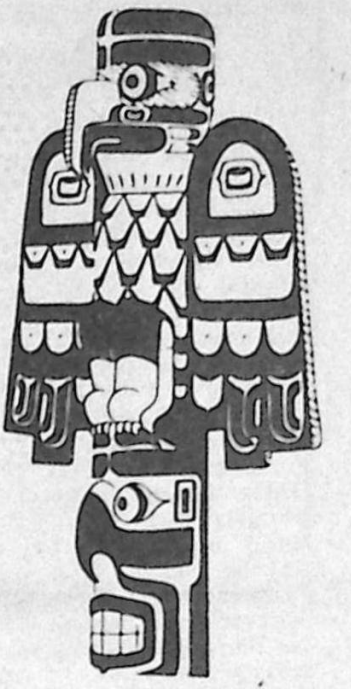




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Plight Of People, African Aftermath

OTTAWA (CFP) — Nigerian federal troops are being "quite humane" in the words of Lt.-Col. Bert Pinnington.

The assistant Canadian observer was in Ottawa Jan. 6, carrying out informal briefings

before returning to duties in the west African country.

"There is no evidence of any genocide," he repeated. The Nigerians are in fact diverting efforts towards relief of peoples in war areas when they could

have been using their resources towards defeating their military effort, he said.

Lt.-Col. E. B. M. Pinnington is familiar with west Africa. He served two years, 1961-63, with Canada's military training team in Ghana.

He was posted in September to Nigeria from command of the infantry battalion training headquarters at base Gagetown, N.B. as an assistant observer. Major-General William A. Milroy, the Canadian observer, was already on the ground from Sept. 17.

The observer team also includes British, Swedish and Polish observers. Representatives of the Organization of African Unity and U Thant's personal representative on behalf of the UN secretary-general submit separate observer reports.

Lt.-Col. Pinnington, as an assistant Canadian observer, not only helps Maj.-Gen. Milroy but frequently accompanies other observers, particularly Swedish Maj.-Gen. Arthur Raab on fact-finding tours.

IN WAR'S WAKE

How does the Canadian officer like his job?

"Very, very interesting, although there is definite strain because you see a great deal of suffering. In some areas it's indescribably wretched -- the starving people. You walk up some stairs and there's a two-year-old girl lying there with her thumb tucked in her mouth--dead".

"A lot of people are in fairly bad shape when they are first liberated from the battle areas. The worst area is south of Ikote Ekpene. This is flat land, sparse jungle just below the savannah region.

"The rebels convinced the natives they'd all be killed, so they fled into the bush. It's very hard there on older women and young children. Some have been in as long as 11 months," he said. There are many Nigerians on the other hand who live in the bush permanently and are accustomed to its demands.

MILLIONS NEEDY
"It's the presence of the ob-

server team that often convinces people it's safe to come out. In one place on Oct. 6 the Red Cross was trying to administer to 278,000 people. By Oct. 7, one day later, the number on the rolls was 312,000. Canadians just can't picture the immensity of the refugee problem." The problem is one of helping hundreds of thousands, it appears.

Of the war, Lt.-Col. Pinnington warns:

"The longer it goes on, the more civilians could perish in the bush. Tens of thousands are still hiding there."

He thinks the observer team is worthwhile on four counts:

1. Its presence inhibits any possible tendency of troops to indulge in indiscriminate destruction.

2. Its presence encourages people to come out of hiding and seek help.

3. It shows even the humblest Nigerian the high interest of the world at large in his plight.

4. It tells the world within the team's terms of reference of pertinent facts as they are in this civil war, not as previous allegations would have them.

BACKGROUND

With a population of between 50-56 million people, Nigeria is one of Africa's largest countries. One of every five Africans is a Nigerian. Its area is about equal to that of British Columbia. It has been said that Nigeria has greater oil reserves than Venezuela.

To group Nigerians into Ibos and non-Ibos is not correct. There are about 200 tribes and some 250 distinct dialects. The country is divided into 12 states, each with a military governor.

There is food in abundance in many regions. The war itself has actually involved only about 10th of the country in terms of area: "a very small corner" in the lieutenant-colonel's words.

Where are the roots of the Biafran secession? He recommends as a prelude the book Nigeria by Walter Schwartz published by Pall Mall Press, London. And for Canadian policy, Prime Minister Trudeau's and External Affairs Minister Sharp's statements to the House of Nov. 26 (Hansard PP 3194-3200).

The observer team labours diligently to search out the facts. Only three major allegations concerning specific incidents have been made since the team began functioning compared to swarms of allegations before then.

The federal Nigerian troops appear well disciplined and their behavior generally good. They have all been instructed on their responsibilities to the Geneva convention, and on a strict code of conduct issued by the Nigerian command governing the safeguarding of women, children and property. There are plans for reconstruction of the country and the observer team itself is involved in checking of the property abandoned by fleeing peoples.

The country's communications in the war affected areas are in bad shape. Damaged roads in many areas may not survive the next rainy season so the timely transport of food from the "have" areas to the "have-not" areas may require a considerable airlift, although the ICRC agrees that only a massive land relief operation could meet the reported need.

Lt. Gen. Sharp



COLORADO SPRINGS — Canadian Lt.-Gen. Frederick R. Sharp arrived Thursday at the North American Air Defense Command headquarters here to take over the position of deputy commander in chief of NORAD. He succeeds Lt.-Gen. William R. MacBrien who has retired.

As deputy commander in chief of the U.S.-Canadian command, General Sharp acts as principal advisor to the commander in chief, U.S. Air Force General Raymond J. Reeves, and in the commander's absence, assumes command and operational control of the 150,000 men and women who work at guarding this continent against an air attack.

A native of Moosemin, Sask., General Sharp was educated at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.,

Pension deferral denied

OTTAWA (CFP) — The Minister of National Defence has denied that pensions for members of the military forces would be deferred to age 60.

The denial was made necessary because a news story dated Ottawa, Jan. 30 dealing with the auditor general's remarks to the House of Commons public accounts committee gave the wrong impression.

Defence Minister Cadieux in the DND statement following the news story said that consideration is being given to providing, principally for members of the forces retiring voluntarily with 10 but less than 20 years service, an added option of a deferred annuity payable at age 60.

These members of the forces now are entitled to a return of contributions.

There is no change planned in the pension benefits available to members of the forces retiring at normal retirement age or with 20 or more years of service, the DND statement concluded.

A Canadian Forces general message has been issued to clarify the information contained in the Jan. 30 news story and it further says the category includes a quote small number of personnel unquote.

Cadieux Reviews Canadian Security

OTTAWA (CFP) — Defence Minister, Leo Cadieux took a hard stand in support of continuing Canada's present defence roles when he spoke to Ottawa Rotarians Monday, Jan. 27. In his opening remarks he said final decisions had not yet been made, but he wanted to stimulate discussion in the current public debate on the defence and foreign policy review. The following are some excerpts from his prepared text.

"The modern serviceman is a skilled specialist. He has the split-second reactions and the highly developed sense of teamwork demanded by new, complex equipment. These qualities can only be developed and maintained in a professional force of highly trained, highly motivated, and dedicated men and women. We have such a force today. Such competence takes many years to develop, and we must be sure we know exactly what we are doing before disbanding any part of it. I know you will agree with what I have said about the quality of Canada's forces.

The questions we are concerning ourselves with today are: Why do we need them? Strategic balance/ Nuclear balance is an extremely complicated affair. It is much more than a mere counting of the bombs and missiles in the respective nuclear arsenals. The balance involves a large array of separate measures and counter-measures, and is constantly shifting and changing with advances in military technology.

The balance is continuously adjusted as both sides take whatever measures are necessary to ensure that the other side does not reach the stage where he can strike first.

Bombers?

What would happen if one side abandoned its bomber defences? In all likelihood the other side would immediately do most of the following things:

Refurbish the bombers it still has in service.

Modify some of its transport aircraft to carry bombs.

Build more bombers.

Perhaps use tankers and heavy tactical aircraft as bombers.

Remove the jamming equipment from its bombers and replace it with more bomb racks.

Forget about using load limiting stand-off missiles, and finally:

Target to cities intercontinental missiles which had previously been aimed at air defence facilities.

Thus air defence will be needed as long as bombers represent either an existing or a potential threat to second strike forces.

If we made life difficult for the United States in its endeavours to establish adequate air defences, we would only make the nuclear balance less stable. Such behaviour on Canada's part would be acting against Canada's own interests. In my view, Norad is still important to Canada's security.

Submarines!

Suppose one side were to abandon its peacetime anti-submarine surveillance efforts or its operational submarine attack capabilities. The other side could then use much less sophisticated and much cheaper submarines, and therefore be able to produce and operate more of them. He could plan on launching the missiles from shorter range and hence larger or more numerous warheads could be carried in each missile. Again the (Strategic) balance would be disturbed and the world would be less stable.

Our cooperation with the United States in anti-submarine operations is another important example of the furtherance of collective security.

Europe!

The Soviet Union has stated over and over again that it considers Eastern Europe as vital to its security. Similarly the



— CF photo

United States has taken great pains to convince both sides that it considers Western Europe vital to its security.

Thus, aside from any considerations of history and tradition, Europe is of unique concern with respect to Canada's security. Nato represents today the only existing institutional arrangement for furthering Canada's security interests in Europe...only

In the event of a large measure of success in the endeavours toward détente would withdrawal from the military aspects of the European alliance be in Canada's interest.

How large?

How large should Canada's defence effort be? What proportion of Canada's natural resources should Canadians devote to their own security? To what extent does Canada want to participate effectively in the decisions which affect its security?

The answers must come ultimately from the people of Canada themselves. Canada's security must ultimately rest on the national will to do what is necessary."

Summing up.

Mr. Cadieux then reviewed the main points: "First, the only significant military threat to

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Good Show To Load Crew



CFB COMOX load crew consisting of T Sgt. I. C. M. Kincaid, Cpl. R. L. Andrews, Cpl. C. L. Slemin, and Cpl. F. H. Hewitt were commended for a job well done. The crew was able to detect a small hair-line crack on a critical rocket component even though they were working in freezing temperatures, darkness and under pressure to up-load aircraft in the shortest time possible. Alert and safety conscious personnel such as these ensure that we maintain a perfect record of nil accidents in a very critical munitions field. (Left to right) T Sgt. I. C. M. Kincaid, Cpl. R. L. Andrews, Cpl. C. L. Slemin, Cpl. Hewitt.

