

CANADIAN ROTARY OLMPATHON

**TORONTO FM ASSOCIATION HELPS RAISE \$150,000
FOR CANADIAN AMATEUR SPORTS GROUPS**

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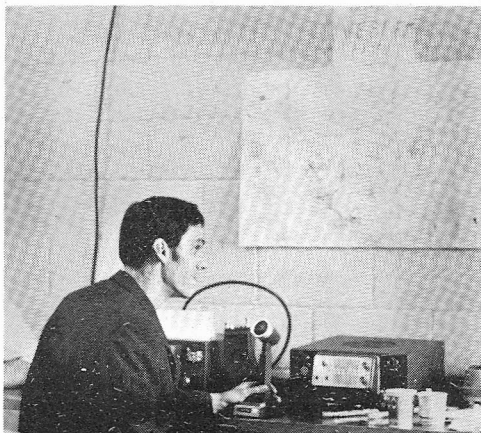
A MAMMOTH TASK

Saturday, September 26 was the date of the Olympathon Walk sponsored by the Rotasport Foundation. The Toronto Communications Association, using the repeater station, VE3RPT, and direct operation on 146.94 Mhz., provided the communications links for the walk. The main control station, VE3TFM, was set up at the Dufferin Gates on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds and manned by Leon Giannakeff, VE3BUI, Mario Vano, VE3DNK, and Jim McCullough, VE3CSO. Bill Dunn, VE3BMO, operated the east control station on Parliament St. and kept the organizers of the walk in touch with all checkpoints and main control.

About 8,000 marchers began the 12-mile walk at 8.00 A.M. from High Park in the west and Wilket Creek Park in the east, and made their way down to the C.N.E. Those operating mobile at the checkpoints were Dan Schipper, VE3CIQ, Barry Levy, VE3FBH, Mary Dunn, VE3FYL, Keith Bentley, VE3DHL, and Bob Lang, VE3BXA.



Mary, VE3FYL, operating portable at the C.N.E.



VE3CSO Left and VE3BUI Right operating VE3TFM

\$150,000 RAISED FOR SPORT ACTIVITIES

At 11.00 A.M. 1200 young athletes from throughout south-central Ontario took part in a parade from Varsity Stadium to the C.N.E. Communications for this phase of the event were provided by Norbet Werneth, VE3DSB, and Norm Rashleigh, VE3DVF. A large amount of traffic was passed regarding medical supplies, number of walkers passing through the various checkpoints, lost and found articles, and progression of the parade.

As the Sports Festival began in the Grandstand around 2,00 P.M. all the mobiles converged on the C.N.E. to help disband the station after another great day of public service. They had helped raise about \$150,000 for the support of Canadian amateur sports groups, A VERY WORTHY CONTRIBUTION.

THANK YOU I.A.R.U.

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