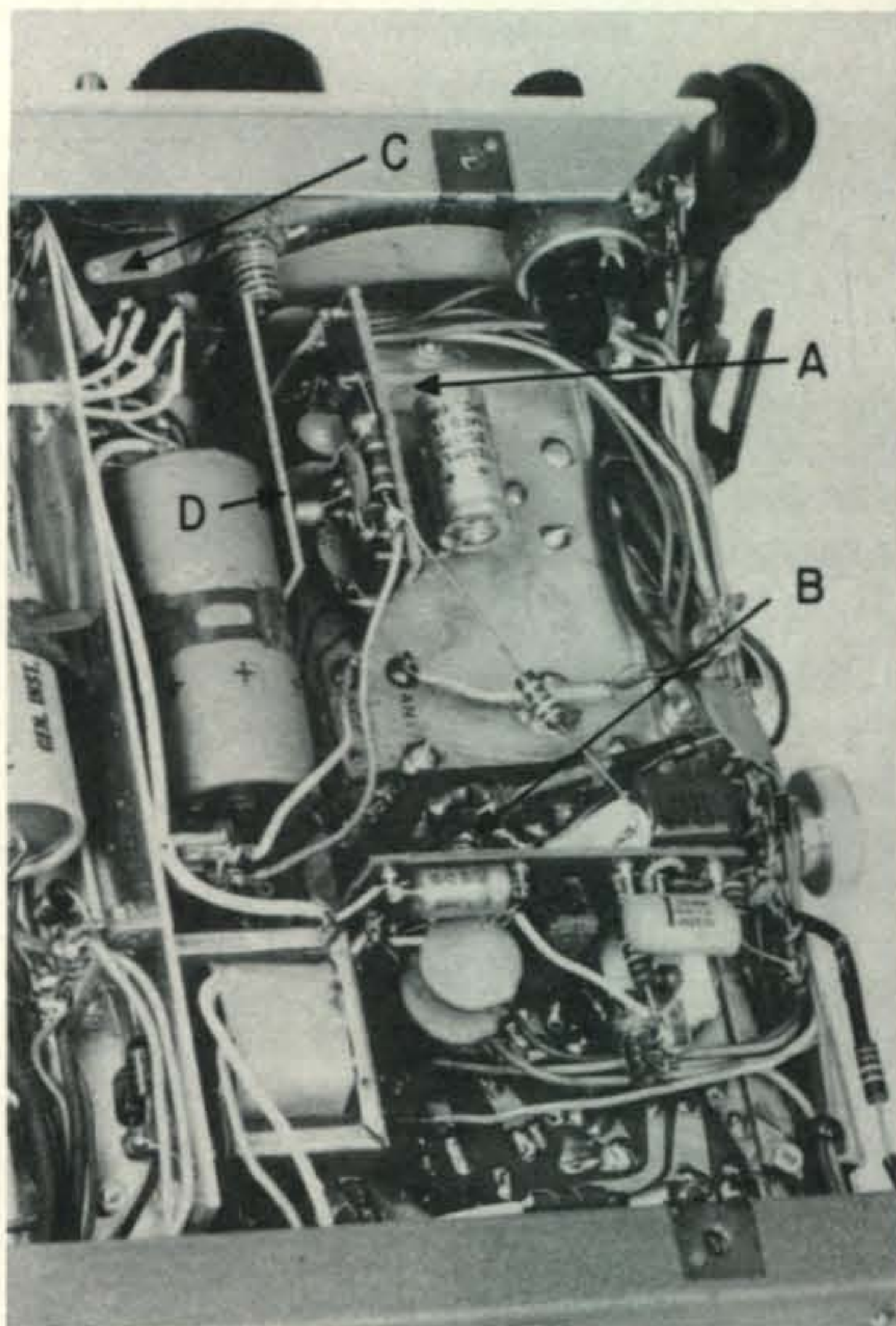
### Transmitter F.M. Conversion

For best f.m. operation with a wide variety of 8 MHz crystals, it is advisable to modify the HW-17's oscillator stage. The procedure is as follows:

1. Remove the lead of  $C_{305}$ , the .001 mf capacitor that goes to the common crystal wire and connect it to the ground point at the center of the tube socket.
2. Run a short wire from the common crystal wire to ground on the printed circuit board.
3. Remove  $C_{101}$ , .005 mf, and replace it with a 130 mmf capacitor. This should be a silver mica type.
4. Add an 18 mmf silver mica capacitor between pins 2, and 7 of  $V_{1A}$ , the 7059.
5. Remove  $R_{102}$ , a 150 ohm resistor, and replace it with a 2.5 mh r.f. choke.

This completes the oscillator modifications. It will now be found that almost any HC6/U or FT-243 type crystal of the proper frequency will work reliably in the circuit. Figure 5 is a schematic diagram of the converted oscillator. Notice that the v.f.o. connector has been removed, and an additional crystal socket has been mounted in its place. This simplifies the use of crystals other than those in the unit. The trimmer capacitors across the various crystals are for fine tuning to local repeater frequencies. The values shown offer a 2 meter range of about 500 Hz with typical crystals of normal activity.

Referring to fig. 6, wire the transmit section of the a.m./f.m. switch. In the a.m. mode, the circuit is the same as before. In the f.m. mode, the modulator operates into a 3.6K 15 watt load and audio is taken through a 68K resistor and .1 mf capacitor



Close-up of the modified underside of the Heath HW-17 2-meter transceiver showing the perf-board i.f. amplifier (A), f.m. detector board (B), AM-FM switch (C), and a small shield of copper laminate board (D) which proved to be unnecessary. The boards are soldered to the main circuit boards using small angle brackets of tin can stock.

and fed to the screen grid of the oscillator tube. This type of phase modulation scheme works perfectly for  $\pm 5-7$  kHz deviation at two meters.

The 3.6K resistor was made up of three 1.2K 5 watt resistors connected in series and cemented to the chassis with epoxy cement. If less audio is needed, just move the 68K/.1 mf combination between 1.2K resistors.

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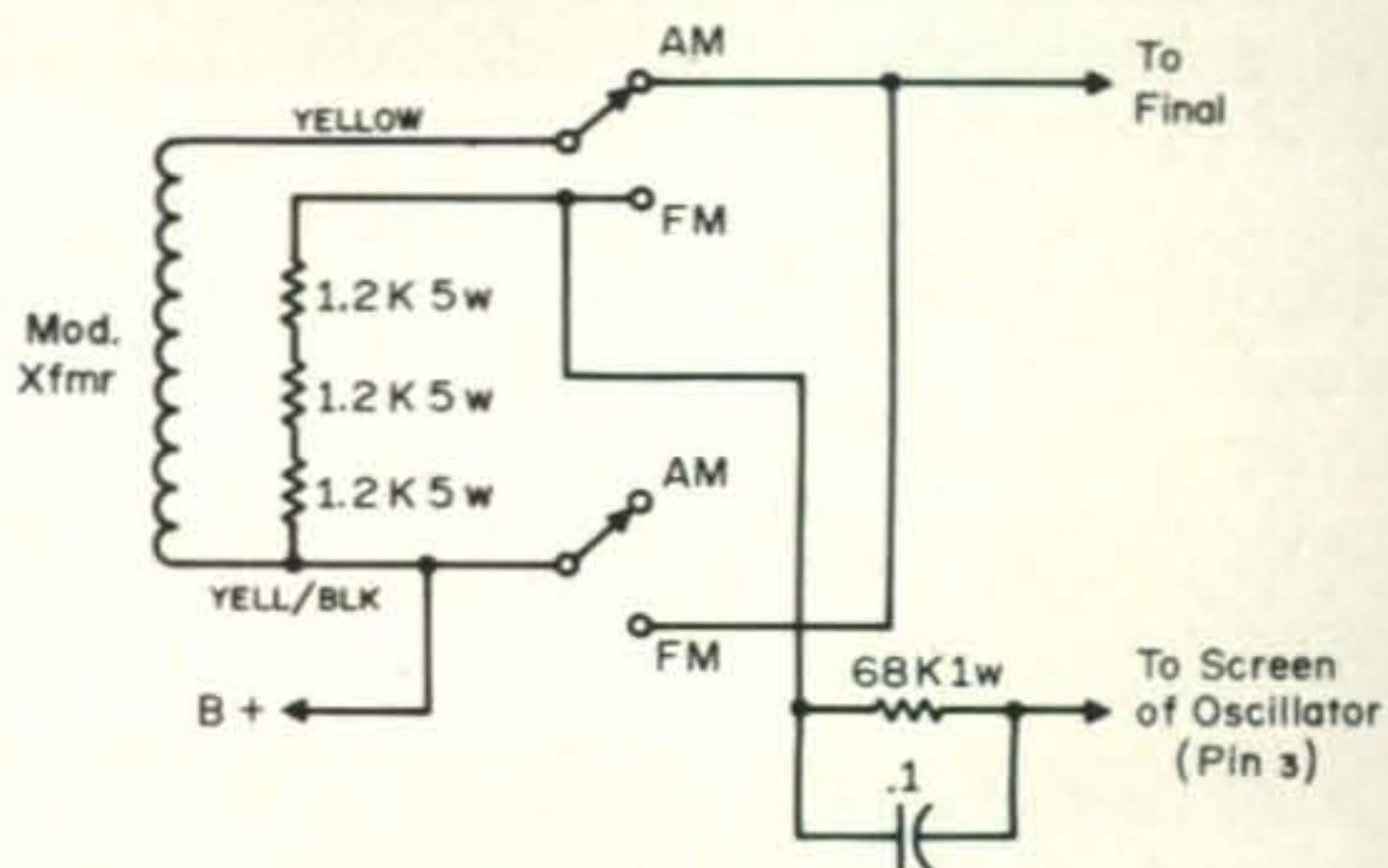


Fig. 6—F.m. modifications to the HW-17 modulator.





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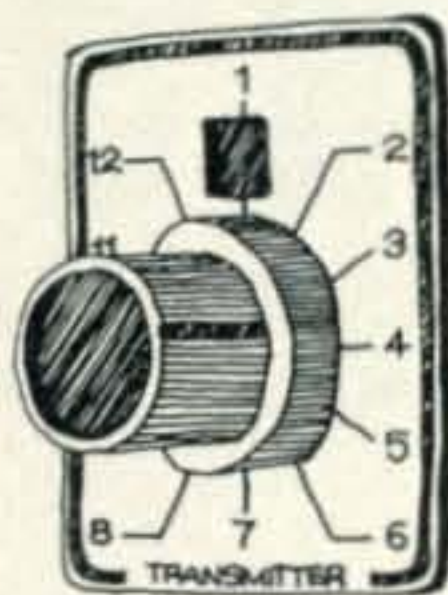
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- Modulation: frequency modulation (phase type).
- Transmitter control: push to talk on microphone.
- Power source: AC 117 volts 50-60 cycles, DC 13.5 volts  $\pm 10\%$ .
- Dimensions: 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 7" x 3".
- Weight: 8 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs.
- Furnished with unit: dynamic microphone, antenna connector plug, spare fuses and lamps, AC power supply, DC power cord with fuse holder.

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- Transmitter control: push to talk on microphone.
- Power source: AC 117 volts 50-60 cycles, DC 13.5 volts  $\pm 10\%$ .
- Dimensions: 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 7" x 3".
- Weight: 8 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs.
- Furnished with unit: dynamic microphone, antenna connector plug, spare fuses and lamps, AC power supply, DC power cord, and mobile mounting bracket.

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# New Transformers for Old

BY J. L. SMITH,\* W5LLE

**T**HE coming of transistors and integrated circuits has dealt a severe blow to the junk box in many of our ham shacks. Those prized goodies that we have so vigorously defended from the sweeping arm of the inevitable "clean-up" are now bordering on obsolescence and are likely to succumb to the invitation of the trash can. The capacitors are now too small, the filter inductors are too large, and the secondaries of those faithful power transformers, alas, offer voltages for which there is no longer a request.

But, janitor, spare that transformer! Touch not a single turn! Just a little effort can turn these retired servants into items of utility and demand. It is, indeed, a simple matter to wind new secondaries on transformers that have a suitable primary. Or, if the worst comes to the worst, then even the primary can be rewound. Another possibility is that the core and mounting of a filter choke can be used to wind a power transformer suitable for transistor and integrated circuit uses. Fortunately, the transformers for solid state equipment are generally smaller than those used in tube-type equipment of similar functions. This makes rewinding very practical.

This article will outline the routine for rewinding small transformers in solid state equipment. Most of us must wind by hand, so it is not easy to deal with windings of many hundreds of turns. For that reason, these pro-

cedures have the most utility for transformers with less than 50 volt secondaries.

## Getting Started

The first task is to define the end product. Decide what the primary voltage will be (usually 115 volts, 60 Hz) and the voltage and current requirement of the secondary or of each secondary if there is to be more than one.

The core size of a transformer is influenced by the power that the transformer must deliver from its secondaries. Calculate the product of voltage and current, VA, for each secondary then add these to obtain the total volt-ampere product for the transformer, *e.g.*,

$$VA = V_1A_1 + V_2A_2 + V_3A_3 + \dots$$

where VA is the total volt-ampere product and  $V_1A_1$ ,  $V_2A_2$ , etc. are the volt-ampere products of secondary 1, secondary 2, etc. Use the VA product just calculated in combination with fig. 1 to determine the required cross-sectional core area. This area applies to the *E-I* type of laminations in which the cross-sectional area of the "tongue" or the portion of the core that fits within the winding is listed as the ordinate of fig. 1 and the total VA of the transformer secondaries is listed as the abscissa.

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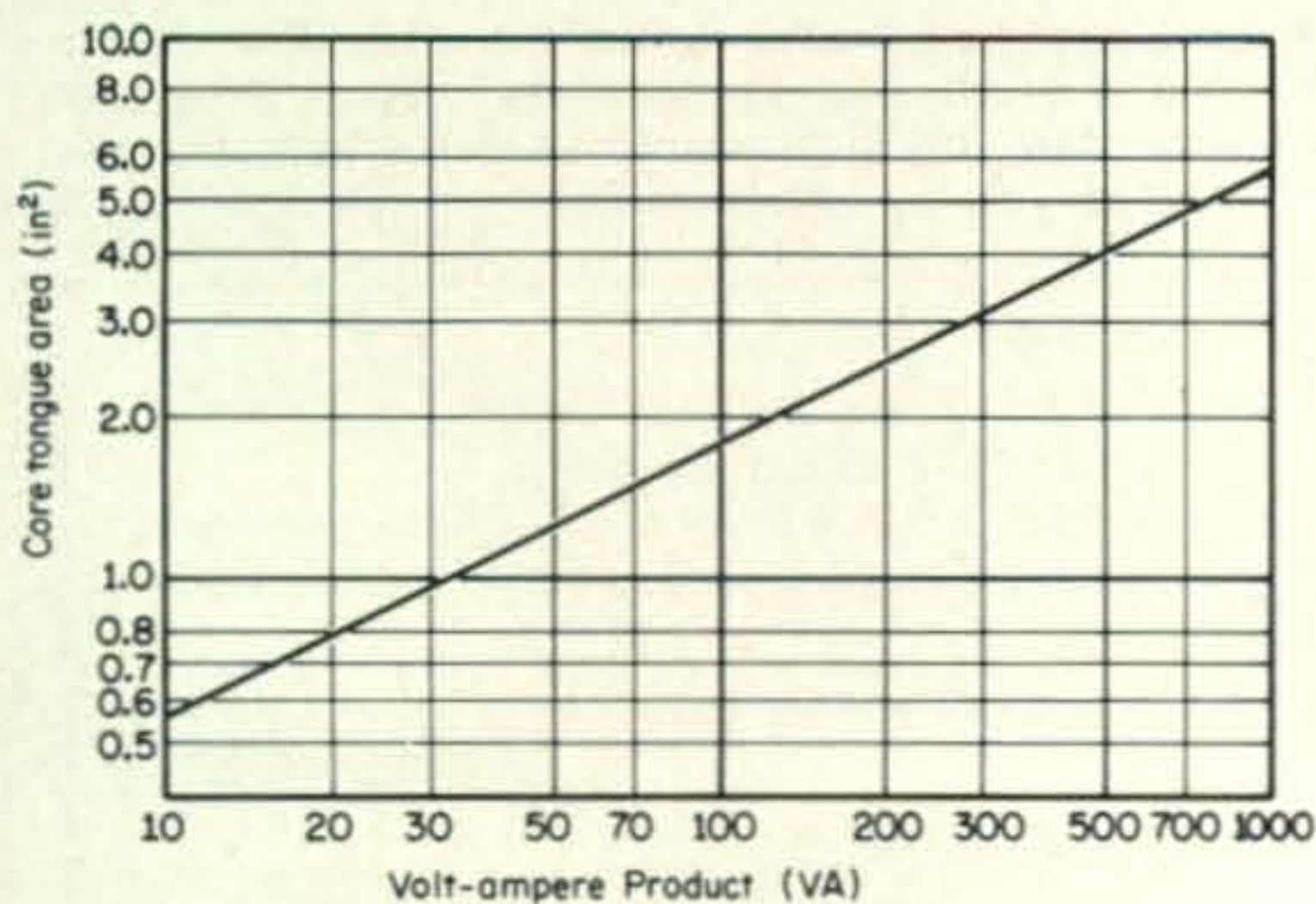


Fig. 1—Core area vs volt-ampere product.

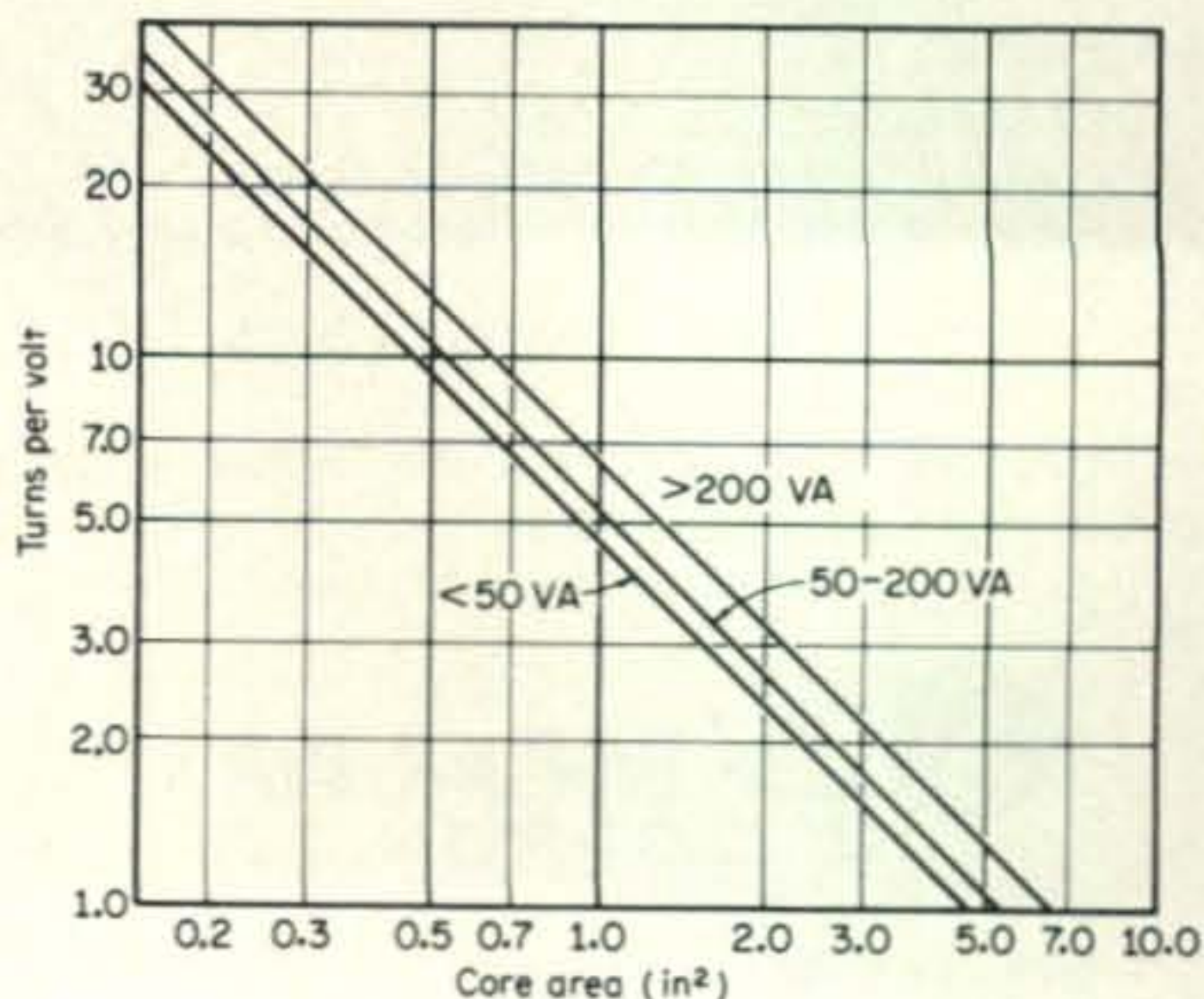


Fig. 2—Core area vs turns-per-volt.



## The Primary Winding

The core size dictates the characteristics of the primary winding. If a suitable core is selected and contains a primary winding, then the existing primary may be used provided it is rated at the desired primary voltage. Assuming this to be the case then it is necessary to determine the turns per volt factor,  $T/V$ , of the existing primary. This factor will be used to design the new secondary windings. The factor is easily determined when it is realized that the turns-per-volt is constant (or nearly so) for all windings on the transformer. So before a selected transformer is dismantled, excite the primary with the proper voltage and carefully measure and log the voltage of each secondary. Then when the transformer is dismantled and the secondaries unwound, count the number of turns of each of the voltage windings. For each secondary, divide the number of turns by the voltage developed by that secondary. The quotient will be practically the same for all windings of a given transformer and will be the turns-per-volt factor associated with the existing primary.

If the existing primary cannot be used, then it will be necessary to wind a suitable one. Calculate the turns-per-volt factor required for the selected transformer core from fig. 2. Here the turns-per-volt is plotted as the ordinate and the cross-sectional area of the core tongue is plotted as the abscissa. The turns-per-volt factor is somewhat dependent upon the power capacity of the transformer, so three values of this parameter have been included on fig. 2. Notice that the smaller transformers require fewer turns per volt for a given core size.

The number of turns for the primary is now determined by multiplying the primary voltage by the turns-per-volt factor obtained from fig. 2.

The wire size to be used on the new primary is determined by the current that will flow in the primary. This, in turn, is determined by the power delivered from the secondary windings. Because the transformer cannot generate power (in fact, it uses a little), the power consumed by the primary will be just a little more than the sum of that delivered by all the secondaries. Figure 3 gives an approximation of the primary current as a function of the total power (or volt-ampere product) delivered by the secondaries. An allowance has been made on this

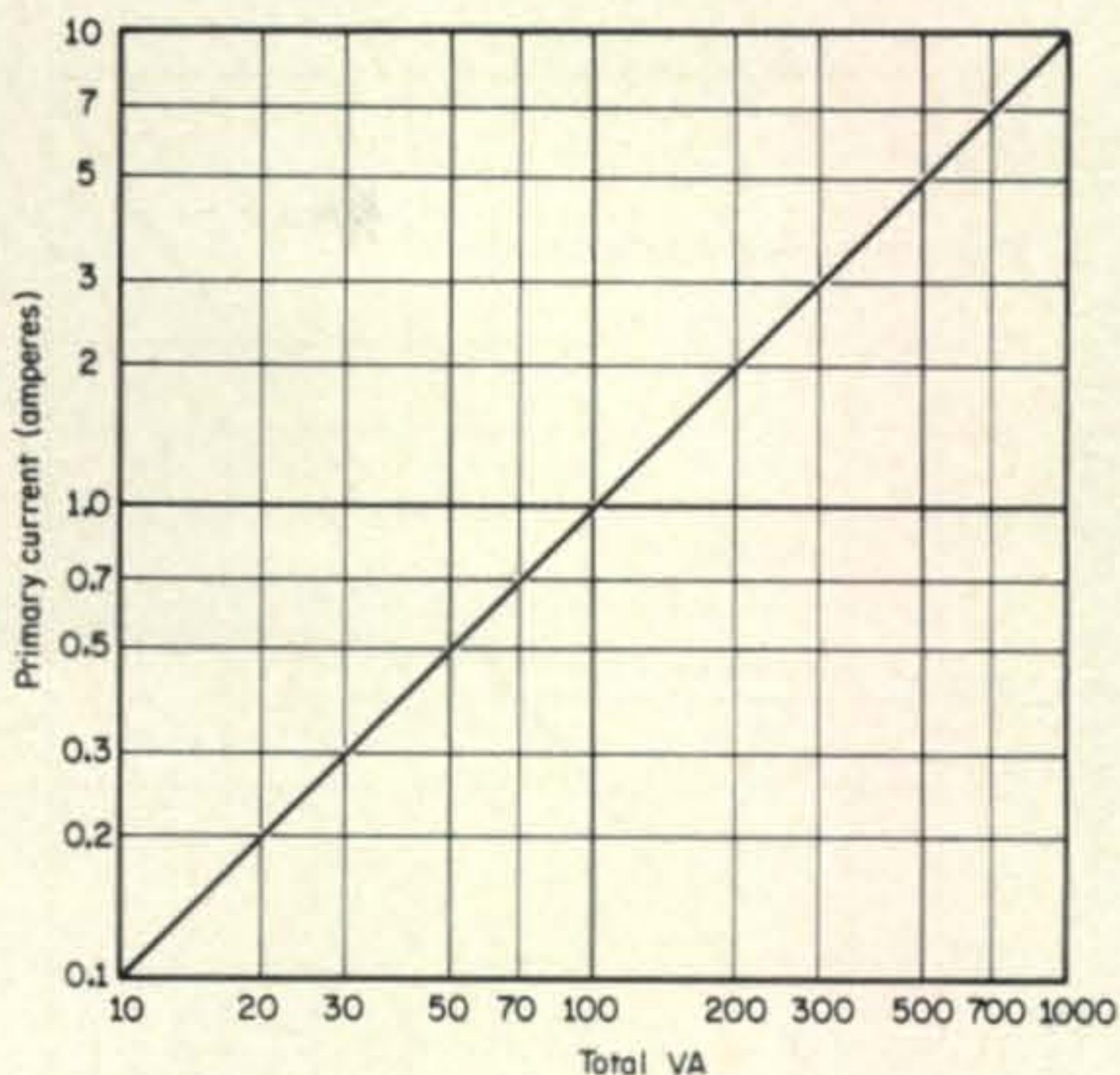


Fig. 3—Primary current vs transformer volt-ampere product.

graph to account for the transformer efficiency. With the primary current known, fig. 4 is used as a guide to estimate the wire size.

## The Secondary Windings

The number of turns for a given secondary is calculated by multiplying the turns-per-volt factor by the desired voltage. The wire size to use for a given secondary winding is determined by the current to be drawn from that particular secondary. Enter fig. 4 at the specified current and read the wire size from the abscissa. Note that wire sizes are integral so select the next lower listing when fractional values are obtained from the graph.

## Doing the Work

After a transformer with a suitable core has been selected, the transformer must be dismantled. If an existing primary will be used,

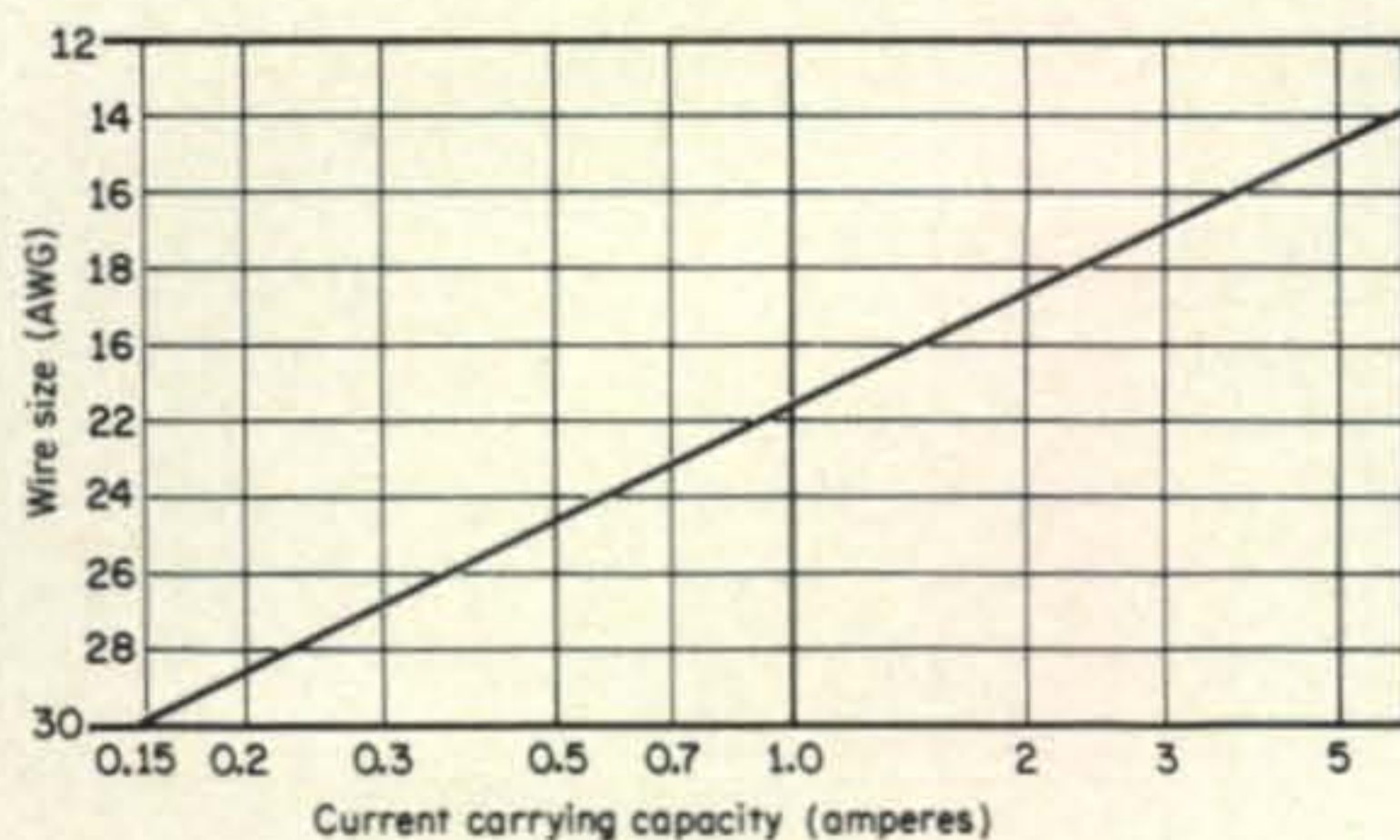


Fig. 4—Wire size vs current carrying capacity.



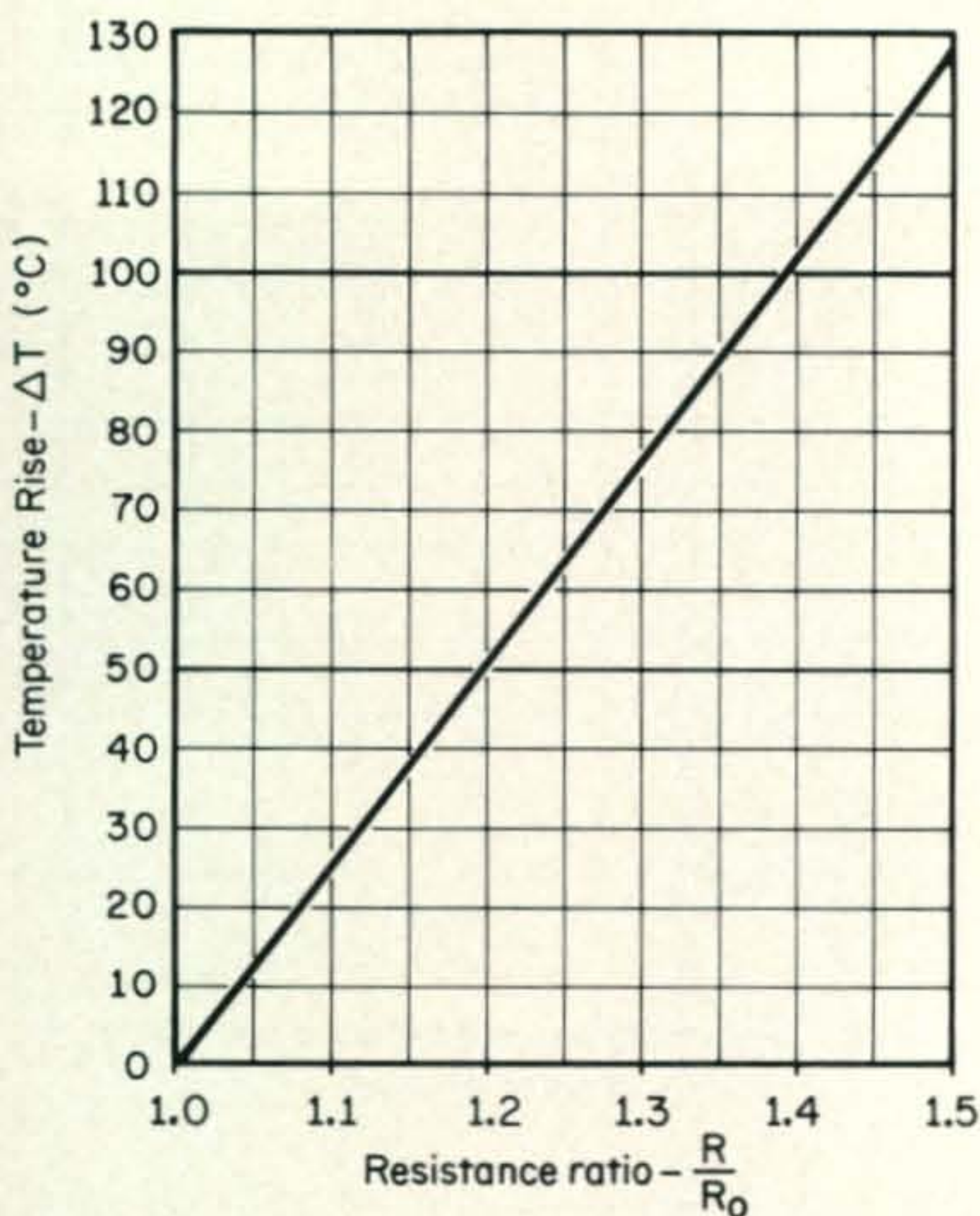


Fig. 5—Temperature rise vs resistance ratio.

work carefully not to damage the usable winding. The laminations of the core are usually interleaved, so note the pattern used in stacking and use the same in reassembly. Also note the manner of lead connections and insulation and use these as a guide in reassembly. The new windings do not necessarily have to be neatly side by side. Random winding is usable but severely limits the number of turns that can be placed on a given form. Be particularly careful to insulate the primary windings. Be careful not to allow potential shorts to core or secondary windings. Examine the construction practices fol-

lowed on the original transformer and try to duplicate these as close as possible.

If the wire of a particular winding is very small, then larger lead wires must be attached. Ordinary plastic electrical tape is satisfactory to anchor and insulate these points. If the wire of the winding is large enough, the ends may be sleeved and brought out as leads. In either event, provide a reasonably secure mechanical joint.

### Checking the Results

A little initial checking before putting the transformer into service will save a lot of heartache in the end. First, use your ohmmeter to test for shorts and to verify the leads. On the highest ohmmeter range, check from each winding—especially the primary—to core and to all the other windings. You should find many megohms. Next, verify the primary winding; it should measure a few tens of ohms as opposed to the lower voltage windings that should measure a few ohms. Temporarily, attach a line cord to the primary and measure the voltage developed on each secondary. They should be reasonably close to the design values.

Finally, load the secondaries with suitable loads of ample power rating and let the transformer run for several hours to check the temperature rise. The resistance of the copper wire changes with temperature, so an estimate of the internal temperature of the transformer can be obtained from fig. 5. Measure the resistance of the primary winding when the transformer is stabilized at room temperature. Call this  $R_0$ . Note this reading and the room temperature. Let the transformer run fully loaded for several hours until it has stabilized at its loaded temperature; then again measure the resistance of the primary. Call this reading  $R$ . Figure 5 is a plot of the ratio  $R/R_0$  vs temperature rise in degrees Centigrade. The insulation materials begin to degrade at about  $105^\circ\text{C}$  so the temperature must stay below this value.

### An Example

Assume it is desired to rewind a transformer for use in a utility power supply. Output voltages of + 5 volts d.c., + 12 volts d.c. and - 12 volts d.c. are desired. The primary voltage is 115 volts, 60 Hz. The secondaries must deliver 9 volts a.c. at least to the 5 v.d.c. rectifier and 16 volts at 500 ma to each of the 12-volt rectifiers.

Core Cross Section <u>1.0</u> sq. in.						
	Voltage	Current	VA	T/V	No. turns	Wire Size
Primary	115.	0.217	25	4.8	552	28
Sec. # 1	9.0	1.0	9.0	"	44	20
Sec. # 2	16.0	0.5	8.0	"	77	24
Sec. # 3	16.0	0.5	8.0	"	77	24
Sec. # 4						
Room Temperature <u>26° C</u>		Room Temperature <u>28.5° C</u>				
Primary Resist (R) <u>14.9</u>		Primary Resist ( $R_0$ ) <u>17.5</u>				
$\frac{R}{R_0}$ <u>1.175</u>		$\Delta T$ <u>42.5</u> °C				

Fig. 6—A convenient form for logging transformer data.