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Second Clasp Caps 32 Years Service



DURING THE RECENT 442 Sqn. Medal parade CWO H. Ostrander received the second clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration from Lt.-Col. D. M. Payne. CWO Ostrander enlisted in the RCAF at Trenton Ontario on the 6th of August 1936. He has served overseas and in most parts of Canada since that time. Prior to his transfer to 442 Sqn. he was Base Warrant Officer at CFB Comox.

— Totem Times photo



MERIT AWARD WINNER WO D. T. Hansen, WO i/c 407 Sqn. Torpedo Section is shown above receiving congratulations and a cheque for \$382.00 from Major L. G. Osborne, Acting CO, 407 Sqn. as Major C. D. Dove S Tech O, and Captain R. Rivers, Sqn Arm O look on. WO Hansen received the award for his contribution to the successful development of a classified modification to the MKNC 43 Torpedo which has greatly increased its operational effectiveness.

— CFB photo

Demons Overseas During World War Two

In addition to the three RCAF flying boat squadrons based in Iceland, Northern Ireland and Wales, there was an RCAF land-based squadron taking part in Coastal Command's campaign against the U-boat. The Demon Squadron under W/C R.A. Ashman was stationed in the far north of Scotland at the beginning of September 1944, making long patrols with its Wellingtons equipped with Leigh Lights. These extremely powerful searchlights had been introduced early in 1943 as a new weapon in the Battle of the Atlantic. With radar equipment, patrolling aircraft would locate submarines as they surfaced at night to recharge batteries and replenish air supplies. Once a contact was made the aircraft could "home" on it, but it was extremely difficult to detect the target visually against the dark surface of the sea. With the Leigh Light however, the searching aircraft could illuminate its objective and hold it in a powerful beam of light while making the attack. The Demon Wellingtons began carrying Leigh Lights in April 1943, and had a record of almost twenty attacks in the following fourteen months.

Since June 1944, however, there had been less success: the Battle of the Bay had been won. The Demons had moved to Chivenor on the Devon Coast late in April 1944, to take part in Coastal Command's intensive campaign against U-boats preceding and following D-Day. How successful that campaign was history has recorded. Driven out of the Bay, the Nazi submarine flotillas took refuge in the fjords of Norway, and the Demons, following this shift in the U-boat campaign, left southern England late in August for a new base at Wick in the far north of Scotland. Night after night the crews went out far over the sea to patrol the northern transit area through which the enemy must pass on his way to or from base. Their beat took them sometimes almost 500 miles away to sweep again and again along the Norwegian coast or over a black expanse of ocean. For several weeks their patrols

were uneventful and September passed without one worthwhile contact or sighting. One Wimpy, piloted by F/O G.A. Biddle, did not return from a patrol to Norway. Serious engine trouble forced the aircraft down in Norway, but in little over a fortnight the crew had made their way back to England.

October closed with a good attack on the night of the 29th by F/O J.E. Neelin's crew. They found a sub west of Bremanger, picking up the conning tower in the beam of the searchlight. After the Wimpy had released a number of depth charges and flame floats on its target a Liberator joined in, illuminating the fully surfaced U-boat in the rays of its Leigh Light while more high explosives crashed into the sea. The sub's three groups of flak guns ceased fire after the Lib's second attack, and a large orange glow brightened the inky darkness of the night. Several hours later oil slicks covered the area. After studying the evidence the assessment board decided that the combined attack of the Wimpy and the Lib had probably seriously damaged the U-boat forcing it to return at once to base.

Early in November W/C K. Wilson took over command of the Demons from Ashman who had been C.O. for a year. A few days later the Squadron returned to Chivenor. The flight of the U-boat from their Biscay havens to Norwegian waters was now apparently ended, but there was a marked increase in enemy activity in British coastal waters, where the U-boats lying close inshore presented very elusive targets. For several weeks routine patrols averaging ten hours duration, continued without incident over the English Channel. F/O H. Hyslop's crew were somewhat shaken one night when lightning struck their Wimpy, burning away the trailing aerial, and St Elmo's fire flickered through the aircraft. Then in the last days of 1944 there were four sightings in ten days. F/O O. Olson and his crew, patrolling over the Channel in the early hours of December 20th, tracked several radar contacts which disappeared

until finally their patience was rewarded by the visual sighting of a schnorkel. The Wellington was not in a position to carry out an attack at the time but Olson called up surface forces to continue the search. Luck was still against the Demons a few days later when F/L H. Turnbull's crew while on a day-light training exercise caught sight of a U-boat as it crashed off Lundy Island. The Wimpy crossed directly over the spot where the periscope was disappearing in a swirl of foam. It was a perfect target but the aircraft carried no depth charges.

On Boxing Day a Demon crew homed on a radar contact north-west of Cape de la Hague until the light could be switched on to illuminate a feather on the surface. It disappeared before F/L Bouey could manoeuvre into position. The radar operator continued to scan the area until forty minutes later a contact was again secured. This time a schnorkel was picked up in the sea-sight beam but again the sub slipped away. Persistently the crew continued to scan and gained a third contact. With the aid of the Leigh Light an attack was carried out over the slim feather left by the schnorkel as it moved through the water. Markers were then dropped to guide the naval escort group which hastened to the scene. This attack is typical of Coastal Command's dogged pursuit of the foe. Time and again hours of monotonous patrolling culminated in a few moments of action which in most cases had no visible results, other than the knowledge that a U-boat had been tracked down and its crew given a reminder of the danger that constantly followed them.

Another Demon crew captained by S/L J.W. Taylor, DFC found a schnorkel in the same area, north west of Alderney, three nights later and neatly straddled the sub with depth charges. Their explosions rocked the Wimpy. The schnorkel disappeared and the radar contact was lost. For 47 minutes Taylor and his companions searched the area in mid-

channel watching the moonlit waters for evidence of damage to the U-boat. None could be found at the time but it was subsequently confirmed that the submarine had been sunk. Cam Taylor later added a bar to his D.F.C. for "his determined and well-executed attack" and F/L K.S. Goodman, the navigator and F/L C.D. Myers, one of the wireless operators, were awarded the D.F.C. Myer's skill was largely responsible for making the attack possible. Goodman had already completed one tour on anti-submarine operations and had in addition two U-boat attacks to his credit as well as numerous reconnaissance of channel ports.

The first two months of 1945 passed without incident. Patrols were carried out over the English Channel, St. George's Channel and the Irish Sea, whenever impossible weather conditions did not ground the aircraft, and the crews went through extensive training sessions. Experience had repeatedly demonstrated that perfect crew drill was one of the keys to success in sub-hunting. Hours might pass without a blip on the radar, but the crew must be on the quiver. When a contact was made and followed through, every second counted; each member of the crew had to know exactly what to do and when. Perfect co-operation and split-second co-ordination meant the difference between an abortive attack and a job well carried out. The training paid off in March when the Demons broke the Group record for operational flying, completing 111 sorties for a total of 1036 hours. Over 300 hours more were devoted to training. One attack was made by F/L R. D. Hareyett and his crew on a suspicious disturbance in the sea west of St. Brides Bay. Some wreckage was subsequently noticed bobbing on the waves, but poor visibility made it impossible to identify the flotsam. Another crew patrolling near the Scilly Isles a few days later sighted a large oil slick. In the middle of the patch bobbed 12 dinghies filled with survivors while a Liberator circled overhead.

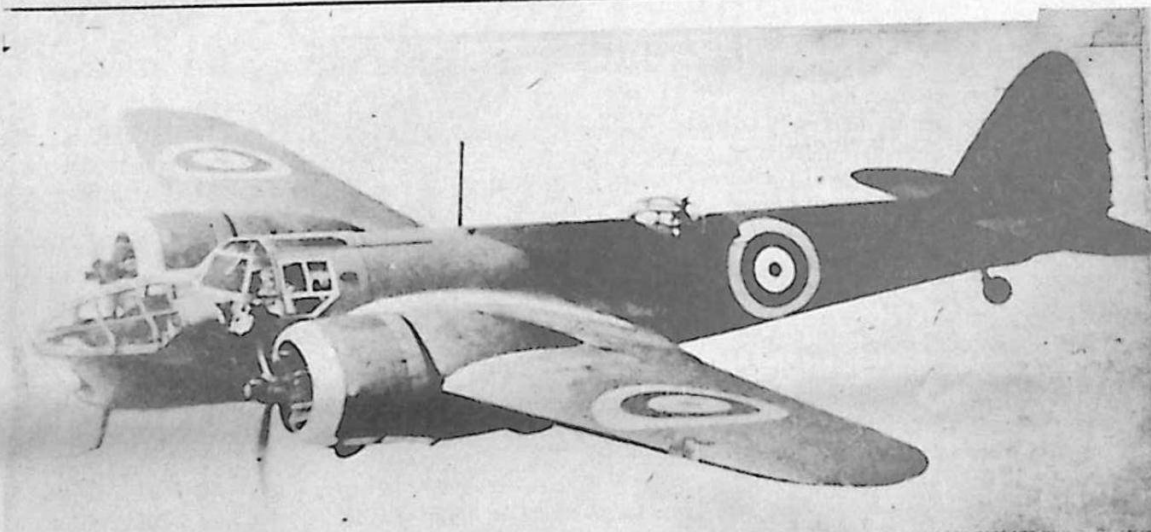
In April RCAF crews started to encounter midjet subs, of three different types. The Biber

was a one-man U-boat, approximately 30 feet in length and carrying two torpedoes. The Niger, sometimes called the human torpedo, was also operated by one man. It was constructed from two torpedoes arranged one below the other; the lower torpedo was "live," while the upper carried an empty practice head in which the operator sat under a perspex hood. The Seehund class was larger, 39 feet long and had a two man crew. The Demons' first engagement with the baby subs was on the night of April 18th when F/L O. Olson of the Langham detachment illuminated a Biber class U-boat which crashed. The Wimpy released its depth charges along the swirl. Later in the patrol Olson's crew machine-gunned a Niger class sub. Two nights later the same crew tracked down three Biber U-boats. Two were illuminated together and on the first run both front and rear gunners opened fire, scoring strikes on the hulls. Tracking over the target a second time Olson dropped a stick of six D.C.s. Later another contact was made and a

