

## SSB'ERS LOSE OUT AGAIN

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES ARE REPRINTS FROM SIDEBAND RADIO DIGEST AND WE WISH TO THANK JIM ALLEN, EDITOR, FOR PERMISSION TO USE THEM. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF QUESTIONS FROM OUR SUBSCRIBERS AS TO THE NEW FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS, AND WE HOPE THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL PROVIDE ANSWERS. WE ALSO HOPE IT WILL MAKE ENOUGH PEOPLE ANGRY ENOUGH TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE FCC AND MAKE THEM QUIT PUTTING OFF THE INEVITABLE.

### WHY A FEW FREQUENCIES ARE NOT ENOUGH! (REPRINT FROM SIDEBAND RADIO DIGEST)

For about 16 years, the FCC has failed to respond adequately to the needs and wants of Sidebanders. Yet use of SSB is expanding, despite the "strangle hold" the FCC has tried to keep on it.

IF the FCC had been responsive to SSB growth over the years, there would NOT be any excuse for "illegal" out-of-band operations now!

It's plain and simple. When you try to pour a whole coffee pot of coffee into a single cup, it'll spill out all over the table and all over the floor! That's what's happened to SSB.

Now, it seems the FCC is "playing footsie" with IRAC, which is telling about three-quarters of the SSB population that "if" they'll move off freqs above 27.540, that "in a year or two" the FCC can have these freqs for SSB use, but not now.

It's like telling everyone to move from their nice rural and suburban homes, and cram in with others into an inner-city house or apartment. Why?

Somebody is forgetting that it's serious Sidebanders who've escaped to higher freqs, who the FCC must now rely upon to "pioneer" LEGAL operating!

To accomplish this, "peer pressure" is needed and best exerted within a small group of serious operators like those on the higher freqs, but perhaps impossible where the crowded conditions prevail below 27.540.

Those who try "peer pressure" on a crowd below 27.540, may get disgusted or nauseated and flee back to higher freqs. It's human nature. And then we're back to "square one".

IF the "government" operations were concentrated above 27.960 MHz, and IF they'd USE those freqs enough to be heard, we think that SSBers would stay off freqs above 27.955 MHz.

With this "compromise", ALL COULD be LEGAL!