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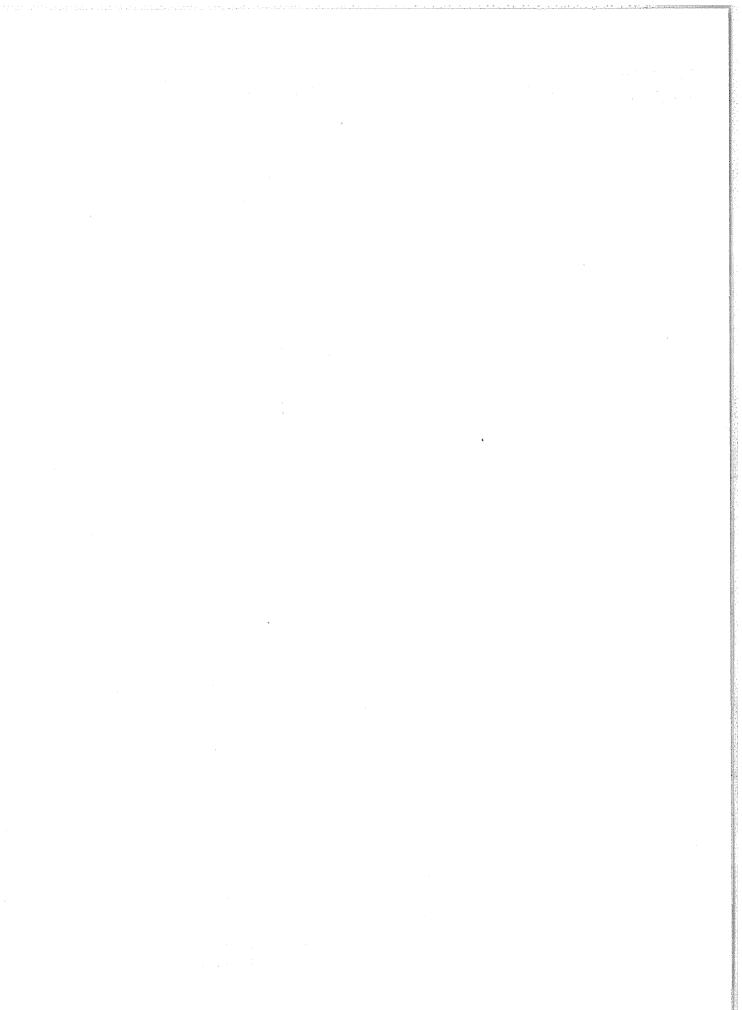
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#### INTRODUCTION

This monthly report series is intended to keep research workers abreast of the major particulars of solar activity and the associated ionospheric, radio propagation and other geophysical effects. It is made possible through the cooperation of many observatories, laboratories and agencies as recorded in the detailed description of the tables and graphs which follows. The report is edited by Miss J. V. Lincoln of the Sun-Earth Relationships Section.

# I DAILY SOLAR INDICES

Relative Sunspot Numbers — The table includes (1) the daily American relative sunspot numbers,  $R_A{}^{\circ}$ , as compiled by the Solar Division of the American Association of Variable Star Observers, and (2) the provisional daily Zurich relative sunspot numbers,  $R_Z$ , as communicated by the Swiss Federal Observatory. Because of the time required to collect and reduce the observations,  $R_A{}^{\circ}$  will normally appear one month later than  $R_Z$ .

The relative sunspot number is an index of the activity of the entire visible disk. It is determined each day without reference to preceding days. Each isolated cluster of sunspots is termed a sunspot group and it may consist of one or a large number of distinct spots whose size can range from 10 or more square degrees of the solar surface down to the limit of resolution (e.g. 1/8 square degrees). The relative sunspot number is defined as R=K(10g+s), where g is the number of sunspot groups and s is the total number of distinct spots. The scale factor K (usually less than unity) depends on the observer and is intended to effect the conversion to the scale originated by Wolf. The observations for sunspot numbers are made by a rather small group of extraordinarily faithful observers, many of them amateurs, each with many years of experience. The counts are made visually with small, suitably protected telescopes.

Final values of  $R_Z$  appear in the IAU <u>Quarterly Bulletin on Solar Activity</u>, the <u>Journal of Geophysical Research</u> and elsewhere. They usually differ slightly from the provisional values. The American numbers,  $R_A{}^{\bullet}$ , are not revised.

Solar Flux Values, 2800 Mc -- The table also lists the daily values of solar flux at 2800 Mc recorded in watts/M $^2$ /cycle/second bandwidth (x  $10^{-22}$ ) in two polarizations by the National Research Council at Ottawa, Canada. These solar radio noise indices are being published in accordance with CCIR Report 25 that a basic solar index for ionospheric propagation should be measured objectively and "preferably refer to a property of the sun such as radiation flux which has direct physical relationship to the ionosphere."

Graph of Sunspot Cycle -- The graph illustrates the recent trend of Cycle 19 of the 11-year sunspot cycle and some predictions of the future level of activity. The customary "12-month" smoothed index, R, is used throughout, the data being final RZ numbers except for the current year. Predictions shown are those made for one year after the latest available datum by the method of A. G. McNish and J. V. Lincoln (Trans. Am. Geophys. Union, 30, 673-685, 1949) modified by the use of regression coefficients and mean cycle values recomputed for Cycles 8 through 18. Cycle 19 began April 1954, when the minimum  $\overline{R}$  of 3.4 was reached.

# II SOLAR CENTERS OF ACTIVITY

<u>Calcium Plage and Sunspot Regions</u> -- The table gives particulars of the centers of activity visible on the solar disk during the preceding month. These are based on estimates made and reported on the day of observation and are therefore of limited reliability.

The table gives the heliographic coordinates of each center (taken as the calcium plage unless two or more significantly and individually active sunspot groups are included in an extended plage) in terms of the Greenwich date of passage of the sun's central meridian (CMP) and the latitude; the serial number of the plage as assigned by McMath-Hulbert Observatory; the serial number of the center in the previous solar rotation, if it is a persisting region; particulars of the plage at three times during its transit of the visible disk (first appearance, maximum development, last appearance): the date, the area, the central intensity; particulars of the associated sunspot group, if any, at analogous times: the date, the area, the spot count. The unit of area is a millionth of the area of a solar hemisphere; the central intensity of calcium plages is roughly estimated on a scale of l=faint to 5=very bright.

Calcium plage data are available through the cooperation of the McMath-Hulbert Observatory of the University of Michigan and the Mt. Wilson Observatory. The sunspot data are compiled from reports from the U. S. Naval Observatory, Mt. Wilson Observatory, and from reports from Europe and Japan received through the daily Ursigram messages.

Coronal Line Emission Indices -- In the table are summarized solar coronal emission intensity indices for the green (Fe XIV at  $\lambda5303$ ) and red (Fe X at  $\lambda6374$ ) coronal lines. The indices are based on measurements made at  $5^{\rm o}$  intervals around the periphery of the solar disk by the High Altitude Observatory at Climax, Colorado, and by Harvard University observers at Sacramento Peak (The USAF Upper Air Research Observatory at Sunspot, New Mexico, under contract AF 19(604)-146). The measurements are expressed as the number of millionths of an Angstrom of the continuum of the center of the solar disk (at the same wavelength as the line) that would contain the same energy as the observed coronal line. The indices have the following meanings:

 $G_6$  = mean of six highest line intensities in quadrant for  $\lambda 5303$ .

 $R_6 = same for \lambda 6374.$ 

 $G_1$  = highest value of intensity in quadrant, for  $\lambda 5303$ .

 $R_1 = same for \lambda 6374$ .

The dates given in the table correspond to the approximate time of CMP of the longitude zone represented by the indices. The actual observations were made for the North East and South East quadrants 7 days before; for the South West and North West quadrants 7 days after the CMP date given.

To obtain rough measures of the integrated emission of the entire solar disk in either of the lines, assuming the coronal changes to be small in a half solar rotation, it is satisfactory to perform the following type of summation given in example for 15 October:

where N is the number of indices entering the summation.

Such integrated disk indices as well as integrated wholesun indices are computed for each day and are published quarterly in the "Solar Activity Summary" issued by the High Altitude Observatory at Boulder, Colorado. In the same reports are given maps of the intensity distribution of coronal emission derived from all available Climax and Sacramento Peak observations, as well as other information on solar activity, such as maps made from daily limb prominence surveys in  ${\rm H}_{\alpha}$  and notes regarding the history of active regions on the solar disk.

Preliminary summaries of solar activity, prepared on a fast schedule, are issued Friday of each week from High Altitude Observatory in conjunction with CRPL and include solar activity through the preceding day. These are useful to groups needing information on the current status of activity on the visible solar disk, but are not recommended for research uses unless such a prompt schedule of reporting is essential. The same information is included in the subsequent quarterly reports, with extensive additions, corrections and evaluations.

# III SOLAR FLARES

Optical Observations -- The table presents the preliminary record of solar flares as reported to the CRPL on a rapid schedule at the sacrifice of detailed accuracy. Definitive and complete data are published later in the Quarterly Bulletin of Solar Activity, I.A.U., in various observatory publications and elsewhere. The present listing serves to identify and roughly describe the phenomena observed.

Reporting directly to the CRPL are the following observatories: Mt. Wilson, McMath-Hulbert, U. S. Naval, Wendelstein, Sacramento Peak, and Swedish Astrophysical Station on Capri. The remainder report through the URSIgram centers in Europe and Japan. Observations are in the light of the center of the H-alpha line unless noted otherwise. The reports from Sacramento Peak, New Mexico (communicated to CRPL by the High Altitude Observatory at Boulder) are from observations at the USAF Upper Air Research Observatory at Sunspot, New Mexico, by Harvard University observers, under contract AF 19(604)-146.