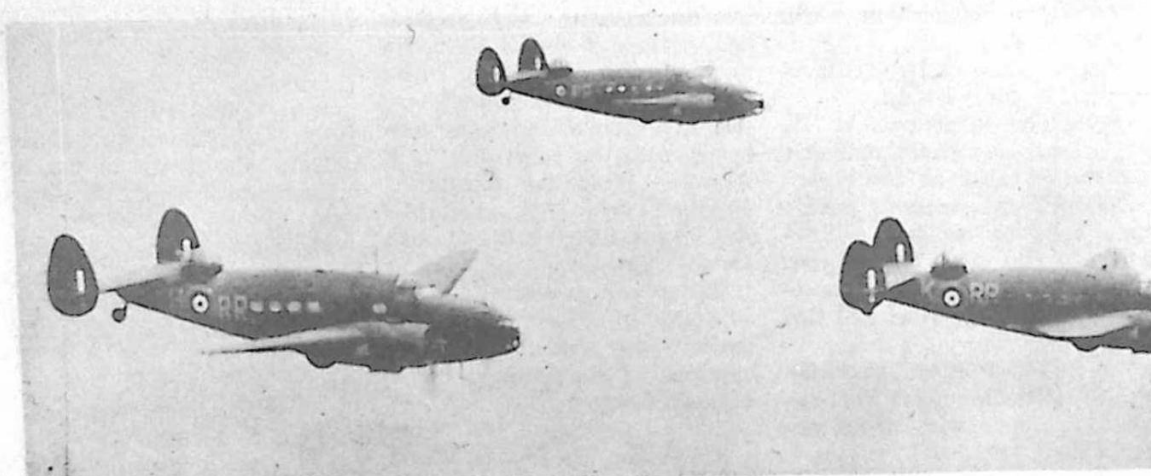
third Biber was illuminated on the surface. The sub was straddled by four depth charges and disappeared from sight and radar contact. Olson's crew attacked yet another midjet in the early morning of the 24th and saw tracer bullets hit the conning tower. The perseverance and skill displayed by Oke Olson in tracking down such extremely small targets were commended when the D.F.C. was later awarded to him.

A week later yet another Biber boat was the target for F/O W. G. H. Grant's crew, but once more no specific results could be determined other than the absence of any further radar blips. Earlier on the patrol Grant had sighted a Seehund which submerged before the Wellington could get into position. On the following night too a Seehund dived hastily before F/O H. H. Hooker could make an attack. Midjets were again encountered and attacked on the night of May 2nd by F/L P. T. Pengelly's crew. The first baby sub was straddled by six depth

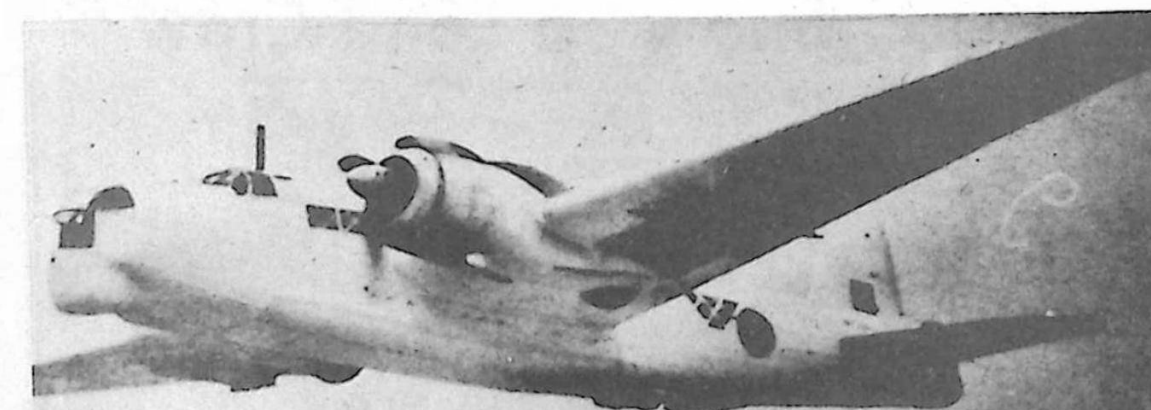
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Freeman Free

Esquimalt — Colonel Desmond Deane-Freeman, Commander Pacific Region, Vancouver, since 1965, will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces next month. As Regional Commander for militia and cadet administration and training programs, Colonel Deane-Freeman has been extremely active in community affairs throughout British Columbia.

Before his posting to Vancouver, he served as Military Attaché, first in West Germany and later in Ghana.

Colonel Deane-Freeman will be succeeded by Colonel Thomas McCoy, Hamilton, Ont., who for the past year has been senior advisor to the Canadian Commissioner in Viet Nam.

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Canada's security is the possibility that the delicate balance of nuclear terror may be upset. Second, our defence efforts should be tailored to reduce the chance of this happening.

Third, air defence will be needed for an indefinite period in the future.

Fourth, anti-submarine operations contribute to Canada's security objectives.

Fifth, continued participation in Nato is essential to Canada's security interests at the present time.

Sixth, in the trilogies of Canada's security objectives: defence, détente, and disarmament; none can be neglected. Finally the size of our defence effort must be a reflection of the will of the people of Canada.

It is important for all Canadians to become informed on the issues concerning Canada's security. We must all be assured that the future will include, for Canada, a realistic national security policy."

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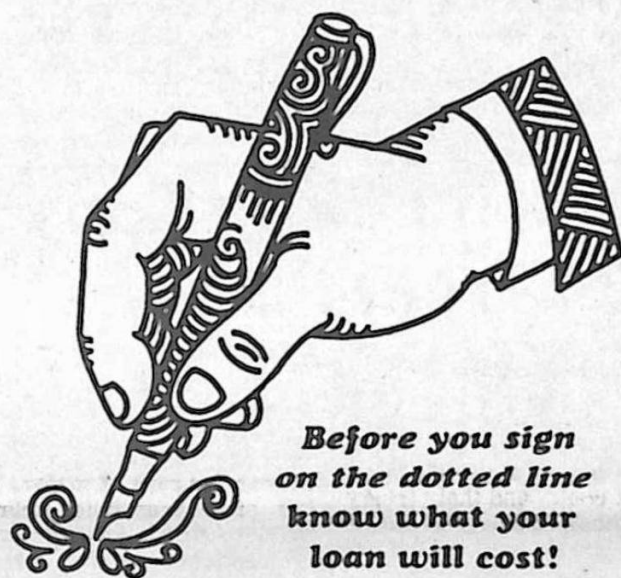


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Night Hawk's Nest



During the past couple of weeks, the Nighthawks have flown a greater than usual number of max days, a fact that has created any number of problems for the troops in snag, repair, and servicing. The technical people were more than equal to the task, though, and no sorties were lost because aircraft were unavailable. Thanks, chaps.

Another vote of thanks should also go to those who labored so diligently to keep the runway free of unusual fallout so that the Voodoo pilots could land their trusty steeds without going any more than the usual amount out of

control.

The large number of max days also created problems for the oppressed minions who toil in CAC. Just as they finished briefing a controller for a particular mission, they would be handed a whole new briefing, which would in turn be superseded by amendments A through J and then scrapped in favor of plan B.

On the brighter side, congratulations are in order for Bert Marcotte, who was promoted to the exalted rank of major. There has since been much scurrying about to find a kingdom for him to superintend, and it is rumoured



CAPT. BILL MASON, left, climbs down from his plane after completing 2,000 hrs. Voodoo flying. His pilot, Les Putland, was promoted to captain for his failure to crash during any part of this important trip. For those sharp-eyed readers who are about to ask, "Where is the snow?" we must explain that the picture was taken at Jose Marti International Airport, where the Voodoo landed after being hijacked by Jorge Non-Manuel Otto y Pilot. For even sharper-eyed readers who notice that ladders are on the wrong side of the plane we can only say, "What do you expect at a Cuban airport, anyway?"

— DND photo

THE GREATEST ACES

by E. A. Sims

Ex-fighter jockey Sims mixes a first-hand knowledge of aerial warfare with rare reporting skill to turn out a book that is a must for every bookshelf — be it for the serious student of the second world war or just the seeker of thrilling true-life adventure.

A reporter-editor in civilian life, Mr. Sims has been painstaking in gathering his information to present a study of the fighter forces of the RAF, the Luftwaffe and the United States Army Air Force.

He stints on nothing and his cockpit checks and flying sequences have that ring of authenticity that helps speed the pulse and carries the reader on the crest of battle excitement, so that he suddenly finds his palms moist and his breath ragged.

There is only passing mention of Canada in "The Greatest Aces." A note on the achievements of George "Buzz" Beurling, credited with 31 victories mostly over Malta, and to Prime Minister King's alleged slowness in accepting the British Commonwealth air training plan.

There have been many books written on war in the air since the end of the Hitler war. But none, to my taste, has gone into such painstaking detail. As a result, here is a book you can

trust to tell the truth.

The old RAF favorites are examined — legless Douglas Bader, the British Bulldog; Tuck, to life; elegant Stanford Tuck, sharpshooter extraordinary, and the red-haired Yorkshireman "Ginger" Lacey, highest surviving scorer in the Battle of Britain. Credence is given to the claim that the top British ace was Squadron Leader M. T. St. John Pattle, credited with at least 41 kills in the Greek campaign plus another 40 probables.

American Thunderbolt pilot Lt. R. S. Johnson also comes in for examination and there is a detailed account of one of his missions. Turning to the enemy, Mr. Sims writes of Hans Marseille, "the Pilot of Africa," credited with 158 kills, all but four of them fighter aircraft. This feat is almost unique as nearly all fighter aces built up their scores at the expense of lumbering bombers.

General of the Fighters Adolph Galland is interviewed in person, and there is a detailed discussion of the flying and shooting of the top scoring pilot of any air force in any war — Erich Hartmann, the blond young German who shot down 352 aircraft!

Hartmann gained his total dur-

ing 1,425 sorties during which he met the enemy on 800 occasions. (This compares with Marseille's 482 sorties).

Hartmann, for all his deadly skill in the air, was a smiling, easy-going youth on the ground, who used to drink milk and cocoa, went early to bed, and daily wrote to his girl back home.

When the allied stories are interesting, most of them have been told in some form before. But with new German documents being released and from first-hand conversations with the surviving old hands, author Sims has built up a most interesting section of his book on the Luftwaffe.

Without spoiling the book for readers there is Major Rudolf, who shot down 13 aircraft in 17 minutes; Major George Eder, shot down 17 times, wounded on 12 occasions, shooting down 36 allied bombers.

Then there is Oberleutnant Herbert Rollwaga, with 44 bombers to his credit out of 102 victories.