The total  $VA$  is

$$VA = (9 \times 1) + (16 \times 0.5) + (16 \times 0.5) \\ = 25\text{-volt amperes}$$

Figure 1 shows a core cross-sectional area of 0.88 square inches is required. The junk box yields a 6.3 volt, 3 amp filament transformer with a core having a tongue area  $1" \times 1"$ , so this will be used. This transformer also has a 115 volt primary, so its primary will be used as is.

The primary is excited with 115 v.a.c. and the voltage of the secondary winding is measured as 6.45 volts.

When the transformer is dismantled, 31 turns are unwound from the secondary. The turns-per-volt factor is then:

$$T/V = \frac{31}{6.45} \\ = 4.8$$

The number of turns of the new secondaries are calculated by multiplying the desired a.c. voltage by 4.8 (the turns-per-volt factor).

Secondary #1 =  $4.8 \times 9 = 43.2 = 44$  turns

Secondary #2 =  $16 \times 4.8 = 76.8 = 77$  turns

Secondary #3 =  $16 \times 4.8 = 76.8 = 77$  turns.

Figure 4 shows a 1-amp. winding must have a wire size slightly larger than #22, so a #20 is chosen for the 9-volt winding. The 500 ma windings must have #24 wire.

The transformer is wound and the preliminary test made. The resistance and voltage measurements turn out okay. The 9-volt winding is loaded with two 18-ohm, 10-watt resistors in parallel. Before the transformer is turned on, the primary winding measures 14.9 ohms at  $26^\circ\text{C}$  room temperature. After the unit operated 4.5 hours, the room temperature was  $27.5^\circ\text{C}$  and the primary winding measured 17.5 ohms.

$R/R_0$  is 1.175 and fig. 5 shows this represents a temperature rise of  $+45^\circ\text{C}$ . However,  $1.5^\circ$  was due to a change in room temperature, so the losses of the transformer contributed 4—1.5 or  $42.5^\circ\text{C}$  rise in temperature. The room ambient may rise as high as  $62.5^\circ\text{C}$  before the internal insulation will approach its  $105^\circ$  limit. This is entirely satisfactory.

The transformer may now be put in service.

### In Summary

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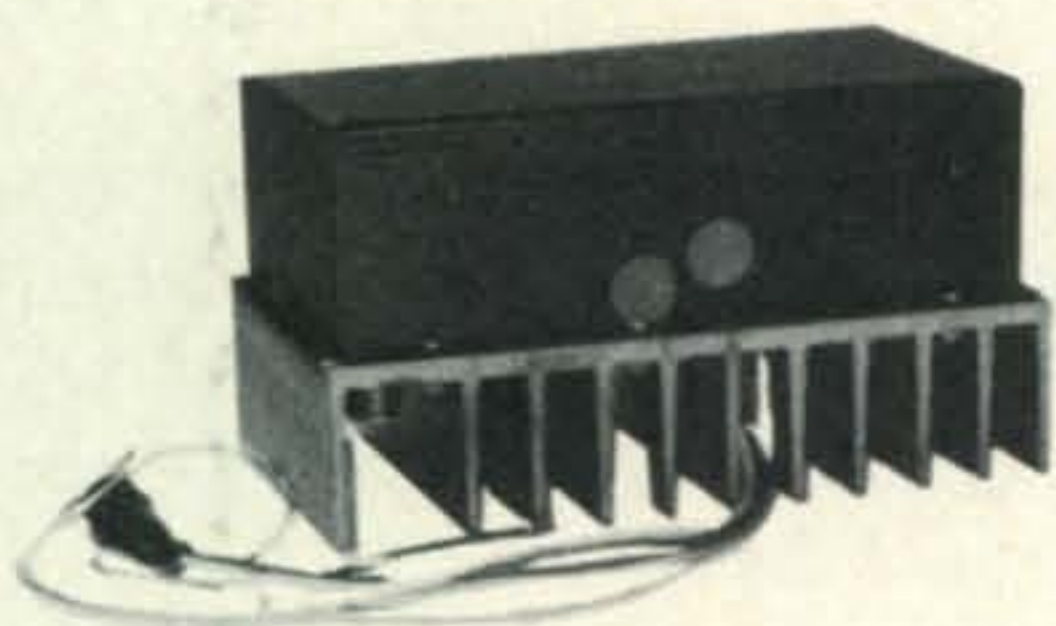
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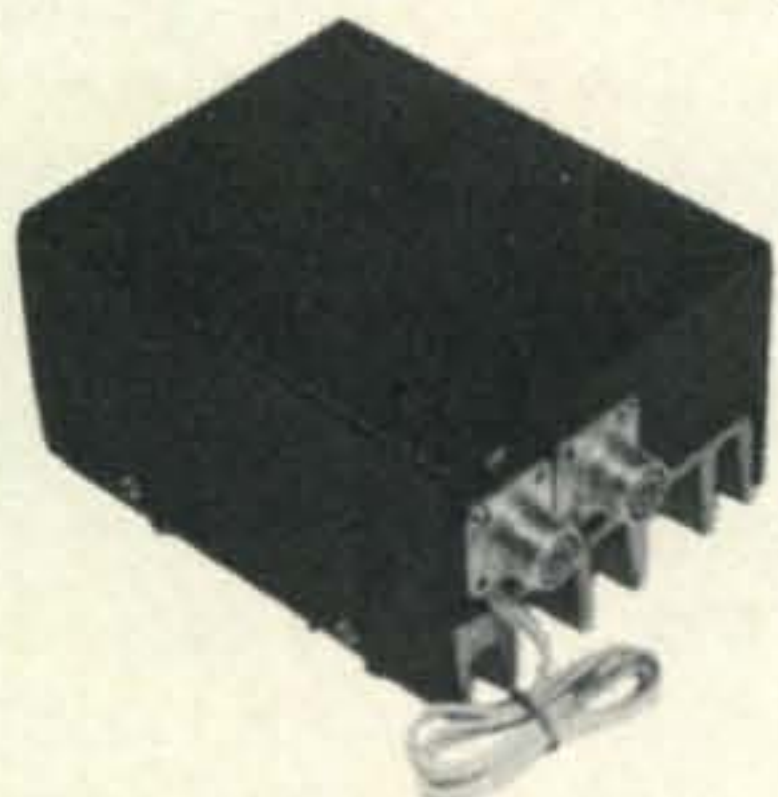
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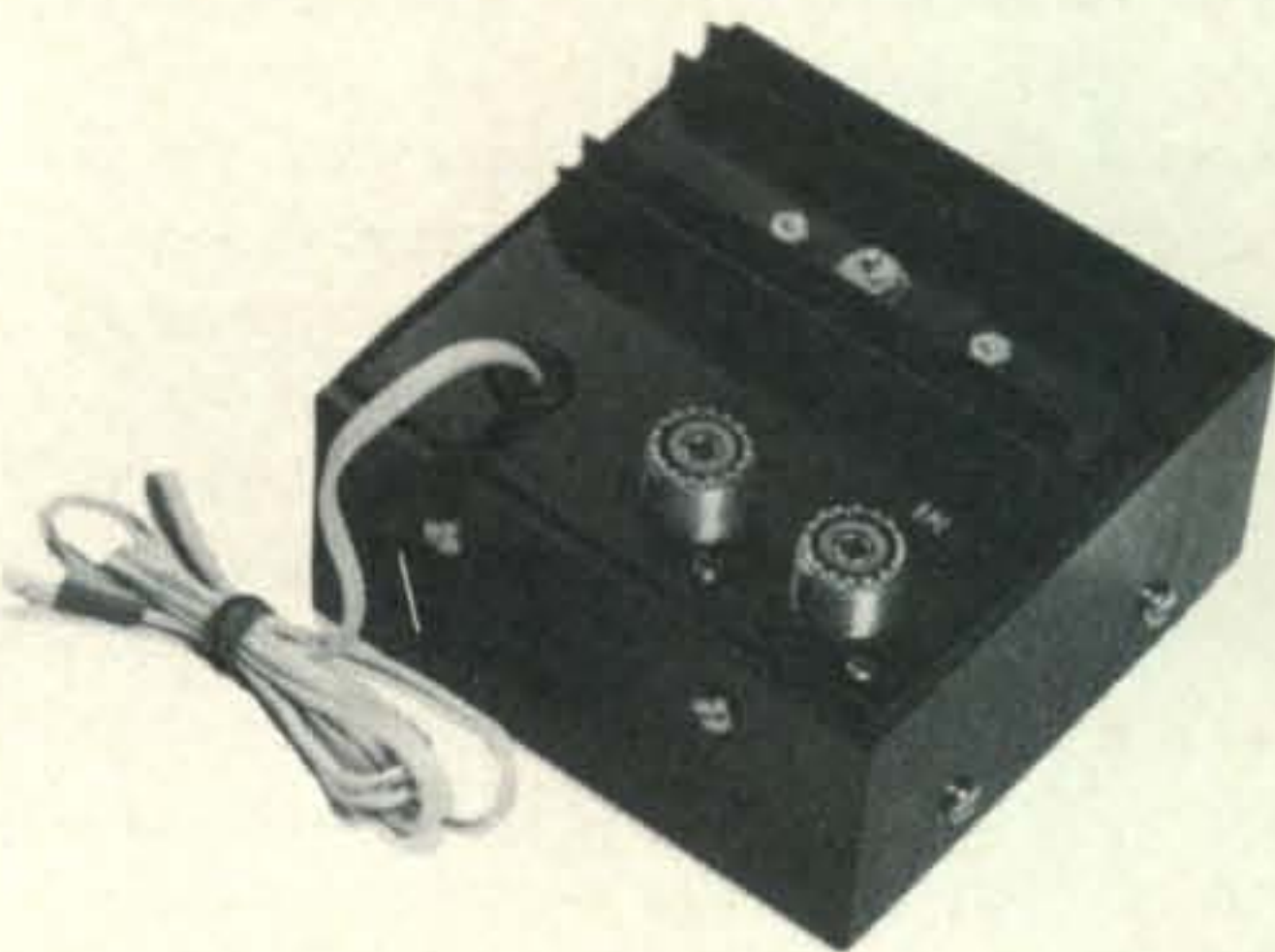
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In the trial transmitter the number 3 reading was lower than with a crystal directly into the oscillator (tube type). However, the later amplification and multiplication circuits brought the drive up for the usual 60 watts out. By the way, the trial unit obtained voltage from part of the mic d.c. circuit. Also, the signal was fed directly into the grid of the 6AK6. No troubles were discovered.

As suggested last month it is desirable to obtain a good grade of crystal for use in the STO-3 oscillator. This is to insure on-frequency signals. Sentry will furnish high stability crystals correlated for the oscillator when requested. The cost of the basic oscillator board (assembled, ready to go) is \$5.00. Drop Sentry a line at Crystal Park, Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018, for information about the STO series oscillators.

### News

The Technical Talk portion of this column has been dominant for quite a while. Mainly this was because of lack of news items. Well, this month there is no lack of news, so here goes.

Previous columns have mentioned state-wide or regional repeater coordination groups. Since information had been received from only a few groups many other groups were not reported. Fortunately, several organizations not previously reported have sent information for use in the column. There are still other groups, so let's hear from them.

### Colorado

The coordination group for Colorado is the Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs Repeater Committee. This group recognizes the standard 600 kHz spacings with 30 kHz channels on 2 meters. Also, their information sheet calls for 5 MHz input/output spacings on 450 MHz with 50 kHz wideband channels and 25 kHz narrowband channels. Much in line with the feelings of many f.m. groups around the country. The person to contact for repeater coordination and information in Colorado is John C. Nolan, WAØRLQ, 9762 Alamo Drive, Northglenn, Colorado 80221.

### Indiana

According to the *Bison*, the official publication of the Indiana Radio Club Council, the Indiana Repeater Council is using the address of K9LSB, 1416 Lakewood Drive, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46819. The goal of the council is to promote a spirit of cooperation between repeater organiza-

tions. Annual dues are \$8.00 per organization. A copy of the by-laws and constitution may be obtained by writing to the above address.

### Ohio

The place to get information about repeaters in Ohio and West Virginia is the Ohio Area Repeater Council, c/o W8LGL, P. O. Box 23, Delaware, Ohio 43015. This group puts out a good newsletter with a regional repeater directory included in various editions.

### SERA

Although not new to these pages, the South Eastern Repeater Association has recently undertaken a new frequency plan. SERA was the heart of .34/.76 country, but, at the October meeting in Tampa, SERA adopted the 600 kHz input/output spacing for two meter operation. That will mean all present member repeaters with the .34/.76 combination will go to a 146.16 MHz primary input. 146.34 MHz will still be used for repeater operation, but will require a touchtone encoded access. Target date for operation of the 146.16 MHz receivers is January 15, 1972. In SERA territory (Atlanta and south) one doesn't talk about a repeater with an output on 146.94 MHz, for 94 is reserved for simplex only. Therefore, the dual input frequencies to the 146.76 MHz output repeaters will present no problems.

### CARC

Another regular state group in this column is the California Amateur Relay Council. A rather lengthy report on the October 2, 1971, meeting in Sparks, Nevada was received. A good portion of the meeting was spent in discussion of a plan to divide the CARC into a Northern and a Southern California group. Also, incorporation of the CARC was discussed. New officers were elected for the coming year. Elected were, Chairman Ross Stevens, W6FRE; Vice-Chairman Alan Burgstahler, WA6AWD; and Secretary-Treasurer Pres Thomson, WB6PUE. The next meeting will be held during February at Bishop, California, hosted by the Gronk Radio Network. The summer meeting will be held on June 3-4, 1972, at Fresno in conjunction with a general FM Hamfest.

### Texas

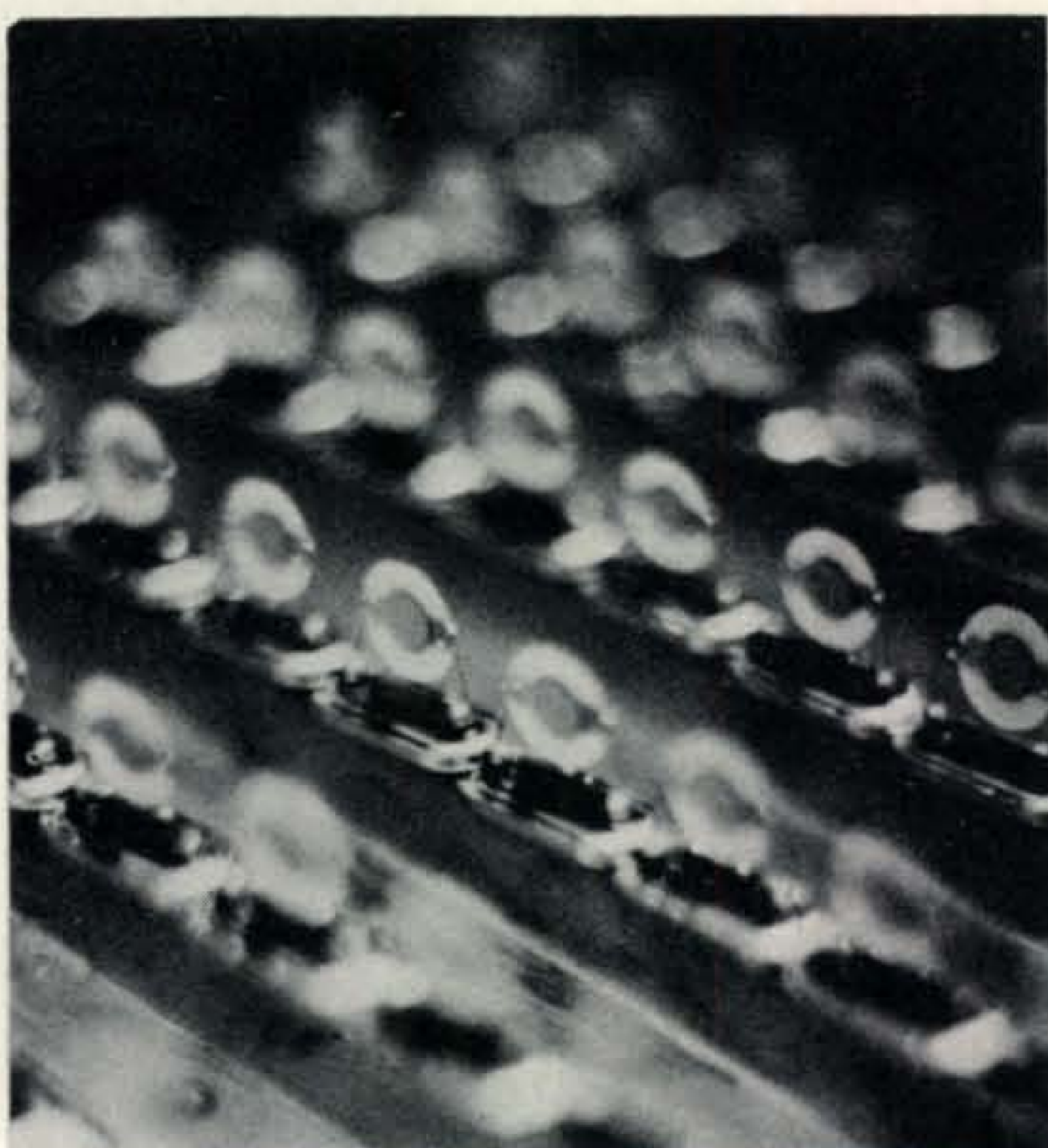
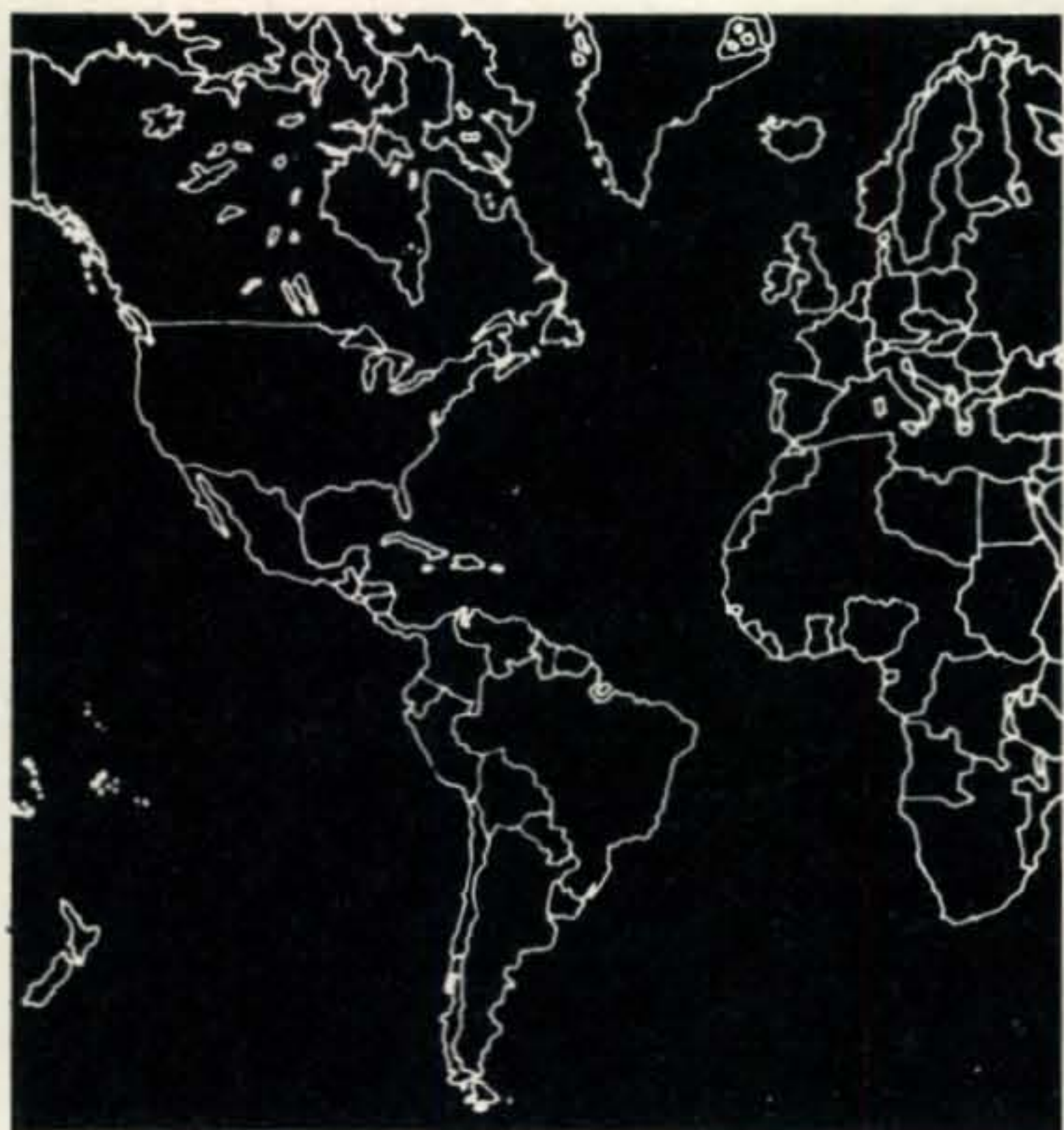
It's about time for the winter meeting of the Texas VHF FM Society. Although the exact date was not available at press time, plans call for an early February meeting in Corpus Christie. Of prime importance will be the adoption, or at least plans for such, of a formal Constitution. This meeting will be of the business session type, rather than a large hamfest. However, anyone interested in f.m. is invited to attend and join the association.

### Q & A

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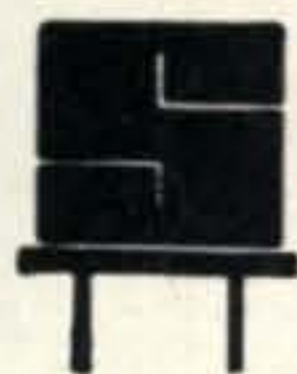
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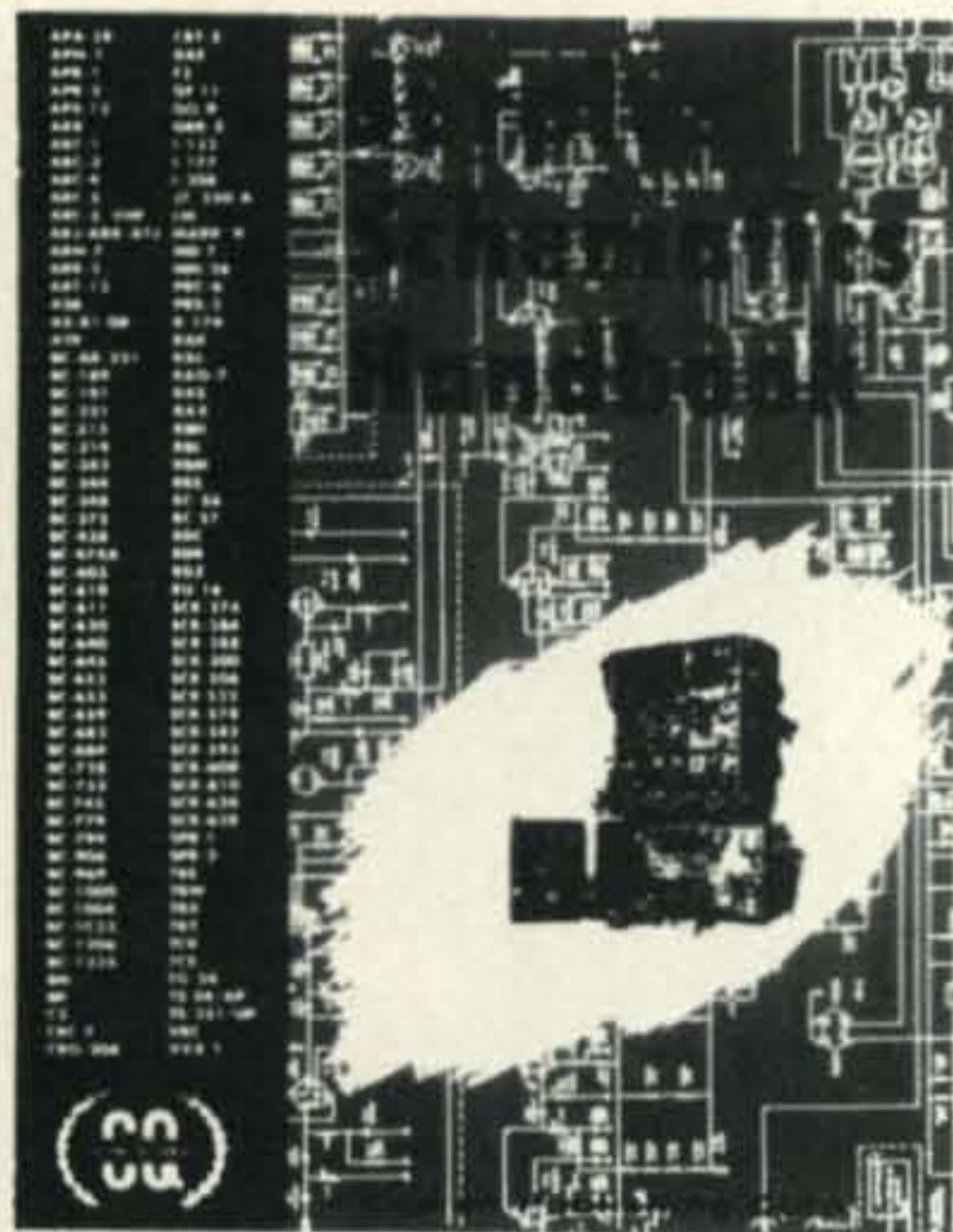
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A. In a case where the difference between the desired frequency and the interfering signal is 1/2 the high i.f. frequency and thus located midway between the 1st injection frequency and the desired carrier frequency, the only way to eliminate the interference without a cavity, filter, or other front-end device one must change the 1st injector frequency to the other side. That is, if low side injection is now being used, then go to high side. Of course, if the receiver has more than one crystal each one will have to be moved to the other side (an expensive proposition). In the case where the interfering signal is a 2 times the low i.f. frequency (e.g. 455 kHz if making 910 kHz signal difference) then swapping the 2nd injection frequency will take care of the problem.

Q. Will you design a squelch circuit for me to use with a . . . . . receiver? How about a solid-state conversion of the . . . . . ? Can you tell me where I went wrong when I designed this unit?

A. These are just a few of the questions which are beyond the scope of this column. Trying to debug someone else's homebrew project or to design from scratch would not give me time to answer any other questions. For someone need-

ing information as to where to look for such information I am happy to help out, but cannot specifically design or debug. Look in the many amateur magazines for circuits with similar characteristics or go to the *Sourcebook Of Electronic Circuits*; John Markus, McGraw-Hill Book Company; New York; 1968. This book has hundreds of circuits from various publications. It should be in your local library or at a nearby college or technical school.

#### Finale

Enough repeater directory cards are in to prepare the first edition of the directory. It should be in either the March or April issue. Any update or additional information is always appreciated.

Since the interests of f.m.'ers are quite diversified in just what they want to see in this column, several things are now in the planning and/or debugging stages. Included are solid-state multi-frequency assemblies (5 or 10 frequencies) using cheap I.C.'s; more test equipment; and information straight from the horse's mouth (manufacturer) as to losses and other characteristics of feedlines.

I still need photographs of f.m. activities and of the repeaters and sites. They do not have to be fancy. A Polaroid shot is fine. An Instamatic does fine too, so get out and take some photos and forward them for publication. Enough for now. Best of luck and happy f.m.'ing. ■



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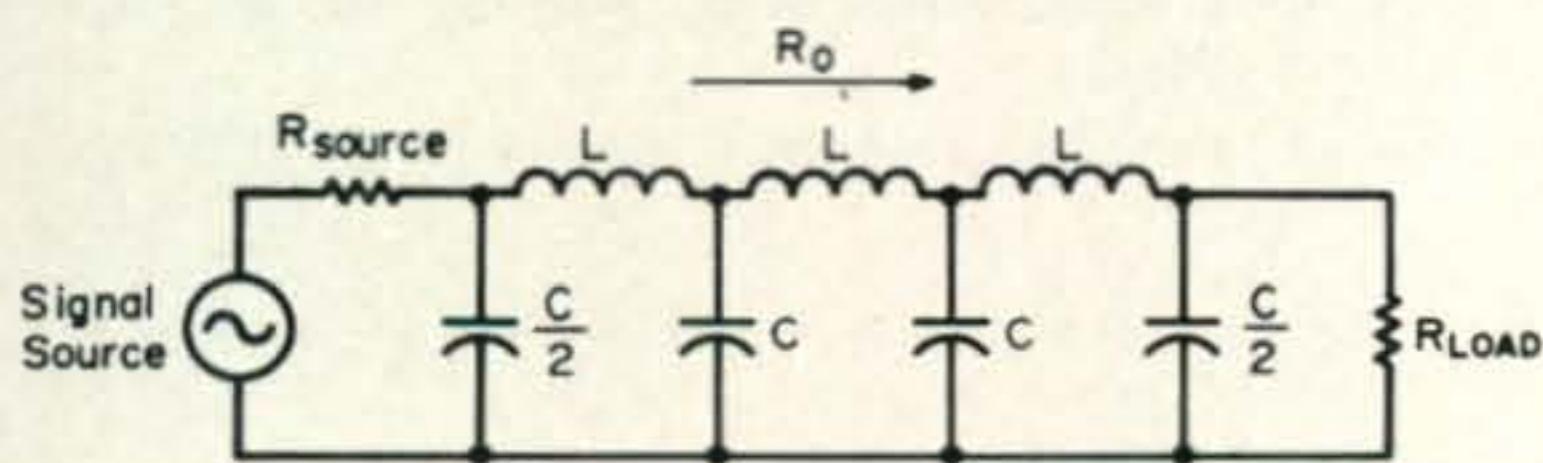
# QUICKER and BETTER LOW-PASS FILTER DESIGN

BY IRVING M. GOTTLIEB,\* W6HDM

**G**OOD low-pass filters are very useful. For example, a valid "two-tone" test of a single-sideband rig requires low harmonic distortion in the output waveforms of the two audio oscillators. It is generally unlikely that the audio signals available in the shack will be up to snuff in this regard. The situation is readily remedied by passing the less-than-perfect audio waves through low-pass filters. Some eons distant in the electromagnetic spectrum, we find that a low-pass filter inserted between the final stage and the antenna lead-in, effectively strains out the harmonic energy that would otherwise raise havoc with the TV viewers. And there are lots of experimental situations wherein success depends upon our ability to enforce the dictum, "no higher frequencies than umpety-ump Hz will be allowed to pass from here to there." Surely, the skill to design predictable low-pass filters from a few inductors and capacitors can be a rewarding one. The image-parameter method, its foreboding name notwithstanding, provides us with a few simple formulas and rules which should quickly lead to the requisite hardware and the desired response. But, sometimes there are a few snags in the path of progress!

Experience shows that the three-section

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Design data:  $R_{SOURCE}$  and  $R_{LOAD}$  are the value  $R_0$  where

$$R_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

The cut-off frequency  $f_c = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{LC}}$

$$L = \frac{R_0}{\pi f_c} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \frac{1}{\pi f_c R_0}$$

Fig. 1—A three section low-pass filter. In design formulas above,  $R_0$  is in ohms,  $f_c$  is in Hz,  $L$  is in henries, and  $C$  is in farads.

filter of fig. 1 is a good universal circuit for the majority of a.f. and r.f. uses in transmitters and receivers. Such a filter is capable of giving us a nice flat pass-band and a steep transition into the region of attenuation, *i.e.*, the stop-band. It is always better to do the job right than to save a few pennies via the marginal performance provided by more primitive filters. The only hang-up is that the handbooks and manuals have withheld, or at least concealed, certain vital facts pertaining to real-world filters. Those who have dabbled in the art know that no matter how far we string out our decimal points, or how carefully we bridge out, select, or fabricate the components, the completed filter inevitably shows a response which cuts off at a *lower*-than-calculated frequency. So we go to work with our "fudging" empirics, endeavoring to "pull" the cut-off frequency by monkeying with the capacitors or inductors. What with our tweaking and cursing, we ultimately succeed, but at a price. Very often this process leads to ripple in the pass-band, accompanied by "bubbles" and inflections in the skirt of the response curve. See fig. 2. This may or may not be acceptable, but we cannot help but suspect there must be a quicker and better way!

Let us momentarily divert our attention to the single-section filter of fig. 3. If we could obtain the mathematically-ideal response

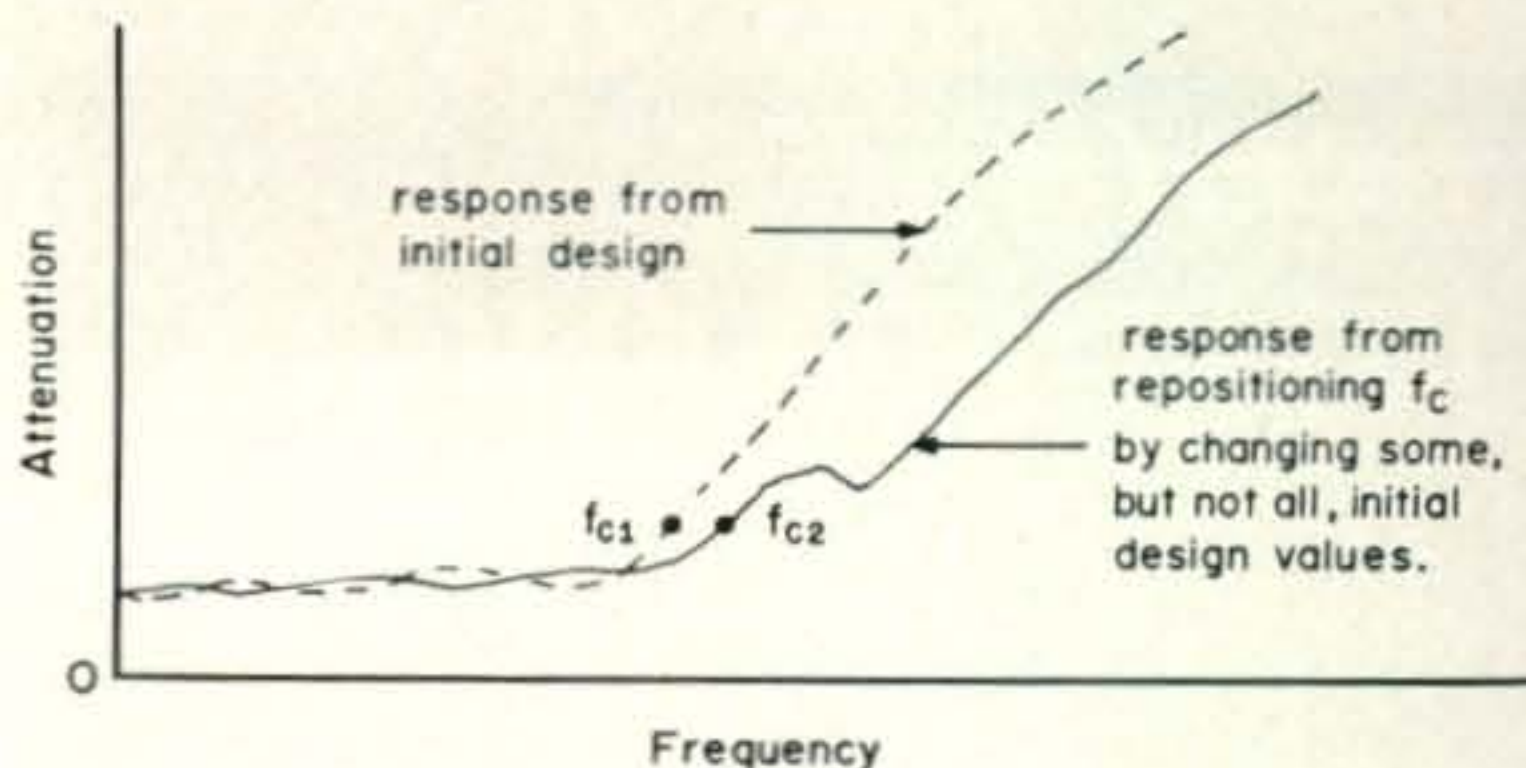


Fig. 2—Response degradation typical of "fudging" techniques. Two capacitors and one inductor of fig. 1 were changed from their initial design values to force  $f_{c1}$  to move to  $f_{c2}$ .



from this section, our troubles would be over and this article would have no relevance. This ideal response has the general shape shown in fig. 3. One thing is quickly evident: any number of such filters (or such responses) could be cascaded without disturbing the cut-off frequency. Unfortunately, practical filters designed by the simple formulas of image-parameter theory *do not* produce the response depicted by fig. 3. Moreover, they would not even if the inductors and capacitors were perfect. Rather, we find that the response is more in the nature of the curve shown in fig. 4. Now, this is still a respectable response. The passband is still substantially flat and the transition into the region of attenuation hasn't really been too drastically affected. But a little consideration should make it evident that the cut-off frequency will now occur at *lower and lower frequencies* as we cascade filter sections. This is because the cut-off frequency is now located on a *rounded* portion of the response curve. Indeed, it is defined as that frequency which is 3 db down in amplitude from the amplitude referred to, say the first 20% of the pass-band. (or more accurately to zero frequency, *i.e.* to d.c.). But, why the curvature in the vicinity of  $f_c$ ?