For each flare are listed the reporting observatory, date, times of beginning and ending of observing period (b or a preceding the number denotes true start or end of flare unknown), duration of flare (when known), total area in millionths of visible disk (Sacramento Peak uncorrected for foreshortening; Swedish Astrophysical Station corrected for foreshortening), the McMath serial number of the region with which the flare is associated, the heliographic coordinates in degrees, the time of maximum phase, maximum intensity of flare, fractional area having nearly maximum brightness, and finally the flare importance on the IAU scale of 1- to 3+. A final column lists provisionally the occurrence of simultaneous ionospheric effects as observed on selected field strength recordings of distant high-frequency radio transmissions: a more nearly definitive list of these ionospheric effects, including particulars, appears in these reports after the lapse of a month (see below). All times are Universal Time (UT or GCT). Subflares (importance 1-) are listed by date, time of beginning and number of McMath region with which associated.

Ionospheric Effects -- SID (and GID--gradual ionospheric disturbances) may be detected in a number of ways: short wave fadeouts, enhancement of low frequency atmospherics, increases in cosmic absorption, and so forth. The table lists events that have been recognized on field strength recordings of distant high-frequency radio transmissions. Under a coordinated program, the staffs at the following ionospheric sounding stations contribute reports that are screened and synthesized at CRPL-Boulder: Puerto Rico, Ft. Belvoir, Va., and Anchorage, Alaska (CRPL Stations: PR, BE, AN); Huancayo, Peru, and College, Alaska (CRPL-Associated Laboratories: HU, CO); and White Sands, N. Mex., Adak, Alaska, and Okinawa (U. S. Signal Corps Stations: WS, AD, OK). McMath-Hulbert Observatory (MC) also contributes such reports. In addition, reports are volunteered by RCA Communications Inc.,

Marconi Wireless, Netherlands Postal and Telecommunications Services, Swedish Telecommunications, and others; these usually specify times of SID and the radio paths involved.

In the coordinated program, the abnormal fades of field strength not obviously ascribable to other causes, are described as short wave fadeouts with the following further classification:

S-SWF: sudden drop-out and gradual recovery Slow S-SWF: drop-out taking 5 to 15 minutes and

gradual recovery

G-SWF: gradual disturbance; fade irregular in

both drop-out and recovery.

When there is agreement among the various reporting stations on the time (UT) of an event, it is accepted as a widespread phenomenon and listed in the table.

The degree of confidence in identifying the event, a subjective estimate, is reported by the stations and this is summarized in an index of certainty that the event is widespread, ranging from 1 (possible) to 5 (definite). The times given in the table for the event are from the report of a station (underlined in table) that identified it with high confidence. The criteria for the subjective importance rating assigned by each station on a scale of 1- to 3+ include amplitude of the fade, duration and confidence; greater consideration is given to reports on paths near the subsolar point in arriving at the summary importance rating given in the table.

Note: The tables of SID observed at Washington included in CRPL F-reports prior to F-135 were restricted to events classed here as S-SWF.

## IV SOLAR RADIO WAVES

The data on solar radio waves are from observations at 167 Mc and 460 Mc made at the Gunbarrel Hill (Boulder) station of the National Bureau of Standards. The half-width of the antenna lobe is appreciably greater than the solar disk. Polarization has not been determined. All times are in Universal Time (UT or GCT); when the observing period extends slightly into the next Greenwich day, the time scale is extended beyond 24 hours.

3-hourly and Daily Flux -- Flux is given in power units. These units are approximately  $10^{-22}$  watt meter- $2(c/s)^{-1}$  for both polarizations together. They will be subject to a correction factor when gain measurements of the antenna have been made. The median flux is measured for every one-hour period that contains a usable calibration and at least thirty minutes of usable record. A three-hour value of flux is obtained by averaging the available one-hour medians (at least two required). A daily value of flux is obtained by averaging all available one-hour medians (at least 4 required). A dash indicates that insufficient measurements were made to meet the above requirements or that the records were not of usable quality. Parentheses indicate that the value is somewhat doubtful because of atmospheric noise or local interference.

The variability index, given for each three-hour interval, is on a scale 0 to 3 defined as follows:

- 0 The instantaneous flux did not drop below one-half the median level or exceed twice the median level at any time.
- 1 The instantaneous flux made from one to ten excursions outside the range described above.
- 2 The instantaneous flux made from ten to one hundred excursions outside the range described above.
- 3 The instantaneous flux made more than one hundred excursions outside the range described above.

For the purpose of the variability index, an excursion whose maximum intensity is M times the median level is counted as M excursions. A dash is used to indicate that measurements were made for less than one hour during the period. Parentheses surround variability indices which are in doubt because of atmospheric noise or local interference.

Outstanding Events -- A separate table lists the occurrences that are not adequately described by the three-hourly values of median flux and variability. These are classified in general accordance with the system described and illustrated by Dodson, Hedeman, and Owren (Ap. J. 118, 169, 1953). The categories of events are identified in the table by numbers, which do not necessarily indicate the magnitude of the event:

- 0 Rise in base level -- A temporary increase in the continuum with duration of the order of tens of minutes to an hour.
- l Series of bursts -- Bursts or groups of bursts, occurring intermittently over an interval of time of the order of minutes or hours. Such series of bursts are assigned as distinctive events only when they occur on a smooth record or show as a distinct change in the activity.

- 2 Groups of bursts -- A cluster of bursts occurring in an interval of time of the order of minutes.
- 3 Minor burst -- A burst of moderate or small amplitude, and duration of the order of one or two minutes.
- $4 \underline{\text{Minor burst and second part}}$  -- A double rise in flux in which the early rise is a minor burst.
- 5 Noise storm ends -- A noise storm (see 6) which ceases at some time during the observing period.
- 6 Noise storm -- A temporary increase in radiation characterized by numerous closely spaced bursts, by an increase in the continuum, or by both. Duration is of the order of hours or days.
- 7 Noise storm begins -- The onset of a noise storm occurs at some time during the observing period.
- 8 Major burst -- An outburst, or other burst of large amplitude and more than average duration. A major burst is usually complex, with a duration of the order of one to ten minutes.
- 9 Major burst and second part -- A double rise in flux, the first part of which is a major burst. The second part may consist of a rise in base level, a group or series of bursts, or the onset of a noise storm.

Starting times and durations are enclosed in parentheses when they are limited by the period of observation. The maximum instantaneous flux (Inst. Flux) is measured from the sky level as are the hourly medians. The maximum smoothed flux (Smd. Flux) is that obtained by taking the difference of the maximum value of a smooth curve drawn through the outstanding occurrence with a smoothing period of 20 percent to 50 percent of the total duration, and the value of the interpolated hourly median at that same time had the event not occurred, both measured from the sky level.

# V GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY INDICES

C. Kp. Ap. and Selected Quiet and Disturbed Days -- The data in the table are: (1) preliminary international character figures, C; (2) geomagnetic planetary three-hour range indices, Kp; (3) daily "equivalent amplitude," Ap; (4) magnetically selected quiet and disturbed days.

This table is made available by the Committee on Characterization of Magnetic Disturbance of IAGA, IUGG. The Meteorological Office, De Bilt, Holland collects the data from magnetic observatories distributed throughout the world, and compiles C and selected days. The Chairman of the Committee computes the planetary and equivalent amplitude indices. The same data are also published quarterly in the Journal of Geophysical Research along with data on sudden commencements (sc) and solar flare effects (sfe).

The C-figure is the arithmetic mean of the subjective classification by all observatories of each day's magnetic activity on a scale of O (quiet) to 2 (storm).

Kp is the mean standardized K-index from 12 observatories between geomagnetic latitudes 47 and 63 degrees. The scale is 0 (very quiet) to 9 (extremely disturbed), expressed in thirds of a unit, e.g. 5- is 4 2/3, 50 is 5 0/3, and 5+ is 5 1/3. This planetary index is designed to measure solar particle-radiation by its magnetic effects, specifically to meet the needs of research workers in the ionospheric field. A complete description of Kp has appeared in Bulletin 12b, "Geomagnetic Indices C and K, 1948" of the Association of Terrestrial Magnetism and Electricity (IATME), International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics.

Ap is a daily index of magnetic activity on a linear scale rather than on the quasi-logarithmic scale of the K-indices. It is the average of the eight values of an intermediate 3-hourly index "ap," defined as one-half the average gamma range of the most disturbed of the three force components, in the three-hour interval at standard stations; in practice, ap is computed from the Kp for the 3-hour interval. The extreme range of the scale of Ap is 0 to 400. The method is described in IATME Bulletin No. 12h (for 1953) p. viii f. Values of Ap (like Kp and Cp) have been published for the Polar Year 1932/33 and for the years 1937 onwards.

The magnetically quiet and disturbed days are selected in accordance with the general outline in <u>Terr. Mag.</u> (predecessor to <u>J. Geophys. Res.</u>) 48, pp 219-227, December 1943. The method in current use calls for ranking the days of a month by their geomagnetic activity as determined from the following three criteria with equal weight: (1) the sum of the eight Kp's; (2) the sum of the squares of the eight Kp's; and (3) the greatest Kp.

<u>Chart of Kp by Solar Rotations</u> -- The graph of Kp by solar rotations is furnished through the courtesy of Dr. J. Bartels, Geophysikalisches Institute, Göttingen.

# VI RADIO PROPAGATION QUALITY INDICES

One can take as the definition of a radio propagation quality index: the measure of the efficiency of a medium-powered radio circuit operated under ideal conditions in all respects, except for the variable effect of the ionosphere on the propagation of the transmitted signal. The indices given here are derived from monitoring and circuit performance reports, and are the nearest practical approximation to the ideal index of propagation quality.