The night fighters come under scrutiny, too.

We are used to Group Captain Cunningham and his 20 victories. But against this, the Germans put up Major Heinz-Wolfgang Schnafer, with 121 kills — nine on the night of Feb. 21, 1945 — and Oberst Helmut Lent, with 102 confirmed, plus another eight by day.

While Wing Commander Johnnie Johnson with 38 victories was the top allied ace in the west, the Luftwaffe had eight pilots with over 100 victories on the western front. Leading them was Heinrich Bar, who got 124 of his 220 victories in the west.

Indeed, Sims proves his point that the Hitler conflict was the fighter pilots' war. He would seem to justify his claim, too, that fighters by controlling the air determined the fate of strategic and tactical land and sea campaigns. Altogether a delightful book, well worth the reading.

The Greatest Aces by Edward H. Sims, Fitzhenry and Whiteside Ltd., 1590 Midland Ave., Scarborough, Ont. Review contributed to CFB by wartime RCAF navigator William G. Lovatt.

Badgers, Bears, and Bisons, with a few left-over Stormoviks thrown in for good measure. The Larsson, Brittain, Emon and Sherratt not-so-automatic umpire corporation will stop at nothing to outdo the Tac Eval team.

Last weekend saw a delegation of Nighthawks head for the Cool Pool and a couch cultural exchange. Although the delegates stated that it was a very genteel occasion, it was noted that those of them who showed up here for the bingo on Saturday night were a pretty subdued lot. Probably something to do with the cold air that was served at Cold Lake.

Bill Mason passed a remarkable milestone last week when he completed 2,000 hours of Voodoo flying. While this may not seem a whole lot to the grizzled old salts who inhabit Marcom, it represents over 1700 sorties, and is a fine achievement indeed. Congratulations.

Harry Redden astounded everyone by walking in twenty minutes early for an 1100 briefing the other day. When questioned on this shocking display of punctuality, Harry blushed and said, "Actually, I thought the briefing was at 0700."

Bill Bland has headed for Sardinia and the two-day swimming course. There are rumors that he intends to stay there, as the extradition treaty with that part of the world does not cover such matters as embezzled squadron funds.

All crews are now busy filling out the magnificent new form which ADC has devised to determine how often fumes make their way into CF-101 cockpits. The quicker crews can occasionally spend less time filling in the forms than they do in the air, but it takes a great deal of agility. What with the stats 2030 and the fume report it looks suspiciously as if someone is trying to overload a computer somewhere.

Rumour of the Week: Tac Eval has been cancelled.

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Decisions, Decisions

Canada's Defense and Foreign Policy review is nearing completion and soon Canadians will know what role this country will play in world affairs. To the average person, this review will recommend either, continuing our military commitments abroad or reducing these commitments in favour of increased social spending at home. Simple, yes? Not really! Regardless of what decisions are made, the implications will certainly be felt by all Canadians!

Let us suppose, for argument's sake, that we have committed ourselves to drastically reducing our military involvements. What will be some of the side effects? To begin with, we will alienate most of our NATO allies. How could those countries not help but feel we have deserted them completely, especially in view of the relatively minor contributions to NATO we have been getting away with? It is highly unlikely that our allies would go so far as to encourage economic sanctions against us for leaving NATO, however, it should be noted that we can thank our NATO counterparts for much of the favourable balance of trade we now enjoy.

Our government has led us to believe that any military cut-backs would immediately be followed by increased foreign aid and a greater participation in the search for world peace. This is very nice but how much respect can an unarmed country expect in this nuclear era? Unless one tends to ignore history the answer is; very little!

The United Nations Organization and the International Control Commission are two world agencies established to keep the peace through negotiation. The UN can speak proudly of its achievements in the field of global welfare. Unfortunately, the UN's actions in volatile areas such as Vietnam and the Middle East cannot be considered as successes by any stretch of the imagination. The ICC, to which we belong, is still an unknown entity to most people and its accomplishments towards negotiated peacekeeping can be considered as being practically nil. In fact the ICC cannot even boast a seat at the new Vietnam peace table in Paris!

Increasing foreign aid can bring a country some measure of respect and none can deny the value of this. However, a quick review of U.S. policy in the field of foreign aid distinctly shows that "biting the hand that feeds you," has become a very popular game amongst the underdeveloped countries. Some countries such as Egypt, Cuba, India etc. have done very little to show appreciation for the aid given by the U.S. to say the least! As a point of interest, the Dominican Republic doesn't respect the U.S. nearly as much for its annual foreign aid contribution as it does for the memory of those 5,000 U.S. Marines that poured ashore several years ago.

It would appear that we will not be taking the social problems of the world upon our shoulders.

What then is the answer? Increasing our military capability? Hardly!

According to Ottawa, our defense effort will reflect the wishes of the people of Canada. At the moment very few Canadians wish to have their taxes increased so we can boast a larger and more capable military. The "Talk softly but carry a big stick," theory of International stability is fine only if you are willing to foot the bills.

Our government obviously has no distinct course of action on this subject. Neither can we afford a large military nor can we afford, in the eyes of the world, to reduce it drastically. A hedging policy somewhere between these two extremes seems to be our only recourse, and this may just be what the Defense review recommends!

Today, Yes — Tomorrow??

Effective 1 July 69 CFB Comox is to be closed down. All base personnel will, where possible, be relocated to other stations. This decision has been reached due to the present policy of service austerity and personnel reduction.

Do you believe these statements? Do you think it is possible? Last week an equally plausible story was released in Ottawa and broadcast on local radio stations. It stated that the Department of Defense was considering postponing pensions to age 60. Although the story was a distortion of the facts and almost completely erroneous, numerous points should be noted.

The speed with which this story was corrected speaks for itself. Many did believe it was possible and had seriously started to wonder what they would do for a maximum of 15 years before they could receive their pension. The Base Commander issued a general memorandum that same day stating that the story was false.

All this can lead to only one conclusion. Due to recent past experience and the general trend of the newspapers, magazine articles and cabinet minister, we are, for the first time, seriously doubting the security of our future. We now realize that anything is

possible concerning the forces and are prepared to accept any statement, however outlandish as gospel truth.

This is a sad and shocking state of affairs. To live in jeopardy is inexcusable and foolhardy. Although too much emphasis has been placed on the morale of the servicemen the larger effects of this environment could have serious repercussions. The general attitude towards work is bound to decrease with a corresponding increase in mistakes. Pride in service or unit can hardly be expected to remain.

The point must be accepted that this is an intolerable situation and should be rectified immediately. Much is said about the break-down of communications between the older and younger generations, but we are faced with a much more serious breakdown. Very little is being said in our defence and instead of actual truths we are swamped with misleading rumours. Waiting for a clear-cut governmental policy on foreign relations and defence policy is not a suitable answer for service personnel. If the Canadian Armed Forces are to be an example for the rest of the world some drastic changes are required.



First it was my blue uniform, then my second stripe, now they're after by bloody pension.

More Circuits, Back Up Controls For Air Defence

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CFP) — Expanded communications and a back-up intercept system have added new depth to the air defence posture of the northern NORAD region and Canadian forces air defence command, headquartered at North Bay, during 1968.

The back-up intercept control (BUIC) system which is designed to provide survivable semi-automatic back-up to the northern NORAD region's (NNR) SAGE (semi-automatic ground environment) system, achieved operational status at St. Margaret's, N. B., and Senneterre, P.Q., St. Margaret's, site provides alternate air defence control for NNR's 36th NORAD division SAGE centre at Topsham, Maine, while the Senneterre operation will back-up the 41st Division's underground SAGE centre at North Bay.

Like SAGE, the BUIC system can receive, store, retrieve, calculate, and supply in thousands of a second, information vital for the effective control of defensive weapons. When one of the NNR SAGE centres stops functioning for any reason, a BUIC centre will immediately assume its function.

These BUIC sites are operated by the air defence command (ADC), the Canadian member of the North American air defence command (NORAD) and the major supplier of personnel, weapons and facilities to the northern region.

MORE CIRCUITS
Defence communications were greatly expanded by the Canadian switching network (CSN) which achieved initial operation status in August. It will encompass the entire country by 1970, and will inter-connect with the Autovon (automatic voice network) in the United States.

The CSN provides expanded communications through dual and automatic switching control of data circuits and teletype circuits between all echelons of air defence agencies.

While expanding and improving their electronic defences, the North Bay commands continued to meet all their military commitments during the year. SIOUX TOPS

The air defence command's Sioux Lookout radar station, at Sam Lake, Ont., was winner of the Steinhardt memorial trophy for 1968. The Steinhardt trophy was donated to the RCAF by Mrs. A.A. Sherlock in memory of her late father, Lawrence A.

Steinhardt, U.S. ambassador to Canada from October 1948 to March 1950. It is awarded each year to the most proficient unit in the Air Defence Command. The ADC was selected from all ADC units for its high performance standards and professionalism in accomplishing its air defence mission.

The northern NORAD region's underground Sage facility, which marked its fifth year of continuous operation Sept. 26, was the center of activity during frequent NORAD and region exercises in 1968. These exercises identified and intercept capabilities under all possible combat situations.

AIR DEFENCE
During the training, the region commander and his battle staff used information provided by the mammoth SAGE computer to simulate "hostile" targets approaching the continent. A more realistic touch was added in some of the exercises by U.S. and Canadian aircraft which played the role of enemy bombers bent on destroying vital North American targets. These "friendly" enemy aircraft provide electronic countermeasure training to fighter crews and intercept directors and demonstrated the various types of electronic countermeasures an enemy might use against ADC radar sites.

WINNERS
In the 1968 Call Shot meet, held at base Bagotville, Que., in May, ADC fighter squadrons were pitted together for the first time at the same base since Canada acquired CF-101 Voodoo aircraft, to determine their effectiveness in competition. The fighter crews flew missions ranging from low level interceptions to supersonic flights against simulated enemy aircraft. Ground technicians, radar controllers and armoureders competed by supporting their respective flying teams.

The command's 409 Squadron from Canadian Forces base Comox in Lazo, B.C. won the McBrien trophy as best intercept squadron in the meet while their radar controller team from the 25th NORAD Division, McChord AFB, Wash., won the Tyndall trophy. A CF-101 pilot and navigator from the Bagotville 425 Squadron won the Vincent Trophy for best individual aircrew while the squadron's ground crews took awards for best base technical support and CF-101 weapons loading teams.