The ideal response curve of fig. 3 would be forthcoming from the single section filter of fig. 3 if the elements had *zero losses* and if the filter could be operated into a matched impedance *throughout its passband*. What impedance is this? Ordinarily, we designate it to be a resistance equal in value to  $\sqrt{L/C}$ , which is called the characteristic impedance of the filter. Moreover, the signal source

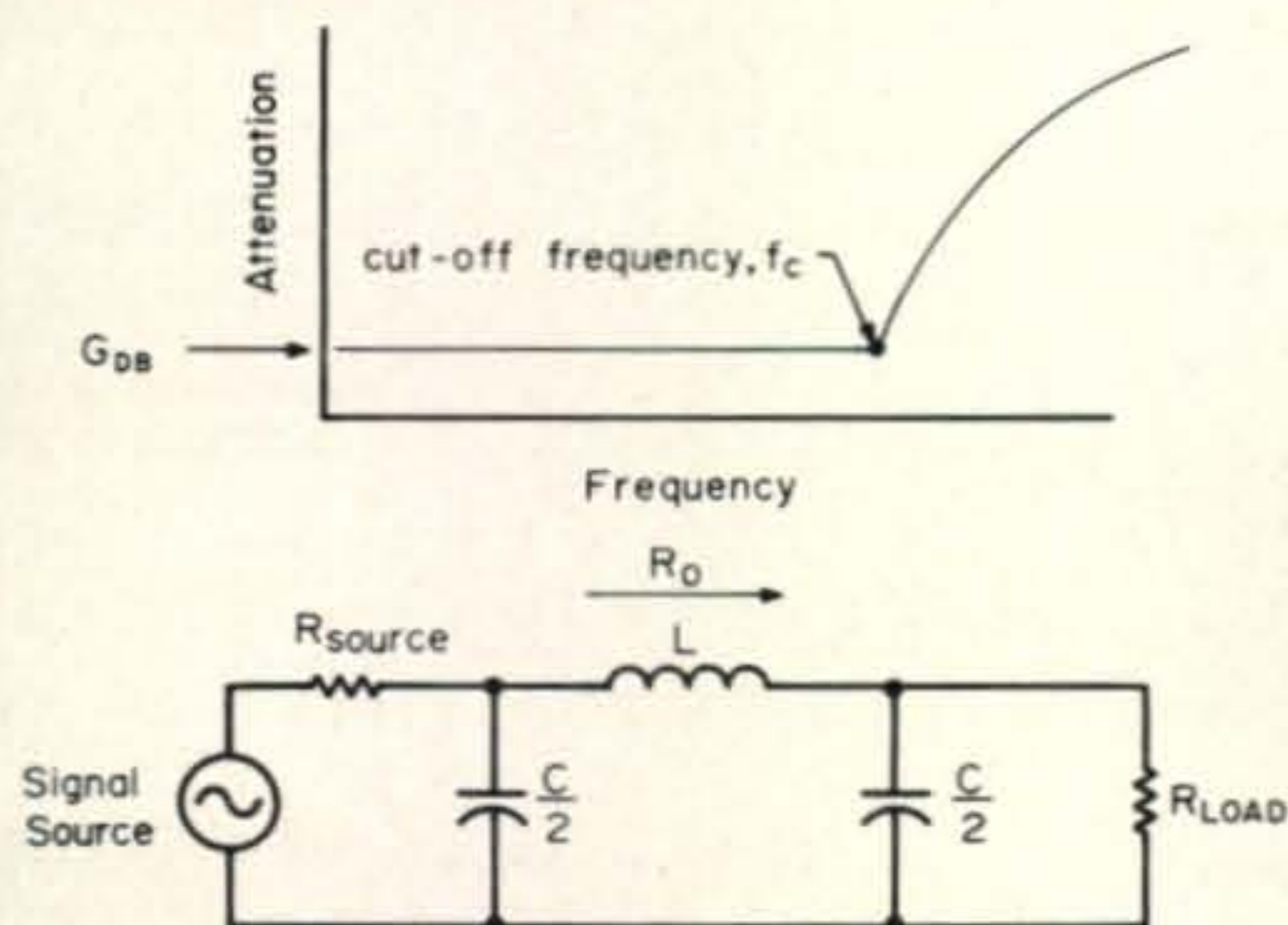


Fig. 3—The response of an ideal single section. This response is based upon the generally used, but unrealistic assumption, that  $R_{source}$  and  $R_{load}$  will be matched to  $R_0$  from zero to the cut-off frequency,  $f_c$ . It is also unrealistically assumed that the filter elements are lossless in general design procedure.

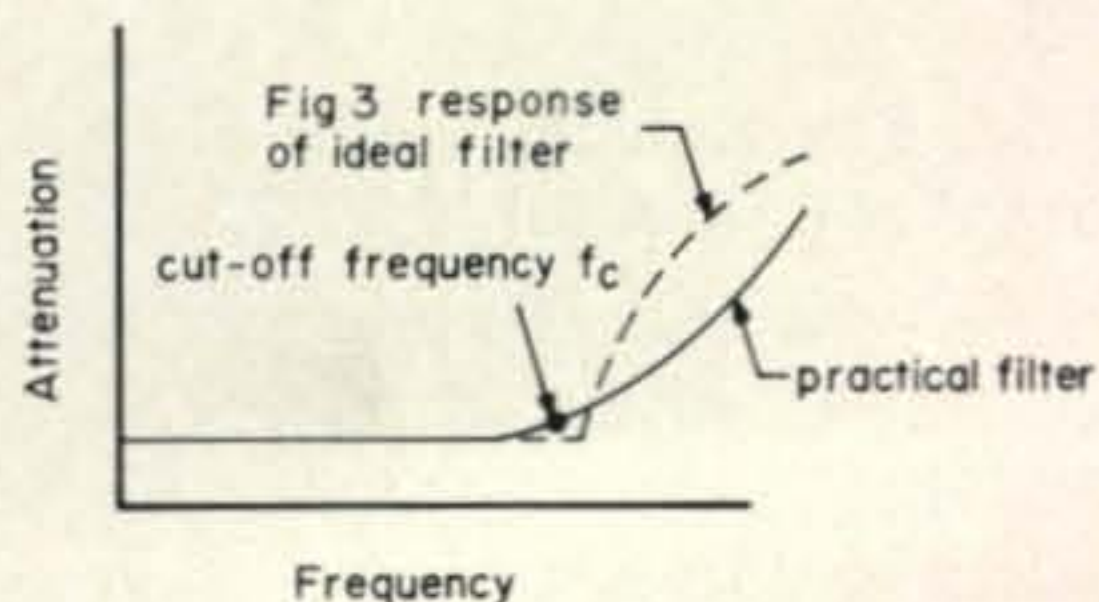


Fig. 4—Response of a practical single section filter. This response differs from that of fig. 3 because the characteristic impedance  $R_0$  does not remain at its low frequency value  $\sqrt{L/C}$ , over the entire pass-band. Also, in practical filters, the position of the cut-off frequency,  $f_c$ , is made even more indeterminate by the effects of losses in the elements.

ahead of the filter is also ordinarily made this value. Such operation yields a flat passband over most of the frequency region between d.c. and the cutoff frequency. If we refer to fig. 5, we see *why* the ideal response is not attained. Figure 5 reveals that the characteristic impedance of the filter is  $\sqrt{L/C}$  at d.c. and at low frequencies, but as we approach cutoff the target is *infinite impedance*. Thus, we cannot match the input and output of the filter over the entire passband. Mismatch causes internal reflections, this being manifested by gradual excursion into the attenuating region. No wonder the passband connects to the stopband via a *rounded* segment! (Resort to mathematical rigor would be accomplished by pointing out that the oft-used expression for  $Z_0$ , the characteristic impedance does not tell the whole story. Rather, for the filter section of fig. 3,

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L/C}{1 - (f/f_c)^2}}$$

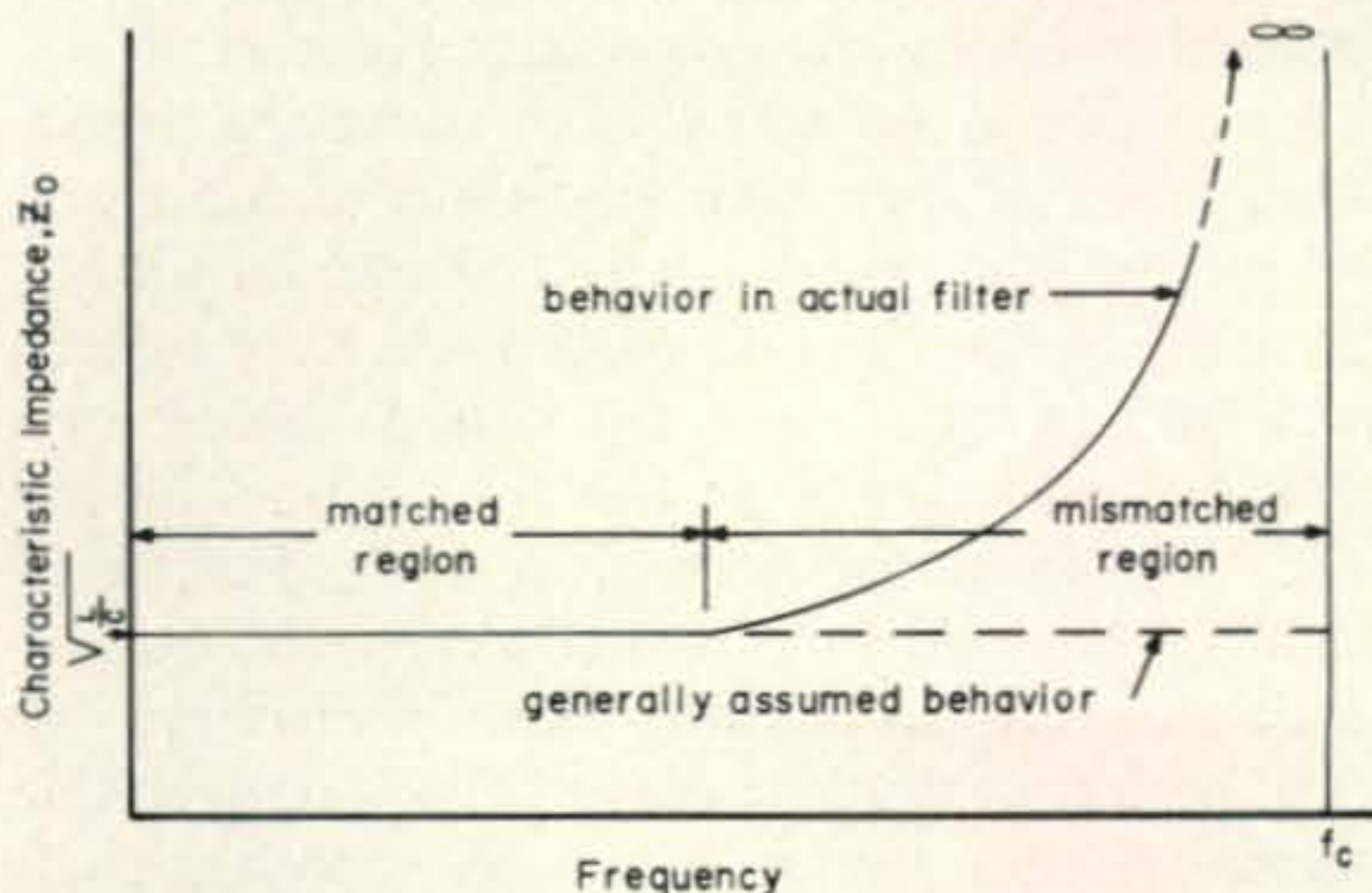


Fig. 5—Behavior of characteristic impedance in single section filter of fig. 3. Note that for zero, and for low frequencies, the characteristic impedance is the value  $\sqrt{L/C}$ . It is only possible to match this filter over this region of the pass-band.



Indeed, fig. 5 represents a plot of this more complicated equation for  $Z_o$ .)

We have seen that the inherent nature of the filter section of fig. 3 dooms us to approximate the desirable conditions of impedance match. If this were the whole sum of the matter, we wouldn't be too badly off, for some "bugging factor" could be devised to take care of the effects of cascading on  $f_c$ . What louses up the situation is the inevitable presence of *dissipative losses* in the elements. Such losses generally are found to predominate in the inductors and it usually is found that the capacitors can be considered lossless. This is certainly true at audio frequencies. In any event, the general effect of element dissipation is included in fig. 6b. The departure from horizontal of the passband as we approach  $f_c$  adversely affects the cascading problem.  $f_c$  now occurs earlier in each section than would be the case if the inherent impedance-mismatch were the only culprit. Worse, the occurrence of  $f_c$  is very much a matter of the losses incurred in the particular filter. This will vary widely and cannot be nailed down. All we can do is try to use inductors which are relatively good considering size, economics, availability, and various nebulous factors. When all is said and done, the cutoff frequency of a filter with three sections is likely to occur so much earlier than indicated by the formula, that our slipsticks appear to be saboteurs! But all is not lost! Both mathematics and cook-book technology conspire to provide a neat way out.

First off the bat, when we set up the design equations, let's make  $f_c$  about 10% higher than is ultimately desired. This makes sense because it is in the right direction to compensate the effect of cascading filter-sections. However, our objective is to cause the cutoff frequency of the completed filter to come out slightly higher than desired. Now, assuming that the inductors and capacitors have values within, say  $\pm 2\%$  of computed values, we will not disturb any of the four capacitors or the three inductors shown in fig. 1. Rather, a small capacitor is connected across the output inductor. With a little experimentation, it will be found that the cut-off frequency of the three section filter can be conveniently lowered to yield the desired overall response. Manipulation of the cutoff frequency in this manner will not be accompanied by any of the "side-effects" which usually assert themselves when the cutoff frequency is pulled by

tweaking the various elements of the original filter network. Such tweaking, incidentally is usually time consuming; it is often found that the cutoff frequency moves in unanticipated directions as we modify an element.

This is all there is to it, but it remains to be shown that the technique merits support from logician as well as empiricist. In more advanced work with image-parameter filters, certain benefits are conferred by so-called m-derived sections. (It so happens that our output stage with its tuned inductor now has the circuit configuration of an m-derived section.) The resonant frequency of this tank is always made higher than the cutoff frequency and causes high attenuation in the stop band at a frequency region where the use of the filter indicates such a need. For example harmonic, intermodulation, crosstalk, or other interferences can be greatly attenuated by this technique. One may liken it to a wave-trap. It is often a more economical approach than the brute-force cascading of many filter sections. To those versed in the art, it is an "old-hat" maxim that the resonant frequency of the m-derived section affects the cutoff frequency of the filter. Moreover, the closer this resonance is to the designed cutoff frequency, the greater will be the effect. The direction of this effect, as might be anticipated, is the lowering of the cutoff frequency. See fig. 7. Inasmuch as we purposely made the cutoff frequency of the filter higher than desired, we now find ourselves in the favorable situation

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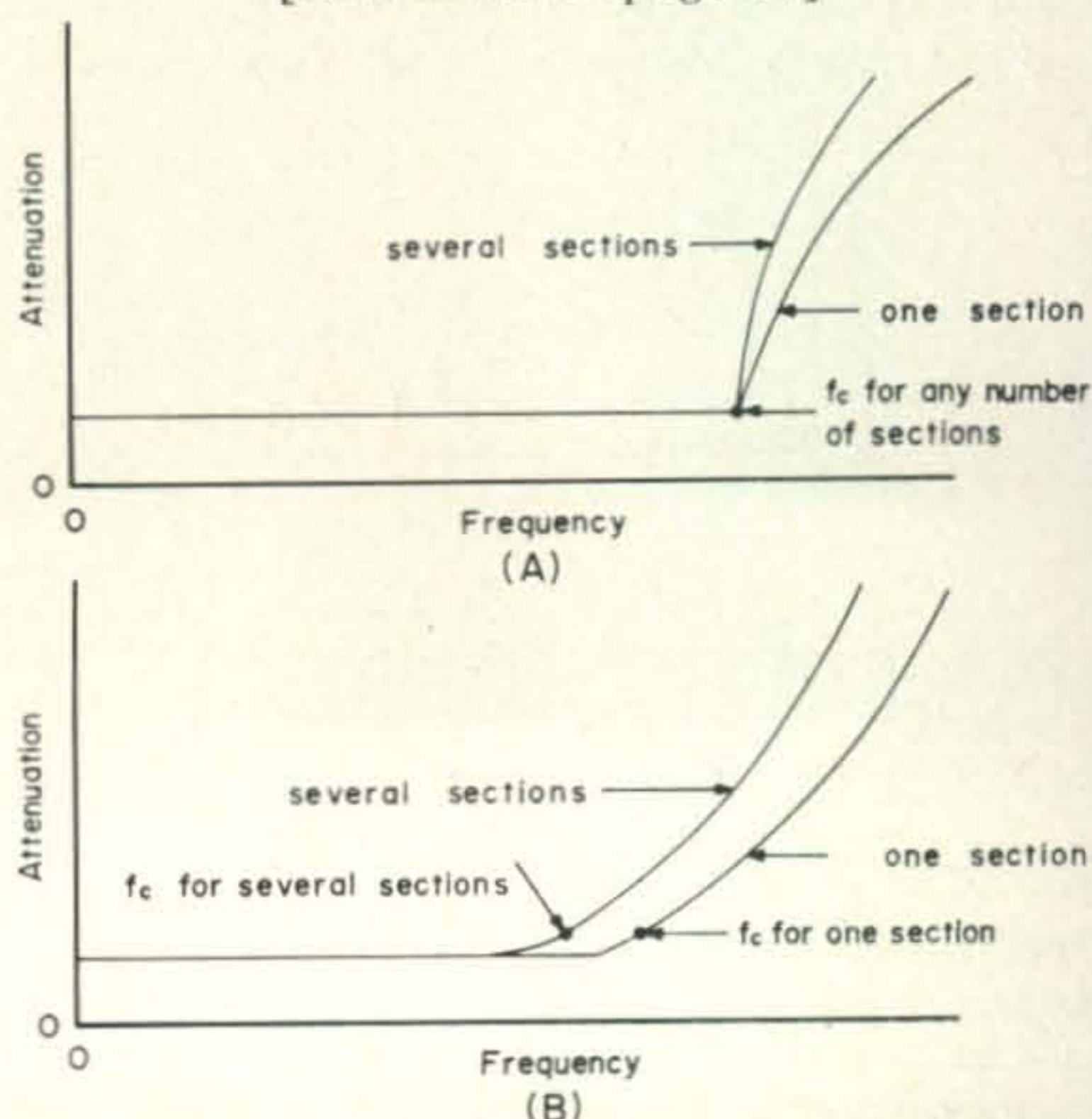


Fig. 6—Effect of cascading filter sections. (A) Ideal sections. (B) Real-world sections. Note shift of  $f_c$ .





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# Results of the 1971 CQ World Wide WPX SSB Contest.

BY FRANK ANZALONE,\* W1WY

We got our lumps in last year's WPX SSB Contest (March 1971). With more than a 25% decrease in returns we are wondering "what did we do wrong?"

Of course we had expected that conditions would not be as good as the past few years, especially on 10, but there seemed to be a lot of activity, and the size of some of the scores proves that.

With many single banders showing well over 1000 contacts and the prefix multiplier in the high 200's, lack of activity can hardly be blamed.

Guess the fellows are just not submitting their logs. They could show their gratitude by sending us a report. Look at all those juicy prefixes we created. HUØ from El Salvador, HQ2 from Honduras, TC3 from Turkey, OG2 from Finland, IE1 from Italy and 4M5 from Venezuela. Not to mention the RA, RC, RI and RJ from the USSR, and the always exciting surprise out of Brazil.

Once again Flavio, PY1CK did his usual outstanding job in printing and distributing log forms, summary sheets and check lists.

\* Chairman, Contest Committee.



The winning Multi Multi team as DKØWA. L. to R.: A couple of s.w.l. loggers, DK2BI, DJ2BW, DK2BJ, DL9OH and another s.w.l. who kept the boys supplied with coffee and etc.

The logs were in excellent shape and checking them was a pleasure. Brazil again was by far at the top of all participating countries.

Many of these unusual calls heard in the contest were assigned for the contest period only, so if you WPX chasers were not on that week-end, you're out of luck until next year.

If you are confused by some of the Trophy winners, remember that we have a three year limitation clause on winning the same award. Therefore the top scorer is not always the one who takes home the bacon.

Because of this, a special championship Plaque is being awarded to 4X4NJ, the same group who won top multi-multi honors last year as 4Z4HF. Their score this year sets a new record in their category in WPX competition.

I wonder what Gerson, PV7APS must be thinking. This is the third year he has been nosed out of top honors on a single band. This time by Jack, W3ZKH last year's all band champ, who again fired-up PJ9JR and this year set a new record on 14 mc.

Some excellent scores were turned in by YL's, notably Christina, EA8GZ on 28 mc, Carmen, HUØA (YS2CEN) on 14 mc, Irmgard, YV1YC on all bands and Jinny, VU2-IRA also on all bands. Jinny and Rosie the distaff members of the EP2FB team exchanged identical 1001 QSO numbers. This year Alicia, KP4CL was only able to put in a limited time. And where was Sonia, PY2SO? Oops! I forgot, Sonia only operates c.w.

On the whole most of the logs were in pretty good shape. A few are still counting the prefix multiplier on each band. It's just not done that way fellows, a prefix is counted *only once* as a multiplier in this contest. And many still fail to indicate the number of QSOs (minus the duplicates). We list them in the results, so please indicate the total on your summary sheets.



Like DL8FP, who approves of the rest period, this was the first WPX contest for many stations, and most all of them promised to be back for the next one. Checking over the list of entries I ran across many unfamiliar calls. Could be we are creating a new breed of testers?

You fellows that have been passing up this contest might look into the possibility of joining us in the next one. With rest periods, double QSO points on 40 and 80, and awards not only for all band operation but for each single band as well, we think we've got something good going in this one.

Check this month's CALENDAR for a brief run-down of the rules. They will be given in detail in next month's issue.

Do you suppose Murphy is trying to tell Rick, WA8QIY something? In 1968 a shorted coax put him out of business at KL7AIZ, in 1969 it was the exciter that let him down at DL4USN, in 1970 back in the comforts of his home it was antenna trouble, and this year the linear went west.

At JA9APS, Murphy did not make an appearance until the contest was almost over, a high wind blew down the antenna.

And at VE1ACU the operator on the dog watch was a volunteer fireman. You guessed it, he got a call and had to drop everything and go out and fight a blaze.

The SK5AL multi operation was made by a group of c.w. men who found s.s.b. quite revealing, working stations they had not been able to contact on c.w. The location at an old ranch house provides plenty of room for an antenna farm and they are making big plans for future contests.



Another portable DX operation by a stateside station. Rick, WA8VRB/HR2 gets the 21 mc award for Honduras.



The younger generation in the contest. This is Roger, WA1KZE of the WA1LKX multi team. Roger is 15 and Stuart, the licensee, is 16.

The Old Timers DX Club was behind the IE1PUG Contest Expedition to the Lipare Island. No, it's not a new country, just another II.

The new DA prefix issued to U.S. GI ham stations in Germany, was used for the first time in a WPX contest by DA1QH (WA7-MZR).

VE3BMV is none other than OK5BU, an active tester. Maybe Yuri will stir up some new life in that lackadaisical group across the border.

We had not heard from JA1AEA for some time, so it was a pleasant surprise to receive his log for his operation at CR9AK.

WA1LKX and WA1KZE claim they are the youngest operators in multi operation. Could be, they were not even born when CQ started its contest activity. They are 16 and 15 respectively.

To answer many inquiries. WPX credit for contest operation must be made via WA6-GLD, just like any other WPX application. Your contest log may be used as proof, provided we also have the log of the claimed prefix. But you have to make the application.

That's about it for this one. This was a two man effort, Bernie Welch, W8IMZ and yours truly. We received an assist from Andy, W1-GYE and Bob, W1MDO when time was running out on us. And of course Joan of the CQ office staff took care of contest secretarial chores at the office.

Hope we haven't made too many errors, blame me if you discover any. Air Force Sergeants are infallible, and did you ever try arguing with a woman.

73 for now, Frank, W1WY  
[Scores begin overleaf]









Miro Santos, CT1UA winner of the 21 mc award for Portugal. We see that Miro already has his WPX certificate. Maybe his contest operation added to his total.

## U.S.A. TOP SCORES Single Operator

All Band .....	W2SKE .....	1,202,814
28 mc.....	W3JSX .....	125,664
21 mc.....	W3AU .....	1,435,230
-14 mc.....	K7HTZ .....	415,530
7 mc.....	WB6KBK .....	137,632
3.8 mc.....	K9CUY .....	33,140
1.8 mc.....	WA4PXP .....	528

## Multi Operator

Single Xmtr.....	W6HX .....	1,606,176
Multi Xmtr.....	WB6GFJ .....	1,117,398

Ascension Island			
ZD8AB	A	167,226	593 94
ZD8H	28	327,250	587 187
Cameroon			
TJ1AW	28	59,103	199 99
Canary Island			
EA8HG	A	60,170	187 110
EA8GZ	28	740,814	1119 222
Cape Verde Islands			
CR4BC	A	1,044,240	1141 285
Chad Republic			
TT8AD	A	882	19 18
Ethiopia			
ET3ZU	14	1,062,776	1253 286
		(Opr. F5QQ)	
Liberia			
EL2CH	A	923,525	1518 205
Malagasy Republic			
5R8AP	A	2,550	34 25
Mozambique			
CR7FR	28	336,042	634 189
South Africa			
ZS1WS	A	501,120	775 216
Southwest Africa			
ZS3CJ	28	362,970	660 185
Asia			
India			
VU2IRA	A	819,540	1215 261
Iran			
9C9WB	A	572,451	1071 209
Israel			
4X4OC	28	404,766	848 199
Japan			
4Z4CD	21	889,592	1400 242
4X4DK	3.8	478,950	515 155
JA2JW	A	433,004	640 236
JA9APS	"	159,983	362 157
JH1ARJ	"	120,000	296 150
JA7KXD	"	20,250	102 75
JA5DDF	"	18,240	108 64
JA6IYF	"	2,728	39 31
JA7RY	"	435	16 15
JA3AVO	"	133	7 7
JA9AG	28	28,314	151 78
JA3ELU	"	2,059	38 27
JA7JGD	"	1,740	35 20
JA3LDH	21	99,684	261 142
JA3ERG	"	77,172	270 109
JA7HYS	"	53,244	173 108
JA5FMT	"	37,293	150 93
JA2JAB	"	26,880	154 64
JR1INZ	"	12,056	102 44
JA8FBT	"	5,940	65 33
JA1NAW	14	261,534	532 182
JA1DQT	"	42,222	160 93
JA2BAY	7	13,524	75 49
Lebanon			
KA2QW	A	443,377	878 187
Macao			
OD5BA	A	249,983	381 223
OD5GQ	28	313,728	652 172
Ryukyu Islands			
CR9AK	A	772,027	2146 227
Thailand			
KR6JX	A	558,000	930 250
Turkey			
HS1ABU	21	396,520	1501 184
HS3AEN	"	22,592	263 64
U.S.S.R.			
Asiatic			
UA9QAA	"	207,765	445 171
UA9MR	"	50,666	205 94
UA9MDY	28	4,995	93 37
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UA900	21	151,018	394 161
UK9ABA	14	1,740,020	1723 361
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Europe			
Aland Islands			
OH0NJ	A	48,608	209 124
Austria			
OE1MWW	A	38,142	173 117
Balearic Islands			
EA6BN	28	35,432	175 103
Czechoslovakia			
OK2RZ	A	1,028,741	1445 281
OK1FV	"	40,449	250 139
OK3EA	"	16,206	102 74
OK2QR	"	15,067	92 61
OK1AAA	"	2,205	37 21
OK2ABU	"	1,296	36 27
OK2BJJ	14	42,560	199 112
OK1AEZ	"	31,104	171 108
OK3RMG	"	3,470	68 46
OK2BOB	7	1,012	24 22
OK1MP	3.8	49,056	210 112
OK2BLI	"	45,938	220 103
Denmark			
OZ3CE	A	264,132	659 207
OZ7JZ	"	27,768	147 104
OZ2LW	"	15,050	104 86
OZ4H	"	6,936	70 51
OZ3PO	"	3,069	38 33
OZ5JR	"	1,378	33 26
OZ3SK	21	207,746	553 133
OZ9FA	"	231	11 11
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England			
G3WJN	A	361,103	721 193
G3YBH	"	105,523	378 181
G2AJB	"	55,937	258 131
G3WPO/A	28	74,600	279 100
G3KWK	"	35,244	196 89
G3YWI	21	62,216	253 88
G3FXB	14	627,705	970 261
G3NSY	"	52,500	266 140
G3MWZ	"	6,960	91 60
Finland			
OH5SE	A	536,934	927 218
OH2FS	"	27,132	127 84
OH2BCV	"	22,900	117 100

OH70Q	"	21,538	164 89
OH6RH	"	11,680	87 73
OH2VZ	"	9,971	78 59
OH2LU	"	7,592	72 52
OH50D	"	3,420	46 36
OH3JR	"	2,139	53 31
OH2BLY	"	1,363	34 29
OH5PA	"	1,225	27 25
OH1SJ	"	840	22 20
OH2BFX	"	392	16 14
OH2XA	28	9,945	77 51
OH2BR	21	695,520	1266 207
OH2RI	"	373,998	850 166
OH7OV	"	18,368	145 82
OH7SC	"	4,200	51 40
OH6ZJ	"	2,170	36 31
OH2CP	14	319,207	731 217
OH6RX	"	31,892	259 119
OH2WQ	"	3,696	71 48
OH2BHU	"	45	5 5
OH3MK	3.8	4,180	57 38
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HA4YD	14	34,299	270 111
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I1SGZ	"	29,841	153 147
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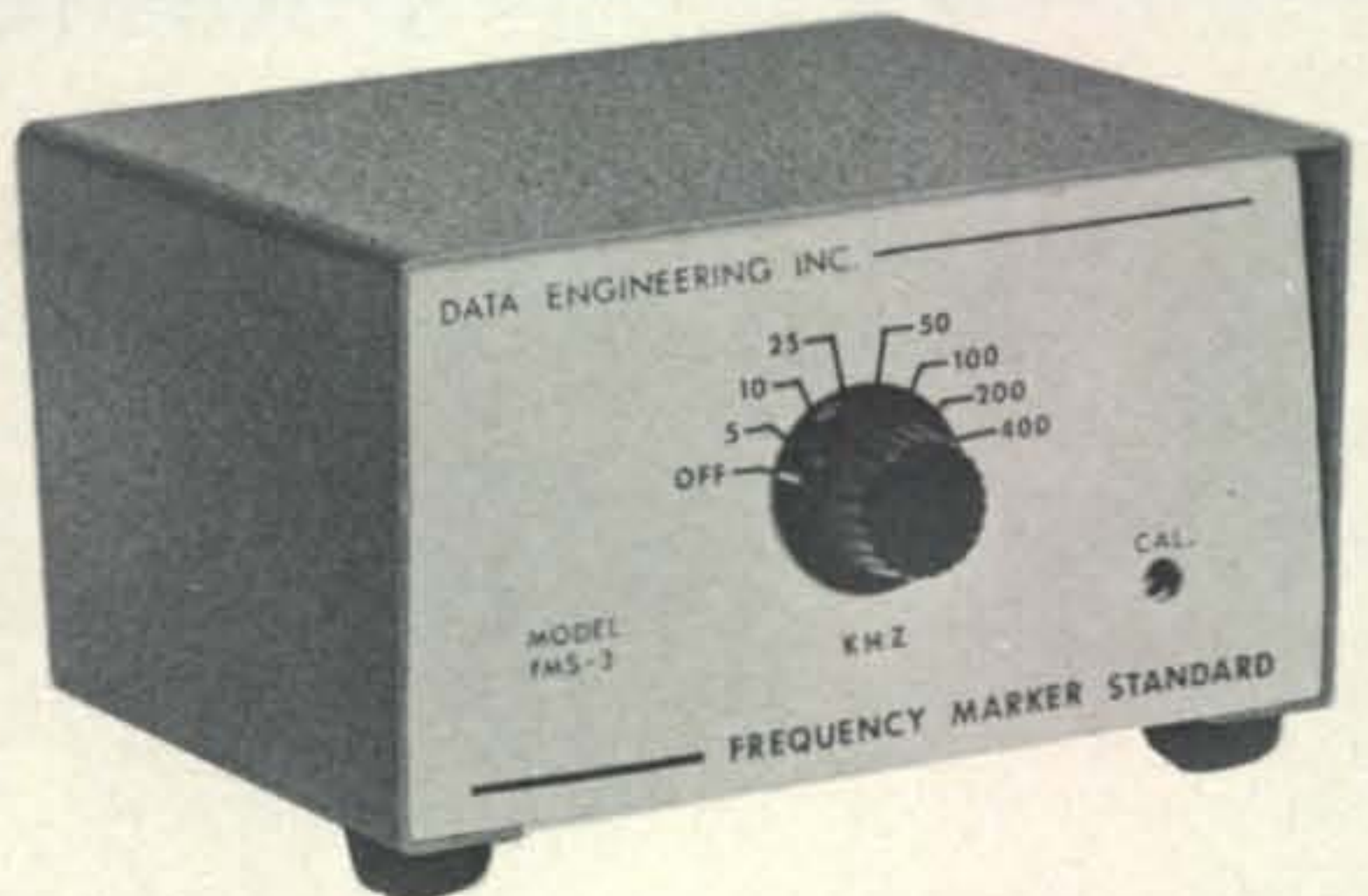


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# Late Amateur Satellite News

BY GEORGE JACOBS,\* W3ASK

It seems reasonably certain now that there will be another radio amateur satellite orbiting the earth during the new year.

Arrangements have been completed between the *Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation* (AMSAT) and NASA for the launch of an amateur satellite sometime during 1972, probably around mid-year. Once successfully in orbit, the satellite, now called AMSAT-OSCAR-B (A-O-B), will be dubbed OSCAR-6.

Plans are to launch A-O-B piggy-back aboard a Thor Delta booster carrying an advanced weather satellite in the ITOS series from the Western Test Range in California. This is the same type of mission on which AUSTRALIS OSCAR-5 was sent into space on January 23, 1970. The orbit of OSCAR-6, therefore, is expected to be similar to that of the last OSCAR satellite, namely sun-synchronous, circular and polar, with approximately the following parameters:

Altitude —900 miles  
Inclination to equator—102 degrees  
Period for an orbit —115 minutes

In a sun-synchronous orbit, OSCAR-6 should pass nearest to directly overhead at the same time every day. From its circular altitude of 900 miles, the satellite should "see" an area of the earth's surface approximately 4,600 miles in diameter.

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The AMSAT 2-to-10 meter translator shown aboard a Bonanza-J aircraft prior to its successful flight test over California on September 25, 1971. The tests were conducted for AMSAT by the Amateur Radio Club of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of Pasadena, California. (Photo JPL-ARC).

## Three Packages Aboard OSCAR-6

At the present time it is hoped to be able to place at least two, and perhaps three different amateur-built communication packages aboard OSCAR-6.

In describing these packages, AMSAT uses the term "repeater" when a signal is *detected* and *retransmitted* by the device. This is the way in which the many f.m. repeaters used throughout the country operate. On the other hand, devices which change the frequency and amplify incoming signals *without* detecting them are referred to as "translators."

Certain to be aboard the satellite is the AMSAT-built 2-to-10 meter translator. This will have the capability of receiving signals in a 100 kHz segment of the amateur 2-meter band, centered on 145.95 MHz and relaying them on 10-meters, over a band of frequencies 100 kHz wide, centered on 29.5 MHz.

As this is being written, the arrival of the EURO-OSCAR translator being built by DJ4-ZC and DJ5KQ is expected in the United States, where it will be put through its final pre-launch tests. Assuming that it will pass these tests with flying colors, this European package will also be placed aboard A-O-B. This translator will receive signals across a 50 kHz segment of the 70-centimeter amateur band, centered on a frequency of 432.15 MHz, and relay them on the 2-meter band, over a similar segment centered on a frequency of 145.95 MHz.

Nearing completion and ready shortly for final testing is a third package. This one has been built in Australia. It is a hard-limiting f.m. repeater which will receive and demodulate f.m. signals at 145.80 MHz in the amateur 2-meter band and remodulate and retransmit them in the newly allocated 70-centimeter amateur satellite band at a frequency of 435.1 MHz. These frequencies are still tentative and may be changed prior to the launch. If completed in time, this repeater will also be put aboard the A-O-B satellite.

OSCAR-6 will be ground controlled and its translators and repeaters cycled to operate so that they will not cause interference to each other. Normally, no more than one unit will be operated at any given time.

If present plans materialize, OSCAR-6 will be the most comprehensive communications satellite yet launched in the radio amateur series.

There will be lots more about OSCAR-6 on the pages of *CQ* as the launch date draws nearer.



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## SYNCART and SKYLARC

These are two acronyms which radio amateurs may be hearing much more about during the new year.

SYNCART stands for Synchronous Amateur Radio Transponder. This is a plan to place a radio amateur built translator aboard the NASA-ATS-G satellite which is scheduled to be launched into a synchronous orbit sometime during 1975.

According to AMSAT, present plans call for a translator that will receive signals over a segment of the amateur 2-meter band between 145.75 to 145.95 MHz, and relay them over a corresponding segment of the 70-centimeter band, between 435.10 and 435.30 MHz.

Discussions are now taking place between AMSAT and NASA, and while this project has not yet been finalized, AMSAT does report that "things look quite good". SYNCART would be the first amateur translator to operate from a satellite hanging motionless in space. While it will require considerably higher power for amateur signals to traverse the almost 22,000 miles to the satellite, antenna orientation will be simplified. Such a synchronous satellite will be visible to radio amateurs over one-third of the earth's surface at the same time.