Quality indices are usually expressed on a scale that ranges from one to nine. Indices of four or less are generally taken to represent significant disturbance. (Note that for geomagnetic K-indices, disturbance is represented by higher numbers.) The adjectival equivalents of the integral quality indices are as follows:

1 = useless 4 = poor-to-fair 7 = good 2 = very poor 5 = fair 8 = very good3 = poor 6 = fair-to-good 9 = excellent

CRPL forecasts are expressed on the same scale. The tables summarizing the outcome of forecasts include categories P-Perfect; S-Satisfactory; U-Unsatisfactory; F-Failure. The following conventions apply:

- P forecast quality equal to observed U forecast quality two or more grades different from observed when both forecast and observed were  $\gg 5$ , or both  $\ll 5$
- S forecast quality one grade F other times when forecast quality two or more grades different from observed

Full discussion of the reliability of forecasts requires consideration of many factors besides the over-simplified summary given.

The quality figures represent a consensus of experience with radio propagation conditions. Since they are based entirely on monitoring or traffic reports, the reasons for low quality are not necessarily known and may not be limited to ionospheric storminess. For instance, low quality may result from improper frequency usage for the path and time of day. Although, wherever it is reported, frequency usage is included in the rating of reports, it must often

be an assumption that the reports refer to optimum working frequencies. It is more difficult to eliminate from the indices conditions of low quality for reasons such as multipath or interference. These considerations should be taken into account in interpreting research correlations between the Q-figures and solar, auroral, geomagnetic or similar indices.

North Atlantic Radio Path -- The CRPL quality figures, Qa, are compiled by the North Atlantic Radio Warning Service (NARWS), the CRPL forecasting center at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, from radio traffic data for North Atlantic transmission paths closely approximating New York-to-London. These are reported to CRPL by the Canadian Defense Research Board, Canadian Broadcasting Company, and the following agencies of the U. S. Government:--Coast Guard, Navy, Army Signal Corps, U. S. Information Agency. Supplementing these data are CRPL monitoring, direction-finding observations and field strength measurements of North Atlantic transmissions made at Belvoir.

The original reports are submitted on various scales and for various time intervals. The observations for each 6-hour interval are averaged on the original scale. These 6-hour indices are then adjusted to the 1 to 9 quality-figure scale by a conversion table prepared by comparing the distribution of these indices for at least four months, usually a year, with a master distribution determined from analysis of the reports originally made on the 1 to 9 quality-figure scale. A report whose distribution is the same as the master is thereby converted linearly to the Q-figure scale. The 6-hourly quality figure is the mean of the reports available for that period.

The 6-hourly quality figures are given in this table to the nearest one-third of a unit, e.g. 50 is 5 and 0/3; 5- is 4 and 2/3; 5+ is 5 and 1/3. Other data included are:

- (a) Whole-day radio quality indices, which are weighted averages of the four 6-hourly indices, with half weight given to quality grades 5 and 6. This procedure tends to give whole-day indices suitable for comparison with whole-day advance forecasts which seek to designate the days of significant disturbance or unusually quiet conditions.
- (b) Short-term forecasts, issued every six hours by the North Atlantic Radio Warning Service. These are issued one hour before  $00^h$ ,  $06^h$ ,  $12^h$ ,  $18^h$ , UT and are applicable to the period 1 to 7 hours ahead.
- (c) Advance forecasts, issued twice weekly by the NARWS (CRPL-J reports) and applicable 1 to 3 or 4 days ahead, 4 or 5 to 7 days ahead, and 8 to 25 days ahead. These forecasts are scored against the whole-day quality indices.

(d) Half-day averages of the geomagnetic K indices measured by the Cheltenham Magnetic Observatory of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

A chart compares the short-term forecasts with Qa-figures. A second chart compares the outcome of advance forecasts (1 to 3 or 4 days ahead) with a type of "blind" forecast. For the latter, the frequency for each quality grade, as determined from the distribution of quality grades in the four most recent months of the current season, is partitioned among the grades observed in the current month in proportion to the frequencies observed in the current month.

Ranges of useful frequencies on the North Atlantic radio path are shown in a series of diagrams, one for each day. Time is the angular coordinate and radio frequency in Mc is the radius vector. The shaded area indicates the range of frequencies for which transmissions of quality 5 or greater were observed. The blacker the diagram, the quieter the day has been; a narrow strip indicates either high LUHF, low MUF, or both. These diagrams are based on data reported to CRPL by the German Post Office through the Fernmeldetechnischen Zentralamtes, Darmstadt, Germany, being observations every one and a half hours of selected transmitters located in the eastern portion of North America.

Note: Beginning with data for September 1955, Qa has been determined from reports that are available within a few hours or at most within a few days, including for the first time, the CRPL observations. Therefore these are the indices by which the forecasters assess every day the conditions in the recent past. Over a period of several years, they have closely paralleled the former Qa indices which excluded CRPL observations and included three additional reports received after a considerable lag. Qa was first published to the nearest one-third of a unit at the same time.

North Pacific Radio Path -- The CRPL quality figures, Qp, are compiled by the North Pacific Radio Warning Service (NPRWS), the CRPL forecasting center at Anchorage, Alaska, from radio traffic data for moderately long transmission paths in the North Pacific equivalent to Seattle-to-Anchorage or Anchorage-to-Tokyo. These include reports to CRPL by the Alaska Communications System, Aeronautical Radio, Inc., U. S. Air Force and Civil Aeronautical Administration. In addition, there are CRPL monitoring, direction-finder observations and field strength measurements of suitable transmissions.

The original reports are on various scales and for various time intervals. The observations for each 8 hours or 24 hour period are averaged on the original scale. This average is compared with reports for the same period in the preceding two months and expressed as a deviation from the 3-month mean. The deviations are put on the 1 to 9 scale of quality which is assumed to have a standard deviation of 1.25 and a mean for the various periods as follows:

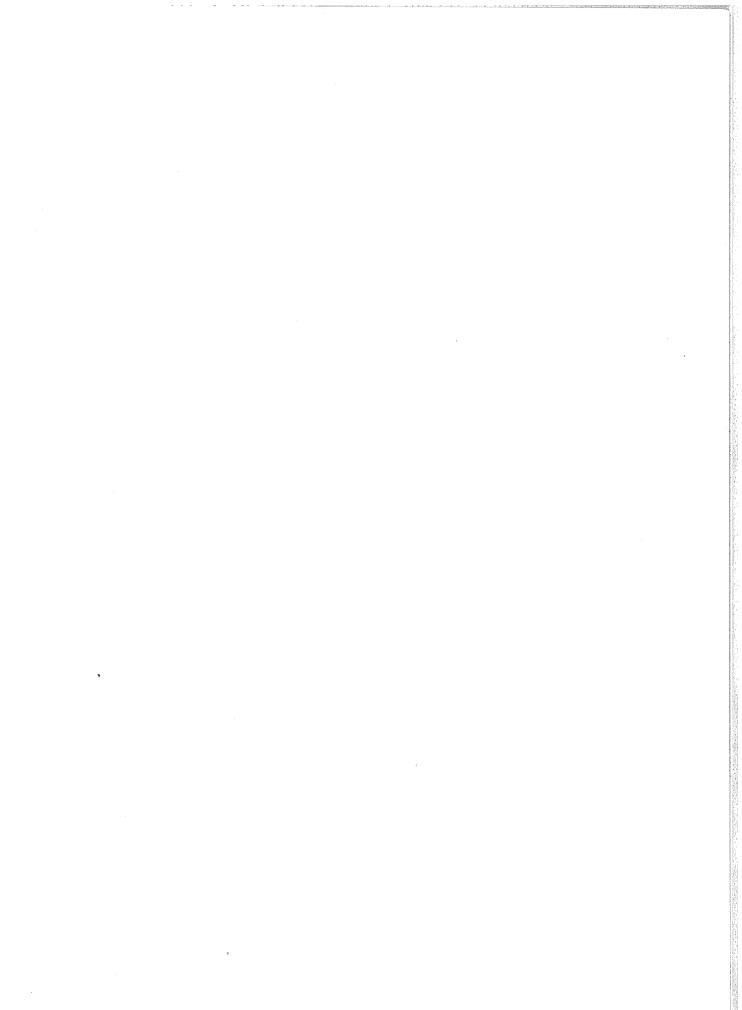
03-10	hours	UT	5.33
11-18			5.33
19-02			6.00
00-24			5.67

The 8-hour and 24-hour indices Qp are determined separately. Each index is a weighted mean where the CRPL observations have unit weight and the others are weighted by the correlation coefficient with the CRPL observations.

The table, analogous to that for Qa, includes the 8-hourly quality figures; whole day quality figures; short term forecasts issued by NPRWS three times daily at  $02^h$ ,  $10^h$ , and  $18^h$  UT, applicable to the stated 8-hour periods; advance forecasts issued twice weekly by NPRWS (CRPL-Jp report); and half-day averages of geomagnetic K indices from Sitka.

The chart compares the outcome of advance forecasts, on the same basis as the similar chart for the North Atlantic Radio Path.