The recent tempest in the DND tea pot concerning pensions and the ages at which they would or would not be paid served to focus the attention of many servicemen on this fringe benefit; a fringe benefit which many people take for granted if they think of it at all.

The speed with which the minister denied the report that pensions would not be paid until age 60 was gratifying indeed and it showed that the government has not forgotten the importance of squelching such false reports as rapidly and as forcefully as possible. It was a lesson that was a long time in the learning and one which, hopefully, will never be forgotten.

The commotion did, however, get people thinking about pensions. What happens when one is pensioned off, anyway? Basically what happens is that upon reaching CRA the serviceman is awarded a pension of somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of the average wage that he was drawing during his six best earning years.

So there you are, at age 45 or 50 or so with a sum of say \$400 per month coming in. But, with our current economy, what is happening to that \$400 per month? It is eroding, that's what it is doing. Slowly but surely less. Each month, the \$400 will buy less and less. In twenty years time it will buy almost nothing.

This is not peculiar to servicemen's pensions. It happens to the pensions of everyone. As inflation continues to attack the economy, the purchasing power of the pension, any pension decreases, and eventually those living on the pension are forced into poverty. There are two ways of tackling this problem. The

first is to take drastic steps to eliminate the causes of inflation from the economy. There appears to be little likelihood of this. Some almost draconian belt-tightening measures would be needed, if we are to believe the economists, and one can see no evidence that any government at any level is prepared to take them.

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1. Similar sire, similar scion.
2. Precipitancy creates prodigality.
3. Tenants of vitreous abodes ought to hurl no lithoidal fragments.
4. It is not proper for mendicants to be indicarious of preferences.
5. Compute not your immature gallinaceous prior to their being produced.
6. It is fruitless to become lacrymose because of scattered lacteal fluid.
7. Cleave gramineous matter for fodder during the period that the orb of the day is refulgent.
8. Pulchritude does not extend

below the surface of the derma. 9. Failure to be present causes the vital organ to become more enamored.

10. Every article which coruscates is not fashioned from aurate metal.

11. Freedom from guile or fraud constitutes the most excellent principle of procedure.

12. Each canine passes through his period of pre-eminence.

13. Consolidated the party of the first part and the party of the second part maintain an upright attitude; separated, these entities defer to the law of gravity.

14. You cannot estimate the value of the contents of a bound, printed narrative or record from its exterior vesture.

15. Folks deficient in ordinary judgement scurryingly enter areas on which celestial being dread to set foot.

16. Liquid relish for the female answering fowl is the individual codiment for the male.

17. A feathered creature clasped in the manual members is equal in value to a brace in the bosky growth.

18. The individual of the Class Aves, arriving before appointed time, seizes the invertebrate animal of the Group Vermes.

19. Socially orientated individuals tend to congregate in gregariously homogenous grouping.

20. One may address a member of the Equidae family towards aqueous liquid, but one is incapable of compelling him to quaff.

21. One Pyrus Malus per diem restrains the arrival of the Hippocratic apostle.

22. Fondness for notes of exchange constitutes the tuberos structure of all satanically inspired principles.

23. Supposing one primarily fails to be victorious, bend further efforts in that direction.

24. Be adorned with the pedal encasement that gives comfort.

25. Prudence and sagacity are the worthier condiments of in-trepid courage.

26. He who expresses merri-ment in finality expresses merri-ment excelling either in equal quality.

27. A beholden vessel never exceeds 212 degrees fahrenheit.

28. A rotating lithoidal fragment never accrues lichen. If you have gotten this far, you are not only qualified for a headquarters job, you also have found a way to kill time during a long exercise.

Hansard Highlights

USE OF GRUMMAN "ALBATROSS" AIRCRAFT
Question No. 1, 167 - Mr. Anderson:

1. How many Grumman "Albatross" aircraft are in use in the Canadian Armed Forces?
2. Are all these aircraft being used for search and rescue purposes?
3. What is the total all up weight of these aircraft when fully loaded with search and rescue equipment, crew and fuel?

4. What is the maximum operating ceiling when fully loaded?
5. What is the climb rate of the aircraft, when fully loaded on one engine?
6. What is the maximum ceiling of the aircraft, when fully loaded, on one engine?
7. How many engine or propeller failures have been experienced by these aircraft during the past twelve months (a) in flight (b) on takeoff or landing?

8. What is the operational readiness figure (expressed as a percentage) of these aircraft for the past year?
9. Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. Nine, 2. Yes.
3. From a prepared runway - 36,500 pounds. From water or snow - 32,000 pounds.
4. 19,400 feet above sea level.
5. 190 feet per minute.
6. 5,900 feet above sea level
7. (a) six; (b) three.
8. 1968 - 53.2 per cent.

he has mentioned.

Mr. Cadieux: I do expect so, sir.

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Do we understand from the minister's answer that the base consolidation study has now been completed?

Mr. Cadieux: Yes.

DISCUSSIONS ON STRATEGY AND PROCUREMENT - TRAINING MANUALS

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):

Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. On Wednesday last, in reply to a question asked by the hon. member for Malpeque (Mr. MacLean), the minister indicated that the chief of staff during his visit to France would be primarily interested in securing some training manuals in French which the Canadian Forces are trying to procure in Canada. I ask the minister whether these are Canadian manuals translated into the French language or French manuals which will be used in the Canadian forces; and are they applicable to Canadian training methods?

Mr. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker. The problem generally that we are facing is that since we have what we call French designated bases, we have to provide in some very specific trades a manual in French, the translation of which would be quite extensive if it was done from scratch. The idea behind this particular inquiry is to find out whether you could not in some specific trade - like, for instance in the navy - use already existing manuals in French. This is the only purpose now. We have to ascertain whether these things could be co-ordinated with the kind of operations that we carry out in Canada.

Mr. MacInnis: Am I to understand from the minister that these are French training manuals, and that they are compatible with Canadian methods of training? Possibly the minister could also tell me what has happened to the unification idea that was so forcefully put forward by the previous minister, because it seems to me that segregation is now taking place in the forces.

Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, first of all I think I should congratulate the hon. member for his sustained interest in this problem. The decision flowing from the studies that have been made in the Department of National Defence I do not think would call for a statement in the house. That would be in the nature of an announcement or release in respect of administrative procedure, which would follow through whenever decisions are taken.

Mr. Hees: Does the minister expect in the near future to be in a position to make any of the various types of utterances which

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I have been comparing some figures which appeared in your last issue under "Hansard Highlights" with those quoted in a recent issue of the Canadian Forces Bulletin.

In the column titled "Where do we stand on the pay raise? DM gives answers", the question "Why is it necessary for the government to raise the contribution rates to the Canadian Forces Superannuation fund?" was asked.

The answer read "The decision to seek an amendment to the CFSA to increase contribution rates of contributors by one-half per cent was based on the disclosure in the last actuarial report covering the five-year period to 1 Dec. 1965 of a deficit of \$58.7 million in the pension account. The actuaries reported that the contribution rate should be increased to avoid accumulation of additional deficits. The additional contribution by the government will be one and two-thirds that of the contributor which, it is estimated with the additional one-half per cent paid by the contributor will be sufficient to avoid the accumulation of future deficits."

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TT Editor.

BOOK REVIEW

UFOs IDENTIFIED: By Philip J. Klass, Random House, New York, p 290, \$6.95.

Phil Klass disbelieves in Bug Eyed Monsters (BEMs) just about as strenuously as UFO buffs plump for their favorite Little Green Men.

It is a bit of a struggle, even for an engineer turned reporter who never really wanted to get involved in the sometimes paranoid arena of unidentified flying objects.

Phil's bag is that UFOs are freak forms of ball lightning and he puts up a strong case at first. His hang-up is that we earthlings have so much yet to catalogue of our own freaks of nature.

Those Shrinking Pensions

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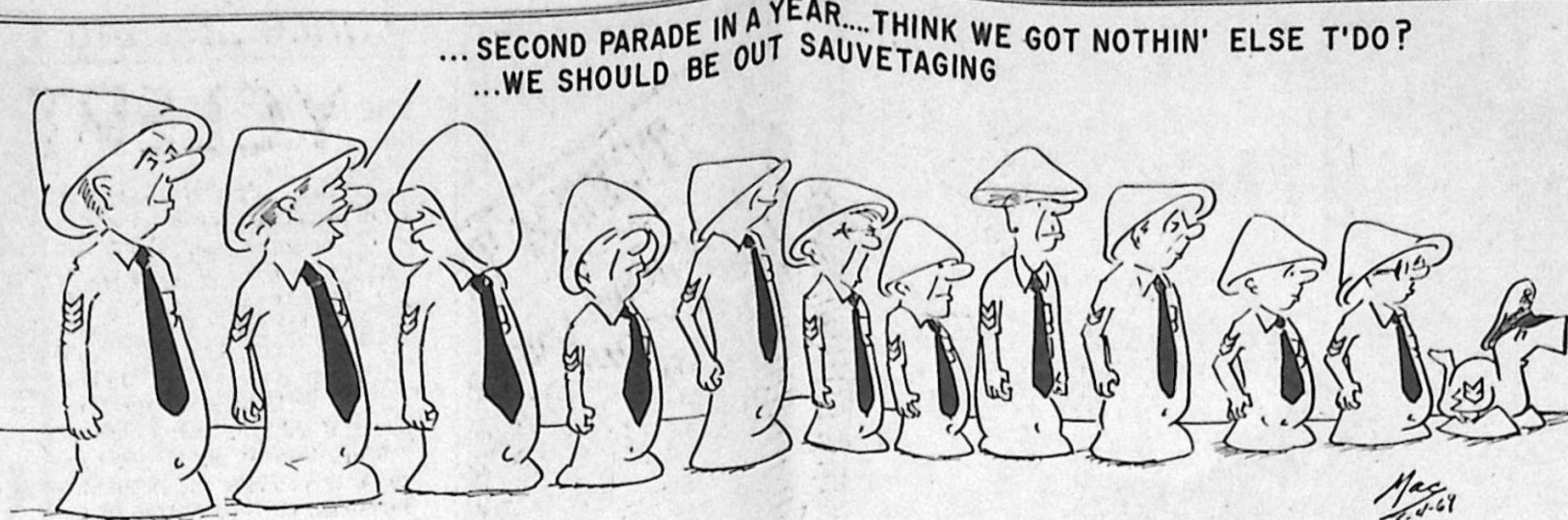
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GONGS FOR MUSHROOMERS



442 SQUADRON held a rare parade last week while the C.O. L/Col. D. M. Payne presented some of the squadron members with medals. The lucky recipients were: CWO H. E. Ostrander, 2nd clasp to the CD. Capt. J. K. Dumont and WO R. M. Senft 1st clasp to CD. The Canadian Forces Decoration Medal went to Cpls. J. M. Anderberg, J. A. L. Beauchessne, O. R. Davis, D. M. Lewis, L. R. B. Livingston, G. MacLean, C. R. Marsh, W. E. Munden, D. Neudorf, D. J. Niedermouser, R. D. Perrier and R. B. Smith. A late recipient of the Centennial Medal was Capt. K. S. Durant. — CFB photo

From up in my Perch

By SEEMORE

Last week as I sounded the depths of my Kit bag I came across a package of unused formal invitation cards. Immediately I was reminded that Saint Patrick's day is once again nearly upon us. Again I brace myself for the avalanche of mail that always follows this announcement. Applications will be received for space on Seemore's annual St. Patrick's Day Champagne breakfast. Preference will be given to the survivors of last year's festivities of course. The deadline for applications is March 10th, the lucky five will be informed of their good fortune on March 11th. As in last year's celebrations the highlight of the entertainment will be a rendition of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" sung by the Honorary L/Col in Chief of the Lazo branch of the IRA.

