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Station Reports

Further to the use of the word Tagesthemen, which I mentioned in our October issue, came two replies, the first from John Coulter, Winchester, who said "Tagesthemen means 'topics of the day'" and the second from Richard Hunt, Tadcaster, who explains. "The 'FIRST PROGRAMME' of German TV, ARD has three news bulletins nightly. The first two, usually about 1615 and 2000CET respectively, are titled 'Tagesschau' and the third bulletin, around 2230CET, is titled 'Tagesthemen'



Fig. 13: EA8AHK

Peter Lincoln



Fig. 14: SSTV from Norway

Peter Lincoln

and lasts about half an hour with more indepth coverage than the other two which last some 15 minutes". Richard also told me that British TV programming times are more rigid than German, so the times he quotes may vary, by design, up to three-quarters of an hour per day. My thanks to John and Richard for their trouble, such information is valuable to many readers.

"I noticed a strange phenomenon in 1982", writes Major Rana Roy, Bikaner, India, "Whenever it was bright, sunny and hot, I received TVDX signals, but when it rained there were no signals. However, the same was not true this year". An interesting observation Rana, no doubt you will do another comparison next year and let us know the result.

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