SKYLARC is an acronym for SKYLAB Amateur Radio Communications. Plans are to install a 10-meter amateur radio station aboard NASA's SKYLAB space laboratory, which is scheduled for a 1973 launch. The station would be used by astronauts during their leisure periods, to communicate with radio amateurs throughout the world. This would be the first opportunity for radio amateurs to talk directly with astronauts aboard an orbiting spacecraft!

A formal proposal has been submitted to NASA, but approval has not yet been received. Two astronauts, who are also radio amateurs, are interested in the SKYLARC proposal. They are Owen Carriott, W5LFL and Tony England, W5RAP. Astronaut Garriott is a member of AMSAT.

Ten meters has been chosen as the single band for SKYLARC, taking into account antenna-size limitations on the spacecraft, Doppler shift and availability of equipment.

SKYLAB is a space laboratory which will be launched into a 270-mile, 50° inclined earth orbit during 1973. Astronauts aboard will conduct scientific, technological, and biomedical investigations from this vantage point beyond the earth's atmosphere. The first team of three astronauts visiting the laboratory will stay up to 28 days, or twice the duration of any previous U.S. space mission. The second and third three-man missions are each planned to last up to 56 days.

The SKYLAB program will test earth resources remote sensing equipment and techniques for gathering information on the earth's ecology,

oceanography, water management, agriculture, forestry, geology and geography. Astronomy experiments will substantially increase knowledge of the sun and its effects on man's existence on earth. The program will also test man's ability to remain in space for long periods of time.

## SKYLAB Competition

In addition to the possibility of having an amateur radio station aboard, NASA is going to conduct a competition among students in grades nine through twelve, in seeking ideas for other experiments for the astronauts to conduct aboard SKYLAB.

NASA has selected the National Science Teachers Association to work with schools and to solicit ideas from students. The association will review all proposals and will select the top twenty-five. The students submitting the top suggestions will be treated to a special SKYLAB Student Education Conference at Kennedy Space Center, Fla., at the time of the SKYLAB launch.

In addition, NASA will select a limited number from the top twenty-five suggestions for inclusion in the SKYLAB on-board program, and they will be performed by the astronauts during the course of the mission.

Suggestions for experiments in crew recreation and other aspects of living in weightlessness will be considered along with those of a more scientific or technical nature. The competition is open to all students in grades nine through twelve in U.S. public, private, parochial, and U.S. overseas schools.

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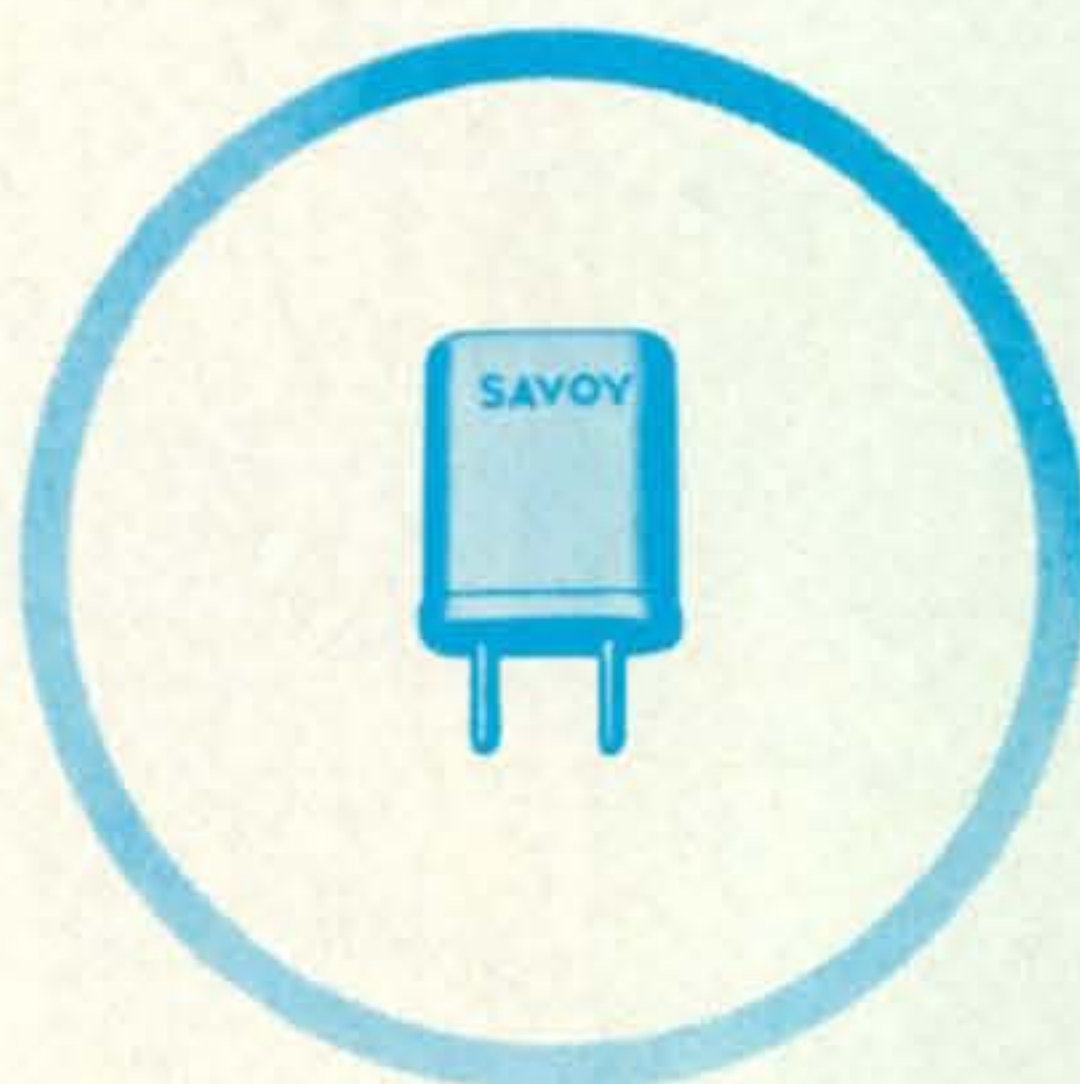
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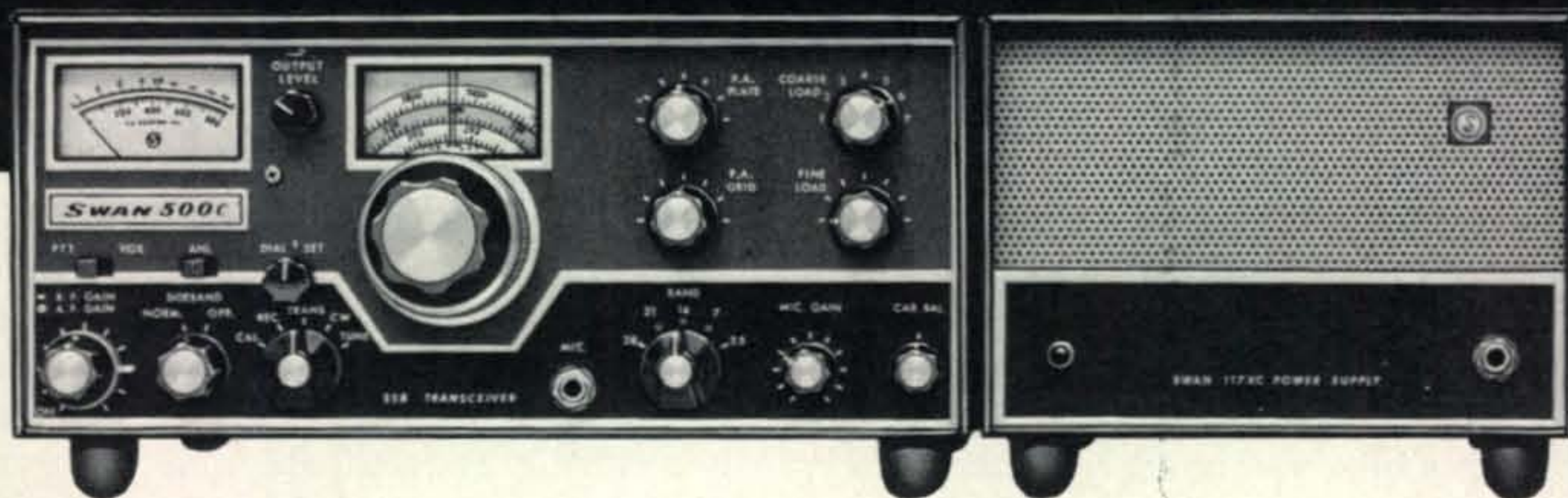
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# Twin Bisecting Loop Antenna

BY R. L. BRITTIN,\* W9JBM

*Constructing an effective antenna for the lower frequency bands has always been a problem where space is limited. The author presents one approach to achieving directivity on these bands with simple construction.*

**D**URING my time as a ham operator and experimenter I have held a lingering interest in antenna designs which would conserve space and yet perform with acceptable efficiency. This approach is often dictated in the case of mobile or portable installations or when the real estate isn't large enough to support a full scale antenna on the medium frequency bands. Since loop antennas seem to contain the greatest length of wire consistent with maintaining minimum physical dimensions many of my experiments have centered around this shape. Except for the bisecting loops none have yielded the desired results.

I am advised that the basic principle of this antenna is not new and is, in fact, in current use. However, I have not known of it being described or used by the amateur fraternity. It may have a proper name but I have called

it twin bisecting loops because the description fits.

As a matter of interest and to more clearly explain the concept, I will tell you how I happened across it. I began with two wooden cross members which afforded a winding size about two or three feet square. Placing one continuous turn of wire around the frame, I explored its characteristics with an antenna-scope and grid dipper at one corner where the two ends terminated. Resonant frequency 90 MHz, impedance 5 ohms. Replacing the single turn with two continuous turns I still measured 90 MHz but the impedance had increased to 20 ohms; understandable since the turns were very closely coupled.

I next separated the two turns physically and the resonant frequency dropped to 45 MHz. The solution was obvious, two loops in series, bisecting each other at right angles to minimize mutual coupling, would form a full

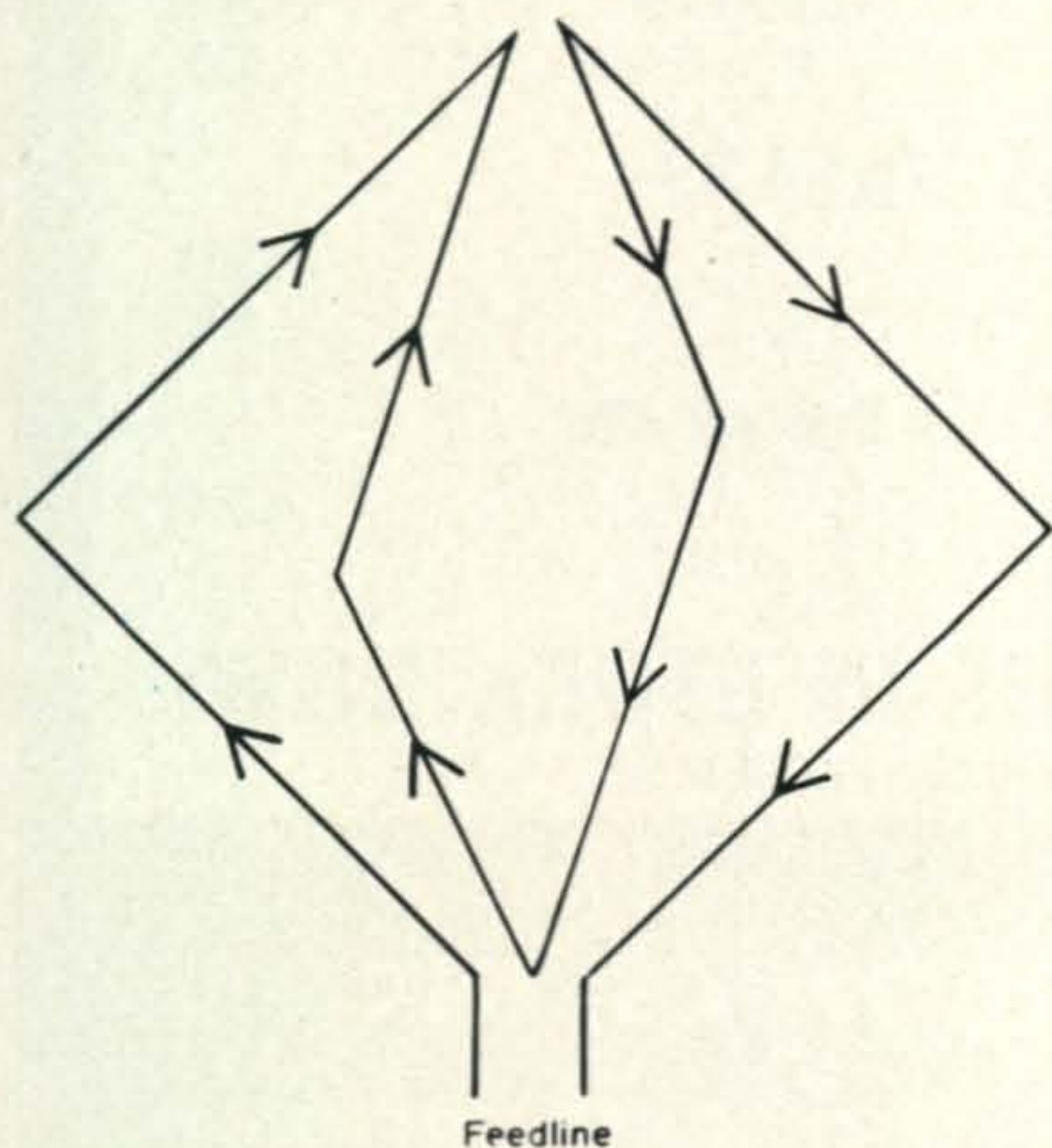


Fig. 1—Basic configuration of the square design Twin Bisecting Loop Antenna.

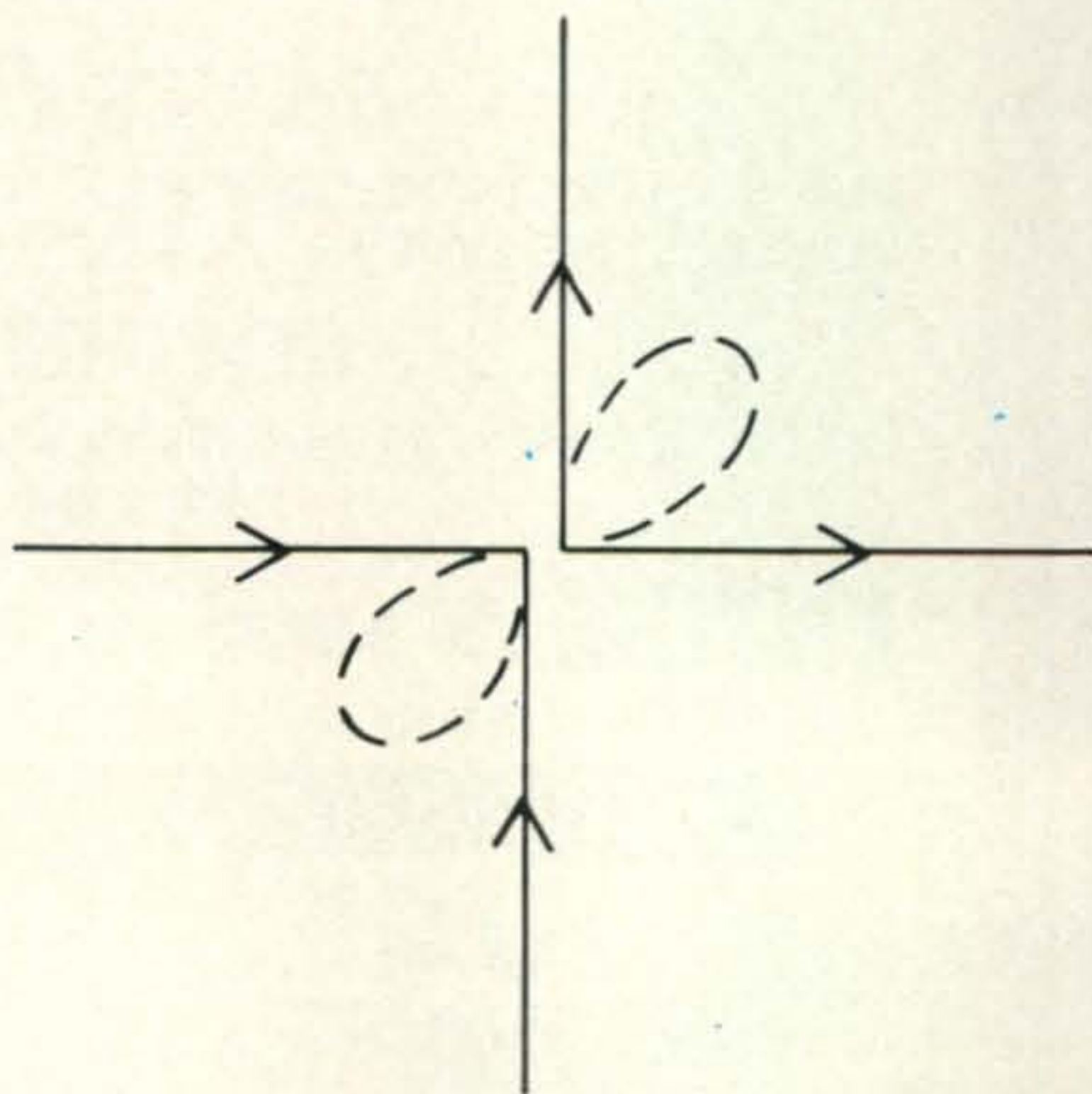


Fig. 2—Radiation from the antenna is sharply bi-directional from the apex of like-polarized elements.

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wave antenna with no single leg longer than  $1/8$  wave length.

### The Square Loop Antenna

The design is illustrated at fig. 1. Notice that the second loop begins its plane at the half way point in the first loop. Phasing will not be proper if you complete the first loop before changing planes. Notice the arrows indicating current flow. Each leg is  $1/8$  wave long, the voltage node of each loop appears at the top and the current node at the bottom. Limited tests here indicate that most of the energy is contained in a single doughnut pattern which cuts through the center of the antenna, vertically, half way between elements of the same polarity. See fig. 2. It appears somewhat elliptical with maximum field up and down in relation to fig. 1. The entire array may be placed on its side and rotated for horizontal or vertical polarization. Being a balanced system it does not rely on ground to complete its circuit. Impedance at the feed point is about 15 ohms.

### Triangular Loops

Where space permits it appeared logical to reshape the loops into right triangles as shown in fig. 3. This lengthens the legs in which maximum current is flowing and shortens the vertical boom. I went one step further and built my 40 meter version upside down with the feed at the top. This gets the current nodes into the air and places the spreaders at the bottom. This is more easily constructed and not so top heavy. Spreaders are then not essential as the elements can be draped down from a single pole on four equally spaced guy ropes. With this arrangement the radiating sections somewhat resemble two Inverted V antennas mounted in perpendicular planes. The matching network is difficult to reach but it tunes broadly and can easily be pre-tuned before installation by loading it with a 15 ohm non-inductive resistor. The 52 ohm coax line drops down the center support. The frequency of the antenna may be lowered for spotting by adding some slight capacitance between the two voltage nodes or by moving the nodes closer together. The angle formed by the V at the current nodes has a pronounced effect on feed point impedance. A  $90^\circ$  angle results in a 15 ohm feed. Widening the angle raises the impedance. Closing the angle lowers the impedance.

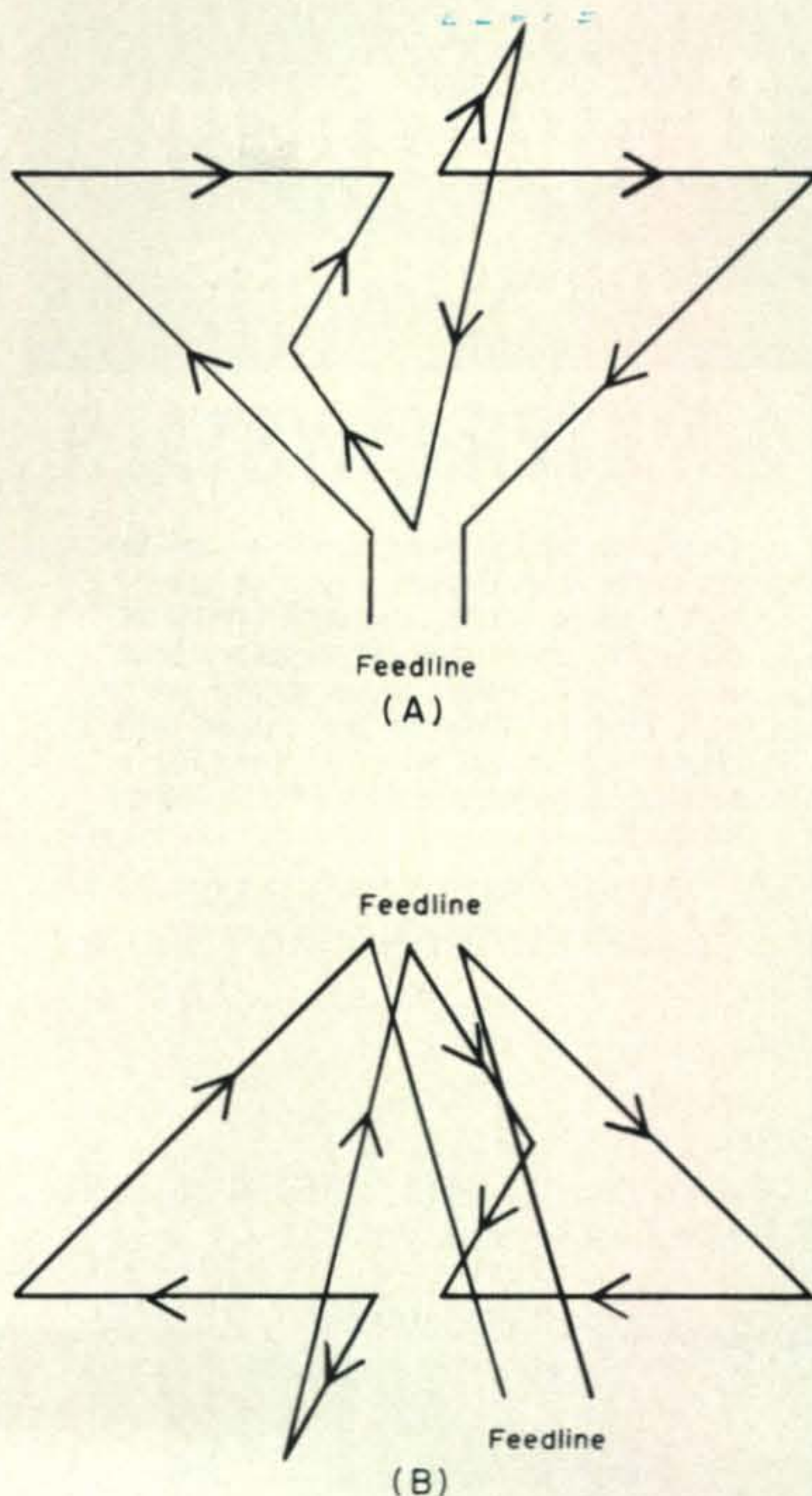


Fig. 3—(A) For more convenient construction, the antenna was re-shaped to the triangular scheme shown here. (B) At the expense of having the feed point at the top, still more convenient construction can be had by inverting the antenna. An extra advantage is that the high-current portion of the antenna is elevated.

### Construction

The total length of the antenna wire is critical but runs about the same for either square or triangular loops. My 40 meter triangular antenna measures 136 ft. at 7300 kHz, and 137 ft. at 7250 kHz. For triangular construction the tip to tip length of the spreaders can be estimated by multiplying the total length of the antenna wire by the factor 0.2072. The distance from the tip of the boom to the point where it attaches to the spreaders is one half of this length. Use the multiplier 0.1464 to find the inclined leg of the V. In the square loop design the spreaders and



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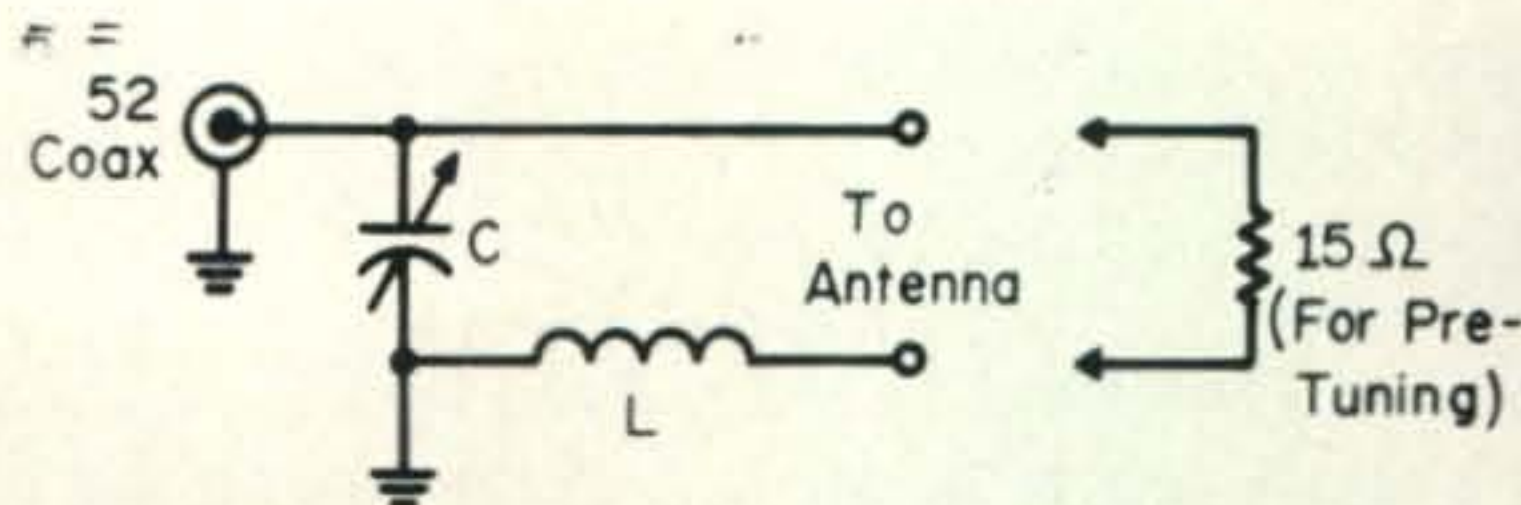


Fig. 4—Simple L-network matching unit may be built in a plastic box and mounted at the antenna feedpoint. Capacitor C need only be a mica compression trimmer since voltage at that point is low.

boom are all the same length. Use 0.1772 for the multiplier.

The matching network is slightly unconventional as shown in fig. 4. This arrangement, although not actually balanced, does uncouple the coaxial shield from the element. My network is built in a small plastic box. The joints and capacitor adjusting screw are sealed with glazers putty. The voltage is low at this point and I use a small Elmenco mica-compression padder condenser.

### Tuning

The reactive values for  $L$  and  $C$  are 23 and 32.5 ohms respectively at the operating frequency. Table I lists the approximate values for several bands. I was able to pre-tune on the bench by cutting the transmitter drive as low as possible, using the s.w.r. bridge on the lowest range and applying power intermittently to avoid overheating the 15 ohm dummy load.

Antenna enthusiasts will enjoy working with this design and will find the results pleasing. It would seem that, properly spaced off the ground, it would provide a high angle pattern for short skip on the low bands. The 10 meter model is very interesting. In the square configuration each leg is about 4 ft. long, small enough to hand hold while you aim and rotate it to explore the directional features. On 2 meters it would be easy to stack several on one boom to study the effect on directivity. ■

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Table I—Approximate values for  $C$  and  $L$  in fig. 4 for typical h.f. bands.



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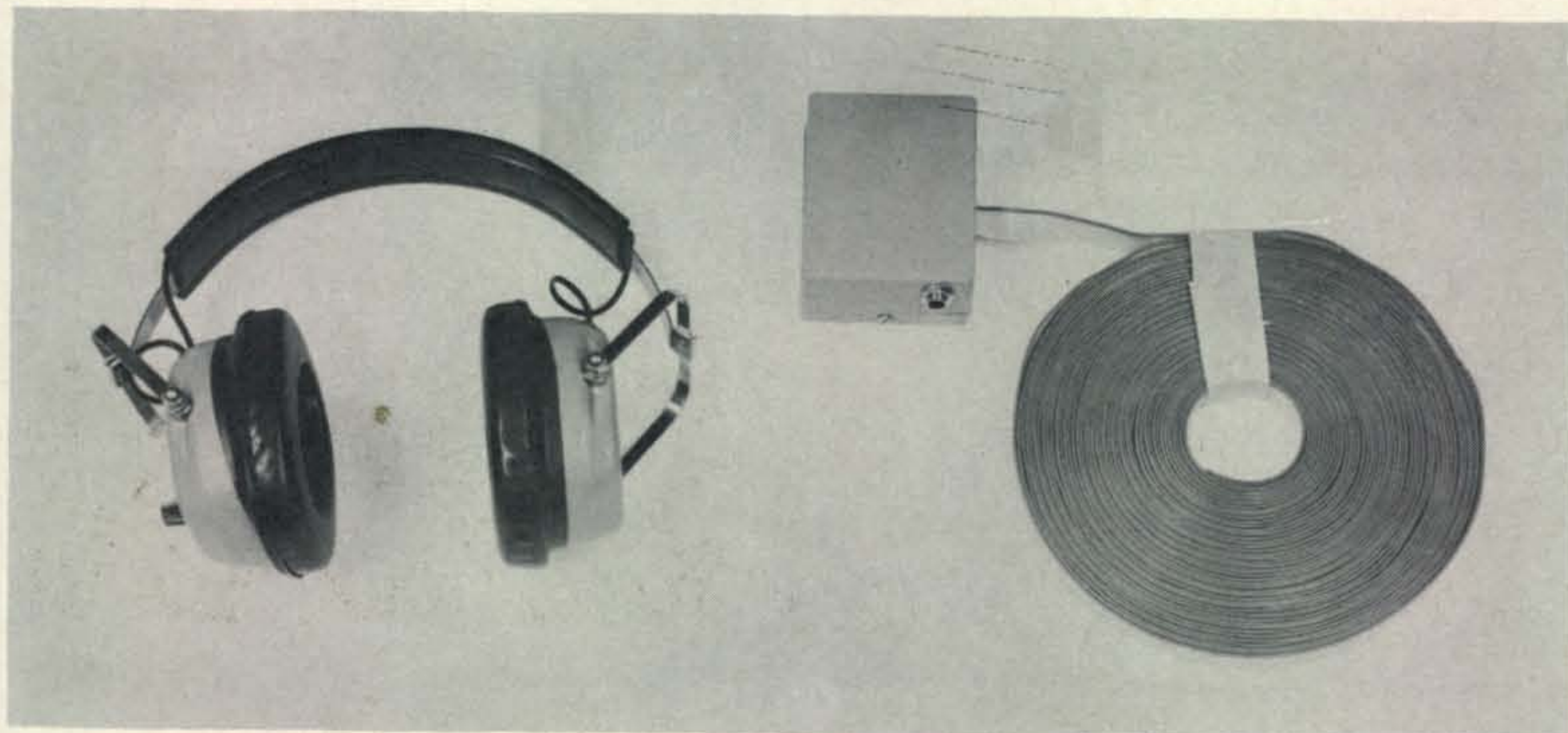
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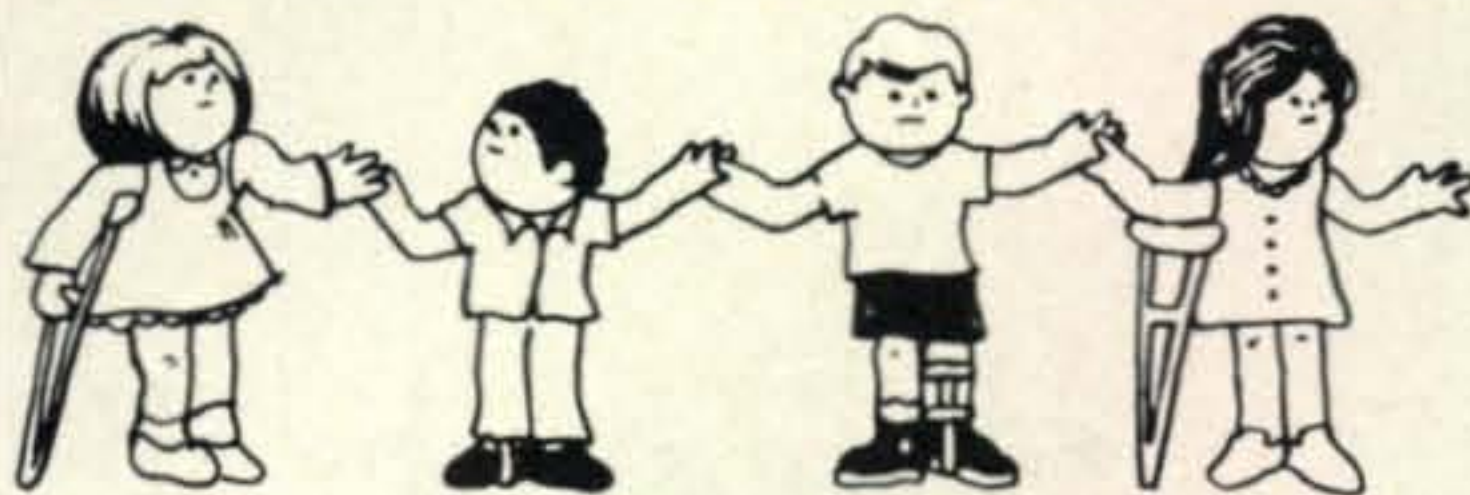
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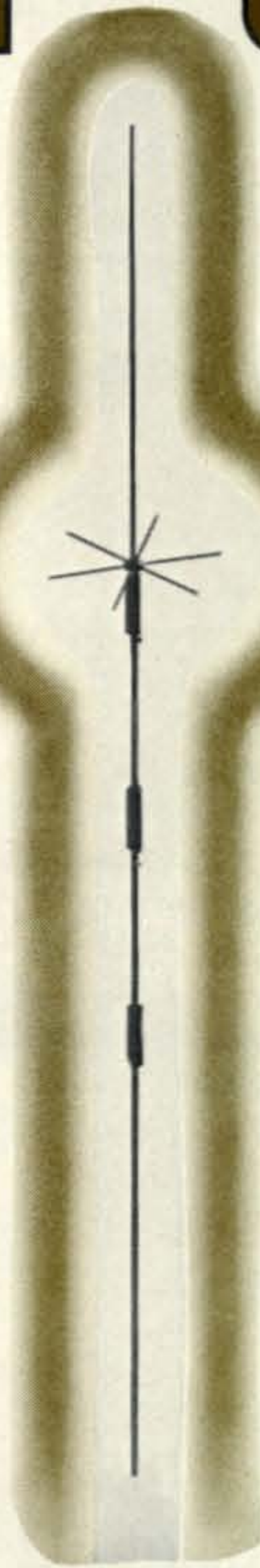
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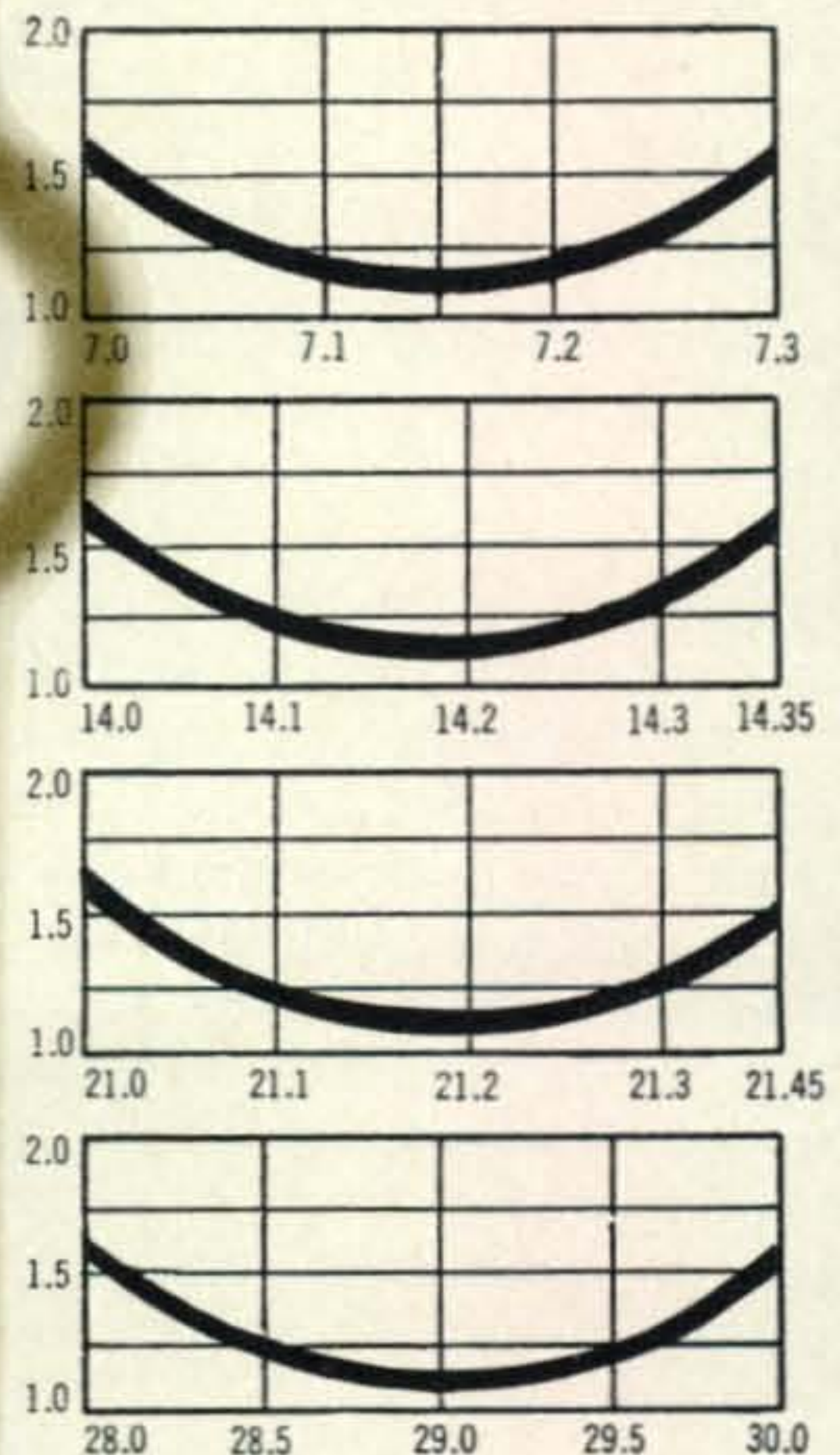
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# A Ham's Vacation Guide to the Caribbean

BY GEORGE PATAKI,\* WB2AQC, ex-YO2BO

*Amateur radio's roving ambassador, George Pataki, is on the move again. His last article in October CQ told of his travels to Europe and North Africa. This time it's the Caribbean. Although the area covered is small by comparison to his previous trip, many more countries...and islands...and amateurs were covered, and so this episode describes only half the trip. Part II, next month, will conclude this latest ham travelogue.*

**J**UST two days after my wife Eva, WA2-BAV, and I returned from a trip to Europe and North Africa, we left New York for a Caribbean cruise. We would have preferred to rest for a while, but I could not get a vacation at another time, so we left again.