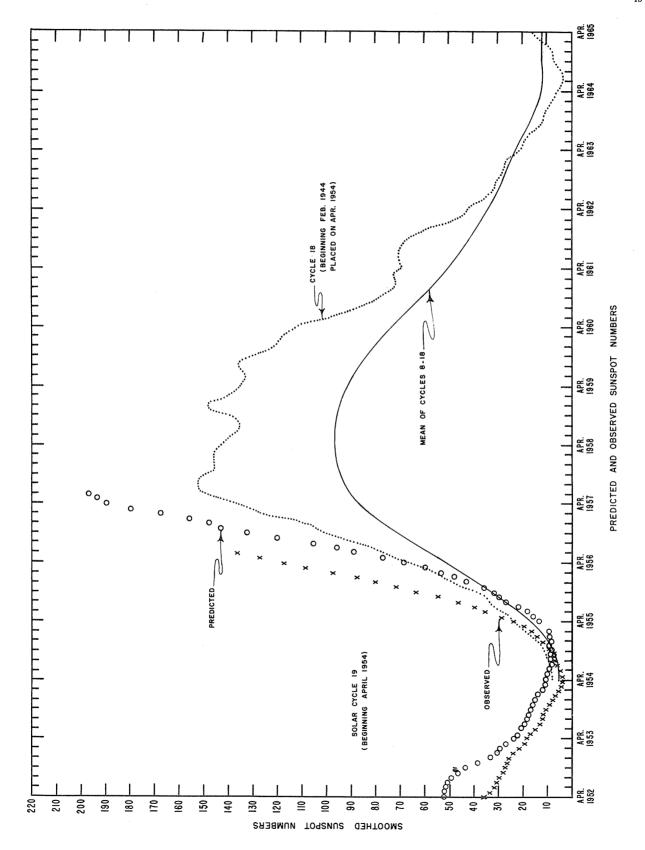
Note: Beginning with November 1956 the short-term forecast formerly made at 0900 UT was changed to 1000 UT. The North Pacific quality figures used for evaluation are now 8-hourly rather than 9-hourly.



# DAILY SOLAR INDICES

	American Relative
Nov.	Sunspot Numbers
1956	R <sub>A</sub> <sup>s</sup>
Date	τ¥ -
1	153
	176
2 3 4 5	169
4	183
>	209
6	<b>2</b> 54
7 8	287
8	265
9	207 225
10	
11	224
12	178
13 14	180 177
15	551
16	170
17 18	161 150
19	145
20	143
<b>A1</b>	121
21 22	131
23	95
24	104
25	120
26	126
27	126
28	155
29	180
30	157
Mean:	173.1

	Zurich Provisional	Daily Values Solar
Dec.	Relative Sunspot	Flux at 2800 MC,
1956	Numbers	Ottawa, Canada
Date	Rg	Flux
•	7.69	205
1	163	225
2 3 4	145	240
3	169	250
4	194	251
5	190	261
6	175	255
7	173	251
7 8	157	245
9	165	257
10	204	270
-		•
11	229	272
12	200	264
13	184	249
14	218	250
15	198	254
16	186	249
17	174	254
18	156	230
	151	236
19		
20	130	230
21	173	242
22	193	254
23	215	<b>2</b> 58
24	219	<b>2</b> 52
25	229	Arr man was
26	216	259
27	215	272
28	202	226
29	185	234
30	168	244
31	174	** 45 =
Mean:	185.5	249.4



# CALCIUM PLAGE AND SUNSPOT REGIONS

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		Last seen	30- 50 -2	9	1- 044 -20		10- 50 -1	14- 50a-XX	15- 260 -XX	19- 390 -1		18- 50 -2		15- 10 -XX	26- 530 -1	24- 10 -XX	28- XX <u>X</u> 10 31- XX -1	31- 680 -2	2	04- 390 -1		06- 10 -XX
Sunspot Data	Date-Area-Count	Maximum	29- 100-2 04- 170-4		01- 690-17		29- 390-2 04- 170-11	10- 510-8	06-2040-22	16-1270-14		16- 70-3	•	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	18-1360-23		26- 440-7 25-1260-10	25-1120-18		31- 680-3		03- 580-11
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3	cy.	Last seen	04- 5000-2		27- 2500-2 06- 1900-3	09- 3000-2	10- 1000-2 11- 3500-2.5	04- 700-1 14- 2000-2	16- 8000-2	14- 1700-2 19-15000-3-5	13- 700-1	21- 1000-2		17- 1400-1 19- 1200-2	26- 5700-1	24- 1400-3	* 01- 6000-2	02- 2000-2.5				06- 2800-2
Calcium Plage Data	Date-Area-Intensity	Maximum	30-11400-2				02- 8000-3 08- 5700-2	29- 1000-2 11- 6000-3.5	13-17100-3	09- 2000-2 13-22800-3		19- 1000-2.5		17- 1400-1 19- 1200-2	20-11500-3	23- 1700-3		27-15400-2	31- 2000-2		i .	03- 4700-1
Cal	Dat	First seen	23-3000-2	25-2800-2	27-2500-2	26-5700-1	27-4000-2.5 29-2000-2.5	29-1000-2 01-4000-2	02-5700-2	03-1500-2 06-1000-1	11- 300-3	16- 300-1	14-2000-2.5	14- 300-2.5 14- 800-2	14-1000-2.5	14-1200-2.5 16- 700-1	17-5700-1	18-1000-2	28-2000-1	23-2800-3	1	26-1000-1
Return	of	Region	3739	3739	3749	3741	New 3746	New 3747,50	3752	3761 3755,7	New	New 2761.	376	New 3765	New	3768	3770,2	3774	3775,6	New 3780	3	New
McMath	Plage	Number	3775 (9)	_	3778 (2)	_	-	3782 3784 (5)		3786 (2) 3788 (2)	_	-	3792 (‡)	3791 3793 (3)	`		3797 (5)	_		3804 3804 2805 (2)		3806
	Lat.		S23	316 S16	N38	N24	S15	N20 N26	820	N22 S18	325 S25	N22	320	S26 N21	N14	S24 N33	S <b>27</b>	9 LN	820	N 3 t	† 2	N25
CMP	Dec.	1956	Nov.29.6	30.2 Dec.01.1	01.4	03.3	03.7	05.8	4.60	13.00	13.2	15.9	† † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †	18.7	21.0	22.4	22.7	26.8	28.4	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	C.0C	31.7

\* Combined with 3794. a signifies area approximate.

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a = index computed from low weight data. \* = yellow line observed.

# SOLAR FLARES DECEMBER 1956

Observa-	Date Dec.	Ti:		Dura- tion	Total Area	McMath Plage	Approx. Position	Time Max.	Max. Int.	Rel. Area	Impor-	Provis. Iono-
	1956	Start UT	End UT	Min.	M111.	Region Number	Lat. Mer. Dist.	Phase UT	Arb.	of Max. Tenths		spheric Effect
S. Peak Capri-S Tokyo Kanzel. Capri-S	02 03 04 04 04	1945 1011 0524 51028 1117	2035 1055 0544 1033 1124	50 44 20 > 5 7	115 146 136	3775 3776 3785 3785 3785	S29 W42 S16 W28 S25 E55 S25 E45 S18 E67	2010	14	2	1 1+ 1 2	Slow S-SWF
Capri-S McMath S. Peak Tokyo Tokyo	04 04 04 04 05	1159 b1435 1620 b2319 0221	1230 1840 0256	31 140 ~20 35	180 475	3785 3785 3780 3779 3785	S17 E72 S20 E65 S11 W12 N25 W15 S15 E55	1625	20	3	1 2 1	G-SWF
Tokyo Arcetri S. Peak Tokyo Capri-S	06 06 06 06 06	0230 1402 1600 62311 0830	0250 1635 0853	20 35 ~10 23	295 180	3785 3785 3785 3785 3779	S25 E35 S22 E42 S16 E35 S15 E55 N24 W62	1607	30	1	1 2 1 1+	S-SWF
Capri-S Arcetri Tokyo Tokyo S. Peak	07 07 08 08 08	0902 b1315 0214 b0242 1730	0924 0224 1755	10 ~10 25	126 140	3785 3784 3785 3785	S12 E48 N25 E05 S25 E75 S15 E15 S23 E12	1735	20	2	1 1 1 1	S-SWF S-SWF
Capri-S Schaus. Capri-S Tokyo Tokyo	09 09 09 09 10	0839 b1110 1452 2336 0003	0845 1122 1513 2346 0023	6 >12 21 10 20	102 156	3785 3784 3788 3785 3788	S16 E07 N28 W24 S24 E47 S15 W15 S25 E45				1 1 1 1	
Tokyo Tokyo Capri-S Capri-S Capri-S	10 10 10 10	0405 50648 0934 1207 1413	0425 1024 1304 1446	20 ~10 50 57 33	253 136 117	3785 3785 3785 3785 3788	S15 W05 S25 W25 S18 W14 S17 W06 S25 E37				1 1 2 1+ 1	G-SWF Slow S-SWF S-SWF
Tokyo Tokyo Capri-S Wendel. {Wendel. Capri-S	11 11 11 11 11	b0013 b0109 1015 1257 1316 1317	1036 1316 1351 1345	~ 20 ~ 20 21 19 35 28	112	3785 3788 3785 3785 3785 3785	S15 W25 S25 E35 S23 W33 S21 W10 S22 W12 S21 W09	1302 1329			1 1 1 1+ 1+	
Tokyo Tokyo Wendel. S. Peak Capri-S	12 12 13 13 15	b0103 0113 b0845 1925 1411	0133 0920 2015 1435	~10 20 >35 50 24	210	3785 3784 3788 3785 3788	825 W15 N35 W55 S23 W02 S15 W62 S22 W39	1950	16	5	1 1 2- 1+ 1	
{Capri-S Kanzel. Capri-S Tokyo Tokyo	16 16 16 17 17	1023 b1020 1310 b0123 0221	1047 1035 1318 0231	24 >15 8 ~20 10	102 233	3788 3788 3785 3788 3787	S24 W46 S25 W45 S13 W75 S25 W55 N25 W45				1 1 1	G-SWP
Tokyo Capri-S Kanzel. Capri-S Capri-S	17 17 17 17 17	0453 0838 <b>b101</b> 5 1227 1248	0553 1231 1030 1304 1318	37	301 209	3795 3788 3788 3785 3788	N15 E55 S21 W61 S25 W55 S12 W90 S21 W63				2 2 1 2 1+	Slow S-SWF