With that happy chore out of the way I turned and noticed CWO Ostrander sporting the second rivet to his CD. He says that he joined the RCAF in 1936. Gee, I was just about house broken around about then.

Speaking of house breaking, is Grant Morrison considering an extension to his domicile?

Speaking of Morrisons the other Morrison paid me a visit last weekend. Lil Moe, from Tanzania just dropped in on a little leave. The way he tells it they shouldn't have any trouble getting volunteers to take his place when his time is up. He's lost 14 pounds since he's been over there, but I don't think it's the heat that's doing it. All during

his visit I kept asking him what the "What'sit" is, is it really a fertility god? The only answer I got was snickers. I think the rascal is putting one over on me. I put the "What is it" near my baby guppie tank and within three days my baby guppies had baby guppies. The "What'sit" has since been banished to a lead-lined box. There it will remain until I decide to slip it into an enemies house, the ultimate vengeance weapon.

On his way to Canada Moe stopped for three days in Italy, three days in Switzerland and three days in Germany. His return trip will call for several three day stops in Europe also. The whole leave trip leaves poor Moe out of pocket 18 dollars. It makes you feel warm inside when you think of the sacrifices some people make for their country doesn't it?

My favorite enemy, the "Raincoat Exchange" got his last week. Cpl. Travis was the last man out of Sick Parade the other day. When he went for his raincoat there was only one coat left. Not his, but a crummy threadbare affair. Since it was better than no coat at all, he put it on and hurried out the door hoping to get a glimpse of his own coat. Following a group of coats going down the road he watched as one chap pulled out a pair of gloves and started to put them on. When he started to put the left glove on he had difficulty and started ramming his hand into the glove, but with no success. Travis knew he had his man and his raincoat. Seems Cpl. Travis lost a

finger some years ago and whenever he gets a new pair of gloves he sews the empty finger over.

The latest piece of anonymous fan mail to come this way is a set of proposed corporal stripes. Unfortunately I forgot to get them photographed. It shows the new corporals stripe, a single hook surmounted by a maple leaf, but with six inverted hooks over top of this. The inverted hooks signify two years in the rank each. The only limit to the number of inverted hooks would be, of course, the length of the corporals sleeve.

Along with this excellent proposal comes a Captain Hughes new "FLY" club; the club for those with "fifteen lousy years" in the rank.

Rumour of the Week: The MP's Super Sleuth, WO Pete Conley has been assigned to Vancouver to assist in the recovery of the nine o'clock gun.

Runner up for Rumour of the Week. The recent pension story that broke last Friday caused the weekend beer sales to jump 3 point 7 per cent.

Mushroomer: Kamikazi airlines has the distinction of being one of the few airlines that has not been skyjacked to Cuba. What's the matter, aren't we good enough for them?

THE SNAKE PIT

"Boy, what a miserable night. Six inches of snow already, and it's starting to blow. Is there any sign of a let-up?"

"Not according to the latest charts. Are those people out there still?"

"Yeah. Not too many of them yet, but the crowd's growing. I'm afraid. A couple of them tried to give me a hard time while I was taking the hourly observations, but the MPs have a heavy guard out, so there was no serious trouble."

"Superstitious fools. This weather should keep all the troublemakers at home, though."

"I'm afraid not. The MPs are refusing to let anyone out of the gate because of our blizzard warning. So there'll be a whole bunch of them around, and all of them hopping mad. Just you wait until the clubs close."

"I suppose you're right. You would think people would have grown out of this nonsense by now. I thought that persecuting scientists went out with the Inquisition."

"Yeah, but people here aren't used to this much snow, and I guess it's affected their minds a

little. I hope they don't try to get rough. Get the phone, will you?"

"Met section . . . no, no trouble yet . . . Just a minute, I'll look, - I'd say about 50, but they'll never get up these steps . . . OK, I'll call you if we need any help, but your MPs out there seem to have everything under control."

Down below, a small band of malcontents was milling about the foot of the stairs leading to the met section. There was as yet no organization to the crowd; they contented themselves with yelling slogans.

"Communist pigs!"

"My son wasn't born to be a snow shoveller."

"Make love, not forecasts!"

"Go prognosticate some place else!"

"We want to make our own forecasts, and we want more money!"

"Met man go home!"

The crowd grew as the clubs and messes emptied their contents upon the snow-covered world. The numbers swelled to 100, 200, 300 and the MPs were outnumbered, but more agitated.

kept arriving. The mob found a leader.

"Are we gonna put up with this injustice?" he demanded.

"No!" roared back the crowd. "We're just as good as they are. Let us make the forecasts. Then there will always be good weather."

"Yeah! They figger they are too good for us, so they give us the crappy weather and keep the good stuff for themselves."

The two met men looked out over the rabble below. "What Continued on Page 6

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CHAPEL CHIMES

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Sunday, February 9 — Worship Service at 11 a.m. with sermon title, "Why Be A Christian?"

Sunday, February 16 — Worship Service at 11 a.m. with sermon on the subject "Should a Man Go To The Moon?"

Various classes from our Sunday School are taking turns attending the Worship Services in the Chapel. It is hoped that on those Sundays particularly, the parents of the children involved will make every effort possible to attend with their children. Always remember that your attitude towards religion, and your concern for your child's learning of the subject is of greater importance than anything a teacher can say or do.

BAPTISMS — The Sacrament of Baptism will be conducted during church on the last Sunday in the month, February 23. Parents who have not already contacted the Chaplain should do so within the next two weeks.

LADIES' GUILD — The February meeting will be held in the Chapel Lounge on Tuesday evening, February 18, at 8 p.m. Work meetings for the Spring Tea are being held in the Chapel weekly. For further information, call Joyce Eggleston at 339-3452.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES — Classes for United Church and Presbyterian young people and adults will begin as soon as a sufficient number have asked to be included. Give your name to Padre Archer.

Comments from the Chaplain

By PADRE ARCHER

Two pessimists met on the street one day. Instead of shaking hands, they shook heads!

A pessimist has been variously defined as:

(1) a former optimist who taught the teenagers in his family how to drive a car.

(2) one who thinks all is lost because he is not running it.

(3) the fellow who financed an optimist, and

(4) a gloomy person who spends all his time in constant expectation of the unexpected.

A Christian must not be a pessimist. He or she, above all others in this world, should be a hopeful, enthusiastic, joyous kind of person — not because the Christian is not subject to un-

pleasant occurrences, disappointments or failures, but because all these things, along with all the good things of life, should be held in a proper perspective. The Christian is one who trusts in God, having seen Him clearly in Jesus Christ, and revealed in Jesus Christ, and who, therefore, is able to move with assurance into a future that is held in His hand.

The good Lord, who has been in charge of our world since its very beginning, has not suddenly deserted us. He is still in control, even though at times world events and personal happenings may not seem to point that way. It is as the Lord's Prayer says, "For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever."

Are you a Christian optimist, or a pagan pessimist?

Summer Village

The Vancouver Island Chapter of Children's International Summer Village is busy preparing for a "Canadian Village" to be held in Victoria this summer, July 12 to August 12.

The villages, which are held in countries all over the world, are based on a program of simple camp life. Delegations of four, 11 year-old children (two girls and two boys) and an adult chaperone from eight to 10 nations, bring a wealth of color and a world of likenesses and differences to each village. Delegations will be travelling to Victoria from Germany, Costa Rica, Italy, Japan, U.S.A., Mexico, Norway, the Philippines, and Sweden.

The purpose of CISV is to bring together in "villages" children from all countries and to further in them the growth of an attitude favorable to peace.

Any 11 year-old child interested in attending such a village, expenses paid, may write to Box 331, Nanaimo for an application form. Feb. 15, 1969 is the deadline.

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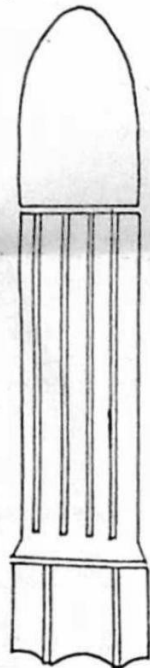
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COUNCIL'S COMIC CAPERS

The PMQ Heads - of - state got together on the 24th for their usual monthly bout and after the Chancellor of the Exchequer reported that we were still solvent (barely) - the fight was on! Rather than report all the body blows and the odor of overheated gearboxes I'll just comment on the accomplishments or the lack of same. Read on:

To begin with, the gymnastics classes on Sat. mornings have been such a "howling" success there is a strong cry to continue beyond the expiry date at the end of Jan. This won't be possible, but there are plans underway to start them anew about mid-Feb. under a slightly different set-up and a small charge to cover handling and mailing (all that stamping - you know). The council also magnanimously agreed to pick up the Tab for certificates (cards) for the Teeners who pass the

Baby-Sitters course being planned by the Fire Hall. No, this is more than just to say which is the walling end and which is the wet end of a baby. There will be lectures by police, nurses, doctors, firefighters and maybe we can persuade some baby to make a small contribution, to cover all the aspects of responsible babysitting. Getting P. M. Trudeau to speak was voted down because he has no known diaper-dexterity, but the speakers scheduled are busy already getting the latest materials from the Jan. Playboy and Mad mags. Watch for further on this course and the date of the first lesson. By the way would anyone like to rent out his baby brother for several evenings with his accident insurance all paid up in full?