Learning from past experience, I tried to prepare this trip long in advance. I wrote a letter showing my intentions to meet with local amateurs, and included our schedule. The letter was Xeroxed and mailed to one amateur on each of the 15 islands we intended to visit. I picked mostly QSL managers from the *Callbook* or amateurs whose photos I had seen in radio magazines, hoping that these people would be active and hospitable amateurs.

After a month, checking the answers, I wrote again to those islands from which I

got no reply, but this time wrote to different amateurs. At the time of our departure from New York, I had already set up a meeting with hams on most of the islands.

## Puerto Rico

Our ship, the Norwegian M/S *Meteor*, was leaving Puerto Rico on a Saturday evening. We left New York by Pan Am 747, on an early morning flight, to have time for some sightseeing in KP4-land. From the airport we went to the harbor, found the ship, checked in and left for picturesque Old San Juan.

In the afternoon we made a few phone calls and found Elliot, KP4BSH, a college student, and at the same time the vice-President of the Radio Club de Puerto Rico. Elliot and Roberto, KP4AEF, the President of the club, met us later in the day and these two young Puerto Riquenos proudly showed us the beauties of their capital-city.

We went to see Luis, KP4WD, in whose backyard, for the first time in my life, I saw a coconut tree. You have to understand me; I spent half of my life in Romania and the last 5-6 years in New York City, so I thought the coconuts were growing on the shelves of the supermarkets.

Later we went to see the rigs of Roberto and Elliot. These two amateurs are among the nicest people I ever met. Their English is at least as good as mine, and because of the similarity of the Romanian language with Romance languages, I understood their Spanish quite well . . . when they reduced their customary high speed of talking.

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In San Juan, Puerto Rico, the president of the Radio Club, Roberto, KP4AEF, is at the mike, while the vice-President, Elliot, KP4BSH, and WB2AQC are watching.



If I would have had my license, I could have operated their stations, but as luck would have it, it arrived only after we returned from this trip.

I recommend visiting Puerto Rico any time of the year; it is beautiful and the people are some of the most open hearted I ever met.

I don't recommend behaving like a tourist, wearing colorful "tropical" shirts and large straw hats; you won't make a good impression.

### St. Croix

Next morning we arrived at Fredericksted, in St. Croix, the largest of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Being the first who got off the ship, I ran to a phone booth and called up Van, KV4FC, a former CBS engineer. Van is living in Christiansted, on the other end of the island. He advised me to find father Ed Turner, KV4BQ, who is the minister of the St. Paul's Church in Fredericksted. This was on a Sunday morning and Van told me to go to the church, and also gave me KV4BQ's phone number. Getting all the necessary information, I hung up. We heard some church bells. My wife, Eva, who's sense of direction got us lost several times in several cities, said: "The church must be that way" and pointed vaguely to the hills. Just to be sure, I asked a gentleman who was standing about 10 feet from the phone booth, all the time I was talking with Van: "Sir, do you know where is St. Paul's Church?" "I certainly have to know," answered the gentleman, "because I'm the minister." "No, it is not possible," I said almost angry, "who will believe me when I will tell this story?" But it was possible, and that's the way I met KV4BQ. Now, as I write this article, I see the credibility gap widening between the readers and me, but KV4BQ is

daily at 1130 GMT on 14,305 kHz and you would not doubt the word of a minister, would you?

Anyway, KV4BQ turned out to be a very nice person. Soon came one of his friends, Otto, KV4BI, and after a pleasant chat we left for the beaches. Later we went to the church, attended the mass and went to see KV4BQ's station.

We had lunch together, and Father Turner and his wife took us to see the surroundings. When we got back to the *Meteor*, I put a note on the ship's bulletin board: "If there is an amateur radio operator among the passengers, please contact George Pataki, cabin #233. Two minutes later, I saw a lady reading my note with visible interest.

"Are you a radio amateur?" I asked her.

"No—answered the lady—but they are" and pointed to 2 gentlemen. After shaking hands I found out that I just met Harold, KV4AM (also W3ZQ), and John, W3OB. Unfortunately Harold and John were not passengers; they only came to visit the ship. Harold told me that in a few days he was going to operate from the Saba island as PJ6AA, and Saba was included in our itinerary.

In St. Croix I recommend meeting Father Turner, KV4BQ.

I don't recommend limiting yourself to Fredericksted, try also to see Christiansted.

### Montserrat

Next morning we landed in Plymouth, Montserrat, where Ernie, VP2MW, was supposed to meet us at the docks with a radio magazine in his hands. The *Meteor* could not dock at the pier, so we used a small launch. As soon as we hit the land, I spotted a gentleman holding high a copy of the latest *CQ*



Ernie, VP2MW, ex-G5OO, has one of the most beautiful locations in Montserrat.

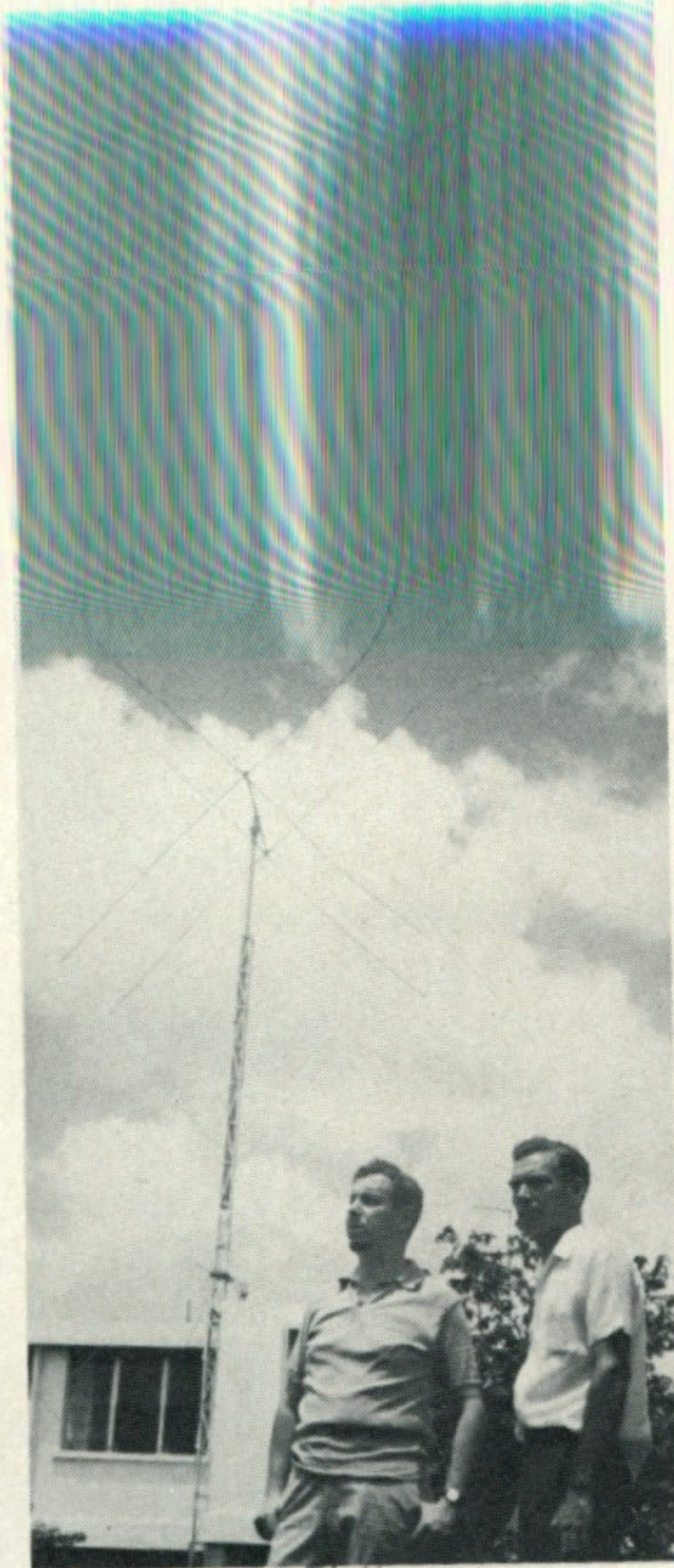


Monty, VP2MJ, in Montserrat is also VE3EVW in Canada.





Cyprian, VP2SF, is the secretary of the St. Vincent Amateur Radio Club.



In Fort-de France, Martinique we visited Emil, FM7WF, who is a physics and chemistry teacher.



In Antigua, Jim, W1KIB and I tried in vain to meet local amateurs.

magazine; there was Ernie, VP2MW, ex-G500. Ernie had his car nearby, he drove us around a little, then we went to see his beautiful house and of course his station. Ernie, who is renting out half of his house, mostly to hams, is a very nice guy. His son E. H. Welling, VE3HD, is the editor of the excellent Canadian radio magazine, *Electron*. I had met VE3HD several times during all kinds of amateur radio conventions.

Ernie drove us to Monty, VP2MJ, who lives here about four months a year; the rest he is VE3EVW. Monty is a broadcaster like myself, so we had an interesting meeting.

When we got back to the ship, one of the passengers came to me and said:

'Hi, I am Jim, W1KIB, from cabin number 212. I understand you're a ham.'

'Yes,' I said, 'I was YO2BO in Romania. I just got American citizenship and as soon as we return to New York, I shall take the amateur radio test. For the moment I am just

floating between the past YO and the future W call.'

We both agreed to do some visiting and sightseeing together.

### Antigua

I wrote to two amateurs in Antigua but I got no answer. We landed in English Harbour and most of the amateurs were in St. Johns, on the other side of the island. I tried to call them up but if you never made a phone call in Antigua, you don't know what this means. For half of my calls I got wrong connections, for the other half I just lost my coins without getting anything.

So, Jim, W1KIB, and I just walked around and visited historical places in which I was not too much interested, and later joined Eva at the beach.

I recommend getting on the "right side" of the island, at St. Johns and try to meet a

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Brother Vincent, FM7WG, in Martinique is the most polite man I ever met.



In Fredericksted, St. Croix, Eva, WA2BAV with Father Ed, KV4BQ.



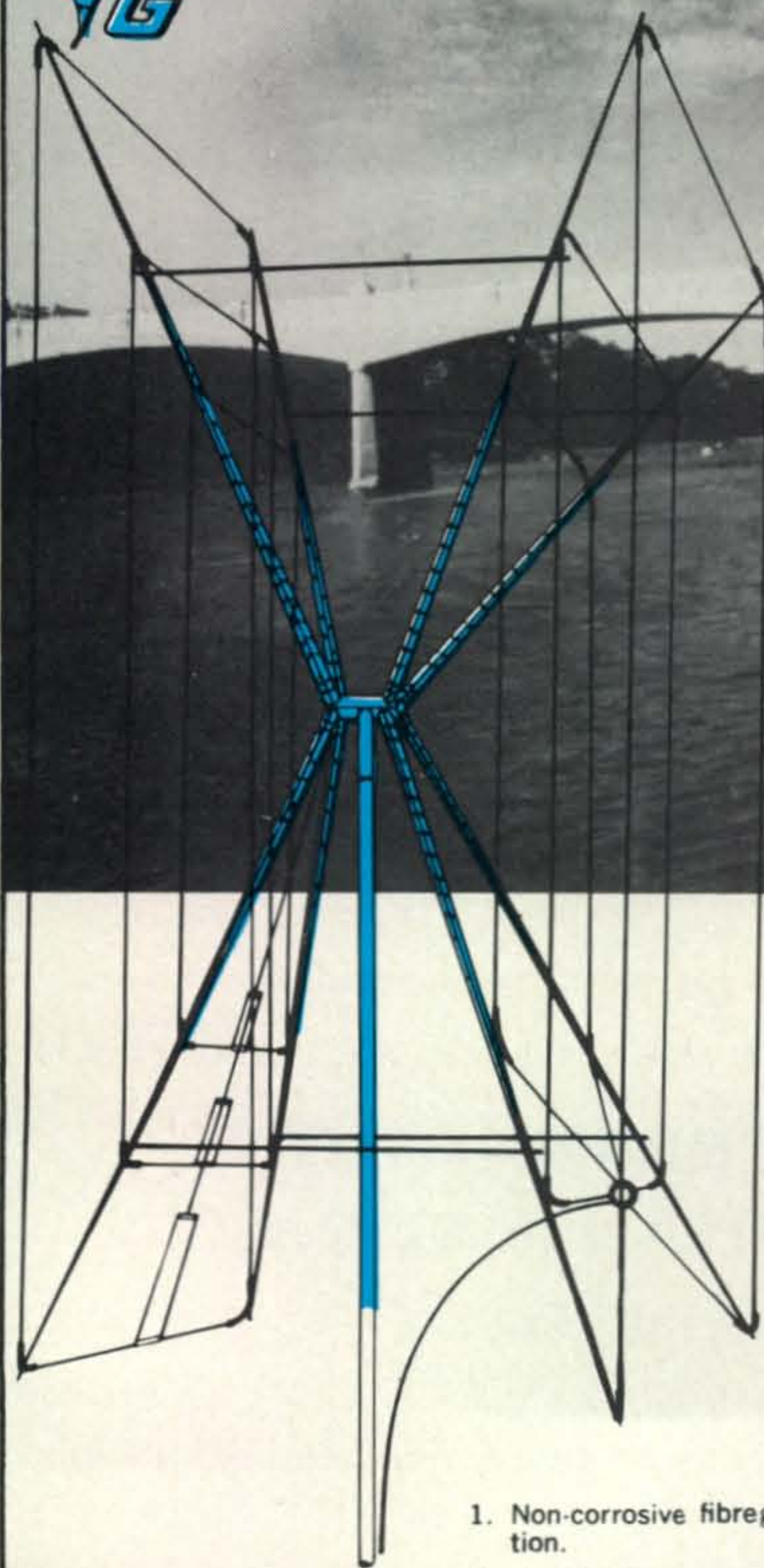


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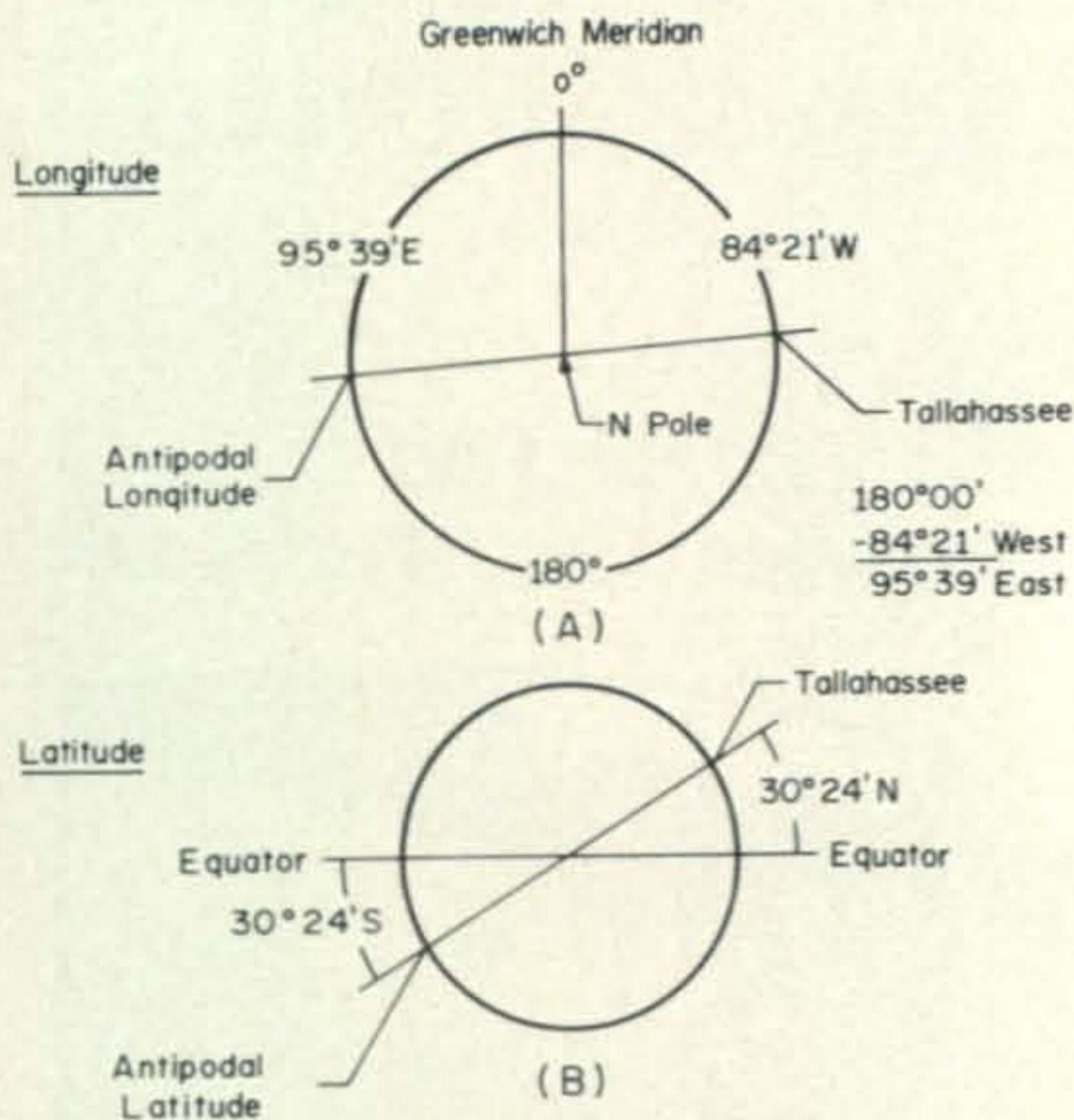


Fig. 1—Computing the antipodal latitude and longitude from the author's Tallahassee, Fla. QTH. (A) Viewed from the top of the globe (North pole), the longitude of Tallahassee, 84° 21' W, is located and marked along the equator. The antipodal longitude is found exactly 180° further West along the equator. (B) Viewed from the side of the globe the latitude of Tallahassee, 30° 24' N is located and marked on the 84° 21' W meridian located at (A). Along the 95° 39' E meridian, also located previously, mark 30° 24' S, which is the antipode of Tallahassee.

**W**HEN he wants to point his beam right on that rare DX what ham is satisfied with an approximate heading? Guessing is not necessary if you can find a new, used or discarded world globe. A few simple calculations, a bit of modification with common hand tools, the application of a set of markings, and you are on your way to a three second determination of the proper heading.

While cleaning out the attic, I found my son's outgrown Replogle 12" Reference Globe. It was discolored, battered and disfigured as could be expected after 12 years use. I found it still servicable and determined to modify it per the instructions in Chapter 13 of the ARRL *Antenna Handbook*. A few minutes study revealed that it had possibilities for even simpler determination of beam headings specifically tailored for my QTH.

A telephone call to the local Office of the Environmental Science Services Administration (ex-Weather Bureau) at the local airport indicated that Tallahassee's location was 84° 21' W. and 30° 24' N. With this information computing the antipodal latitude and longitude was quite simple as shown in fig. 1.

The globe was removed from it's frame.

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## SIMPLIFIED DETERMINATION OF BEAM ANTENNA HEADINGS

BY CY PERKINS,\* W4VMO

*Using a salvaged world globe to speed the location of beam headings from your own QTH.*



Fig. 2—The "new North pole" is now Tallahassee, Fla., 84° 21' W, 30° 24' N.



Fig. 3—The antipode of Tallahassee becomes the "new South pole" at 95° 39' E, 30° 24' S.





Fig. 4—A new mounting bracket fabricated of flat iron mounts to the original globe bracket.

Tallahassee's position and the antipodal position were marked, see fig. 2 and 3. A No. 9 drill was used to clear a hole at each position for a 10-32 machine screw. A washer was centered and cemented over each hole to provide a bearing surface. The former mounting studs on the cast curved bracket that had held the globe were removed with a file. Their positions were drilled and tapped for a 10-32 machine screw. A simple wall bracket was formed in a bench vise from a piece of  $3/4" \times 1/8"$  strap iron, and clearance holes for the machine screws were drilled near each end. The ends of this bracket must be far enough apart to fit over the outside of the curved mount and deep enough to clear the globe when installed. In my shack the homemade bracket was screwed to the wall in a convenient position near the operating table, and the assembly completed as shown in fig. 4. (The mounting screws go

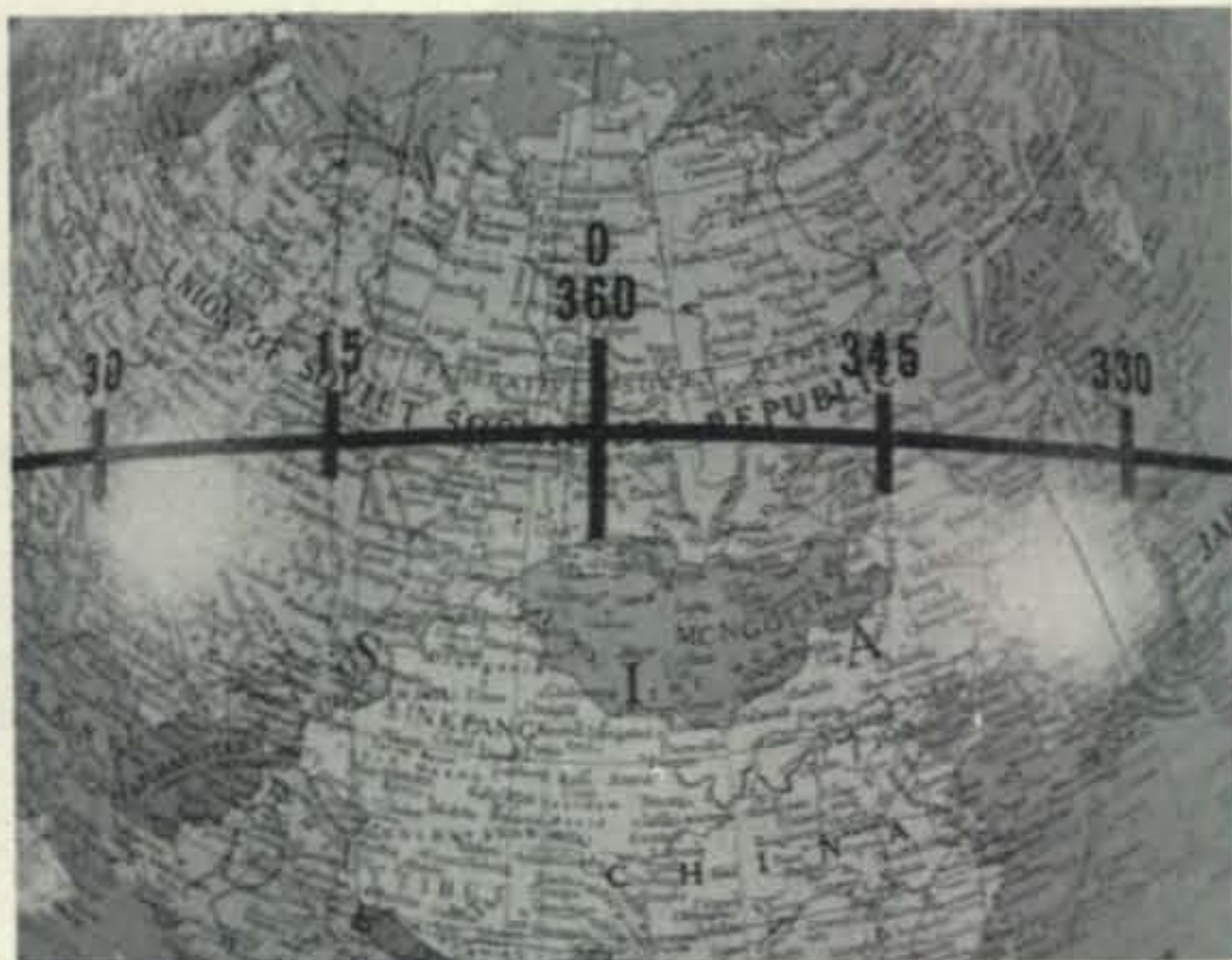


Fig. 6—The new equator and headings. Place markers every  $15^\circ$ .

through both brackets and the washer into the globe.)

After assembly, a nylon tipped pen was held against the original mount at the  $90^\circ$  position with its tip just touching the surface of the globe. The sphere was turned  $360^\circ$  to establish a new "equator" halfway between the new poles. This line was then covered with black pressure-sensitive tape  $1/16"$  wide (Zip-A-Tone or equal) available at stationery stores. Placing the true South Pole directly under the modified mount, which becomes the "lubber" line, the  $180^\circ$  position was established on the "new" equator. See fig. 5. Using a pair of dividers, the "new" equator was divided into  $15^\circ$  segments (spacing taken from true equator.) Short strips of the black tape were placed over each  $15^\circ$  marking. Rub-on numbers  $1/4"$  high (Trans-Artype

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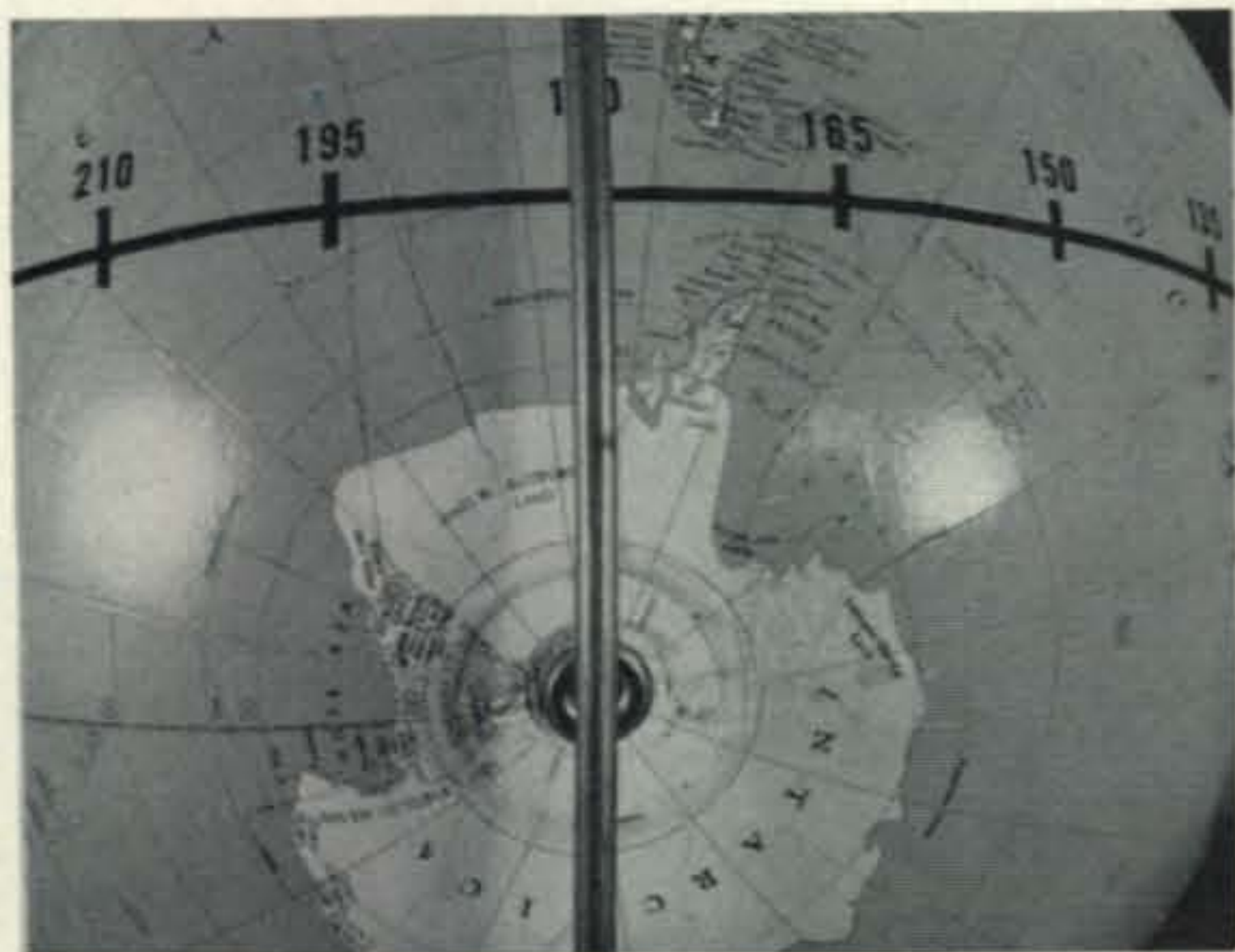


Fig. 5—The "old" south pole establishes the  $180^\circ$  point on the new equator.

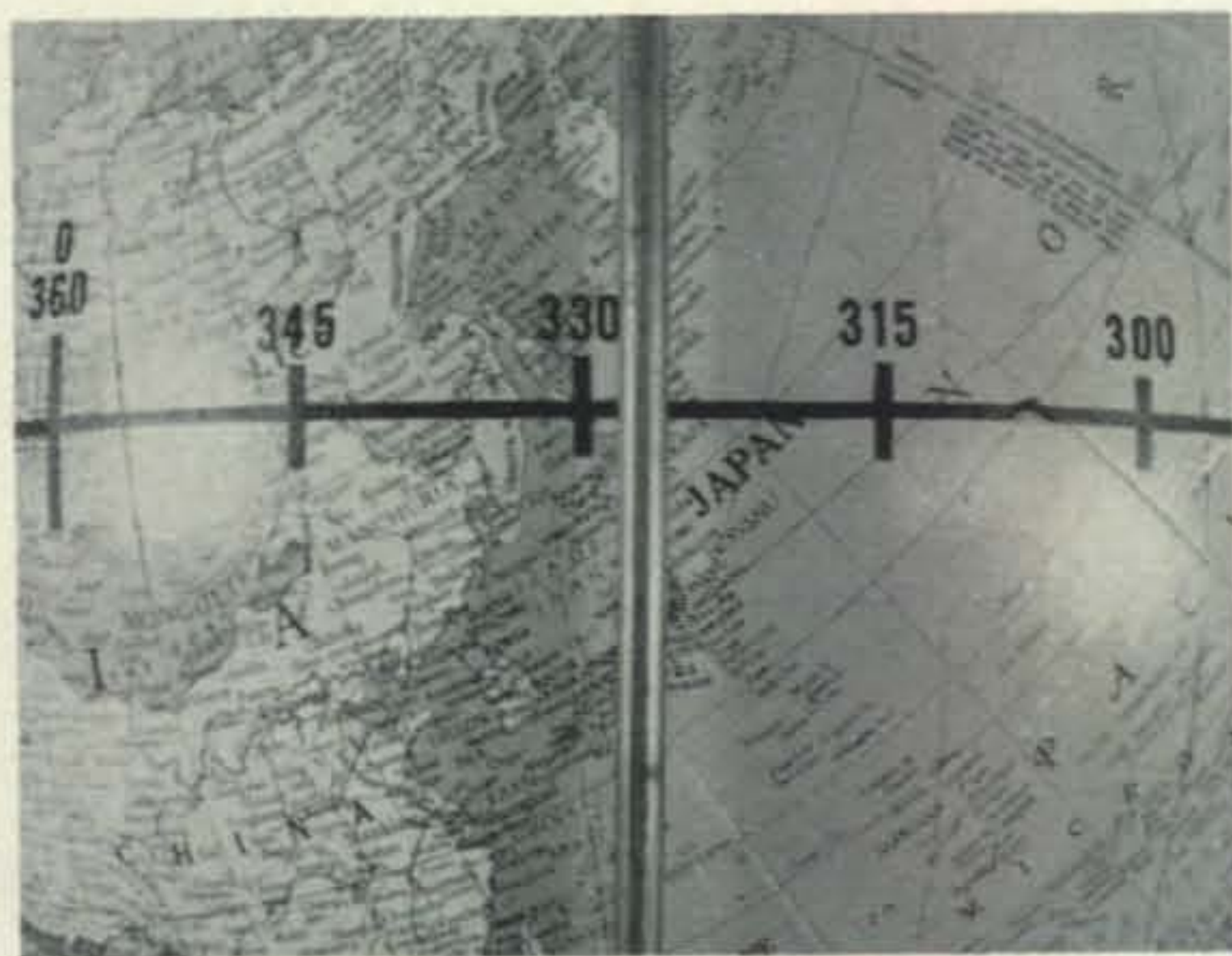


Fig. 7—Place the DX QTH under the "lubber" line and read the heading.



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BY JOHN A. ATTAWAY,\* K4IIF

**A**T a recent ham gathering a DXer asked if the *CQ* DX Awards Advisory Committee was still in existence. The answer is a definite yes!

Its true that the DX Committee is not in the news as much as in earlier years, however, this is because of its success. The Awards Program has been broadened to meet the needs of all DXers, and is constantly being re-evaluated to insure that it stays up to date. Therefore there hasn't been any controversy to produce headlines.

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A long time booster of 10 meter operation is Eric, G3TXF, Editor of *Quax*. In this photo Eric is putting the finishing touches on the 28 mHz beam at GB-3SX, the "beacon station" used to study conditions on 10 meters. Eric says to earn that 28 mHz endorsement on your *CQ* DX Awards pretty soon, as band conditions are deteriorating. (Photo courtesy *Quax*).

### Fresno International DX Convention

This great DX event is scheduled for Jan. 22 and 23, 1972 at the Del Webb Towne House in Fresno, California. Prominent DXers scheduled to attend include Marty Laine, OH2BH, Carl Fjell, SM5SB/ZA5Z; Larry Pace, K21-XP; and Darlene Souigny, WA6FSC/3B9DK, etc. Better put it on your calendar.

The Committee membership is periodically being rotated to give new people a chance to advance their ideas. All of the original 1967 Committee have now retired, and with the addition of new DX clubs the group has been enlarged.

Among the Committee's recent decisions was the elimination of the phone category from WPX. The Committee is also studying the checkpoint system, the future direction of the DX Hall of Fame, the outlook for a 5-band WAZ award, and measures to stimulate more interest in the c.w. DX award. They have also been polled to determine the 10 most needed countries on c.w., and the 10 most needed countries on s.s.b. Future decisions will be reported in later columns.

Present makeup of the *CQ* DX Committee, and the clubs each represents, are as follows: Jack Reed, VE3GMT, Canadian DX Association; Vern Dameron, Jr., K1DRN, New

### The *CQ* DX Award Program

#### C.W. DX

74.....W3HQU      76.....W6ADK  
75.....G5GH

#### S.S.B. DX

165.....WB2OBO      169.....WA2RQH  
166.....IT9JT      170.....ZL3NS  
167.....YU1AG      171.....G3HUV  
168.....W9QLD      172.....GW3HUM

#### *CQ* DX Endorsements

*C.W.*: W6ADK—250, W3HQU—200, and G5GH—150, W3HQU—Low Band.  
*S.S.B.*: IT9JT—300, W9QLD—300, ZL3NS—300, W6KZS—300, WB6DXU—250, F9MD—250, WB2OBO—200, K4EKJ—150, WB2OBO—28 Mc.

Complete rules for the *CQ* DX Award program may be found on pg. 58 of the January, 1971 issue. Application blanks and copies of the rules may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Award Manager, P.O. Box 1271, Covina, CA 91722, or to the DX Editor.