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Observa-	Date Dec.		ime erved	Dura- tion	Total	McMath	Approx.		Time	Max.	Rel.	Impor-	Provis.
tory	1956	Start		tion	Area	Plage Region	Position		Max. Phase	Int.	Area of Max.	tance	Iono- spheric
		UT	UT	Min.	Mill.	Number		st.	UT	Arb.	Tenths		Effect
S. Peak	17	1535	1705	90	970	3788	S24 W5	ا و	1551	30	6	3	Slow S-SWF
Tokyo	18	00010	-1-2	~90	'''	3788	S25 W5			Ju		ĭ	D200 0 011
Tokyo	18	ъ0010	1	~80		3788	S25 W6					ī	
Tokyo	18	0037	0107	30		<b>37</b> 95	N15 E4	5 II				1	
Tokyo	18	0404	0454	20		3788	S25 W6	5				1	S-SWF
Capri-S	18	0834	1017	103	437	3788	s23 W6	9				24 7	
Kanzel.	18	0835	0955	80		3788	S25 W6					3	
Wendel.	18	ъ0836	0900	>24		3788	S24 W6					2	S-SWF
Schaus.	18	ъ0839				3788	S24 W6					2	
( Meudon	18	ъо853	0943	>50		3788	S25 W6	5				2 )	[
Wendel.	18	ъ0907	1026	>79		3788	S26 W6		0917			2 <b>*</b>	
Kanzel.	18	0915		≥100		3795	N15 E3						
Schaus.	18	ъ0916	0926	>10		3787	M28 W5	- 11				1	
Capri-S	18	1031	1100	29		3800	S11 E9					1	
(Kanzel.	18	1031	1041	10		3800	S15 E8	5				2	
Capri-S	18	1038	1115	37	102	3795	N16 E3					1	
{ Wendel. Kanzel.	18 18	b1041 1043	1108	>27 ≥100		3795	N17 E4	- 11	1051			1	
Schaus.	18	b1052	1108	>16		3795	N15 E3					2	
Neder.	18	b1100	1130	>30		3795 3800	S35 E9	- 11				1	
			_	_								1	
Capri-S	18	1130	1249	79	262	3788	S26 W7					1+	
Capri-S	18	2045	2127	42	ľ	3788	S20 W8					2	G-SWF
Climax	18	2205	2024	1.0		3788	S15 W9					2	
Wendel.	19	0745	0833	48		3795	N15 E2		0757			1+	
[ Kanzel.	19	ъ0805	0815	>10		3795	N15 E2	5				2	
Capri-S	19	0840	1143	183	92	3795	N12 E3		:			1+	S-SWF
{ Wendel.	19	0856	0930	34		3800	S15 E8	- 11				2	
(Kanzel.	19	0900	1000	60		3800	S15 E7					2	
Capri-S	19	1452	1517	25	160	3795	N15 E2					1+)	Slow S-SWF
\ McMath	19	1500	1540	40		3795	N15 E2	0				2+5	
Tokyo	20	0001	0101	60		3795	N15 E1					1	G-SWF
Tokyo	20	0232 0447	0402	90		3795	N15 E1					2	·
Tokyo Tokyo	20 20	ъ0456	0457	10		3795	N15 E1					1	S-SWF
Tokyo	20	b0523		~30 ~60		3788 3795	S25 W8					1	ł
Cannot C		1027	1100	20	326	·	-						
Capri-S Mt.Wilson	21 21	1037 b1613	1109	32 ~10	136	3795 3801	N13 W0   N16 E6					1	
Mt.Wilson	81	b1646		~10		3795	NI3 MI					1	Slow S-SWF
S. Peak	23	2015	2120	65	100	3800	S17 E2		2046	18	8	1	G-SWF
S. Peak	24	1555	1645	50	145	3801	N21 E3		1605	16	2	1	G-DWF
Mitaka	25	0028				3801	   N15 E1					,	
Mitaka	25	0053				3795	N15 W5					1	1
Mitaka	25	0223				3795	N15 W5					i	
S. Peak	25	2150	a2215	>25	280	3800	516 WO		a2215	20	妆	2	1
Mitaka	25	p5350		-		3800	S15 WO				·	ī	
Mitaka	26	ъ0507				3800	S15 WO	5				2	S-SWF
{Capri-S	26	1252	1344	52	126	3800	S17 W1					īη	l
Wendel.	26	1252	1351	59		3800	S19 W0	9	1300			2}	S-SWF
{Capri-S	26	1401	1508	67	262	3800	817 W1					21	S-SWF
Wendel.	26	1404	1442 ance 1-	38		3800	s18 W1	0	1412			21	1 ~~~~

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Observa-	Date	Ti		Dura-	Total	McMath	Approx.	Time Max.	Max. Int.	Rel. Area	Impor-	Provis. Iono-
tory	Dec. 1956	Obse: Start	rvea. End	tion	Area	Plage Region	Position Lat. Mer.	Phase	Int.	of Max.	tance	spheric
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S. Peak Mitaka Mitaka Mitaka Mitaka	26 27 27 27 27 27	b1518 0104 b0226 b0455 0524	1615	>57	265	3800 3800 3794 3794 3794	S17 W10 S15 W15 S25 W65 S25 W55 S25 W55	ъ1518	20	1	2 1 1 1	Slow S-SWF
Capri-S Wendel. S. Peak S. Peak S. Peak	27 27 27 27 27 27	0950 1227 1504 1600 1647	1157 1234 1540 1635 1805	127 7 >36 35 78	136 130 112 270	3807 3794 3801 3801 3800	S18 E69 S26 W69 N13 W24 N19 W17 S16 W29	1510 1610 1710	17 14 16	7 5 1	1 1* 1 2	
Arcetri {Arcetri {Capri-S Mitaka Mitaka	28 28 28 29 29	0947 0948 0950 0040 0315	1028 0230 0345	38 90 30	151	3807 3808 3808 3808 3800	S20 E59 N18 E66 N17 E65 N25 E55 S15 W45				1 1 1 1	S-SWF S-SWF
Mitaka {Capri-S {S. Peak S. Peak Mitaka	29 29 29 29 29	0405 1458 51505 1855 0102	0455 1510 1615 1945 01 <b>3</b> 2	50 12 70 50 30	233 185 110	3801 3800 3800 <b>3</b> 808	N15 W45 S16 W51 S18 W56 N20 E55 N35 E25	ъ1505 1901	≥23 21	2 3	1 1+} 1	Slow S-SWF Slow S-SWF
Mitaka S. Peak	30 30	0240 1730	0310 18 <b>3</b> 5	30 65	170	3800	N35 E25 S18 W70	1740	18	8	1	Slow S-SWF

Capri lists as importance 1-.

Note: November flare list gave Tokyo flares of the 17th out of chronological order. After December 25 Tokyo is designated as Mitaka.

Subflares noted as follows (Date, time (UT), coordinates):

McMath: ++

S. Peak: unmarked Capri-S: Wendel .: +++ 1630 (S27,W03) 1845 (S15,W45) December Ol. 1855 (S27,E92) December 06. 1800 (S19,W90) December 13. 1803 2220 (S15,E73) (S18,E51) 2115 (S26,W05) 2150 (S15,W62) 1540 (S22,W72) (N25,E16) 02, 1535 2021 (N2O,W74) 08, (S17,E04)+ 1645 (S24,E90) 1250 **b1450** (S17,E90) 0840 (S27,E43)+ 14, 10, (S20,E90) 1710 (S17,W67) ъ1915 0930 (S18,E05)+(N23,W18)+ (S18,E90) 03, 1128 0934 (N20,W34)+ 1743 (S26,W13) 1525 1123 (S26,E38)+ a1820 (S30,W22) 1555 (S21,E90) 1154 (S27.E41)+ 2058 (N25, W30) (N15,W80) (S18,E04)+ 1148 (S24, W29)+ 1625 1154 15, 1228 1710 (S22,E78) 1750 (N36, E86)(N21,W35)+2055 (S28,E57) 1346 (S24,W25)+,+++ 1740 (S23,W40) 2140 (S26,E53) (S17,W07)+ 1930 (S23,W40) 1353 04, 16, 1310 (S24,W40)+ 1435 (N17,W60) + 41505 (S25,E37)+ (S25,E25)+ (S16,W18)+,+++ ъ1458 (N34,E48) 11, 1004 1318 (N15,E64)+ (S10,E67) (S28,E46) 1520 1334 1545 (S12,W36) 1700 (S12,W48) 1605 (S17,W36) 1555 1750 (S18,E57) 1815 (S23,W15) 1905 (N23,W03) 0825 (S25,W57)+++
0850 (S25,W57)+++ 1855 (n28,w51) 1825 (S15,W53) 17, 1924 (S27,E45) (S22,W15) 1915 1940 (S35,E60) 1024 (N18,W61)+1140 (N28,W49)+++ 2115 (S26,W67) 1805 (S26,E14) 1147 (N13,E39)+ 0840 (S32,W72)+ 05, 2110 (S10,W28) 1240 (S25,W57)+++ 1101 (S14,E49)+ 2125 (N28,W67) 1240 (N15,E53)\* 1117 (N20,W48)+ 1308 (S24,W02)+ 1520 (S15,W60) 1253 (S11,W90)+ 13, 1245 (N2O,W49)+ 1323 (N33,E63)\*

