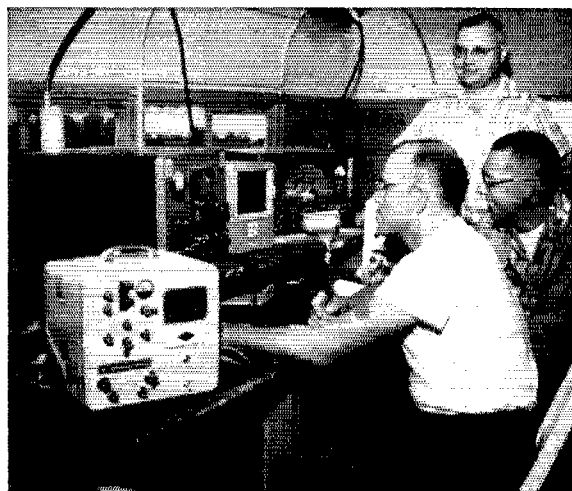




The communications bus of the Lincoln, Nebr., c.d. was used in a recent drill covering the entire county. Ten mobiles participated. The photo on the left shows the bus with some of the gang standing around. On the right is a shot inside the bus showing some of the new equipment installed, with WØKVM, KØHPT and WØFTR doing the operating.



some of the traffic via landline, W9DOK contacted W9NQB on six meters, who went to the dispatcher's office in his six meter mobile. There contact was made by radio, W9NQB to W9DOK on six, W9DOK to W9BGF on 75, and several messages were handled, allowing the trains to roll.

More on the January floods in Ohio: On Jan. 21, Southwestern Ohio was hit by heavy rains and winds which caused extensive flooding and damage. The Queen City Emergency Net was called upon to assist the Red Cross by providing communications where phone lines were down. W8VVL, net control station, was activated at 1700, and ten and six meters were active almost continuously until late the following day. The net was the only link into several areas. Mobiles were in operation in the Northside, Newtown and Loveland areas until communication was restored. Loveland was especially hard hit, and six meter mobiles were active in that area until late Jan. 22, with K8GYK acting as NCS. — W8JSF.

Newfoundland amateurs were of assistance on Feb. 16 when a severe snowstorm knocked out communication between Carbonear, Bell Island and St. John's. A station was set up at the General Hospital in St. John's by VO1FB and 3750 kc. was continuously monitored. Traffic was handled until late in the afternoon of Feb. 18, when communications facilities had returned to normal. Amateurs were alerted again on Feb. 19 as the snow turned into rain and hurricane-force winds, but no further emergency communication was required. VO1CZ gives the following list of amateurs who took part in the operation: VO1s AO FB BU BJ AK FD BY DN AI BD DT DP ER EZ CY DG CB AB CZ, K8JQO/VO1, W2ZRX/VO1, KØHBR/VO1.

An extensive brush and grass fire near Oklahoma City on March 14 gave some of the local amateurs an opportunity to do their stuff. W5UGM first reported the situation over the air, and soon some of the mobiles were on the way to lend a hand. W5OQT went on the air as a fixed station, working with the mobiles for about five hours. The mobiles reported to the fire-fighting officials and were set to work watching the fire from various vantage points so that buildings and property in the direction the fire was taking could be protected. They also helped with control of traffic so that heavy equipment and fire fighters were not interfered with by sightseeing vehicles. Mobiles taking part included W5s UGM AZO UYQ and K5LDF. Fixed stations were W5OQT and W5DRE. — W5UYQ.

The St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club handled communications for the annual St. Petersburg-Havana Yacht Race on Mar. 14 through 16. A station using club call

W4GAC/4 was set up at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, and CO2UG/2 set up a station at the International Yacht Club in Havana. Regular schedules were made for the duration of the race. Reports compiled at the St. Petersburg end by members of the Race Committee, who kept an accurate check of the position and progress of the boats through reports from Coast Guard helicopters, patrol boats and other spotters, were relayed to CO2UG/2 from W4GAC/4. CO2UG/2 sent information on the arrival of the boats in Havana Harbor which was relayed to the Race Committee for compilation of reports and handicaps. The activity went off with hardly a hitch, with twelve amateurs taking part. All operation was on 40-meter phone.

Twenty-eight amateurs of the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) AREC took part in the annual Heart Fund drive on Heart Sunday, Feb. 22. Ten mobiles, with police officers riding shotgun, picked up \$160,000 at 40 collection stations. The center of attraction at collection headquarters was the amateur station setup, where both visitors and workers were able to follow the progress of the mobiles over the city streets and listen to the dispatching. Direct contact was maintained with police headquarters by means of a portable station in the police dispatcher's office. Two net controls were in the field to maintain reliable contact with the mobiles at all times. — W8AEU, EC Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

February reports were received from 27 SECs, representing 8987 AREC members. This is one more SEC report and over 2000 more AREC members than were accounted for in February of last year; this despite the fact that two SECs submitted no AREC membership totals with their reports.

### NATIONAL RTTY CALLING AND WORKING FREQUENCIES

3620 kc.                      7140 kc.

These frequencies are employed throughout the United States by amateurs using radioteletype.

Shall we break 30 next month? Sections reporting: NYC-LI, Ga., Wyo., N. Dak., Mich., Mont., Minn., Colo., N. Mex., W. Mass., W. Va., N. C., W. N. Y., E. Bay, E. Fla., Maritime, Ind., San Joaquin Valley, S. Texas, Ala., Vt., Wash., Wis., R. I., Santa Clara Valley, Nevada, Ore.