England DXCC; Lew Levitt, WB2NDI, Kings County Radio Club; Bob Wilson, W3GHD, Frankford Radio Club; John Kanode, W4WSF, Potomac Valley Radio Club; Bob Rosier, K4OCE, North Carolina DX Association; Tava Franklin, K4AEB, North Alabama DX Club; Don Busick, K5AAD, West Gulf DX Club; Gary Stillwell, W6NJU, Southern California DX Club; Bob Ferrero, K6AHV, Northern California DX Club; Rod Linkous, W7YBX, Western Washington DX Club; ED Goodbout, W9DWQ, Northern Illinois DX Association; and Bill Higgins, W0YDB, Twin Cities DX Association.

### De Extra

*The DX Window on 160—Let's Respect It!*—Thanks to the efforts of W1BB, DXing on 160 has become a popular pastime. Working "across the pond" through the QRN on 1.8 MHz is a real challenge, and to accomplish it consistently requires rules a little different from those on 15 or 20.

While here in W/K-land we are permitted the use of a respectable amount of power on top-band, indeed those in the interior can use up to a full kw, stations in the European region are limited to very low power, 10 watts. As a consequence it is difficult to hear the DX through the QRM even when conditions are favorable.

To overcome this problem, a gentlemanly arrangement was made by which the narrow segment, 1825-1830 kHz, was set aside for transmitting by low power overseas stations.



Prominent group of DX'ers at the QTH of W3DJZ, left to right: Herb, WB2WOU, Glenn, K3SWZ, Cyril, 9Y4VT, Dusty, WA3IKK and Hop, W3DJZ.

### The WAZ Program

#### S.S.B. WAZ

930.....W4DRK	933.....G3KYF
931.....VE3AES	934.....W2BHK
932.....IT9JT	935.....YU3EM

#### C.W.—Phone WAZ

3275.....F6AOZ	3283.....WA9QAL
3276.....W8LZV	3284.....WA7CGR
3277.....K4EKJ	3285.....OH2BFJ
3278.....WA3DVO	3286.....UK5MAA
3279.....VK6AI	3287.....UB5JR
3280.....JH1OFW	3288.....UA4YV
3281.....DL9WC	3289.....UO5AP
3282.....W9DE	3290.....UW3EH

#### Phone WAZ

466.....I1TQ

Complete WAZ rules are shown on pgs. 64-66 of the June, 1970 issue of *CQ*. Application blank and reprints of the rules may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to DX Editor, P.O. Box 205, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

### The WPX Program

#### S.S.B. WPX

647.....WA9VGY	650.....K1OME
648.....F3IJ	651.....UO5BWG
649.....I1YV	

#### C.W. WPX

1127.....WA2EAH	1132.....UQ2KBC
1128.....W4KFB	1133.....UY5ZI
1129.....WA2RQH	1134.....UW9AI
1130.....K1OME	1135.....UK9AAZ
1131.....UW0AJ	1136.....UV3BG

#### Mixed WPX

305.....K2KGB	308.....DJ5BV
306.....W8CNL	309.....WA9VGY
307.....W5LPO	310.....K1OME

#### WPX Endorsements

S.S.B.: DL1MD—700, F2MO—700, WA8VFK—450, W2EHB—400, KC6WS—400, W9KAA—350, LA6RL—350, I1YV—350, and WA9VGY—300.

C.W.: W0AUB—800, UA3GO—500, W7VSE—400, UA3BS—400, and K0EKR—350.

Mixed: W2NUT—900, W8ROC—850, WA2FQG—650, DJ5BV—600, WA2EAH—500, K1KNQ—450, and W5LPO—450.

Phone: K2OLG—500.

40 Meters: UT5HP

20 Meters: UW0AJ and SM4-3434

15 Meters: WA8VFK

Africa: UT5HP

Europe: K1OME, UW3IN, and UK4WAB

Oceania: DL1MD and UT5HP

South America: W4WSP

VPX 450: SM4-3434

Complete rules for WPX, WPNX and VPX may be found on pgs. 66-67 of the June, 1970 issue. Application blanks and reprints of the rules may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Award Manager, P.O. Box 1271, Covina, CA 91722, or to the DX Editor.





Does this snappy operator, Trevor Evans, VK2NS, hold a world record? He and K6NB (WA6UNF) completed their 2000th consecutive daily QSO on 7023 wHz at 0800 GMT on Nov. 30, 1970. The first sked was on Oct. 5, 1963. 1200 hours were spent in actual contact during these QSO's, and no skeds were missed due to QRM, QRN, etc. Approximately 1,800,000 words have been sent. Guests in the 2000th QSO were VK2DK, KH6EFW and VK2DO.

It is popularly called the "DX Window," and US stations customarily transmit between 1800 and 1825 while announcing listening frequencies between 1825-1830. This system has provided many thousands of QSO's between the US and Europe which would not have been possible otherwise.

Unfortunately, a problem has developed. In recent months many new operators have discovered the fun on 160, and the "DX Window" is more and more frequently closed by strong US signals. Generally it is a case of not being aware of the tradition, and they are happy to QSY. However, there are a few bad apples who "stand on their constitutional right to transmit anywhere they cotton pickin' well please." De Extra considers this a very



Clay Sherrod, Jr., HS1ABU, keeps a weather eye out for stateside stations daily on 21.335 mHz from 1400 GMT onwards when conditions permit. QSL's for Clay should be sent via W5ZG.

short-sighted attitude. One or two kilowatt signals pretty well close the window which could be open to 10 or more weak DX signals. This, gentlemen, is poor band usage and very questionable ethics.

### Here and There

*DXpeditions Planned:* The Caribbean is heating up and I don't mean hot coffee or a hurricane. The troops are restive, DXpedition-wise. Among the spots on schedule are KC4-Navassa, VP2G-Grenada, and we keep hearing rumors of HKØ-Baja Nuevo.

Regarding Navassa, a letter from W4GKF tells us that four Atlanta amateurs are planning a 10 day DXpedition to take place near the end of April. They will include activity on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 on both c.w. and s.s.b. in their itinerary using 2 separate rigs. The call KC4DX has been requested from the FCC. Amateurs involved as of this date include W4GKF, K4TMA, WB4WMG, and WB4SEO.

Down Grenada way the action is slated for Feb. 5-20, including the two contest weekends in that interval. The operators will be Art Lewis, W3TV; Bill Robinson, W4GIV; Tony Susen, W3AOH; and Bill Taylor, W3VW. They expect to operate from the QTH of VP2GLE, but have applied for their own callsign. QSLs will be handled by "Big John," W3GJY.

*DX Stamp Service:* This service, which was operated for many years by Sax, W2SAW, is now under new management. Effective Jan. 1, 1972, the entrepreneur is George Robertson, W2AZX, of 83 Roder Parkway, Ontario, N.Y. 14519. George promises a continuation of the excellent, prompt service provided by Sax. To those unfamiliar with this idea, it gives you the opportunity to buy the stamps of most countries so that you may send an s.a.s.e. to a foreign amateur or QSL Manager with the proper stamps of his country already affixed to the envelope.

### Amateur Radio In Other Countries

This month we decided to depart from the ordinary and feature the Spratly Islands, a country which is not a country in the conventional sense, but is nevertheless on the accepted country list for DX awards. To our knowledge the only successful operation from the Spratly group was the one conducted by Dr. Donald A. Miller five years ago using the call 1S9WNV. A DXpedition was recently



## WPX HONOR ROLL

The WPX Honor Roll is based on confirmed current prefixes which are submitted by separate application in strict conformance with the CQ Master Prefix List. Scores are based on the current Prefix total regardless of an operators all-time prefix count.

### MIXED

W4OPM	Joe Hiller	1100
W8LY	Michael A. Bakos	867
W8ROC	Frederick W. Riecks	831
VE3GCO	Gary V. Hammond	825
W3PVZ	Joseph M. Olnick	811
W9WHM	John R. Leary	811
DL1MD	Heribert Rechl	809
DJ7CX	Leonard Poelt	808
K1SHN	Chuck Banta	808
W4IC	George A. Mack	803
ON4QX	Bob Berge	778
G3DO	D. A. G. Edwards	773
I6SF	Serafino Franchi	757
YU1AG	Djura Borosic	754
W0AUB	Bill Bergmann	752
CT1LN	Paulo J. S. Coelho Vieira	749
W4BQY	G. B. Fisher	741
WA6MWG	John P. Billon	738
K0BLT	Frank Cahoy	733
K8UDJ	Charles L. Hutchinson	712
DL1MD	Heribert Rechl	702
W4CRW	Robert C. Sommer	701
WA5LOB	James Edwards	699
PY4AP	"Biu" Marra	685
SM7TV	Boris Goransson	674
WA6EPQ	Larry Brockman	663
WA0CPX	Edward C. Gray	656

### SSB

W4OPM	Joe Hiller	1025
W4NJF	Gay E. Milius, Jr.	933
DL9OH	Karl Muller	783
HP1JC	Juan G. Chen	750
W9DWQ	Edward A. Goodbout	741
K2POA	Arthur B. Johnson	733

I8KDB	Giampaolo Nucciotti	718
I0AMU	Alfonso Porretta	715
W4IC	George A. Mack	702
W3DJZ	Arden B. Hopple	694
WA5LOB	James D. Edwards	692
F2MO	Michel Dort	686
G3DO	D. A. G. Edwards	680
K1SHN	Chuck Banta	679
W0YDB	W. C. "Bill" Higgins	671

### CW

W4OPM	Joe Hiller	950
W8LY	Michael A. Bakos	864
W8KPL	William W. Simpson	853
W2AIW	Charles W. Rogers	813
VK3AHQ	Henry Denver	809
W2HO	W. Vollokmmer	802
DL1QT	Helmut Baumert	780
ON4QX	Bob Berge	750
WB2FMK	Robert J. Rasche	700
OK2DB	Jaroslav Dufka	693
DJ7CX	Leonard Poelt	680
W9FD	W. W. Johler	680
G2GM	F. D. Cawley	667
W4IC	George A. Mack	662
K1SHN	Chuck Banta	653
YU1AG	Djura Borosic	636
K2AAC	J. O. Archibald	625
I6SF	Serafino Franchi	622
VO1AW	Clarence Mitchell	605
VE4OX	D. E. McVittie	600

### PHONE

CT1PK	Manoel F. DeAlmeida	894
W9WHM	John R. Leary	813
G3DO	D. A. G. Edwards	761
PA0SNG	Gerrit Mulder	754
W3DJZ	Arden B. Hopple	728
CT1LN	Paulo J. S. Coelho Vieira	710
CX2CN	Samuel C. Barreiro	666
I1YRK	Gennaro Casaburi	650
I6SF	Serafino Franchi	635
OE2EGL	Eugene Goffriller	601

scheduled by the VS6 boys, but was postponed because of the tense international situation, and the following information from *OHM Magazine* (Oriental Ham Magazine) and the West Coast DX Bulletin should be interesting to you.

The Spratly Islands consist of 96 coral atolls, almost all of them uninhabited, located in the South China Sea 350 miles southwest of Manila and 350 miles east of Saigon. Although they have a total area of only 1½ square miles, 3 different countries, Nationalist China or Taiwan, the Philippines, and South Vietnam, claim sovereignty over them, and it is rumored that Communist China and the Netherlands may soon join the party. The reason: *oil!* These tiny atolls are reported to lie over rich undersea oil reserves.

The Chinese name for this group is the Nansha or South Sand Islands, while the

Philippines use the name "Freedomland," assigned by Thomas Clona in 1956. Taiwan seems to have the strongest advantage at present as they maintain a "military presence" on the 10 largest islands and are said to have restated their sovereignty in 1956.

The dispute came into the open in 1971 when a Philippine Congressman, Mr. Ramon Mitra, claimed that he was fired on while making a trip in the area. Philippine President Marcos followed with a statement that Nationalist Chinese troops had illegally occupied Itu Aba Island of the Spratly group, and that this threatened Philippine security. Mr. Marcos asked the government on Taiwan to withdraw its troops. Films released at a press conference in Manila showed Filipino soldiers at military installations on three other islands in what Mr. Marcos called "adequate steps" to protect the Philippines.





Gordon, ZB2A, at the rig consisting of a Racal receiver, a Vespa Mark II transmitter and an auxiliary R88D receiver. Gordon is a sergeant in the RAF. QSL ZB2A to WA9YNE, 17 W. 151 White Pine Tree, Bensenville, IL 60106. (Photo via WA9YNE)

China's original claim to the Spratlies dates back to the Han Dynasty, 206 B.C. to 220 A.D. Cheng Ho, sent by the imperial ruler of the Ming Dynasty, visited the islands on his way to Africa in 1405-33, and claimed them again for China. The Manchu Dynasty, 1644-1911, sent an envoy who reported a Chinese settlement.

The Chinese claim was challenged by Japan in 1917 when the latter initiated guano mining operations. The Japanese mining continued until 1929, after which a French warship visited the area. In 1933 France announced occupation of the Spratlies. French and Japanese occupation was challenged by the Chinese government in Nanking, but the Imperial Japanese navy drove the French out in 1939 and built a submarine base.

The Nationalist Chinese government took control of the islands after World War II and has kept a garrison there since 1956. The least hopeful contender seems to be South Viet Nam. The Saigon government sent a Marine contingent to the Spratlies in August, 1956, but soon withdrew it and is said to have dropped its territorial claims which dated back to 1934.



The smiling face of Jean, F7BDJ, prominent European DXer and one of our rapidly growing cadre of overseas subscribers.

## Reports from the Rare Zones

The toughest zones to work from W/K-land are still those over the pole in Siberia, namely 18, 19, and 23. A part of the problem is the difficulty in determining the correct zones for the UA9 and UA $\emptyset$  stations.

Actually, it's not as tough as it may seem. The UA authorities assign these calls in a systematic manner, and consequently the zone can usually be located by the first letter after the prefix. For example, UA9, UK9, UV9 and UW9 stations having the letters H, I, O, P, U, V, or Y immediately after the figure 9 are in Zone 18. In addition, UA $\emptyset$ , UK $\emptyset$ , UV $\emptyset$  and UW $\emptyset$  stations with A, B, O, S, T, U, or V immediately after the  $\emptyset$  are also in Zone 18.

Those UA $\emptyset$ , UK $\emptyset$ , UV $\emptyset$  and UW $\emptyset$  stations with C, E, F, G, I, J, K, L, M, Q, R or Z immediately after the  $\emptyset$  are in Zone 19, while those with Y after the  $\emptyset$  are in Zone 23. All JT-Mongolia stations are in Zone 23.

Some stations recently reported from these zones include:

**Zone 18:** UA9VB, 14203 kHz at 0135Z and 14207 kHz at 0205Z; UA $\emptyset$ AJ, 14209 at 1240; UA9IF, 14200 at 0200; UK9OAA, 14200+ at 0255, and UV9OM, 14027 at 0130.

**Zone 19:** UA $\emptyset$ EH, 14008 at 1050; UA $\emptyset$ FAT, 14017 at 0330; UA $\emptyset$ FBA, 14004 at 1210; UA $\emptyset$ KAF, 7002 at 0430 and 7009 at 0525; UK $\emptyset$ ZAD, 7002 at 1330 (W6-land); UA $\emptyset$ -LAJ, 14010; and UW $\emptyset$ IE, 14229 at 0150.

**Zone 23:** UA $\emptyset$ YA, 14026 at 0150; UA $\emptyset$ YAE, 14031 at 0055; UA $\emptyset$ YT, 14025 at 0200 and 14041 at 0235; JT1AG, 14196 at 1600, 142-04 at 0200, and 14202 at 1310; JT1AR, 140-40 at 1500; and JT1KAA, 14041 at 0035.

## Rare and Unusual Prefixes for WPX

**CV**—This special prefix was used in Uruguay during the CQ Worldwide DX Contest in October.

**EQ2**—This prefix was used this fall by EP2 amateurs in Iran.

**GW4**—GW4ACO was worked on 21060 kHz at 1715Z.

**KY6**—KY6PMR on 14045 kHz in October was reported to be at Point Mugu Naval Air Station. QSL to WA6GFE.

**OM $\emptyset$** —OK stations used this prefix from Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 1971 to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Central Radio Club of Czechoslovakia.

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# CQ WPX Award Rules

The CQ WPX Award recognizes the accomplishment of confirmed QSO with the many prefixes used by amateurs throughout the world. Separate distinctively marked certificates are available for two-way s.s.b., c.w. and mixed modes as well as the VPX award for shortwave listeners and the WPNX award for USA Novice amateurs.

## I. Applications:

A. All applications for WPX certificates (and endorsements) must be submitted on the official application form CQ 1051A. This form can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the WPX Manager. It is highly desirable to use business size envelopes, 9½ × 4 inches, for this purpose.

B. All call letters must be in strict alphabetical order and the entire call letter must be shown.

C. All entries must be clearly legible.

D. Certificates are issued for the following modes and numbers of prefixes. Cross mode QSO's are *not* valid for the c.w. or two-way s.s.b. certificates.

Mixed (any mode) — 400 prefixes confirmed  
C.w. — 300 prefixes confirmed  
Two-way s.s.b. — 300 prefixes confirmed

Separate applications are required for each mode.

E. Cards need not be sent, but must be in the possession of the applicant. Any and all cards may be requested by the WPX Manager or the CQ DX Committee.

F. The application fee for each certificate is \$1.00 or eight (8) International Reply Coupons (IRC's).

G. All applications and endorsements should be sent to the WPX Award Manager.

## II. Endorsements:

A. Prefix endorsements are issued for each 50 additional prefixes submitted.

B. Band endorsements are available for working the following numbers of prefixes on the various bands: 1.8 MHz—35; 3.5 MHz—150; 7 MHz—250; 14 MHz—300; 21 MHz—300; 28 MHz—250.

C. Continental endorsements are given for working the following numbers of prefixes in the respective continents: North America—126; South America—88; Europe—146; Africa—80; Asia—68; Oceania—51.

D. Endorsement applications must be submitted on CQ Form 1051A. Use separate applications for each mode and be sure to specify the mode of your endorsement application.

E. For Prefix endorsements list only additional call letters confirmed since the last endorsement application.

F. A self-addressed stamped envelope or self-addressed envelope with 1 IRC is required for endorsement stickers.

## III. Prefixes:

A. The 2 or 3 letter/numeral combinations which forms the first part of any amateur call will be considered the prefix.

B. Any difference in the numbering, lettering or order of same shall constitute a separate prefix. The following would be considered different: W2, WA2, WB2, WN2, WV2, K2 and KN2.

C. Any prefix will be considered legitimate if its use was licensed or permitted by the governing authority in that country.



D. A suffix would designate portable operation in another country or call area and would count only if it is the normal prefix used in that area. For example, K4IIF/KP4 would count as KP4. However, KP4XX/7 would *not* count as KP7 since this is not a normal prefix. Suffixes such as /M, /MM, /AM, /A and /P are not counted as prefixes. (See also rule 3E). An exception to this rule is granted for portable operation within the issued call area. Thus contacts with a special prefix such as WS2JRA/2 counts for WS2 however, WS2JRA/3 would count for W3.

E. All calls without numbers will be assigned an arbitrary 0 plus the first two letters to constitute a prefix. For example, RAEM counts as RA0, AIR is AI0, UPOL is UP0. All portable suffixes that contain no numerals will be assigned an arbitrary 0. For example, W4BPD/LX counts as LX0 and HB9XYZ/PX counts as PX0.

## IV. VPX:

The VPX or Verified Prefixes Award can be earned by s.w.l.'s who possess QSL cards confirming reception of at least 300 different amateur prefixes. No Mode endorsements are available. Applications are submitted to the WPX Manager in accordance with WPX rules.

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# Propagation

BY GEORGE JACOBS,\* W3ASK

**T**HE solar cycle continues to decline at a steady pace.

The Swiss Federal Solar Observatory reports a monthly mean sunspot number of 51 for October, 1971. This results in a running smoothed sunspot number of 68, centered on April, 1971. A smoothed sunspot number of 50 is forecast for February, 1972.

Declining solar activity, coupled with normal seasonal changes in shortwave propagation conditions, should result in considerably fewer 10 meter DX openings during February and the early spring months. While some fairly good openings may still be possible on north-south paths, and on paths between the northern and southern hemispheres, few, if any are expected on east-west circuits. Whatever 10 meter openings might be possible during February, are most likely to occur during the hours of daylight.

The 15 meter band should be optimum for world-wide DX propagation during the daylight hours of February. Good openings are forecast to almost all areas of the world, with generally strong signals and little fading or noise. The band should open shortly after sunrise, and remain open to one area of the world or another through the late afternoon and early evening hours.

Excellent DX propagation conditions are forecast for 20 meters, with conditions peaking shortly after sunrise and again during the late afternoon and early evening hours. To some areas of the world, the band may remain open during the hours of darkness as well.

Fairly good DX propagation conditions are forecast for 40 meters from late afternoon, through the hours of darkness and continuing through the sunrise period. Exceptionally high signal levels are expected during some DX openings on this band during February.

Static levels should begin to increase during February, resulting in somewhat noisier conditions on 80 and 160 meters. Some fairly good DX openings, however, are forecast for 80 meters during the hours of darkness and the sunrise period. An occasional DX opening should also be possible during the same period on 160 meters, especially on nights when static levels are low.

## LAST MINUTE FORECAST

February, 1972

Days	Rating & Forecast Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 3, 5, 18-19, 25	A	A	B	C
Normal: 1-2, 4, 6, 8-10, 13, 16-17, 20-24, 26, 28-29	A	B	C	D
Below Normal: 7, 11, 14-15, 27	C	D	D	E
Disturbed: 12	D	D	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 parentheses, 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.; 1 kw p.e.p. 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 February 15, 1972, through April 15, 1972 and are prepared from basic propagation data published monthly by the Institute For Telecommunication Sciences of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado.

## V.h.f. Ionospheric Openings

The possibilities for trans-equatorial (TE) propagation openings on 6 meters improve as spring approaches. Some openings of this type, especially between southern regions of the USA and southern areas of South America may be possible during February. The best time to check for 6 meter TE openings is between 8 and 11 P.M., local time.

\*11307 Clara Street, Silver Spring, Md. 20902.



Auroral displays often occur somewhat more frequently during February than during the earlier winter months. This should make possible an increased number of short-skip openings, ranging in distance from a few hundred up to approximately 1300 miles, on both 6 and 2 meters. Such openings result from the intense regions of ionization associated with auroral displays.

While auroral ionization may improve propagation conditions on the v.h.f. bands, it often causes radio storms which disrupt propagation on the h.f. bands. Check the "Last Minute Forecast" appearing at the beginning of this column for those days that are likely to be disturbed of below normal during February. These are also the days on which v.h.f. auroral-type openings

are most likely to occur during the month.

Sporadic-E ionization reaches a seasonal low during February, and few short-skip openings from this type of propagation are expected during the month.

No significant meteor showers are scheduled for February, and few, if any meteor-type ionospheric openings are likely to occur.

This month's *Propagation Charts* contain band opening predictions for major DX paths for the period February 15 through April 15, 1972. A short-skip propagation forecast for February appeared in last month's column. Instructions for the proper use of the *Propagation Charts* appear directly below the "Last Minute Forecast" at the beginning of this column.

73, George, W3ASK

February 15-April 15, 1972

Time Zone: EST (24-Hour Time)

EASTERN USA TO:

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

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

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

**CENTRAL USA TO:**

	10 Meters	15 Meters	20 Meters	40/80 Meters
Western & Central Europe & North Africa	09-11 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-13 (2) 13-14 (1)	00-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-18 (1) 22-00 (1)	17-19 (1) 19-22 (2) 22-00 (3) 00-01 (2) 01-02 (1) 20-22 (1)* 22-00 (2)* 00-01 (1)*
Northern Europe & Eastern USSR	09-11 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-12 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (3) 23-01 (1)	19-22 (1) 22-00 (2) 00-02 (1) 22-01 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	09-11 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-13 (1)	07-12 (1) 12-15 (2) 15-17 (1) 22-00 (1)	19-22 (1) 20-22 (1)*
West & Central Africa	09-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-12 (3) 12-13 (4) 13-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	06-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-15 (3) 15-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	18-20 (1) 20-23 (2) 23-01 (1) 21-00 (1)*
East Africa	09-12 (1)	08-11 (1) 11-15 (2) 15-117 (1)	06-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-16 (3) 16-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	19-22 (1)
South Africa	08-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-13 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-11 (2) 11-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	05-07 (2) 07-13 (1) 13-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-20 (1) 23-01 (1)	19-22 (1) 20-21 (1)*
Central & South Asia	07-09 (1) 17-19 (1)	08-10 (1) 19-21 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 19-21 (2)	05-07 (1) 18-20 (1)
Southeast Asia	08-10 (1) 18-20 (1)	09-12 (1) 16-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-10 (2) 10-12 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (1)	04-07 (1)
Far East	16-19 (1)	14-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-20 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 16-18 (1) 18-21 (2) 21-23 (1)	02-04 (1) 04-06 (2) 06-08 (1) 05-07 (1)*
South Pacific & New Zealand	11-13 (1) 13-14 (2) 14-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	10-12 (1) 12-15 (2) 15-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (3) 09-11 (2) 11-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-21 (3) 22-00 (2) 00-02 (1)	22-00 (1) 00-01 (2) 01-06 (3) 06-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 00-02 (1)* 02-05 (2)* 05-07 (1)*
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Northern & Central South America	08-09 (1) 09-10 (2) 10-14 (3) 14-15 (2) 15-16 (1)	07-08 (1) 08-09 (2) 09-13 (3) 13-16 (4) 16-17 (3) 17-18 (2) 18-19 (1)	07-09 (4) 09-11 (3) 11-15 (2) 15-16 (3) 16-18 (4) 18-21 (3) 21-00 (2) 00-06 (1) 06-07 (2)	18-19 (1) 19-20 (2) 20-00 (3) 00-02 (4) 02-03 (3) 03-04 (2) 04-06 (1) 19-21 (1)* 21-03 (2)* 03-05 (1)*

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McMurdo Sound, Antarctica	Nil	13-16 (1) 16-18 (2) 18-20 (1)	16-19 (1) 19-23 (2) 23-02 (1) 07-09 (1)	22-02 (1) 02-04 (2) 04-06 (1)

Time Zone: PST (24-Hour Time)

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Western Europe & North Africa	09-11 (1)	08-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	05-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-14 (3) 14-16 (2) 16-18 (1) 22-00 (1)	19-20 (1) 20-22 (2) 22-00 (1) 20-22 (1)*
Central & Northern Europe & European USSR	Nil	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-12 (1) 12-13 (2) 13-15 (1) 22-00 (1)	19-21 (1) 21-23 (2) 23-00 (1) 21-23 (1)*
Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East	Nil	07-08 (1) 08-10 (2) 10-12 (1)	07-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-17 (1) 22-02 (1)	18-21 (1)
West & Central Africa	08-10 (1) 10-12 (2) 12-14 (1)	07-09 (1) 09-12 (2) 12-15 (3) 15-16 (2) 16-17 (1)	04-06 (1) 06-08 (2) 08-12 (1) 12-14 (2) 14-17 (3) 17-19 (2) 19-21 (1)	18-22 (1)
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Central & South Asia	17-19 (1)	07-09 (1) 16-17 (1) 17-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	16-18 (1) 18-20 (2) 20-22 (1) 06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-12 (1)	05-07 (1) 19-21 (1)
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Far East	15-17 (1)	12-14 (1) 14-17 (2) 17-18 (3) 18-19 (2) 19-20 (1)	06-07 (1) 07-09 (2) 09-11 (1) 11-13 (2) 13-15 (1) 15-17 (2) 17-20 (3) 20-22 (2) 22-02 (1)	00-02 (1) 02-07 (2) 07-08 (1) 02-06 (1)*

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# Contest Calendar

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## Calendar of Events

Jan.	15-17	5BWAS Contest
Jan.	28-30	CQ WW 160 C.W. Contest
Jan.	29-30	French C.W. Contest
Feb.	5-6	ARRL DX Phone Contest
Feb.	5 & 13	World SSTV Contest
Feb.	11-13	QCWA QSO Party
Feb.	12-13	CCHSRC "Operation's Day"
Feb.	13	Tennessee QSO Party
Mar.	18-19	Virginia QSO Party
Feb.	19-20	ARRL DX C.W. Contest
Feb.	19-28	IARC Propagation CW/RTTY
Feb.	26-27	French Phone Contest
Feb.	26-27	YL-OM Phone Contest
Mar.	4-5	ARRL DX Phone Contest
Mar.	11-12	YL-OM C.W. Contest
Mar.	11-13	Worldwide VHF Activity
Mar.	14-16	Old, Old Timers QSO Party
Mar.	18-19	ARRL DX C.W. Contest
Mar.	25-26	CQ WW WPX SSB Contest
Mar.	25-27	BARTG Spring RTTY Contest
Mr.	25-Apr. 2	IARC Propagation Phone
Apr.	29-30	WAE RTTY Contest

## CQ WW 160 C.W. Contest

Starts: 2200 GMT Friday, January 28

Ends: 1500 GMT Sunday, January 30

The starting time has been made two hours earlier to take advantage of possible European openings, and the order of the exchange has been slightly modified. It's QSO nr., RST and your state or province. Otherwise rules remain the same as previous years.

Mailing deadline is February 29th to: CQ 160 Contest, 14 Vanderventer Ave., Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. 11050.

## French DX Contest

C.W.—Jan. 29-30 Phone—Feb. 26-27

Starts: 1400 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2200 GMT Sunday

You may work French stations as well as stations in French territorial areas. (9Q, 9U, 9X and etc.) And also ON, LX and HB stations who will be involved in their own activity.

Complete rules in last month's CALENDAR.

This year logs go to: The REF Traffic Man-

ager, Lucien Aubry, F8TM, rue Marceau 53, 91 Palaiseau, France.

## 5BWAS Contest

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday, January 15

Ends: 0600 GMT Monday, January 17

This the first annual contest sponsored by the National Teenage Radio Society was organized to assist amateurs in getting their 5BWAS.

All bands, phone and c.w. may be used. The same stations may be worked only once on each band regardless of mode.

**Exchange:** QSO nr., RS/RST and state for W/K's, QSO nr., and RS/RST for others.

**Scoring:** One point per QSO on all bands except 28 mc which are worth 2 points. Final score, total QSO points times the number of states worked on each band. (50 per band, 250 total)

**Frequencies:** Phone—3910, 7265, 14280, 21360, 28600. C.W.—3550, 7050, 14050, 21050, 28050. Novice—3740, 7160, 21115.

**Awards:** Certificates to the top 3 in the U.S.,



Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA and Bernie Welch, W8IMZ, CQ Contest Committee member, find time to discuss amateur radio during a recent Air Force Sergeants Association convention in Washington D.C. K7UGA the newly elected president of the QCWA was the guest speaker at the banquet. (Wonder if Bernie talked Barry into taking a crack at one of our Contests?)

(Photo by Ken Knox)

\* 14 Sherwood Road, Stamford, Conn. 06905



## Claimed Scores 1971 CQ WW DX Phone Contest

Single Operator All Band	14 mHz
6D1AA .....3,541,714	ZE1CU .....672,690
VK6HD .....2,911,224	K6LOM .....456,726
OB8V .....2,446,566	W2ONV .....420,831
G3LNS .....1,414,336	XX7FR .....263,500
5H3LV .....1,369,088	JA2KLT .....262,752
W2PV .....1,355,360	I3JR .....191,516
VE3BMV .....1,324,809	WB2WJO .....189,450
9G1WW .....1,284,969	CE6EQ .....184,030
ZP5AQ .....1,264,540	
W6RR .....1,173,356	7 mHz
W6MAR .....1,118,840	HR1RF .....207,749
	WA8ZDF .....45,214
	ZD8CS .....38,372
	JA1OHV .....36,719
	G3SSO .....24,968
	IP1WXY .....14,307
28 mHz	3.5 mHz
XX7IK .....584,535	VE3MR/4X .....203,484
9E3USA .....442,000	HI8LC .....56,903
OB4PF .....204,952	CN8HD .....44,200
HR2GK .....156,788	1.8 mHz
JA3MZH .....96,135	K1PBW .....60
KV4AM .....71,040	
WA8QIY .....62,034	Multi-Operator Single Trans.
W6ED .....57,591	PJ1AA .....3,407,987
W9YYG .....53,486	ZF1WF .....1,313,075
WA1HFN .....52,283	WA3ATP .....974,460
21 mHz	Multi-Operator Multi-Trans.
YU3EJ .....289,912	4M1A .....11,744,590
VE2AFC .....235,596	4Z4HF .....6,000,000
W6BH .....226,240	OH5SM .....4,421,875
W9LKJ .....206,870	
W9RER .....202,640	
W9IY .....175,296	
HS1ABU .....170,765	
WB8BLL .....153,000	

and 1st place in each state. Also to the top DX and Novice scores.

Mailing deadline February 15th to: Tom Harke, WB9BJR, 329 Cleveland Ave., Little Chute, Wis. 54140.

### CCHSRC "Operation's Day"

Starts: 1300 GMT Saturday, February 12

Ends: 0100 GMT Sunday, February 13

The boys of the Colonie Central High School Radio Club will man four rigs on the air from their club station WA2DNR, full time during the above period. A special QSL card will be sent to every station contacted during that time.

Activity will be on the following frequencies: 3716, 7175, 21150 on c.w. and 3920, 7275, 14-280, 21375 on phone.

Send your QSL cards to: Colonie Central High School, WA2DNR, 100 Hackett Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12205.

### ARRL DX Contest

Phone: February 5-6 and March 4-5

C.W.: February 19-20 and March 18-19

Starts: 0001 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2359 GMT Sunday

The 38th running of this contest will again have the DX stations pointing their beams to the USA and Canada and try to work as many W/Ks and VEs as possible on all bands.

The fellows on this side will send a signal report and their state or province. The DX stations will add three digits to their signal report indicating their power.

There are some minor rule modifications which you can pick up in the December issue of *QST*. One gives a little more latitude to multi-operator stations.

Log forms, summary sheets and check off sheets are available from ARRL.

Address all requests and your logs to: ARRL Communications Dept., 225 Main Street, Newington, Conn. 06111.

### World SSTV Contest

Two Periods:

1500-2200 GMT Saturday, February 5

0700-1400 GMT Sunday, February 13

This second annual contest is again sponsored by **CQ Electronica** magazine of Italy.

All authorized amateur frequencies may be used. (The TVers have established spots)

The procedure is to exchange pictures, the message number may be given by voice.

**Scoring:** Score one point for each complete exchange. And a multiplier of 10 for each continent worked, and 5 for each DXCC country contacted.

**Final score:** Total exchange points times the sum of the continent/country multiplier.

**Awards:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will receive 12 months, 6 months and 6 months subscription to **CQ Electronica**. There is also a s.w.l. prize.

Logs must be received by March 20th by: Prof. Franco Fanti, via A. Dallolio 19, 40139 Bologna, Italy.

### QCWA QSO Party

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday, February 12

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday, February 13

This year's party will again be sponsored by the Dallas Chapter of QCWA. Only contacts with other members will count for QCWA awards.

This is primarily a party to renew old acquaintances and see how many members you can work. Contacting overseas members is encouraged.

Like last year a simple scoring system will be used to make it more interesting.

**Exchange:** QSO nr., RS/RST, QTH, name and your QCWA number.

**Scoring:** Count one point for each QCWA member worked, multiply total by the sum of States, Canadian provinces, maritime mobiles and DX countries worked. (A member station may be worked only **once** for point and multiplier credit regardless of band or mode.)

**Frequencies:** C.W.—3580, 7080, 14080, 21080, 28080. Phone—3980, 7280, 14280, 14345, 21-380, 21445, 28580. RTTY—3595/3600, 7095/7100, 14095/14100, 21070/21075, 28070/28075.

**Awards:** The QCWA Plaque donated by Head-



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Some of the members of the new South Germany DX Group who saw activity in our World Wide DX contests this past fall. Standing l. to r.: DJ3JV, DK2WY, DJ7CX, DJ5DA, DL3RK, DK2BL, DK1YK, DEM14829. Sitting: DJ7CY, DL8UP, DL1MD.

quarters to the "Top Banana" in the Party, to be permanently retained by the member winning it three times. Also a certificate to all stations working 100 or more members.

A special QCWA Silver Anniversary Certificate will be awarded to all members participating in the party and submitting a log. Your rank in the contest will be indicated on the certificate.

Mail your log by March 11th to: L. F. Heithhecker, W5EJ, 1409 Cooper Drive, Irving, Texas 75060.

### Tennessee QSO Party

Starts: 0200 GMT Sunday, February 13

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday, February 13

This party is sponsored by the Tennessee Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. The same station may be worked on different bands and modes for QSO points, and Tenn. can work in-state stations for multiplier credit.

**Exchange:** RS/RST and QTH, county for Tenn. and state, province or country for others.

**Scoring:** One point per QSO. Tenn. use states, provinces, DX countries and Tenn. counties for their multiplier. Others use Tenn. counties. (Max. of 95)

**Frequencies:** 3580, 3980, 7070, 7270, 14070, 14290, 21050, 21375, 28100, 28600. Avoid traffic nets on penalty of being disqualified.

**Awards:** Certificates to each station working 10 or more stations. Also plaques for the highest Tenn. score and highest out-of-state. (minimum of 25 contacts to be eligible).

There will be portable and mobile activity in rare Tenn. counties.

Logs must be received no later than 30 days after the contest. Send your entry with a s.a.s.e. to: Dave Goggio, W4OGG, 1419 Favell Drive, Memphis, Tenn. 38116.

### Virginia QSO Party

Starts: 1200 gmt Saturday, March 18

Ends: 1800 gmt Sunday, March 19

The same station may be worked on different bands for QSO point credit. Phone, c.w. and

novice are different contests and require separate logs.