# SOLAR FLARES DECEMBER 1956

# Subflares noted as follows (Date, time (UT), coordinates):

S. Peak: unmarked McMath: ++ Capri-S: + Wendel .: +++ a1517 (S23,W61) 1100 (S19,E36)+ 1133 (N12,E35)+ December 17, December 25, 1940 (S20,E56) 1950 (N22,E68) 1620 (S42,W35) December 28, 18, (S28,W48) 1755 1815 (S16,WOL) 2005 (N15,E37) 2050 (N18,W35) 2110 (N19,W44) 1200 (S26,W69) +++ 2050 (S23, W35) 1236 (N15,E23)+ (N16,E10 19, 2155 1236 (N1), E23)\*
2205 (S21,W90)
0824 (N11,W11)\*
1555 (N17,E66)
1638 (N13,W17)
1735 (S27,W09)
1740 (N15,W10) 2115 (N19,E60) 2150 (S20,E54) b1505 (N28,E28) 1635 (N18,V54) 26, b1518 (S29,W62) (N19,E90) (N18,WO4) 21, 1545 1754 29, 2005 (S23,W53) (N14,W17) (S23,W54) 1705 (N17,W51) 1740 (H20,E57) 2125 (N18,W58) 2155 2205 1810 (N15,W10) 27, 1040 (S23,W58)+ 1845 (N14,W10) 2045 (N14,W11) 1120 (S20,E72)+++ 2150 (N20,E55) b1507 (N31,E17) b1507 (S37,E47) 1335 (S20,E71)+++ 30, (S20,E69) (S23,W63) 2120 (N15,W10) 1620 2155 (N10,W17) 1520 (N16,W43) 1525 (S18,W70) 1625 (N22,E45) 1630 (N35,W07) 1700 23, 1705 (S17,E07) 2105 (N16,E17) 1820 (S20,E66) 2120 (N17,W46) 1630 (N22,E45) 1630 (N21,E46) 1650 (N32,E19) 1720 (N20,E39) 1855 (S20,E66) 1900 (S28, W80) 1655 (S27,W39) 1745 (N13,W56) 1840 (N13,E17) 24, (S16,W22) 2130 1945 (N31,E16) 1555 (N35,W16) 1605 (N20,E30) 28, 1610 (S19,W43) 1645 (N18,W42) 1705 (N18,W37) 1710 (S22,W38) 31, 1520 (N16,E25) 2000 (N14,W54) 1820 (N31,E00) 1920 (N31,E00) 1940 (N18,E20) 25, 1610 (S25, W50) 1810 (S21,W40)

# IONOSPHERIC EFFECTS OF SOLAR FLARES

# (SHORT-WAVE RADIO FADEOUTS) NOVEMBER 1956

Nov. 1956	Start UT	End UT	Туре	Wide- spread Index	Impor- tance	Observation stations
2 3 4	0032 1945 2334 0254 0628	0058 2010 2347 0315 0653	Slow S-SWF Slow S-SWF Slow S-SWF S-SWF S-SWF	1 5 3 1 5	1- 1 1- 1-	OK BE, HU, MC, PR AN, OK OK AN, OK, NE*
5	1420 1600 0200 0210 0440	1455 1630 0210 0220 0504	Slow S-SNF Slow S-SNF S-SNF S-SNF S-SNF	4 5 1 1	1 2- 1- 1-	BE, MC, PR, NE* BE, HU, MC, PR, WS, NE* OK OK OK
6	1733 1835 0100 0134 0320	1750 1850 0130 0220 0420	Slow S-SWF C-SWF G-SWF Slow S-SWF C-SWF	5 4 4 1	2 1 1- 1	BE, HU, MC, PR, WS  BE, HU, MC, PR  AN, OK  OK  OK
	1118 1145 1552 1712 2238	1145 1216 1620 1730 0023	Slow S-SWF Slow S-SWF Slow S-SWF S-SWF Slow S-SWF	1 1 3 5 3	2 1 2 2	NE* NE* HU, MC, PR AN, BE, HU, MC, PR, WS, NE* OK, WS
7 8	0836 1106 1127 0106 0243	0901 1127 1400 0137 0300	S-SWF S-SWF Slow S-SWF Slow S-SWF S-SWF	1 2 5 1	2 2 3- 1	NE* NE*, DA** RE, HU, PR, NE*, SW+, RCA* OK AN, OK
	0405 0540 1315 1440 1832	0502 0618 1338 1455 1900	S-SWF S-SWF Slow S-SWF G-SWF Slow S-SWF	1 1 4 1 5	1- 1 1+ 1- 2-	OK OK HU, MC, PR, NE*, DA** MC AN, BE, HU, MC, PR, WS
9	0100 0547 0750 0949 1005	0115 0602 0823 1005 1050	S-SWF Slow S-SWF G-SWF S-SWF G-SWF	4 1 3 1 4	1+ 1 2- 2	OK, TO+ OK AN, NE* NE* FR, NE*
10	1520 1840 0330 0840 0931	1535 1855 0500 0922 1000	Slow S-SWF S-SWF Slow S-SWF S-SWF S-SWF	4 5 4 1	1 1 3 3	HU, MC, PR, NE*  BE, HU, MC, PR, WS  OK, CW+  NE*  NE*
11	1818 1845 1532 1652 1858	1850 1930 1615 1720 1955	G-SWF G-SWF Slow S-SWF G-SWF Slow S-SWF	4 5 2 4	1 1- 2- 1- 1+	AN, MC, PR, WS AN, MC, TO+ BE, HU, MC, PR MC, PR HU, MC, PR
12	2130 2342 0510 1506 1630	2210 0025 0536 1522 1655	G-SWF S-SWF Slow S-SWF S-SWF Slow S-SWF	3 4 1 3	1 1 1 1	BE, MC, WS AN, OK OK HU, PR HU, MC, PR, WS
13	1831 0158 0325	2055 0300 0512	Slow S-SWF S-SWF Slow S-SWF	5 4	2+ 2+	BE, HU, MC, PR, WS AN, OK AN, OK
14	1430 0453	1630 0522	Slow S-SWF S-SWF	5 5	2+	BE, HU, MC, PR, WS, NE*

# IONOSPHERIC EFFECTS OF SOLAR FLARES

## (SHORT-WAVE RADIO FADEOUTS)

NOVEMBER 1950

Non I	Charak	1 72 3	·	1 000 3		
Nov.	Start	End		Wide-	Impor-	Observation
1956	UT	UT	Туре	spread	tance	stations
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14	1037	1155	Slow S-SWF	74	24	ME*, DA**, RCA*
	1832	1915	Slow S-SWF	5	2	BE, HU, MC, PR, WS
15	0132	0203	Slow S-SWF	ĺ	1+	OK,,
	0212	0242	S-SWF	ı	1+	<del>ok</del>
	0808	0828	S-SWF	4	2	NE*, RCA*
1 1				1	•	TEE , MAR
1 1	1940	1958	S-SWF	ء ا	1	LIFE TOP
1 1	2152	2217	S-SWF	3		HU, PR
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	1625				14	BE, MC, PR, NE*
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1 1	0140	0223	S-SWF	1	1+	OK
	0248	0322	G-SWF	1	1-	<del>OK</del>
1	0410	0542	Slow S-SWF	1	2+	<del>o</del> k
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	1515	1220	Slow S-SWF	14	1-	MC, PR, NE*, DA**
1	1630	1705	G-SWF	3	1	AN, MC, WS
	1845	1930	G-SWF	4	1	AN, HU, MC, PR
18	0022	0042	Slow S-SWF	1	1-	OK .
1 i	0150	0233	Slow S-SWF	ī	ī	OK
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	0430	0500	Slow S-SWF	1	1	ok
	0830	0850	Slow S-SWF	1	2	NE*, DA**, RCA*
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20	0123	0215	Slow S-SWF	4	2-	AN, OK, PR
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21	1520	1535	G-SWF	3	1+	BE, MC, PR
		-/3/	Q-DIII	3	7.7	HU, MC, PR
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	0920	1005	S-SWF		1-	OK TOO. *
1	1258	1321		1 4	7.	RCA*
1			Slow S-SWF		1+	HU, MC, PR, NE*
	1330	1435	S-SWF	5	3	BE,MC,PR,NE*,SW+,RCA#*,CW*
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25			S-SWF	4	1-	HU, MC, PR
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1 06	1718	1735	Slow S-SWF	4	1-	AN, HU, PR
26	1805	1832	Slow S-SWF	3	1	HU, PR
	2225	2232	Slow S-SWF	4	1-	OK, PR, WS
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28	1610	1630	Slow S-SWF	3	1-	BE, MC, PR
	1820	1945	Slow S-SWF	5	1+	BE, HU, MC, PR, WS
29	0440	0520	S-SWF	1	2-	OK
30	0720	0750	G-SWF	1	1	<u>ok</u>
	2040	2055	S-SWF	2	1-	HU, PR

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SW+ Enkoping, Sweden.

