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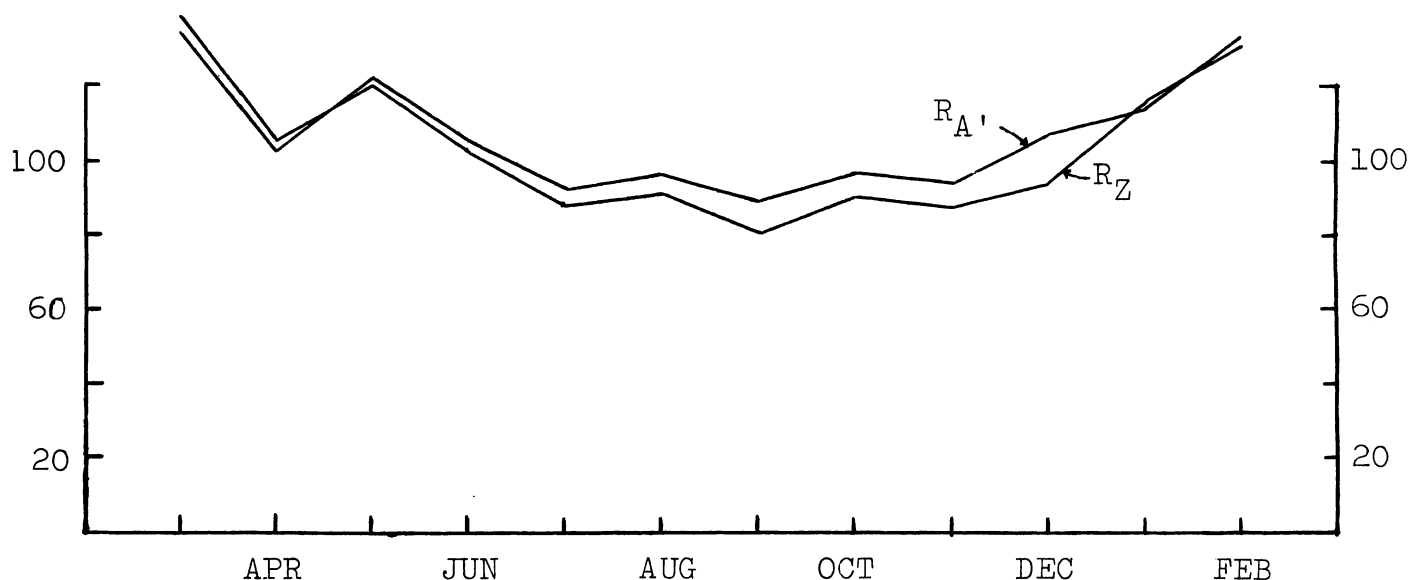
## SOLAR ACTIVITY DURING FEBRUARY

Twenty-one separate ionospheric disturbances were recorded by Solar Division observers during February, off somewhat from the record twenty-six last month. Once again activity was concentrated toward the end of the month. Many disturbances were of above average intensity.

An interesting recording of what might possibly be six separate events on a single day is reproduced on page two. Only the last starting at 2115 UT was considered a definite ionospheric event. During the preceding two hours a similarity can be seen in the two charts which includes two bumps but these lack the typical shape of true disturbances. The upper chart shows what seem to be very definite events starting at 1502, 1540, and 1646 UT but yet other SEA recordings do not show these at all. These charts illustrate the difficulty of deciding what is an authentic SEA.

Sunspot numbers were at record highs this month with only a short interval at the beginning of the month when they dipped below 100. On the other hand, there were no days above 200. The monthly mean of the American numbers rose to 132.2, only slightly below the all-time high for this cycle in March 1969.

## RECENT TREND OF RELATIVE SUNSPOT NUMBERS



AMERICAN ( $R_{A'}$ ) AND ZURICH ( $R_Z$ ) RELATIVE SUNSPOT NUMBERS, FEBRUARY 1970

DAY	$R_{A'}$	$R_Z$	DAY	$R_{A'}$	$R_Z$
1	125	154	16	141	139
2	114	120	17	146	142
3	78	79	18	155	143
4	50	68	19	136	120
5	53	77	20	153	125
6	87	100	21	163	128
7	108	107	22	161	125
8	121	97	23	181	164
9	128	123	24	177	166
10	140	133	25	164	173
11	172	175	26	145	143
12	133	153	27	151	150
13	132	145	28	118	146
14	134	124			
15	135	115			

Monthly Means  
 $R_{A'} = 132.2$   
 $R_Z = 129.8$

SUDDEN IONOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES RECORDED DURING FEBRUARY 1970

DAY	MAX.	SEA	SES	DEF.	OBSERVERS	DAY	MAX.	SEA	SES	DEF.	OBSERVERS
2	2155	3+	1	5	A-19,22,8,26,6,1	19	1758	1+	2+	3	A-19,21,22
9	1900	1	1	3	A-19,21,22,8	19	1931	1+	1	4	A-19,21,22
10	1904	1	2	4	A-20,21,19,8,22	19	2005	2	1+	5	A-19,21,22
10	2013	1	2	5	A-21,19	20	1138	1+		2	A-17
11	1134	2+		1	A-17	20	1728	1	2	5	A-21,22,19,26
11	2120	3	3	5	A-19,21,8,1,22,26,6	21	1605	1+	1+	5	A-22,19,21
12	1814	3	1	5	A-19,8,21,1,22,26	21	1857	1+	2+	5	A-21,19,22
14	1831	2	2+	5	A-21,19,22,1,8	23	1746	2	1-	4	A-19,22,21,8
15	1910		1+	4	A-21	27	1915	2	1-	4	A-19,22,21,8,26
18	1812	2	2	5	A-19,21	28	1914	2	3	5	A-1,21,8,22
18	2141	2	2+	4	A-21,19						