**Exchange:** QSO nr., RS(T) and QTH; county for VA. stations, state, province or country for others.

**Scoring:** One point per QSO, VA. multiply total by sum of states, provinces, countries and Va. counties worked. Others use Va. counties for their multiplier. (max. of 96).

**Frequencies:** c.w.—3560, 7060, 14060, 21060, 28060. Phone—3930, 7260, 14285, 21375, 28750.

**Awards:** Usual certificates to the top scorers in each section and category.

Logs must be received no later than April 30th and go to: Roanoke Valley ARC, c/o Charles Towles, K4BJM/4, 3007 Pebble Drive, Roanoke, Va. 24014.

### IARC Propagation Contest

**CW/RTTY:** February 19 to 28

**Phone:** March 25 to April 2

Starts: 0001 GMT Ends: 2400 GMT

There has been a modification in the rules in this year's contest.

**Categories:** Single band, all band, mobile and s.w.l., single operator only.

**Exchange:** RS/RST plus your CPR Zone.

**Scoring:** One point for each QSO, and a multiplier of one for each Zone and each country worked on each band.

**Final Score:** Total QSO points multiplied by the sum of Zones and Countries worked. (If all band, sums from each band).

You may work stations in your own Zone but for multiplier credit only.

The same station may be worked as many times as desired. Contacts lasting more than 6 minutes may be credited as a separate QSO but each must be logged separately.

Contacts with stations operating in other contests may be credited by supplying the correct IARC Zone number.

Use official IARC log sheets and summary forms or a facsimile with 40 QSO's to the sheet. Indicate each new Zone and Country in appropriate columns only first time it is worked.

The IARC Zone/Country list will be the standard, and it is highly recommended that you get a copy of same, as well as log sheets from IARC address below.

**Awards:** Certificates to winners in each Zone in each category.

Logs and all inquiries go to: L. M. Rundlett, 2001 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

### YL-OM Contest

**Phone:** Feb. 26-27 **C.W.:** Mar. 11-12

Starts: 1800 GMT Saturday

Ends: 1800 GMT Sunday

It's the YL's working the OM's in this one.

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# THE awards PROGRAM

BY ED HOPPER,\* W2GT



**T**HE February, "Story of The Month" is:

**Andrew H. Abraham, W3JZY**

(All Counties #64 9-18-71)

The *Ole Man On The Mountain*, Andy, W3JZY (NØSRN, Navy Mars) near Smithburg, Frederick County, Maryland, got his last county needed for *All Counties* on August 29th. Andy had been waiting for Caldwell Parish, Louisiana since June 1971 and was able to get it through the kind cooperation of Larry, WB5CIC/M5.

Andy became interested in wireless about 1921 and in 1922 entered the military service. He was sent to Santo Domingo and was soon assigned to the Naval radio station NJG, which used the call letters HIA when handling traffic with ships and the U.S. This was a fine spot to learn about wireless and operating procedures. The equipment included a 5 kw spark transmitter and a Navy model 1420 receiver—a detector and 2 audio stages.

On returning to the Good Ole USA in 1924, an amateur license was obtained and the call 3RP. Other calls included 9AKZ, Brookston, Indiana in 1929; in 1932 W6MQS in California. In 1941 a transfer back to the east coast included the call, W3JZY which he has proudly held for thirty years.

Andy has operated his amateur station in many emergencies, including floods in California, hurricanes in the east, and heavy snow storms and drifts on highways, etc. He was elected ARRL Sections Communications Manager for the Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Section, for three years, and proudly held ARRL appointments of ORS, OPS for over thirty-five years.

For the past eight years, W3JZY has been very active as NØSRN with the Navy Mars program and enjoyably handling the traffic which keeps him very busy from 6 to 10 P.M. most evenings.

Andy is a member of the Old Old Timers

Club #784, QCWA #848, Professional Loafers Club #143, A-1 Operators Club, Code speed 30 w.p.m., and has been a member of the Masonic Lodge #66 F. & A. M., Brookston, Indiana since 1926. Andy is now retired from the U.S. Coast Guard Service.

He also enjoys working the v.h.f. bands and needs only Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Montana to complete the continental U.S. on 6 meters. Contests are also enjoyed—see page 24, October 1966 *CQ* for (Maryland) results of *CQ* Twelve Hour VHF Contest. As I was unable to get a photograph from Andy, you will have to check that October 1966 issue of *CQ* for his foto at the bottom of page 24.

Andy waited until he had them all and on September 18, 1971 he was issued: USA-CA-500 endorsed All 14 MHz, All 7 MHz, All 3.9, and All S.S.B. USA-CA-1000 and 1500 endorsed All 14 MHz S.S.B.; USA-CA-2000 All S.S.B. and Mixed 2500, 3000 and All Counties #64.

Andy wants to say *Thanks* to all stations, especially the Mobiles, who took the time to verify and sign the cards to make All Counties possible.

## Awards

**Six Meter Key Club Award:** In order to encourage six meter c.w. activity, this certificate is offered free for having 10 c.w. QSOs on 6 meters after January 1, 1971. Send log data to: D. E. McCormack, K1PLX, 113 Shore Drive, RR 2, Salem, New Hampshire 03079. He writes, "Because 95% of the 6 meter population can not use the c.w. portion, I suggest the use of 50.150 to 50.175 MHz as a *pseudo sub-band*".

**50 MC Quarter Century DX Award:** Sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh VHF Society, this award represents a real challenge to 6 meter operators anywhere. Requirements are a certified list of confirmed two-way QSOs (no cross-band) with stations in at least twenty-five recognized countries. Data should include date, time, mode and reports exchanged There is no fee and

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Six Meter Key Club Award.

no QSLs are required with the application but must be available upon request by the custodian. Send to: Edward C. Lips, W3BWU, 3302 Hazelhurst Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15227.

**Fort George RAC Award:** Starting January 1, 1971, the Fort George Radio Amateur Club will issue an attractive certificate to any amateur radio station making five (or more) contacts with any amateur station in the city of Prince George. These contacts are to be five *different* stations on any mode on any band. Send log data showing date, time, mode and call of station worked to: Fort George Radio Amateur Club, C/O The Secretary Treasurer, Box 835, Prince George, B.C. Canada.

**Four Awards Issued by The Radio Club Argentino:**

**R. C. A. 50th Anniversary Award:** For period 21 October 1970 to 31 December 1971, for QSOs with different LU Provinces (Territories). For stations in LU, CE, CP, CX, PY and ZP QSOs with 100 different stations in 15 Provinces. DX stations need 50 QSOs in 10 Provinces. Note, calls with letter A, B and C after the digit in call are the Federal Capital and count as one unit (Province). Calls with D and E following the digit are in the Province of Buenos Aires. LU1-GA to 9GOZ are in Chaco Province. LU1GP to 9GZZ in Formosa. LU1XA to 9XOZ in Santa Cruz and LU1XP to 9XZL in Tierra del Fuego. All other Provinces have a different letter after the digit and are explained in all callbooks. Cost is 7 IRCs, no restrictions as to bands or modes. Also available to s.w.l.s. QSLs do not have to be sent but a certified and detailed list should be sent to the Awards Manager.

**LU 10 Double Call Award:** Issued for contacts with 10 stations of double letters from 1 to 0



50 MC Quarter Century DX Award.

without repeating the letters and at least one must be an LU. Example: PY1AA, CP2FF, HI3-JJ, LU4BB, etc. Starting date 1/1/65 and cost is 7 IRCs. Send certified, detailed list to Awards Manager.

**Radio Club Argentino Award:** Issued for QSOs with stations whose call letters (only two letters) following the digit to form those three words Radio Club Argentino. Using different prefixes, one must be LU: example—CT1RA—OK3DI—PY2OC—W2LU—LU3BA, etc. Starting date 1/1/65 and cost is 7 IRCs. Send certified, detailed list to Awards Manager.

**C.E.M.A.R.A. Award:** The Servicio de Radioaficionados de la Armada (SARA) and the Radio Club Argentino will issue this Certificado Mobiles Armada Argentina to any amateur for QSOs with 25 Maritime Mobile Stations. Starting date is 1/1/60. Ten QSOs to be with LU stations and 5 of these must be with the Argentine Navy, the other 15 can be with any nation. Separate Award for c.w.—a.m. or s.s.b., no mixed mode but mixed band is ok. Cost is 7 IRCs and send certified, detailed list to Awards Manager, C. L. Hardy, LU1DJU, P. O. Box 97, Correo Central, Buenos Aires, BA, Argentina, South America.

**Ten New Awards issued by German B. Rey, LU9ACZ, Sanabria 1513, Buenos Aires, Argentina.** Cost of each AWARD \$1.00 U.S. or 10 IRCs, (Argentina cost is 5 IRCs). There is no time limit (starting date), any band or mode and no special endorsement unless specified. Send certified list by Amateur Radio Club or 2 licensed amateurs. You must have the QSLs on hand.

**Worked Argentine Award:** For contacts with different Argentine stations. Argentine need 300 QSOs, including 26 countries, 5 Antarctic bases. DX Class 1 need 200 QSOs including 22 countries, 2 Antarctic Bases. DX Class 2 need 100 QSOs including 17 countries, 1 Antarctic base.

**Argentine CW Award:** For c.w. contacts (only) with different Argentine stations. Argentine stations need 100 QSOs. DX Class 1 need 100 QSOs. DX Class 2 need 50 QSOs. DX Class 3 need 25 QSOs.

**Argentine CW 579 Award:** For c.w. Contacts only, with different Argentine stations but with minimum 579 report for DX only: DX Class 1 need 30 QSOs. DX Class 2 need 20 QSOs. DX Class 3 need 10 QSOs.

**Buenos Aires City Award:** For contacts with different Buenos Aires Stations. Argentine stations need 300 QSOs. DX Class 1 need 200 QSOs. DX Class 2 need 100 QSOs.

**Buenos Aires County Award:** For contacts with Buenos Aires County only (Buenos Aires City does NOT count). Argentine stations need 100 QSOs. DX Class 1 need 50 QSOs. DX Class 2 need 25 QSOs. DX Class 3 need 15 QSOs.

**Buenos Aires County Cities Award:** For contacts



with different cities of Buenos Aires County only. Argentine stations need 50 QSOs. DX Class 1 need 25 QSOs. DX Class 2 need 18 QSOs. DX Class 3 need 12 QSOs.

**Argentine Capitals Award:** For contacts with Argentine Capitals only. Argentine stations need 22 Capitals. DX Class 1—20 Capitals. DX Class 2—15 Capitals. DX Class 3—10 Capitals. Which are: Catamarca City, Corrientes City, Cordoba City, Formosa City, La Plata City, Mendoza City, Neuquen City, Posadas, Parana, Resistencia, La Rioja, Rawson, Rio Gallegos, San Salvador de Jujuy, Salta City, San Miguel de Tucuman, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero City, San Luis City, Santa Rosa de Toay, Ushuaia, Viedma.

**Argentine ITU Zones Award:** Needed DX Class 1—ITU 14, 18 Counties, 40 QSOs. And ITU 16, 3 Counties, 5 QSOs. And ITU 73, 1 County, 2 QSOs. DX Class 2—ITU 14, 15 Counties, 35 QSOs. And ITU 16, 2 Counties, 3 QSOs. DX Class 3—ITU 14, 12 Counties, 25 QSOs. And ITU 16, 2 Counties, 2 QSOs. And ITU 73, 1 County, 1 QSO. NOTE—*ITU 14:* D, E, Buenos Aires. F, Santa Fe. G, Formosa. G, Chaco. H, Cordoba. I, Misiones. J, Entre Rios. K, Tucuman. L, Corrientes. M, Mendoza. N, Santiago del Ester. O, Salta. P, San Juan. Q, San Luia. R, Catamarca. S, La Rioja. T, Jujuy. U, La Pampa. Y, Neuquen. *ITU 16:* V, Rio Negro. W, Chubut. X, Santa Cruz. X, Tierra del Fuego. *ITU 73:* Z, Antarctica. These are the first letters after the digit.

**Argentine Large Cities Award:** Needed: Argentine—40 Cities. DX Class 1—30 Cities. DX Class 2—20 Cities. DX Class 3—10 Cities. Large cities are: Buenos Aires City, Avellaneda, La Plata, San Nicolas, Pergamino, Junin, Adreque, Lomas de Zamera, Vincent Lopez, Quilmes, San Vicente, Chasomus, San Pedro, San Fernando, San Isidro, Moron, Lujan, Mercedes, Chivilcoy, Bolivar, Mar del Plate, Necochea, Balcare, Tres Arroyes, Bahis Blanca, Olavarria, Tandil, Azul, Neuquen, Viedma, Rawson, Trelex, Comodere Rivadavia, Rio Gallegos, Ushuaia, Rio Cuarte, Salta City, San Salvador de Jujuy, Catamarca City, San Miguel de Tucuman, San Luis City, Villa Maria, Mendez City, Santa Rosa, Cordoba City, Gral Pico, Santa Fe, Resistencia, Santiago del Estero City, Guleguaychu, Formosa, Parana, Concordia, Corrientes, Pesadas.

**LU 300 Award:** Needed—DX Class 1, 300 points. DX Class 2, 200 points. Argentine, 400 points. LU1 counts for 1 point, LU2—2 points, LU3—3 points. LU4—4 points, LU5—5 points, LU6—6 points, LU7—7 points, LU8—8 points, LU9—9 points and LU0—10 points.

**Italian Prefixes Certificates:** This new IPXC is sponsored by the TRIESTE DX CLUB, P. O. Box 1342, 34100 Trieste, Italy and is sent in a FLAG form— European Stations need 10 Pre-



Active County Hunters: L-R: Ray, K5RPC; Ben, K5YWX; Larry, W4GGU.

fixes on at least 3 bands (30 QSOs)—Others need 10 prefixes on at least 2 bands (20 QSOs). All modes are valid (ssb-am-cw-RTTY). QSOs since April 24, 1971 are valid. Another flag issued for each six new prefixes worked. Send certified, detailed list (certified by 2 other amateurs) and 20 IRCs or 2 U.S. dollars to Trieste DX Club.

**10 DXpeditions Contacts Award:** Also sponsored by the Trieste DX Club, P. O. Box 1342, 34100 Trieste, Italy. Issued in three classes, ck-ssb-RTTY for 10 QSOs with different DXpeditions—QSOs on any amateur band are valid. Send certified list and 5 IRCs to Trieste DX Club.

### Notes

As the USA—CA Applications were a bit slow this month I took advantage of the space to try to catch-up on some awards data and to use the photograph of three active County Hunters.

Per the October MARAC Newsletter, in that photograph I have in January CQ of the group at KC July 71, the county hunter in the second row between WB4GGA and W1AQE is K3VLP, apparently still unidentified is the last person in row 2.

I had the pleasure of meeting that great guy, Jerry Hagen, WA6GLD at the November meeting of the NJDXA at the home of Leo, W2OEH. Jerry was on his way back from a fine time at WA6GLD/9Y5, and he had some fine photographs of many outstanding layouts of West Coast DXers.

Sorry I ran out of space, How was your month? 73, Ed., W2GT.





# Q AND A

BY WILFRED M. SCHERER,\*  
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## Equipment Recommendations

An increasing number of letters have been received asking for our opinion on which pieces of gear we think better or would recommend over others. This we cannot do without violating certain ethics in respect to our advertisers. Furthermore, what we might recommend as our *personal* preference may not necessarily be that of others.

Judgment in such cases must be ascertained from the *CQ* equipment reviews (and those in *QST*) wherein to the best of our ability we attempt to present an honest and objective report on performance and other details. The reader thus must judge for himself according to the facts or observations given therein and by "reading between the lines."

Performance, of course, is of prime concern, but there are other factors to be considered such as appearance, available facilities, service and maintenance situations, availability of replacement parts, price, resale value, handling capabilities and just how the equipment "feels." The latter two must be judged by personal handling and observations as might be performance, inasmuch as the "proof of the pudding is in the eating." Comments from other users of the same type gear involved also are sometimes helpful, particularly in respect to inherent difficulties that might crop up.

It also might be noted that most of the available receiving and transmitting gear will perform satisfactorily for the job at hand and getting you on the air; as a matter of fact, we've lined up several receivers (including low-price ones along with the more sophisticated jobs) at one time on the same specific signals with little significant difference between signal readability. Similarly, we have switched back and forth between various

s.s.b. transmitters with little significant change in signal quality detected by the listener.

## Neutralization of TR-4 and Others

**QUESTION:** I had to replace the load capacitor in the p.a. of my Drake TR-4 and subsequently also had to re-neutralize this stage. This was done on the 10-meter band following the instructions in the manual—loading up and adjusting the neutralizing capacitor concurrently with the plate load control to achieve maximum output with maximum plate-current dip. I now find that on the 80-meter band that maximum output does not occur at plate-current dip. Re-doing the neutralizing job made no improvement. Any suggestions.

**ANSWER:** We have not seen many rigs wherein the neutralization holds *perfectly* on *all* bands. The chances of the maintainance of neutralization with the TR-4 however, should be greater than in other cases where capacitance-bridge neutralization is engaged, inasmuch as in this unit the appropriate optimized fixed capacitance in one leg of the bridge circuit (this is at the bypass at the bottom of the p.a. grid-input or driver-output circuit) is switched in or out on each band to compensate for strays in each case and thus equalize neutralization over the range of the transmitter.

It is therefore suggested that you check the related 80-meter bypass,  $C_{153}$ , or slightly alter the value here, until the desired overall result is accomplished.

When a final check of the neutralization is made, do this at *full* loading for coincidence of maximum r.f. output and plate resonance, indicated by plate-current dip which at full loading will be quite broad.

If the loading is too light, the screen current will be high and maximum output may not coincide exactly with plate-resonance dip, especially when the meter is in the cathode circuit of the p.a. tubes. As we've stated on other occasions, always load up to where the output starts to drop off at the point of resonance, which should be that where the output peaks when the plate circuit is tuned.

## Manual Appeals

F. S. McCullough, W4WWH, Rte. A2 Box 236, Dunnellon, Fla. 32630 is in quest of a manual for a Browning Labs Oscilloscope

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# SURPLUS sidelights

BY GORDON ELIOT WHITE\*

**T**HERE is a great deal of interest among readers of this column in space communications, both of the amateur and weather satellite variety, and fortunately there are a few really good pieces of surplus equipment coming on the market for space work these days.

The work of the AMSAT group in putting together stations for orbital launch is amply covered elsewhere in *CQ*, and the use of surplus parts for building ground-station transmitters is a bit outside our realm, but I have run across some receiving equipment that should be of interest to readers who want to communicate with either the AMSAT birds, or receive the ESSA weather satellite photos.

Reader John Hutchings reports that perhaps the best of this current crop of high-performance receivers now available is the DEI (Defense Electronics; successor to Nems-Clark) model G-175-H, a continuous-tuning receiver that covers from 30 MHz to 260 MHz in two bands. A higher coverage version is the G-166D receiver, which can receive from 260—1,000 MHz.

Both receivers were built by Ling-Temco-Vought Company, in Texas, using Nems-Clark components. They reportedly went into surveillance aircraft such as the U-2, and are probably being phased out for miniaturized versions in the YF-12-A spy plane. Production dates on the G-175-H and G-166-D range between 1966 and 1969.

Specs on the units are excellent, with sensitivity (properly aligned) of better than one microvolt. According to Defense Electronics technicians, sensitivity is *better* than on the later, all solid-state receivers—and they are more reliable. DEI incidentally builds a good receiver, perhaps too good, as the company has spent more on engineering than its sales have brought in, and it is now undergoing debt consolidation under the bankruptcy laws in an attempt to head off its collapse.

The G-175-H bands are 30-60 MHz and 60-260 MHz. Tuning is via a Mallory Inductuner, rather than the more familiar variable capacitor route. The r.f. amplifier tube is a 416B/6280 grounded grid low noise triode, blower-cooled. Linearity is excellent, John reports.

To protect the front end tubes, the sets have sixty second time delays in the B + circuit. The receivers have filament transformers usable on

## Connections for G-175-H and G-166-D Receivers

- J-101—Type N to Low band Antenna
- J-102—Type N to High band Antenna
- J-103—BNC to panadapter
- J-105—BNC to panadapter
- J-107—power to panadapter
- J-108—audio output: pin 1 common
  - pin 2 150 ohm audio
  - pin 3 600 ohm audio
- J-106—power pin 17—B+ input, 240 volts d.c. (pin 16 on G-166-D receiver)
  - pin 11—a.c. input, 117 v.a.c.
  - pin 12—a.c. input, 117 v.a.c.
  - pin 18—ground
  - pin 7—ground

Table 1—hookup data for rear-panel terminals on G-175-H and G-166-D receivers.

power frequencies from the standard 60 Hz line up to 400 Hz aircraft a.c. power supplies.

To "convert" the sets, it is merely necessary to supply 240 volts d.c. to the B + line at 160 milliamperes, and plug in to the a.c. line.

The receiver has a very attractive, edge-lit plexiglass front panel, using 24 volt bulbs. The conversion could include replacement with six volt bulbs and the addition of a jumper to the filament transformer, which can easily handle the load. (24 volts is the common aircraft low-voltage buss supply).

The plugs on the rear of the receivers are unusual, and probably not to be found in your local surplus store. The hookup data is given in Table 1. Fig. 1 shows the layout of the G-175-H receiver, top view.

Additional specs are in Table 2.

The receiver is quite similar to the Nems-Clark 1302-A, with the addition of the 40 kHz nuvistor i.f. strip.

In addition to the G-175-H and G-166-D receivers, there is also available the G-186 spectrum display unit, a panadapter designed for use

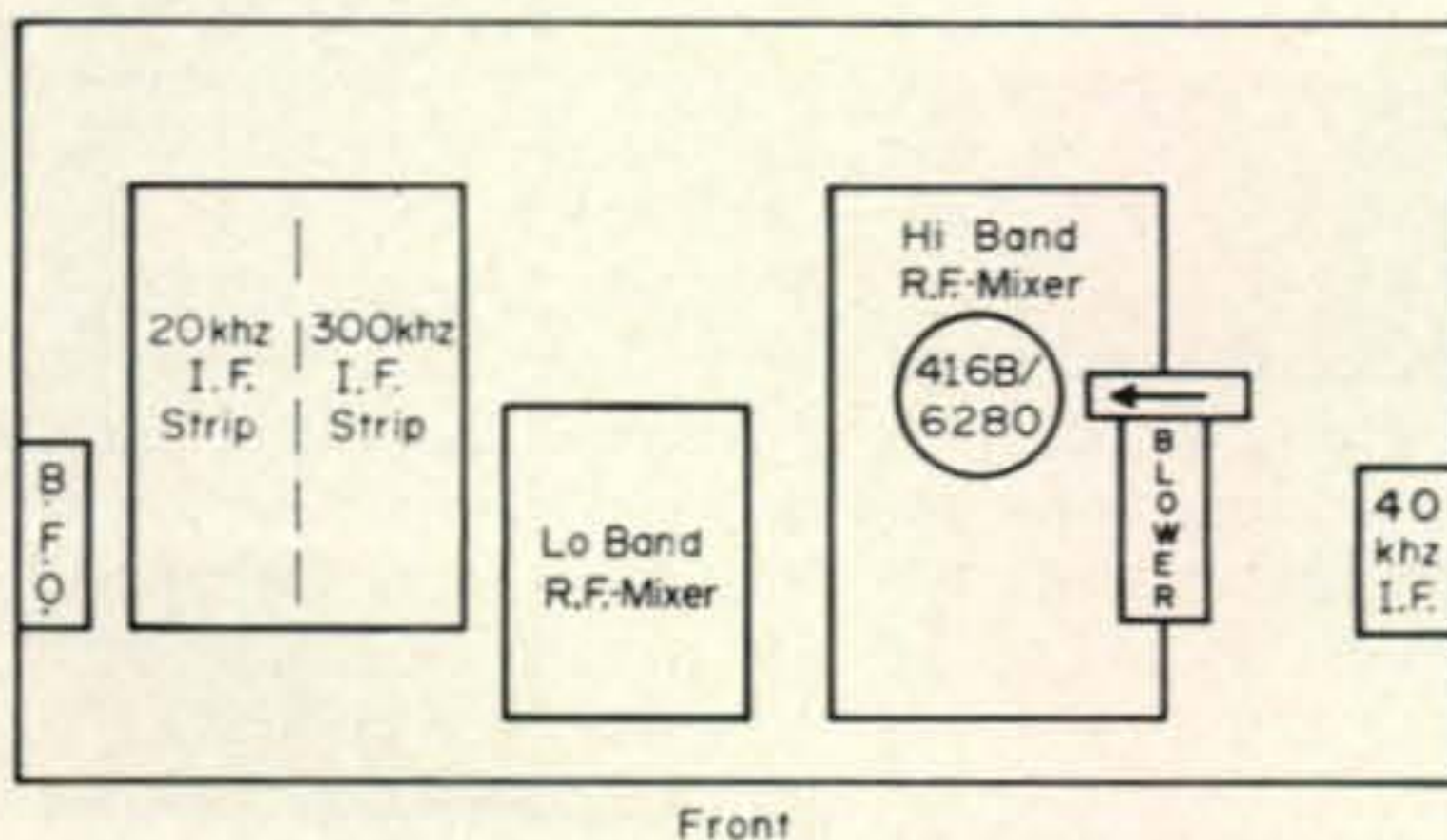


Fig. 1—Layout of G-175-H surveillance receiver, showing location of modules in chassis.

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Bandwidths	300 kHz, 40 kHz, 20 kHz
Audio	600 ohms

Table 2—specifications of G-175-H receiver.

with the 21.4 MHz output of the receivers.

Among other dealers who have these late-model units in surplus, they are available from Ed Wubbin, at AN/COM Electronics; 5667 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, California.

A slightly older piece of Nems-Clark surveillance equipment is the 1302 mentioned above. With an accompanying "range extender" the 1302 will cover up to 475 MHz. This unit uses the Inductuner and a 417A triode in the r.f. stage for good sensitivity.

Going back to the November column, I want to correct myself—the 131B2 unit mentioned was not the device used with the two-headed Model 14 TD for crypto work using a plain text tape and a "key" tape to generate a code RTTY signal. There was another, similar-appearing cabinet, filled with relays, used to mix the tapes from the two-headed T.D. but it had different nomenclature. I have misplaced my sources in

the recent house-moving episode, but there was enough similarity between the sets to lead to some confusion when the column was put together.

The 131B2 used a standard transmitter-distributor and a special one, variously called "receiving" or "multiplex." If you have seen a strange-looking #14 TD with an odd number of segments in the distributor disc, and other apparently non-standard wiring, that was probably what it was. There have been a lot around, and they are useful chiefly for parts, as they do not generate standard 7.42 code, 5-level Baudot signals.

The "key" tape was put in one transmitter and the plain text in the other. A mark and a space read at the same time on the two tapes produced a transmitter mark, while a space-space or mark-mark added up to a space—or the other way round on the competing Telekryption machine, according to KØNL, who filled me in on all this.

The 131B2 pre-dated the use of the two-headed TD by some years, and in fact the two-headed TD was used for diplex work before it was used for crypto. Andy notes that the diplex TD was bought with "standard" wiring and rebuilt by the using agency, either installing fully-insulated contacts or through a polar relay setup.

There was a question about the Viginere'



Square in the column, showing how the letters are transposed in substitution work, which is supposed to require 32 characters for teleprinter work. That one had 26, leaving the method of generating functions up in the air. The reason for the discrepancy was that the square was shown for illustration of the method, not as an actual example of the entire system.

Anyone else who has observations to offer on my foray into crypto is hereby invited to write, especially if he can correct any misconceptions on my part without violating security! ■

## WPX Rules

[from page 67]

### V. WPNX:

The WPNX Award can be earned by USA Novices who work 100 different prefixes prior to receiving a higher class license. The application may be submitted after receiving the higher license providing the actual contacts were made as a Novice. Prefixes worked for the WPNX Award may later be used for credit toward the WPX Award. The rules for the WPNX Award are the same as for WPX except that only 100 prefixes must be confirmed, and applications are sent to the WPX Manager.

### VI. WPX Honor Roll:

The WPX Honor Roll recognizes those operators and stations that maintain a high standing in confirmed, current prefixes. The rules, therefore, reflect the belief that Honor Roll membership should be accessible to all active radio amateurs and not to be unduly advantageous to the "old timers." With the exceptions listed below, all general rules for WPX apply toward Honor Roll credit.

A. Only current prefixes may be counted toward WPX HR standings; those prefixes to be listed and updated annually in *CQ* or available from the WPX Award Manager.

B. Special Issue prefixes, *i.e.*, 3C, 4A, OF, etc. will be considered current during their existence and for five years after the date of last issuance after which time they will be deducted as credit for Honor Roll standings.

C. Honor Roll applicants must submit their list of current prefixes (entire call required) separate from their regular WPX applications. Forms are available for this purpose and there use is highly recommended. WPX HR applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope (or 1 IRC) to the WPX Manager. A separate application must be made for each mode.

D. A filing charge of \$1.00 is required for each original WPX application.

E. Endorsements for the Honor Roll may be made for 10 prefixes or more. An s.a.s.e. or IRC should be included.

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## Caribbean Trip

[from page 56]

hospitable VP2A amateur, if this is possible.

Don't rely on the telephone; I think they should give an award: "Worked one VP2A on the land line."

## Martinique

Here we landed in Fort-de-France and we went to see Emil, FM7WF, who is a physics and chemistry teacher. In the city, the French influence showed up mostly in the helpful manner in which the local people try to accommodate a visitor.

FM7WF has a nice 2-element cubical quad but the station was not active.

Emil took us to see Brother Vincent, FM7-WG, a priest and the principal of a grammar school. Brother Vincent does not speak English and my high school French dried out before the graduation ceremony was over. I really don't know how, but we understood each other perfectly. Brother Vincent is quite active. He is so polite that it is almost embarrassing. He kept thanking me for visiting him, even when I was supposed to thank him for his hospitality. Later he wrote me a letter, telling me again how happy he was because we visited him.

After dinner, a local song and dance group came on the ship and gave a beautiful show. I strongly recommend seeing such a folk show; the music, the dances and the costumes are just wonderful.

Beware: many of the "typical local" wood-carvings are made in Haiti.

## St. Vincent

Long before we left for the cruise, Vincent, VP2SAZ, the secretary of the St. Vincent Amateur Radio Club, answered my letter giving valuable information and promising to wait for us at the pier. When we arrived in the morning at Kingstown, we took the first launch for the shore. A steel band with teenage musicians was playing on the docks. Vincent, VP2SAZ, and Cyprian, VP2SF, were waiting for us in front of the Tourist Information Office.

First we drove through the city, then we went to see VP2SF's station consisting of an Eico transceiver and an inverted V.

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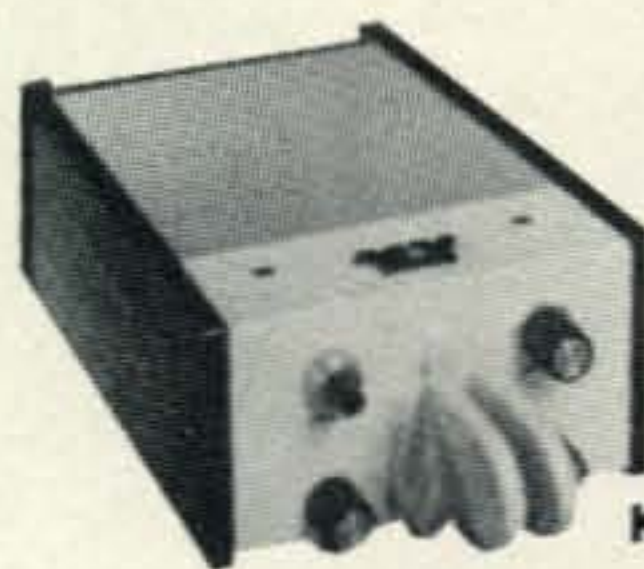


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I recommend a few QSOs with the call of one of the local boys; it is a thrill to be a DX for a change, and you have to visit the oldest Botanical Garden in the Western Hemisphere and the radio club, up in Fort Charlotte.

I don't recommend to spend a long time on one island; it is more interesting to put a little effort and visit many islands.

### Bequia

Bequia is one of the Grenadines; it has beaches, rich tropical vegetation, and lots of yachts in the harbour of Port Elisabeth. One big shortcoming: it has no radio amateurs. We arrived there in the afternoon but after two hours of strolling around, I got bored and returned to our ship where, by the way, we had the best meals I ever had.

[Continued next month]

### HW-17 on 2M. [from page 16]

action of the squelch circuitry and will be greatly appreciated by repeater users is to simply remove  $C_{209}$ , a 10 mf electrolytic capacitor located on the receiver P/C board.

When operating on f.m., the procedure is to tune the transmitter up on a.m. in the normal manner, then flip the switch to f.m. and talk! Receiving consists of simply tuning to maximum signal as shown on the front panel meter.

A converted HW-17 is now being used in the mobile and results have been extremely satisfying. I have not yet heard ignition noise on f.m. even when a.m. reception was impossible. Apparently the only QRM that can block the receiver is the audible noise of a large tractor-trailer, without a muffler, passing within 3-4 feet of my ears. ■

### Filter Design [from page 32]

where the cutoff frequency can be readily moved to its desired position by appropriately resonating the "m section," that is, the inductor closest to the load. This is very easy to do in practice. All we need is a small collection of capacitors. One of these will turn out to be slightly too small, whereupon the addition of a smaller capacitor in parallel will usually suffice to position the cutoff fre-

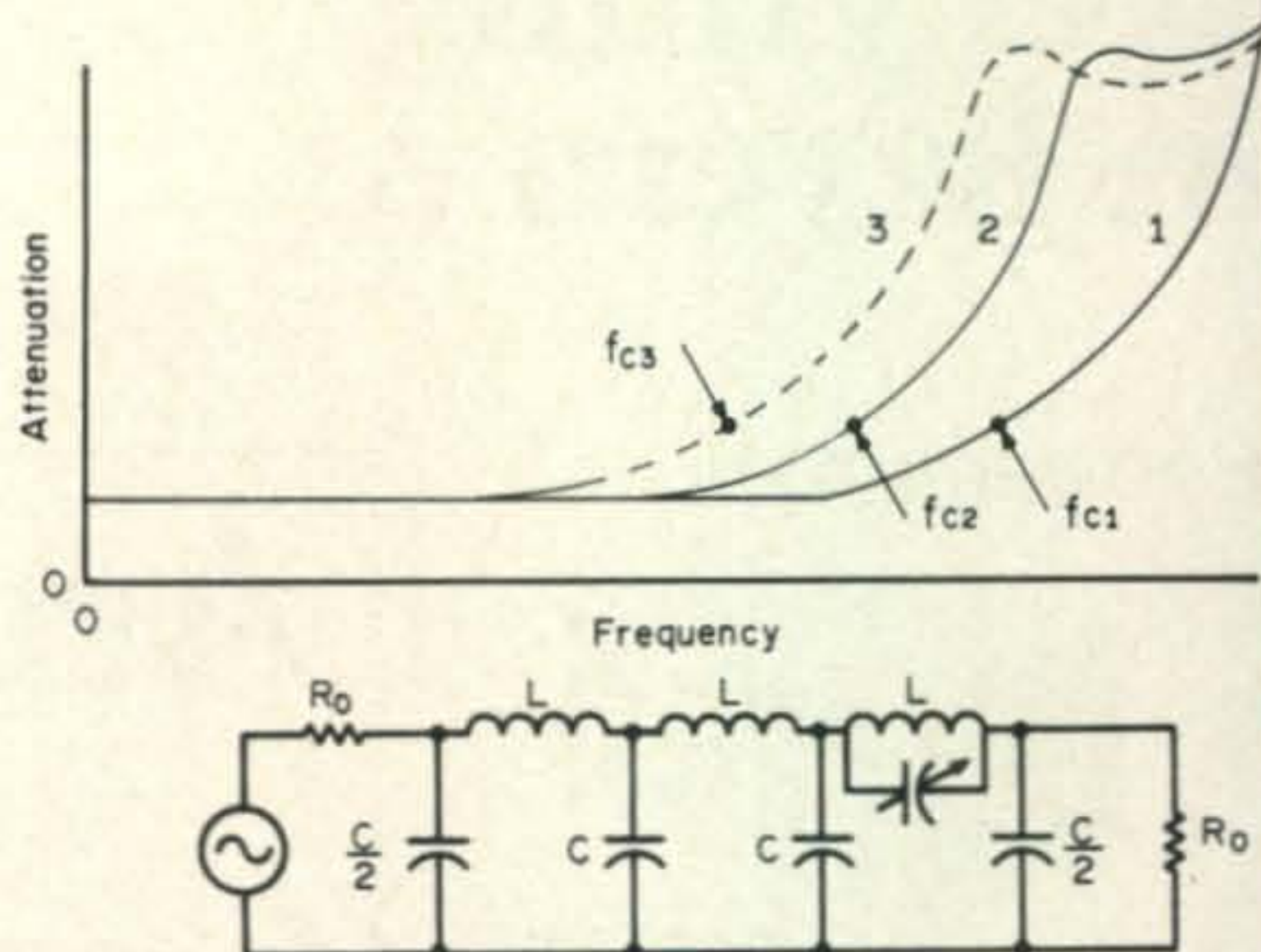


Fig. 7—Manipulation of cut-off frequency by means of "m" section resonance. Curve 1 is response of three-section filter with no "m" section. The cut-off frequency,  $f_{c1}$  has deliberately been made higher than desired. Curve 2 is the response when output section of filter is modified to behave as an "m" section. Here the resonant frequency of the "m" section is relatively far from  $f_{c1}$ . Note that the cut-off frequency of the filter has now been moved to new position  $f_{c2}$ . Curve 3 is the response with "m" resonance closer to  $f_{c1}$ . New cut-off frequency of filter,  $f_{c3}$ , is now even lower than for previous situations.

quency. For some unknown reason, nature appears to be on our side!