RCA\* RCA Communications Inc. Brentwood, N. J. and Somerton, England. RCA Communications Inc. Riverhead, N. Y. RCA\*\*

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# SOLAR RADIO WAVES (BOULDER) -- 167 MC

# 3-HOURLY AND DAILY FLUX

# DECEMBER 1956

			Flux	ζ	1			riabi	lity		Observed Periods
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6		12	13	11	12		2	1	1	2	1407-2319
7 8		17	21	21	19		2	2	2	2 2	1408-2319
9		36 14	33 13	26 12	32 13		2 1	3	2 2	3	1409-2319 1410-2319
10		11	12	9	11		0	(0)	0	(0)	1411-2319
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11		10	12 11	10	11 10		0	1 0	0 1	1	1412-2319 1413-2319
12 13		11 11	19	9	19		0 (0)	2	3	3	1413-2319
14		10	11	9	10		0	(0)	2	2	1636-2319
15		10	11	10	10		1	(0)	1	1 1	1415-2245
16	l			11				1	(0)	1	2003-2320
17			12	10	11			2	(1)	2	1802-2320
18		10	11	10	11		2	(2)	(2)	(2)	1417-2321
19 20		26 66	29 72	19 95	26 76		3 3	3 3	2 3	3	1417-2321 1418-2322
20		00	12	90	10		3	3	3	)	141042)22
21		85	95	65	84		2	2	2	2	1438 <b>-</b> 2 <b>3</b> 22
22		770	706	171	7),0		~-	3	2	2	2052 <b>-</b> 2323 1614 <b>-</b> 2323
23 24		119 24	106 25	217 26	142 25		3 3	3 2	3	3 3	1520-2324
25		20	15	94	37		1	1	3	3	1522-2324
		18	00	18	10		0	2	2		1521-2325
26 27		18 41	20 59	18 47	19 49		2	2	2	2	1432-2326
28		24	30	11	23		2	2	3	3	1430-2326
29		14	12	12	13		2	(1)	2	2	1442 <b>-2</b> 328
30		13	13	11	12		(1)	3	1	3	1604-2328
31		13	14	11	13		2	2	(1)	2	1536-2329

# SOLAR RADIO WAVES (BOULDER) -- 460 MC 3-HOURLY AND DAILY FLUX

DECEMBER 1956

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		Hour		<u> </u>	2 -	<del> </del>		riadi UT	.⊥⊥ՆУ	<del>i</del>	Observed Periods
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1 2 3 4 5		79 83 76 80 80	79 84 79 80 80	80 79 76  78	79 82 77 80 80		(1) (0) (0) (0) (0)	(1) 0 (0) (0) (0)	(1) (0) (0) (0)	(1) (0) (0) (0) (0)	1403-2320 1404-2319 1518-2319 1438-2319 1445-2319
6 7 8 9 10	  	80 84 79 82 81	79 83 76 81 77	79 83 76 80 78	79 83 77 81 79		(0) (0) 0 0	(0) (1) 0 0 (1)	(0) (0) 0 0 (0)	(0) (1) 0 0 (1)	1407-2319 1408-2319 1409-2319 1410-2319 1411-2319
11 12 13 14 15		82 87 83 82 82	83 82 81 78 80	79 79 80 78 78	82 83 82 80 80		(0) (1) (0) (0) (0)	(0) (0) (1) (0) (0)	(0) (0) (1) (0) (0)	(0) (1) (1) (0) (0)	1412-2319 1413-2319 1413-2319 1414-2319 1415-2320
16 17 18 19 20		90 88 97 118	88 86 97 108	82 87 84 98 112	88 86 97 113		(0) (0) (0) (0)	(0) (0) (0) (0)	(0) (1) (1) (0) (0)	(0) (1) (1) (0) (0)	2004-2320 1454-2320 1417-2321 1417-2321 1418-2322
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# SOLAR RADIO WAVES (BOULDER) -- 167 MC OUTSTANDING EVENTS

## DECEMBER 1956

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Dec. 1956	Mproio	Start UT	Duration Hrs:Mins	Time UT	Inst. Flux	Smd. Flux	Remarks
1 1 2 2 2 3	Type 1 8 6 8 2	(1436) 2112.8 (1404) 1425.7 2310.4	(04:37) 00:29 (09:15) 00:01.5 (00:08)	1834.4 2131.2 ~1900 1426.3 2312.0	1700 >5100  ~2400 ~330	160 23 340 43	Off Scale
6 6 7 <b>-9</b> 7 8	Q 3683	1740.3 1802.3 (1408) 1449.1 1808.7	00:03.6 00:00.8 3 days 00:02.0 00:00.4	1740.1 1802.6 Dec.8 1450.0 1808.8	310 120  1300 540	76  22 220	
8 9 11 11	3 8 8 1	1822.7 1815.2 2239.6 (1412) 1909.7	00:00.5 00:07 00:02.4 (00:18) 01:55	1822.8 1816.6 2240.3 1421.8 2009.6	1100 3000 990 ~120 58	1400 320 42	
13 13 14 17 18	1 6 2 2 1	1817 2002 2240.6 2044.9 (1417)	01:45 (03:17) 00:07 00:16 (09:04)	1817.8 2207.3 2241.7 2059.5 2313.7	80 ~320 ~440 220 ~250	22 52 19	
19-30 19 21 25 26	6 8 3 9	(1417) 2005.3 1543.6 2218 Note 2	12 days 00:01.4 00:00.3 (01:06)	Dec.23 2005.7 1543.7 2237	2700 1400 >4600	90 830  850	
26 27 28 29 29	2 3 3 3 3	2234.2 1443.1 2243.2 1642.8 2130.5	00:01.1 00:00.9 00:01.5 00:00.7 00:01.5	2235.0 1443.4 2243.5 1644.1 2130.9	590 2800 2100 270 780	400  110	
30 31	8	2001.4 1704	00:06 04:05	2006.7 1928.2	1500 260	58 	

Notes: 1. Occasional interference may sometimes obscure or be mistaken for solar events. Relatively small events are not reported.

2. Probable type 9 event in progress at beginning of observing period, 1521 UT and ending at 1530 UT.

# SOLAR RADIO WAVES (BOULDER) -- 460 MC

# **OUTSTANDING EVENTS**

# DECEMBER 1956

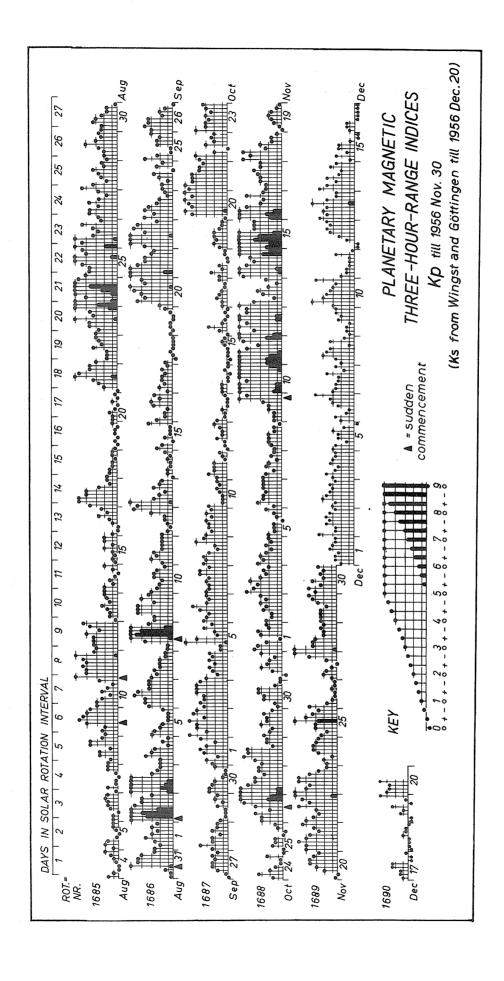
				Maximum			
Dec.	_	Start	Duration	Time	Inst.	Smd.	
1956	Туре	UT	Hrs:Mins	UT	Flux	Flux	Remarks
1 1 7 7	2 2 2 3	1625.6 1925.6 2114 1449.2 1835.8	00:30 00:02.6 00:21 00:02.1 00:00.1	1629.4 1926.0 2114.2 1450.2 1835.8	210 450 470 >1400 180	45 79 58 320	
10 12 12 13 13	3 6 3 3	1856.7 (1413) 1511.4 2054.4 2223.2	00:00.2 (06:47) 00:00.6 00:00.5 00:00.2	1856.8 ~1600 1511.7 2054.5 2223.3	250  170 180 340	10	
17-31 17 18 21 22	6 3 3 8 3	(1454) 2204.3 2120.1 2251.0 2256.0	15 days 00:00.3 00:00.8 00:02.7 00:00.9	Dec.27 2204.5 2120.2 2252.7 2256.2	200 250 >1000 190	33   ~300 	Off Scale
23 24 25	9 8 9	2035.8 1727.9 2217.3	(02:47) 00:26 00:54	2036.5 1740.1 Note 2	~700 >1100 >1000	42 23 >800	Off Scale Off Scale

Notes: 1. Unusually severe interference has probably obscured some solar events.

2. Off scale from 2230 thru 2304 UT.

# GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY INDICES

		Values Kp		Final
Nov.	l c t	Three hour Gr. interval	Sum Ap	Selected
1956		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		Days
1 1	0.8	4- 3+ 2+ 1- 30 3+ 20 2+	21-   13	Five
2	0.6	2+ 2- 2- 3- 2+ 30 2+ 30	190   10	Quiet
3	1.0	4+ 4- 3+ 40 30 2+ 3- 20	25+   18	
3 4	0.4	3+ 3- 30 2+ 2- 2+ 2- 20	190   10	5
5	0.2	20 1+ 1+ 1+ 0+ 10 1+ 2+	110   5	1 7
				8
6	0.7	1+ 3+ 3- 3- 2+ 3- 3- 3-	20+ 12	19
1 7 1	0.2	3-2+1+2+ 20 10 2-1+	15- 7	26
7 8	0.1	1+ 2- 20 20 20 1+ 1+ 1-	12+ 6	
9	0.9	1+ 1+ 1+ 20 20 3- 50 4+	200   15	
10	1.8	60 6- 6- 4+ 50 50 5+ 6+	434   62	
11	1.8	7-7-6+5+ 4+3+5-7-	440 72	Five
12	1.6	60 4- 50 44 6- 6- 44 44	390 48	Disturbed
13	0.8	50 4- 1+ 3- 3+ 20 10 2+	21+   16	
14	1.6	5-5+6-4+ 4-40706+	410 59	10
15	1.8	7-6+8-7+ 604-4-4-	450   86	11
				14
16	1.5	6+ 7- 60 4+ 30 3- 4+ 3-	360 48	15
17	1.0	2+ 2+ 30 30 3+ 4- 30 30	24-   15	16
18	0.8	5- 40 5- 2+ 30 2- 2- 10	230   18	
19	0.1	0+ 1- 1+ 2- 20 2- 10 1-	94   4	
20	0.8	1-0+2030 4-4-3+3-	19+ 13	
21	1.2	40 40 5- 40 4- 3- 3+ 4+	31-   26	Ten
22	1.4	40 3+ 3- 30 5- 4- 4+ 6-	31+ 29	Quiet
23	1.1	50 40 4-5- 5-4-3-2-	300 27	
24	0.8	2- 20 10 3- 3+ 3+ 30 3-	20- 12	2
25	1.4	2+ 2- 30 30 70 40 3+ 3-	270   29	4
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26	0.2	4- 2- lo l- l- lo l- l-	100 6	6
27	0.7	10 20 2- 10 0+ 2- 4- 50	16+   12	7 8
28	1.0	5+ 3+ 3+ 30 20 20 2+ 20	23+ 17	
29	0.7	2+ 2+ 2+ 2+ 2- 3- 3+ 4-	21- 12	19
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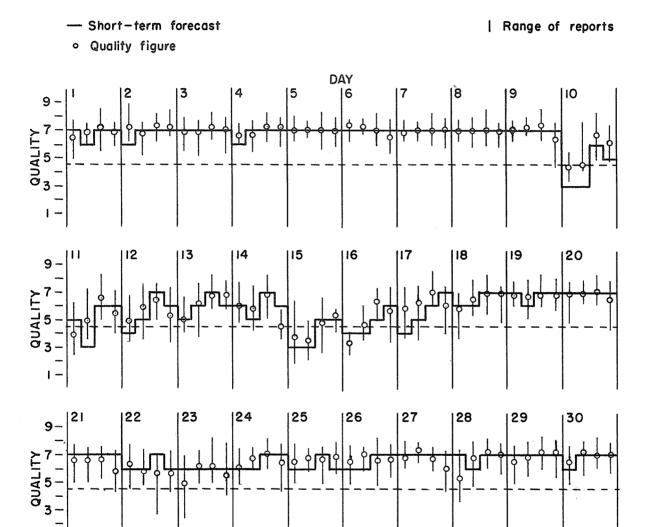