Yes I mean that's all for this time. What? The fights? No! I wouldn't touch that subject with a 10-foot-snow-queen. Ask me sometime where I can use swear words about the ones that started it and the way they didn't run it. It would be too profane to print. The main thing now is let's all support our Snow Queen and hope she wins.

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SPORTS



TOTEM TALK

By SLAPSHOT CHABOT
The Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey League playoffs will be starting Wednesday, Feb. 5 with Comox playing at Port Alberni. The semi-finals will be a best three out of five series. The Nanaimo - Powell River series starts on February 7.

The Totems play their first game on Feb. 5 at Alberni. On Friday, Feb. 7 the series returns to Comox, back to Alberni on Feb. 8. The fourth and fifth game will be at Comox Feb. 14, and Port on Feb. 15.

This will prove to be an interesting series as Port will be sure to dress a full team including stars like Stutz, Denison and Knight. The Totems defeated Alberni in their last contest, and although Port is favored to win the Totems will be out to upset them once again. Most people connected with the Totem club give a good chance of doing just that. The Totems are now playing as a team and from the talk

in the dressing room at practice they mean to win this series. Let's hope George Palmer's prayer sessions continue to bring results.

During the regular season the Totem hockey club has had more than their share of problems, however most people will agree that the outcome has been very creditable. A good series in the playoffs would be as frosting on the cake and right now every member of the team has a sweet tooth. Fans are urged to come out and support their team and insure that the Comox Valley holds a permanent position on the Island hockey map.

During intermission on Friday, the presentation of the Laver's Most Popular Player Award will be made. This award goes to the Totem player that you the spectators have selected. The voting has been completed and the ballots counted. The winner is . . . " (Better come to the game Friday and see for yourself)."

THE CHAMP



WITH A LOOK of grim determination and the touch of uncanny accuracy, 407 Curling champ, T-line Smith delivers another of his devastating take-outs. Major Smith and his trio of so called curlers sewed up the 407 championship with a record of four wins against only one defeat.

— News photo

Junior Forest Warden News

Twenty Junior Forest Warden leaders and counsellors from throughout Vancouver Island attended a Workshop held in Nanaimo, Jan. 12, 1969.

The Workshop was conducted under the direction of D. D. Campbell, Regional Supervisor of the Coast Region of the Canadian Forestry Association of B.C.

The program was designed to simulate an actual club meeting with leaders participating in exchanging ideas of their clubs activities. Methods of instructing the training courses and recreation program were topics that received close attention.

Mr. W. Hughes, Recreation Director for the Evans Lake Junior Forest Warden Summer Camp conducted instruction on club recreation and project activities. Other leaders portrayed their program through slides and films of activities in their communities.



LISTEN YOU GUYS — I don't care if I am the only Corporal on this team, I'm still the skip and where I come from that means boss. Bob Carscadden seems to be laying it on the line as Broom Boy Tommy Stobbs looks on with a sheepish grin. Meanwhile the other two granite smashers seem more interested in posing because they think that their picture might get into the Times. Carscadden managed to drag this crew into a semi-respectable third place finish in the 407 Curling Spiel.

SKI WATCH

Canadian Skiers Triumph In Sweden

Canada's TEST team has cracked the hitherto Scandinavian cross-country monopoly by taking top honors in the Swedish National Nordic championships at Hassala, Sweden.

Paced by twin sisters Sharon and Shirley Firth, this nine-member band of Yukon and Northwest Territories Metis, Indians and Eskimo youngsters established Canada as a growing power in Nordic ski competition and as having potential gold medal candidates in the 1972 Winter Olympic Games.

The 15-year-old Firth sisters placed one-two in winning the five-kilometre junior girls title by a full minute and a half over their nearest rivals. Teammate Roseanne Allan ranked fifth.

The Canadian youngsters are representing Canada in a series of Nordic events throughout Europe. They are products of Territorial Experimental Ski Training (TEST), a cross-country ski training program financed through grants from the Fitness and Amateur Sport Program of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

While the spotlight centred on the twin sisters, the TEST boys weren't far behind.

Fred "Express" Kelly, a 17-year-old Fort Good Hope, NWT Indian lad, who startled the Canadians ski world last spring by winning the Canadian junior cross-country title, figured prominently in two Swedish competitions. He headed the field in

winning the 7 1/2-kilometre International FIS - sanctioned Brgsjo race with a minute and a half to spare, then placed fourth behind teammate Roger Allen in the seven kilometre Swedish National junior title event, a mere six seconds behind the winner.

John Truro, 19, also of Fort Good Hope, was third in the Brgsjo event.

International observers were impressed with the excellent techniques demonstrated by the young Canadians. These skills, imparted by Norwegian instructor Bjorger Pettersen, combined with the youngster's fierce determination and competitive pride, may go a long way toward softening the blow to Canada's sports fans by Nancy Greene's retirement.

The brainchild of John John Mouchet, OMI, of Old Crow in the Yukon, the Canadian Amateur Ski Association-sanctioned TEST has been backed by Fitness and Amateur Sports grants of \$50,000 over the past two years and is rapidly proving its worth.

Classified as an action research by the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport, to evaluate the effectiveness of competitive sports in motivating Indian, Metis and Eskimo students to higher overall achievement, TEST has nine teams and 170 participants operating from Inuvik and three teams and 25 participants at Old Crow.

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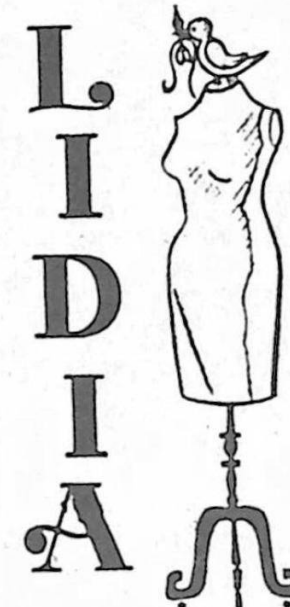
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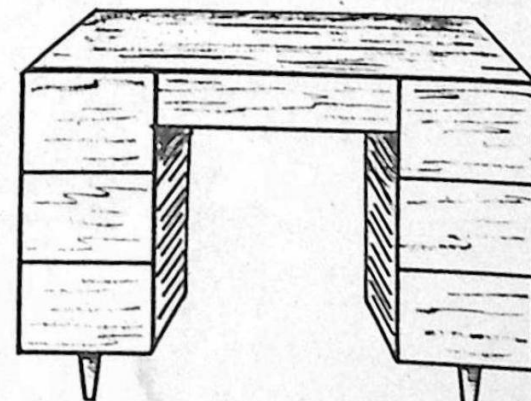
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SKI with SCOTT

By L'IL

JOHN

What does the use of a ski pole mean to you? Are you going to use it to spear some unsuspecting bystander as you cut an ever widening swath as you fall down the hill? It must have been the very first skier who invented the ski pole as an extension to his arm rather than as a practical advantage to himself. In this present day and age, the type of downhill skiing that we do necessitates the use of these tapered, non-entitled, and then of course, have you ever seen a good skier without them?

The first thing that comes to the skier's mind these days is cost. If you plan to pay more than \$20 for a pair of ski poles it's virtually certain that you'll be happy with the product you buy.

The ski pole is one of the most personalized pieces of ski equipment, for the feeling of the pole swinging in your hand and the comfort of the grip are usually the reason why skiers buy one pole rather than another. Durability, is always the factor which confronts the buyer before his purchase, so what do you look for? Do the shafts break? Do the grips hold up? Do the tips break? Do the baskets come off? It is doubtful that you will ever see a skier doing tip stands using a pair of bamboo poles!

Money, as usual, dictates the quality of materials, for if you spend \$25 or over for a set of poles they will last about three times as long as a pair that costs \$12. An important reason for the higher cost of making a lightweight, and rigid shaft is the use of the high quality, hard, aircraft aluminum alloys in expensive poles that can make the purchase price be five or six times higher than the cheap non-tapered tubes that come by the yard like spaghetti.

In the steel-shafted poles, the difference is less in the material, which is basically carbon steel, and more in the manufacturing technique required to make a strong but light tube with a high quality, protective chrome plating. To achieve the paper thin walls of an expensive steel pole, the pole is drawn many times through a die until it is perfectly formed at the required

Demons Overseas

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charges while machine gun bursts spattered around the conning tower. Two hours after this Seehund disappeared in the cascading waters of the D.C. explosions a second was located, illuminated and attacked. Air bubbles rose to the surface and spread over a small area.

On May 9th the Langham Detachment returned to base to receive congratulations from Group for its excellent work during the four weeks in Norfolk.

F/O F. C. Lansdall was awarded his D.F.C. about this time in recognition of his outstanding work as navigator; thanks to his example and instruction the Demons led the Group in navigation proficiency. During the period from September 1944 to May 1945 the Demons had been fortunate in losing on operations only one aircraft, the crew of which, after forced landing in Norway had made their way home to Britain. Training accidents and test flights, however, took the lives of 13 officers and men. The Demons disbanded early in June 1945, after four years continuous service with Coastal Command.

"One incident happened early in 407's career when a number of Hudsons were making a night test of a new bombing procedure. Several "brass hats" had gathered at the practice site to observe results and all was going well until some German raiders, probably heading for Hull, noticed the lights on the ground and, joining in the circuit, proceeded to carry out a real attack.

LAST MINUTE ADVICE NETS AUTHOR FORTUNE

Most of us will dispense a "bit of advice" at the drop of a tam-o'-shanter but few of us ever follow it as eagerly. Yet a few chance words can prove very fortunate some-times.

Years ago, an unknown young author had his book accepted, and the publisher asked which he preferred, a hundred pounds for the copyright or a royalty arrangement.

The young man chose the hundred pounds, but while the publisher went out to prepare the contract, someone whispered, "I'd take the royalty if I were you."

Swinging around, the author observed an elderly clerk, already back at his work. "The author didn't take long to decide. He went back into the publisher's office and settled for royalties.

The book, "King Solomon's Mines" by Henry Rider Haggard, became an all-time best-seller, and what that advice cost the company no one has dared to compute.