Although our "m-section" involves departure from rigorous design, undesirable side-effects from this technique will be negligible. This is because we are dealing with an  $m$  value of about 0.9. Such an  $m$  section employs element values quite close to those that we used in our design when we established the cutoff frequency at about 10% too high. And perhaps we have more luck than brains, but there is the possibility of another advantage from our efforts. It happens that when the  $m$ -section resonance corresponds to  $m$  in the vicinity of 0.9, the filter tends to provide greater attenuation to second and third harmonic energy. More often than not, isn't this just what the doctor ordered? In a three section filter, the effect on harmonic attenuation beyond the third will not be appreciable.

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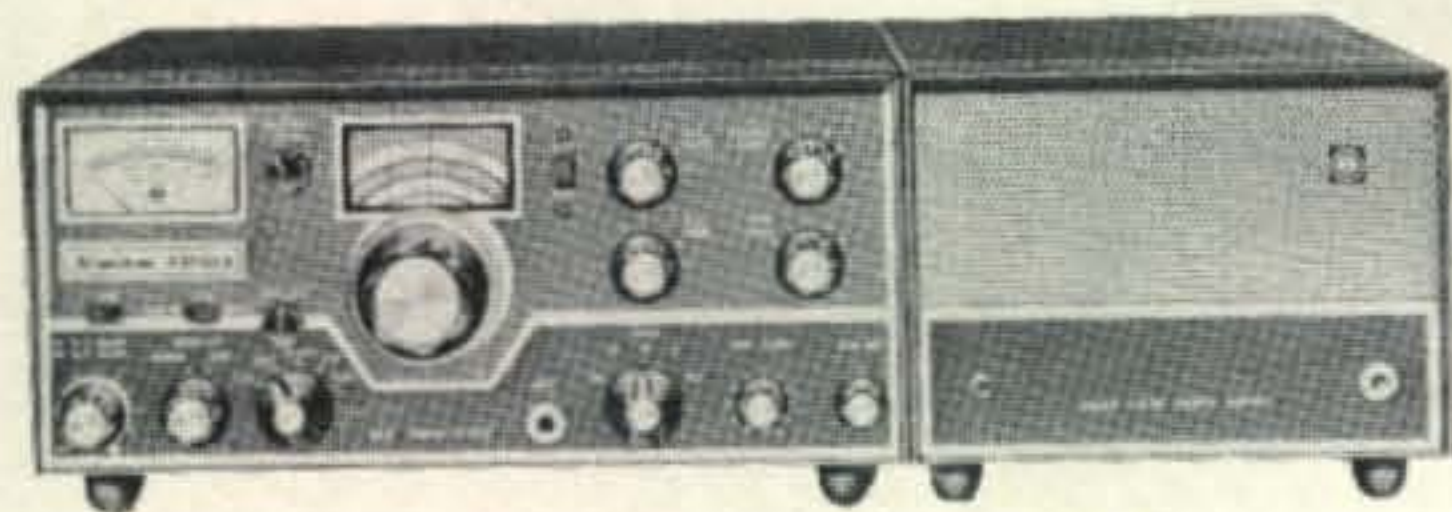


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**WPX Contest Results [from page 38]**

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PJ9JR	14	2,385,192	2335	348	G5YC	1,096,305	1567	26
		(Opr. W3ZKH)			F0ZZ	819,462	1369	21
		Ecuador			HA5KDO	790,625	1249	25
HC1RF	21	503,312	1021	166	IE1PUG	493,520	1098	24
HC1NLG	3.8	41,454	152	47	G3FVA	463,980	855	22
		Guyana			HA9KOB	260,616	569	26
WA40VP/8R1					SP6PZB	225,515	599	18
	A	546,084	846	197	EI9ONE	170,232	585	17
WA2HYX/8R1					OK3KGI	163,020	456	19
	21	19,527	99	69	G3ZBI	90,744	359	15
		Paraguay			HA6KNB	81,216	365	14
ZP5TU	A	201,025	389	187	G3ZEN	52,582	258	12
		Peru			HA7KPO	24,984	206	9
OA8V	7	126,046	226	107	HA3KSA	10,270	108	7
		Saba (N.W.I.)			HA7KLF	6,596	91	3
PJ6AA	A	21,744	102	72				
		(Opr. KV4AM)						
		Uruguay						
CX1BBR	A	25,830	127	82				
		Venezuela						
4M5BPG	A	696,720	915	240				
YV1YC	"	246,233	510	169				

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W2PV		1,477,476	1461	369
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W4FDA		1,035,538	1107	323
W7EXM		943,040	1234	280
K4PUZ		585,855	833	277
K4ZA		228,921	385	231
WA1LKX		209,032	416	212
WB6JOD		126,269	351	143
WA1LMJ		51,546	187	121
WOYKE		24,552	112	88

North America

VE1ACU		1,580,985	1844	315
VP5JA		1,122,816	2218	204
FG7TI/FS7		870,058	1758	203
VE6GS/6		193,936	562	136

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EP2FB		846,963	1204	247
JA3YBF		686,147	1103	209
JA9YBA		346,104	948	207
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UK9CAA		357,296	538	274
UK6QAD		166,152	367	168
UK9CAM		66,789	195	123

Europe

G3WYX		2,120,885	2248	335
OG2A		1,955,906	2602	314
LA1K		1,469,240	2067	280

UK2FAA		1,869,986	1805	379
UK6LAZ		1,145,952	1571	349
UK2BBB		843,600	1326	309
UK3R		768,542	1356	298
UK5IAZ		697,680	1265	289
UK4FAD		503,004	789	334
UK5MAF		330,280	745	230
UK3YAB		273,792	400	248
UK5VAA		201,376	610	217
UK5VAC		119,682	395	183
UK3SAC		110,979	383	177
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**MULTI-OPERATOR**

Multi-Transmitter

4X4NJ		5,127,910	4468	394
DK0WA		2,503,656	2232	402
DL0WW		1,782,535	1935	335
DF0AFZ		1,604,556	1942	358
WB6GFJ		1,117,398	1544	258
W3SS		800,112	936	316
W0MYN		727,914	1086	246

Our thanks to the following stations who submitted their logs for checking purposes.

DK4QD, DM2CXN, DM2CYO, K3-KMA, HC1HV, LU2FAO, OH5YX, OK1TA, OZ1TD, OZ8MG, PJ2HT, PY1KJ, PY2FCX/W2, PY9AI, SM7-BBV, SM0MC, SP9BLF, UA1OE, UA2WO, UA3IE, UA3OG, UA6LAT, UA6WS, UA9VX, UC2BF, UB5-WAD, UK5HAH, UK9OAD, UK0-AAB, U05OAB, UT5DF, UV3DN, UV3MM, UW3FW, UW4NH, UW-4NP, UY5YB, VE7BB, W1PCD, W3GNA, W5EDX, W6NYG, WB4-NRI.

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**Multi-Operator Multi Transmitter**

DF0AFZ: DL8AJ, DL8AM, DL8CH, DL8CM, DL8DC, DL8FR, DL8HA. DK0WA: DJ2BW, DK2BI, DK2BJ, DL9OH. DL0WW: DC6FF, 8DE, DJ2YF, 3GR, 6NT, 3YV, 3ZA, 3ZC, 4OQ, 6DU, 6NT, 9VS, DK3ZX, DL1OP, 2UU, 6NK. W3SS & K3JLK, WA3LRO. WA3LRN. WB6GFJ & WA6BVY, WA6DIL, WA6GTE. W0MYN: WA0YHZ, WA0ZSH, WB0CMM. 4X4NJ: 4X4FV, 4X4GV, 4X4VE, 4Z4AI, 4Z4GV, 4Z4IX, 4Z4JT.



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### Beam Headings [from page 59]

No. T-2049 or equal) were placed above each vertical strip marking the headings to match those on my CDE Antenna Rotator indicator. If desired markers could be placed every five degrees. See fig. 6 for details.

To use the device you simply turn the globe until the location of the DX station is directly under the modified frame or lubber line. The heading shown is transferred to the rotator indicator. See fig. 7.

If you are interested in approximating the distance between the home QTH and that of the DX station, read the number of degrees from the modified mount and multiply by 60 to obtain the distance in nautical miles. If you want statute miles, multiple by 69. A calibrating chart can be pasted onto the frame somewhat like the one in the *Antenna Handbook*.

Now you have a "quickie." Turn the globe, read the heading and start calling while your antenna is swinging around. A little practice and three seconds should be your average time. ■

### Q & A [from page 78]

Model OL-23A S/N 245.

W. J. Crossman, WA2QFK, 711 N. James St., Rome, N.Y. 13440 is looking for a manual on the Squires-Sanders 150 mHz Monitor Receiver Model FM Alert.

If any reader can help out in this respect, please contact the party of concern. Thanks.  
73, Bill, W2AEF

### Contest Calendar [from page 74]

All bands may be used, but cross-band or net contacts do not count.

**Exchange:** QSO nr., RS/RST and your ARRL section or country.

**Scoring:** One point per QSO, multiplied by total number of ARRL sections and countries worked. A station may be worked only once in each contest.

There is also a power multiplier of 1.25 for stations running 150 watts or less input. (300 watts p.e.p. for s.s.b. stations) Multiply final score by above factor.

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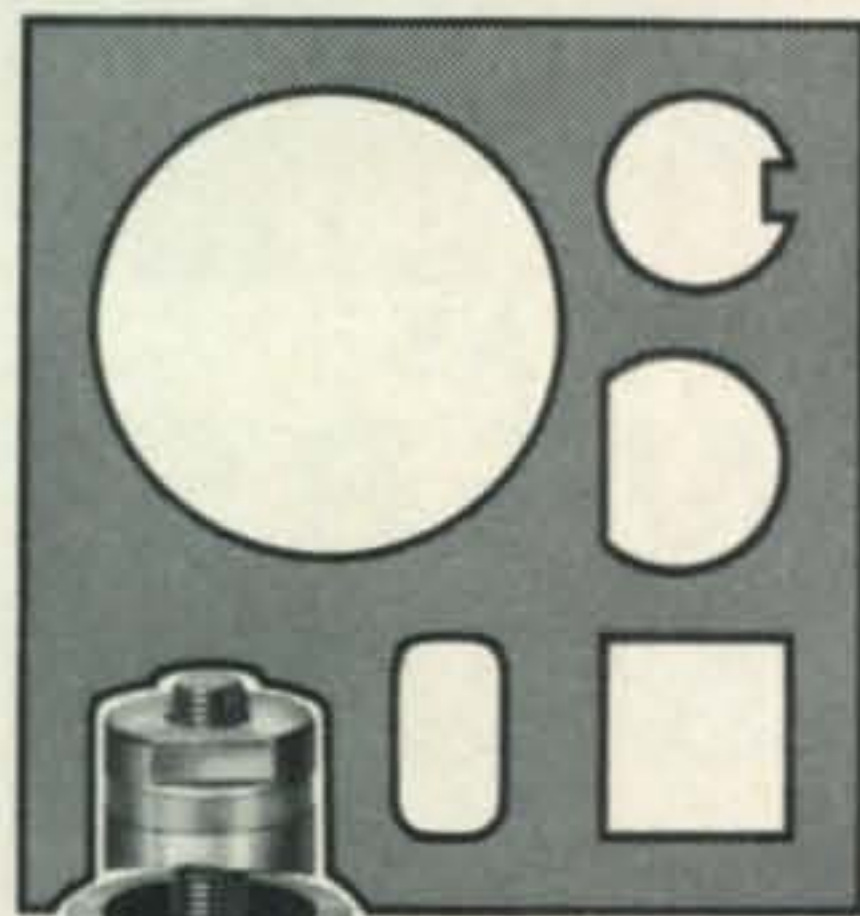
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Mailing deadline is April 2nd and logs go to: Betty Marsh, KL7FJW, 2411 King Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

## CQ World Wide WPX SSB Contest

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday, March 25

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday, March 26

Rules are the same as last year. Following are a few highlights:

1. QSO point values.

(a) 3 points for contacts between stations on different continents.

(b) 1 point between stations on the same continent but different countries.

(c) No points between stations in the same country, but allowed for multiplier credit.

(d) **Exception:** Contacts between stations within the North American boundaries will count 2 points.

(e) Contacts on the 40, 80 and 160 meter bands will have **double** the above values.

2. Prefixes are used as the multiplier. But a prefix may be used only once in the contest. (Not once on each band)

3. There is a time limit for single operator stations. Only 30 hours out of the 48 hour contest period may be used for contest credit. The non-operating time can be taken in up to 5 periods totaling 18 hours anytime in the contest period. There is no time limit for multi-operator stations.

4. The North American boundaries extend all the way from Greenland down to Panama, including Central America and the Caribbean.

5. The non-operating time must be shown on the log and included in the Summary Sheet.

Complete rules in next month's issue.

Logs and summary sheets are available from CQ, include an addressed envelope and sufficient postage to cover your request.

CQ, 14 Vanderventer Ave., Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. 11050.

## Editor's Notes

I had expected to be able to report how it feels to operate from a Contest Expedition station, but our anticipated operation from VP5 during the phone week-end did not materialize. John, K4-IIF the licensee of VP5JA had to call off the trip because of professional obligations which prevented him from leaving home.

However I did put in a few hours, mostly checking the bands to see how things were progressing, as W1WY/4 from WB4VQO's in Sarasota Fla. Got a chuckle out of the many in-



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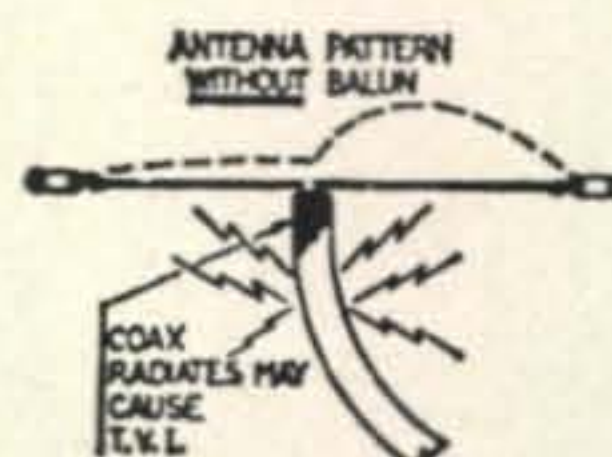
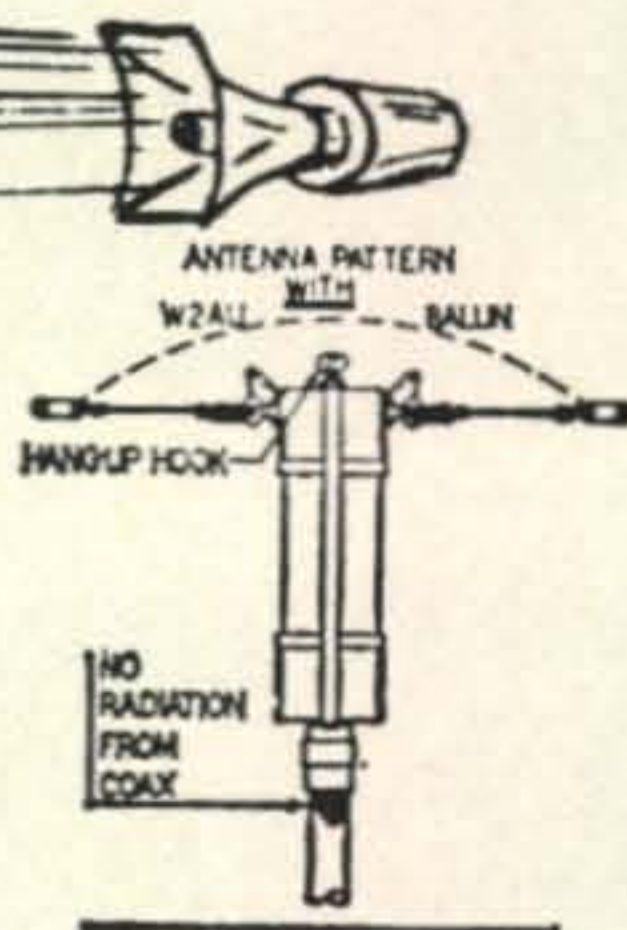
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quiries from the fellows. "What are you doing in W4?" and "Who's minding the store up North?"

Activity was high and conditions seemed pretty good, except on 10 where signals out of Europe were rather scarce.

However a swell pool and a beautiful boat to go sailing in the Florida sunshine, are not recommended on a contest week-end. Anyway I'll get enough contest when I start checking your logs this winter.

The list of claimed scores are only a few of the higher early bird logs received.

73, for now, Frank, WIWY

### Propagation [from page 70]

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

### New Transformers [from page 23]

pling efficiency, etc. have not been given rigorous consideration. The method does, however, provide a usable guide and has been used by this author many times. On occasion, it has been necessary to add or subtract a few turns from those calculated, but in most cases, this has not been necessary. While some may discuss economics of rewinding these small transformers, it is worthwhile from at least two viewpoints—(1) you get exactly the transformer you want and (2) it is educational and a heck of a lot of fun! ■



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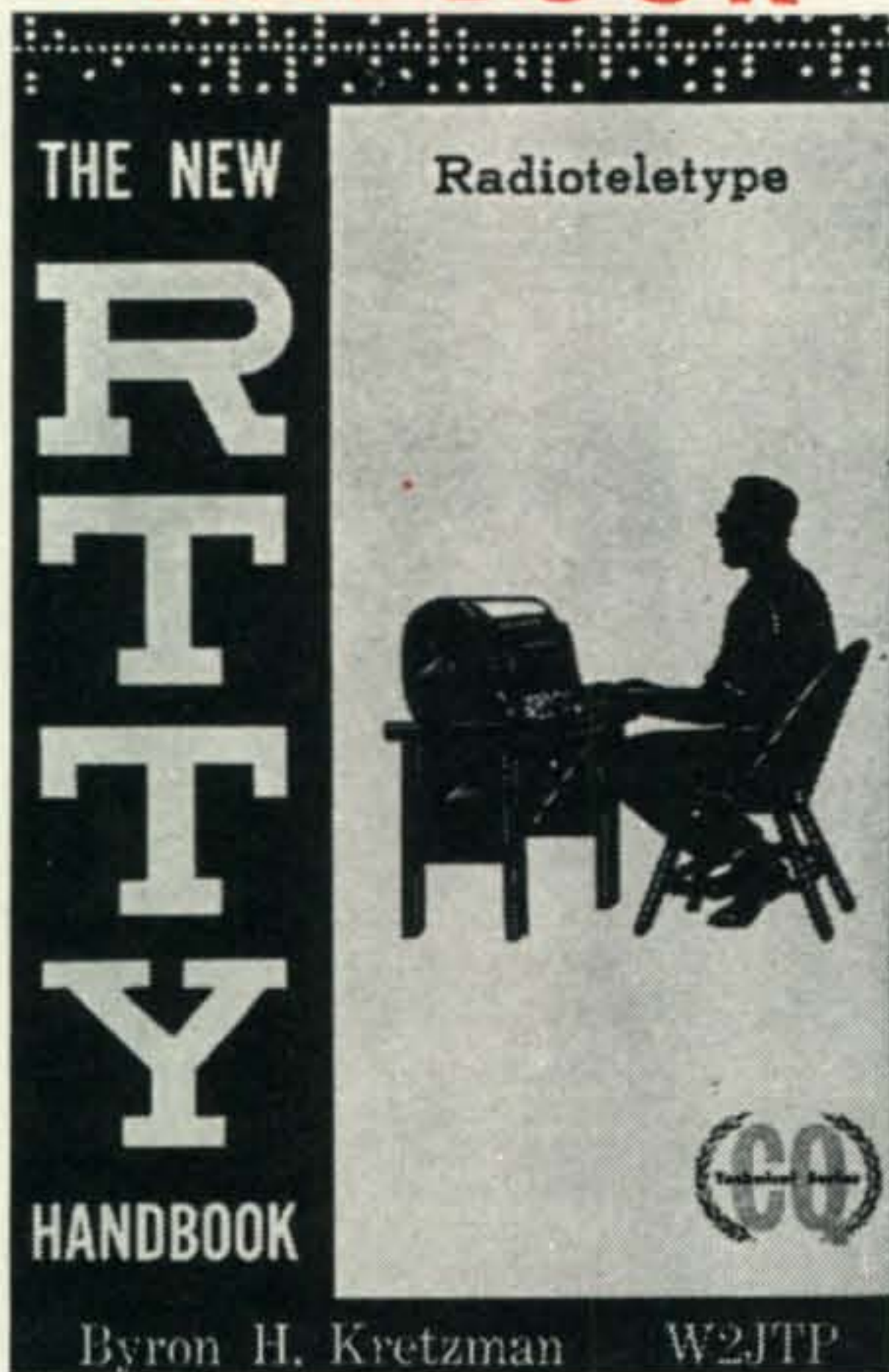
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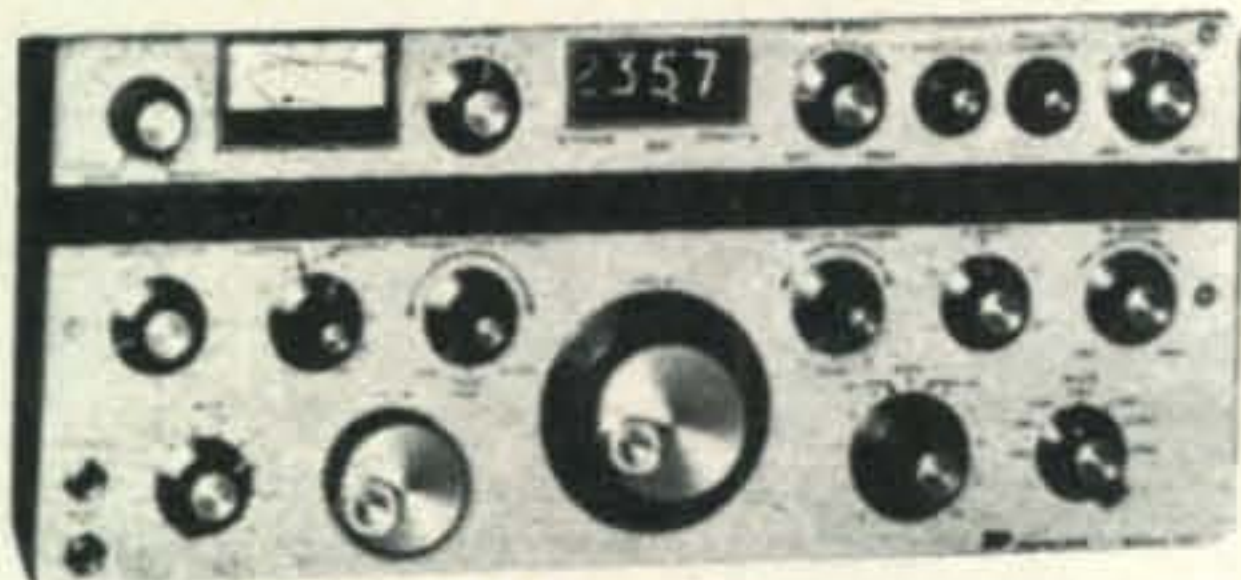
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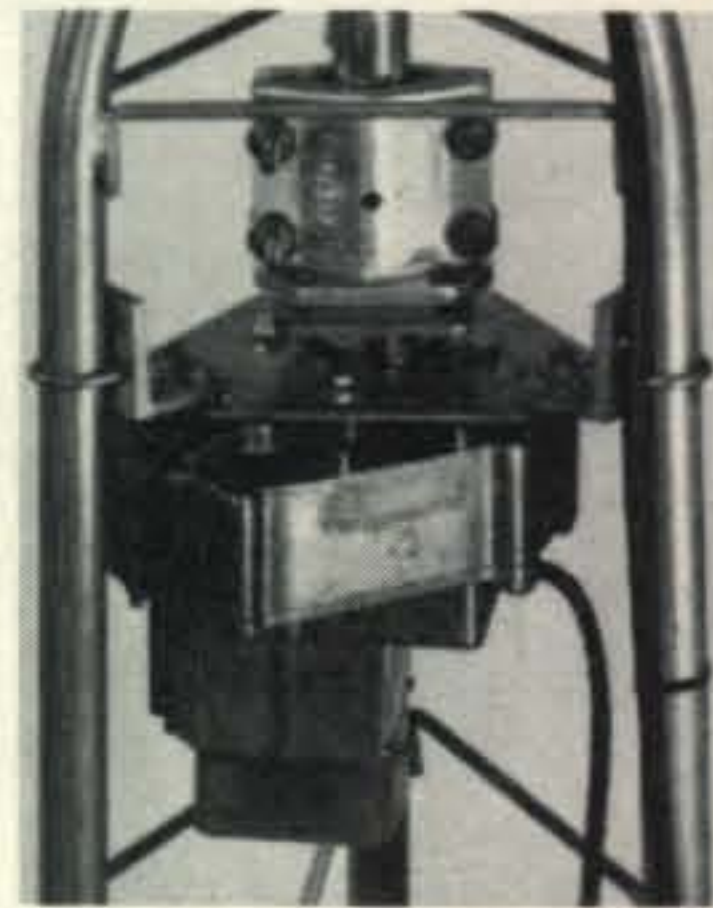
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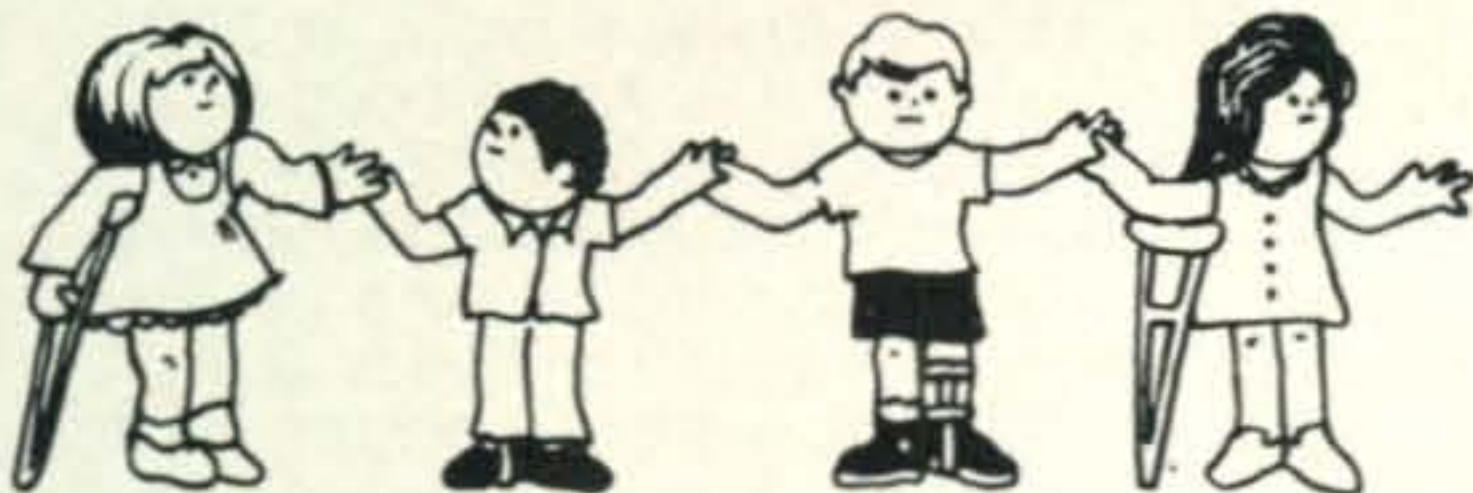
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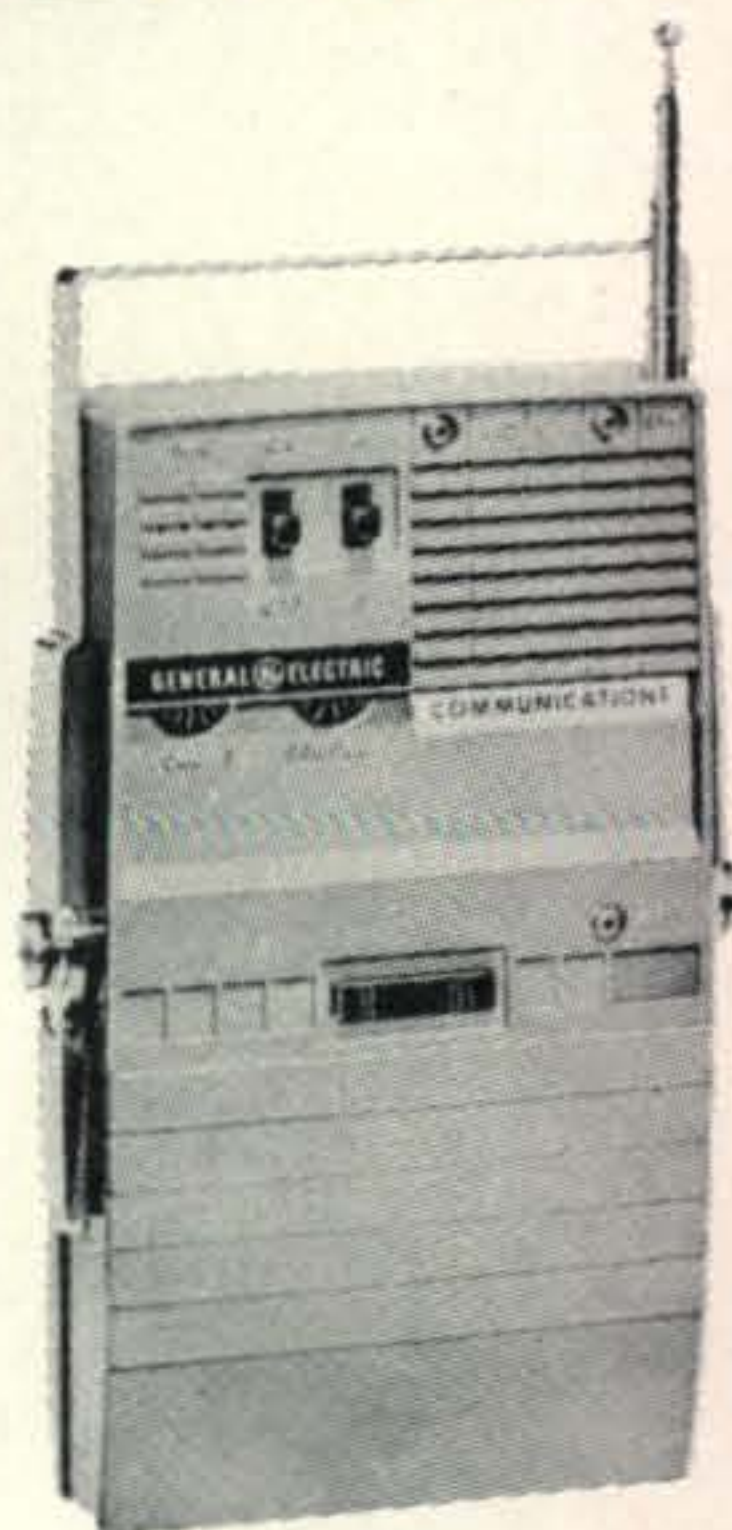
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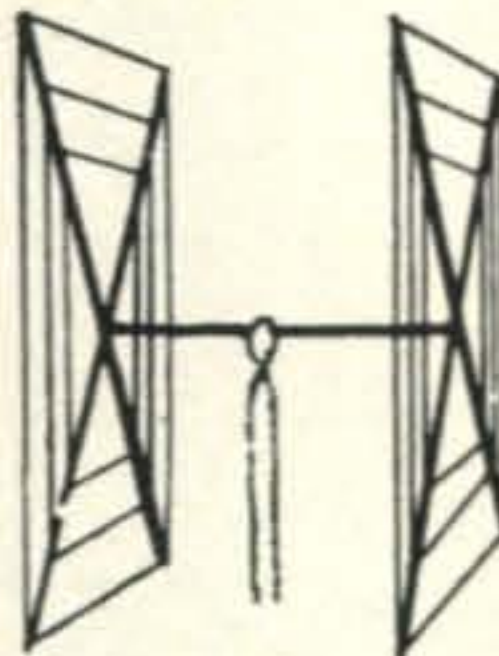


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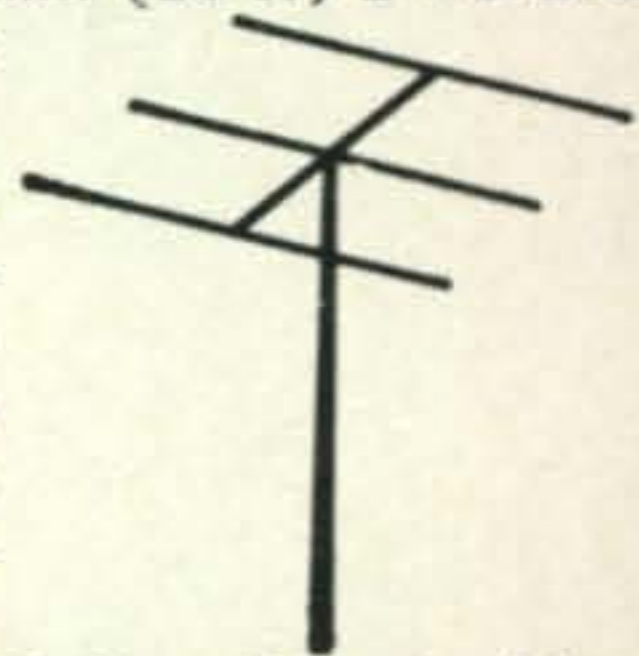
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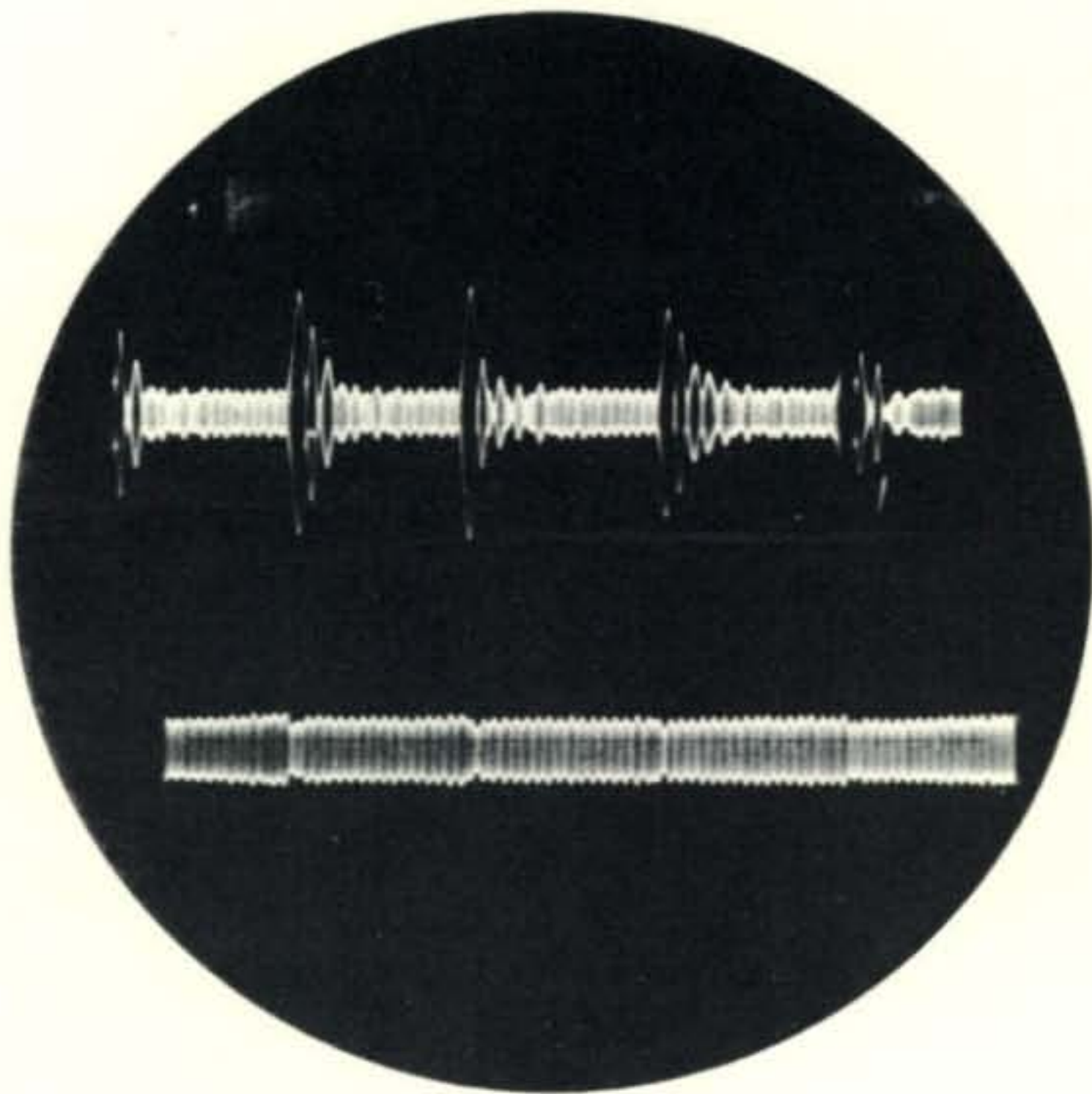
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