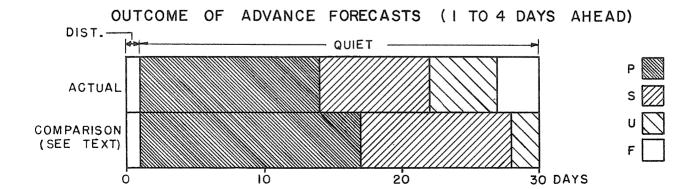
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Nov. 1956	North Atlantic 6-hourly quality figures	Short-term forecasts issued about one hour in advance of:	Whole Advance forecasts Geomag- day (J-reports) for netic index whole day; issued in advance by:			
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2	7+ 7- 7+ 70	6 7 7 7				
3	70 7- 70 70	7 7 7 7				
4	7- 7- 7+ 70	6 7 7 7				
5	70 70 70 70	7 7 7 7				
6	70 7+ 70 7-	7 7 7 7	70 7 7 2 3 2 1 70 7 7 7 2 1 2 1 70 5 7 1 3 (5) (5)			
7	7- 70 70 70	7 7 7 7				
8	70 70 70 70	7 7 7 7				
9	70 70 7+ 6+	7 7 7 7				
10	4+ 50 7- 60	3 3 6 5				
11	40 50 7- 5+	5 3 6 6	5+ 3 7 (6) (4) (4) (5) 6+ 6 6 2 2 (4) (4) (4) (5) (6) (4) (6) (4) (6) (4)			
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13	50 60 7- 7-	5 6 7 6				
14	60 6- 7- 4+	6 5 7 6				
15	4- 3+ 5- 5+	3 3 5 5				
16	3+ 5- 6+ 6-	4 4 5 6	5- 4 7 (5) 3			
17	6- 6+ 70 60	4 5 6 7	6+ 5 7 2 2			
18	6- 6+ 7- 7-	6 6 7 7	7- 6 7 3 2			
19	7- 7- 70 7-	7 6 7 7	7- 6 7 0 2			
20	70 70 70 6+	7 7 7 7	7- 7 7 2 3			
21	7- 7- 7- 6-	7 7 7 7	6+ 7 7 7 (4) 3 (4) 6- 6- 6 7 (4) 2 1 2 7- 4 6 2 (4)			
22	6+ 60 6- 6-	6 6 7 6				
23	50 6+ 6+ 6-	6 5 6 6				
24	60 7- 70 6+	6 6 7 7				
25	7- 7- 7- 7-	6 6 7 6				
26	7- 70 7- 7-	6 6 7 7	7- 5 6 1 1 1 7- 7 6 2 2 7- 7 7 7 2 3 2 70 7 7 7 3 2 3 2			
27	7- 7+ 7- 60	7 7 7 7				
28	5+ 7- 70 70	7 6 7 7				
29	7- 7- 70 70	7 7 7 7				
30	7- 70 70 70	6 7 7 7				
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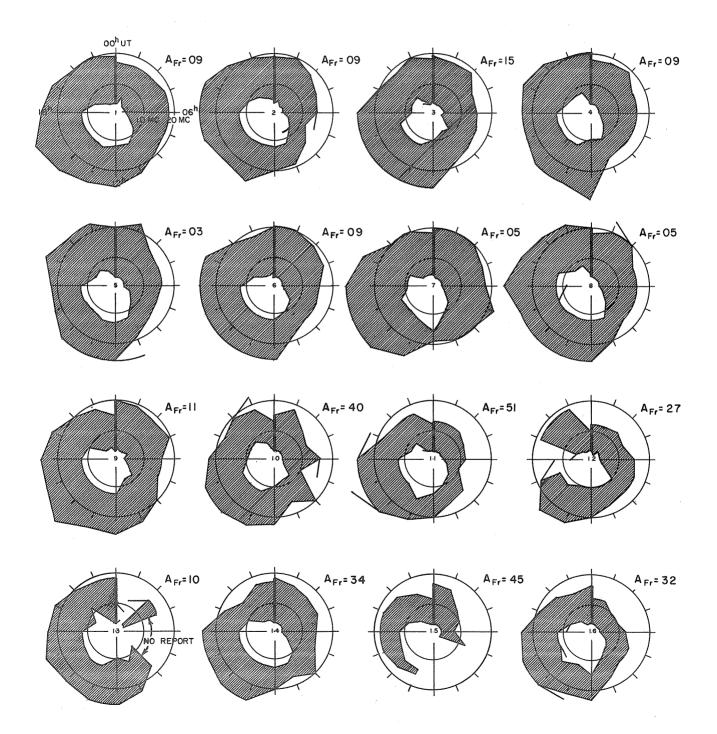
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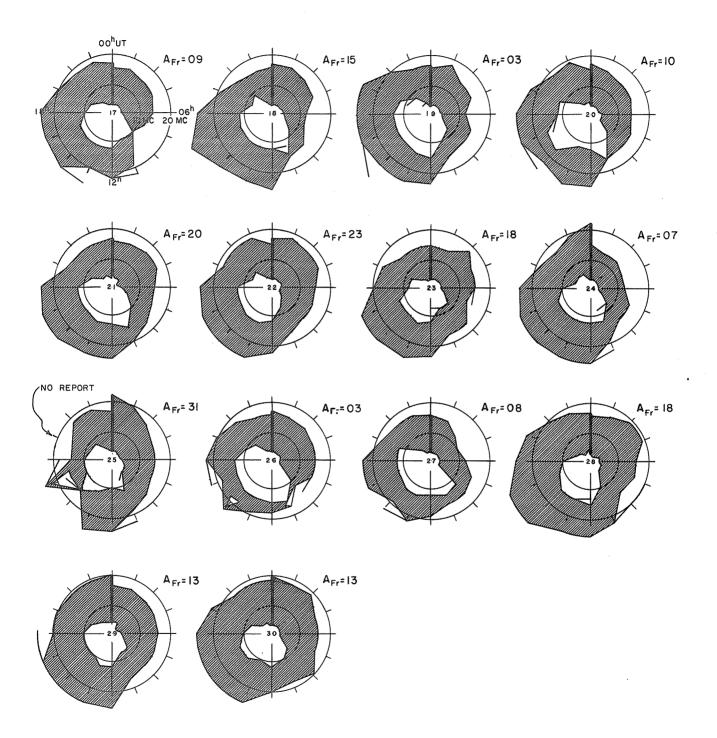
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# USEFUL FREQUENCY RANGES -- NORTH ATLANTIC PATH





Adapted from Observations by Deutschen Bundespost

# CRPL RADIO PROPAGATION QUALITY FIGURES AND FORECASTS

# NORTH PACIFIC

Nov. 1956	North Pacific 8-hourly quality figures	Short-term fore- casts issued at	Whole day index	Advance forecasts (Jp reports) for whole day; issued in advance by:	Geomag- netic K <sub>Si</sub>		
	03 11 19 to to to 11 19 03	02 10 18		1-4 4-7 8-25 days days days	Half day (1) (2)		
1 2 3 4 5	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 7	6 6 5 6 4 6 6 5 7	6 6 6 6	6 6 6 5 5 5 6 6	2 3 0 3 3 3 2 1 1 1		
6 7 8 9 10	6 6 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 3 4	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3	6 6 6 (4)	6 6 6 4 6 3 4 3	2 2 1 1 1 1 1 3 (7) (6)		
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21 22 23 24 25	6 5 6 6 5 5 6 4 6 5 5 5 5 5 5	6 4 5 6 5 5 5 5 6 5 6	6 5 5 5 6	6 6 6 4 6 4 5 5 6 5	(4) (4) 3 (5) (5) (4) 1 3 2 (5)		
26 27 28 29 30	5 5 5 5 6 6 5 6 5 6 5 6	6 5 6 6 5 6 6 6 6 5 5 6	5 6 5 5	6 5 6 5 6 6 6 6	1 0 1 2 (4) 2 1 2 2 2		
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