Now here's a "bit of advice" you'll find worth heeding. The easiest, safest and surest way to avoid financial stress and strain is to make regular deposits in a Bank of Montreal, true savings account at 5 1/2% interest. Then when unexpected need or opportunity arises, you have the ready cash waiting for you. You'll be amazed at how handy it can prove. To start your account, visit the Courtenay branch of the B of M soon. Any of the personnel will show you how easy it is, and how profitable in the years to come. —Advt.

up readily also. The ultimate test for blood balls though is the mighty steelhead salmon. Several knowledgeable steelhead fishermen in the interior of British Columbia credit blood balls as their number one bait. Full yearly limits seem to bolster their faith.

So if you're out trudging along the streams and rivers trying for the elusive salmon without success, think about blood balls. It could be just the answer. Adios!

ED TOMCHUK
please return
the 9 o'clock gun

BAITING TIPS

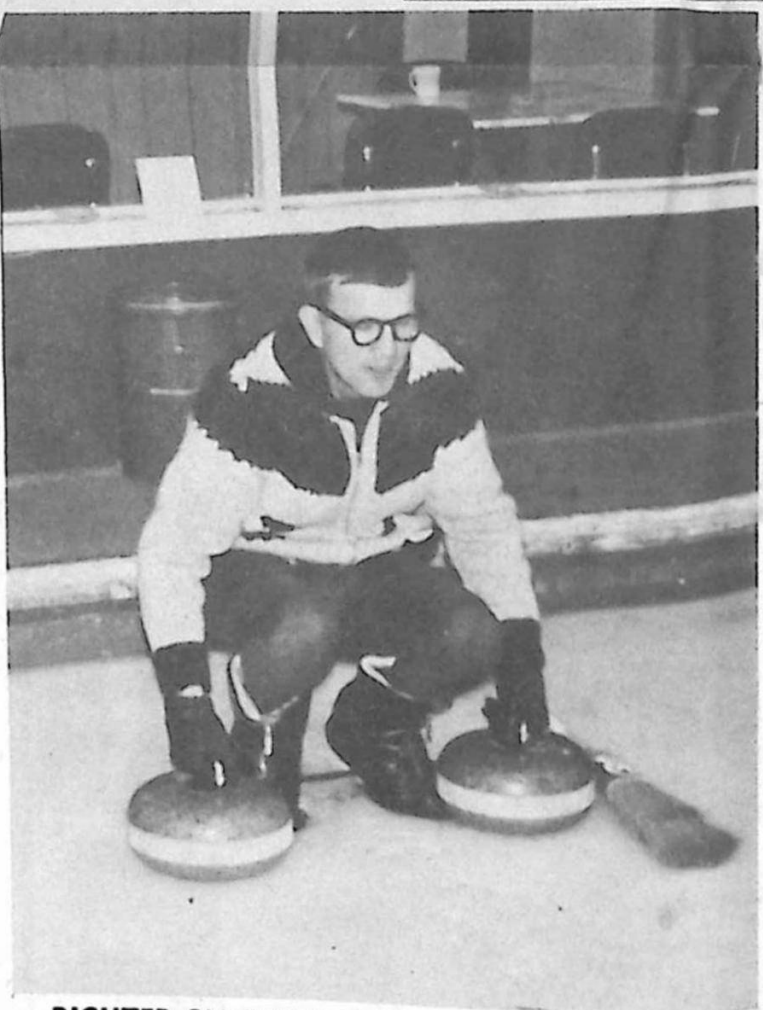
by Cool Hand Luke

By COOL HAND LUKE

Ever wonder what you could do with the pints of blood lost in shaving the morning after the night before. Stop wondering. Collect the precious liquid and use it to soak cotton balls in. Now you're probably wondering what you are going to do with the bloody cotton balls. Fishermen awake! Blood balls make excellent bait. Fish are basically cannibalistic by nature. Therefore the use of baits such as roe or blood balls is productive in catching them.

To make blood balls is relatively simple. Soak cotton balls in blood and then let them dry out. Cream of tartar can be used to preserve them. They last much longer than fish roe and aren't as messy. If you don't take chances in shaving and use an electric razor, blood should be readily obtained from any of the local butcher shops.

Cotton balls are good for most fish. They make suckers out of lake trout. A gang troll rig with the bait about a foot back from it is very productive. Arctic grayling and white fish suck them



RICHTER ON THE ROCKS — The new Bob Richter no longer takes his ice in cubes and has been known to say, "You don't have to drink to have a good time." — News photo

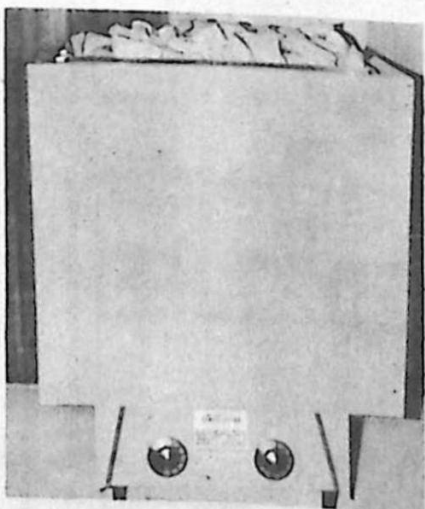
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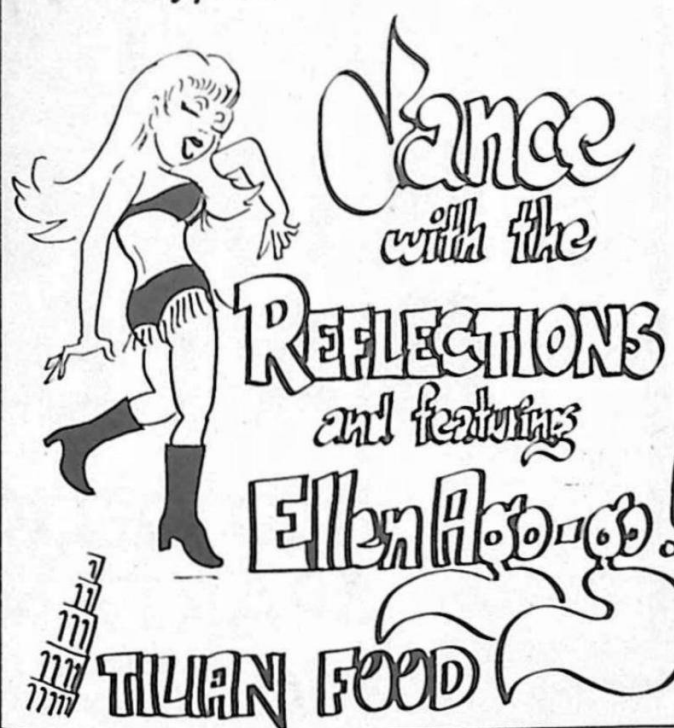
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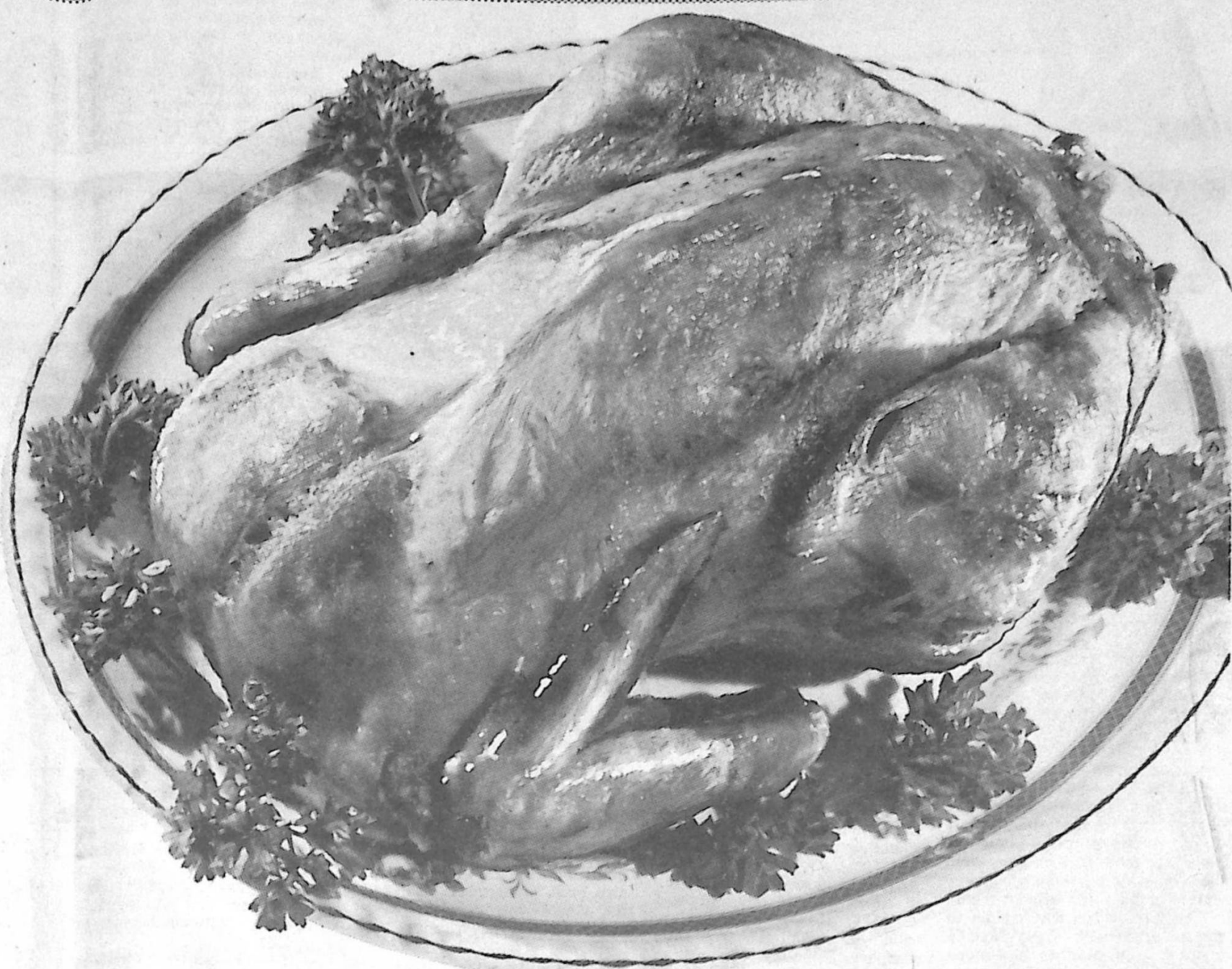
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