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## SOLAR ACTIVITY DURING NOVEMBER

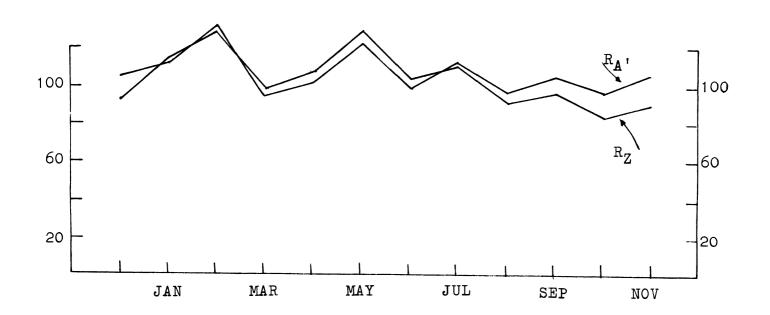
Forty separate ionospheric disturbances were recorded by the Solar Division observers during November. The significant increase in these events is in sharp contrast to the relatively quiet period that started in September and continued, with a slight increase, through October.

Starting on the 14th, many major and minor event were recorded, with events following one another so closely that the normal decay of one ionospheric disturbance often was not completed before the next event started. This high level of activity continued through the 17th with less frequent events during the remainder of the month. Many of the events of this month had a common characteristic of having a slower than average rise time, that is, from the start to the peak amplitude.

A reproduction of some of these events of the 14th as recorded by a new SES observer, Dr. Phyllis Richmond of Mayfield Village, Ohio, is shown on page two. The major event of the 15th as recorded by another new observer using SEA, Mr Andrew Clerkin of Lexington, Massachusetts, is reproduced. also.

The mean of the relative sunspot numbers rose slightly from last month. The higher sunspot counts, starting on the 14th, is in correlation with the ionospheric disturbance data.

## RECENT TREND OF RELATIVE SUNSPOT NUMBERS



AMERICAN ( $R_A$ ,) AND ZURICH ( $R_Z$ ) RELATIVE SUNSPOT NUMBERS, NOVEMBER 1970

DAY.	RAI	$^{ m R}_{ m Z}$			DAY	R <sub>A</sub> '	$^{\mathrm{R}}\mathbf{z}$
1 2 3 4 5	79 86 77 8 <b>3</b> 90	79 75 72 76 61	7 <b>.</b>		16 17 18 19 20	166 168 189 187 155	126 128 128 125 126
6 7 8 9	111 102 66 81 88	87 84 67 75 76	Monthly $R_A \cdot = R_Z = 0$	Means 107.5 91.1	21 22 23 24 25	114 118 98 71 68	112 103 94 75 60
11 12 13 14 15	84 89 116 141 165	95 87 98 108 118			26 27 28 29 <b>3</b> 0	70 72 78 100 114	63 72 87 76 101

SUDDEN IONOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES RECORDED DURING NOVEMBER 1970

