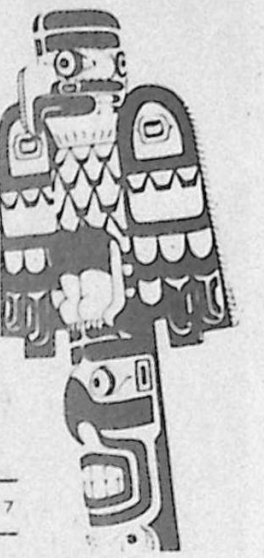


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Base tactically evaluated

New comm system to be mostly Canadian-built

OTTAWA — Computerized message relay centers for Project SAMSON, a program for modernizing and automating the national defence communication system, "will be procured through competitive tender," defence minister James Richardson said today.

First announced last November, SAMSON

(strategic automatic message switching operational network) will replace obsolete facilities in existence since the 1940's. It is estimated that the project will cost approximately \$52,000,000.

Mr. Richardson said, "letters of interest" were sent to 64 Canadian companies last November 8. Because of the complexity of the equipment involved, it was not known how many Canadian companies would be able to bid on the project. He confirmed today that, based on the replies received, a competitive situation does exist.

He also said that "invitations to tender" will be issued this spring. Factors to be considered in the final selection, he emphasized, will include Canadian content or off-set benefits, performance and cost.

The defence minister pointed out that a substantial portion of the SAMSON budget would be spent in Canada for construction, installation, engineering, power, air conditioning, spare parts and training.

He said that every effort will be made to achieve maximum Canadian content in the procurement of the electronic equipment, or trade-offs would be sought supporting Canadian industry. The electronics portion of the budget, approximately 50 percent, includes automatic relay centers, line equipment, communication security devices and terminal equipment.

Mr. Richardson also said that he had invited the president of the Electronics Industry of Canada, Mr. Leon Balcer, and members of his association, to meet with him in Ottawa on Friday, Jan. 19. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss means of achieving maximum Canadian content from this major procurement of communications equipment.

CFB Comox underwent a tactical evaluation early this week. The Tac Eval Team from Air Defence Command Headquarters in North Bay was tasked with the job to determine whether Base Comox is operationally ready to carry out its wartime role.

The team, consisting of 37 officers and NCOs, arrived Saturday afternoon aboard a Hercules and brought with them the usual excellent weather that is traditionally associated with this annual event.

After getting acclimatized, the Tac Eval arose early Monday morning and presented 409 Squadron's alert crews with a scramble on a CF-100 which had taken off from McChord AFB. The ungentlemanly hour of the scramble was 4:18 a.m.

Shortly afterwards, the recall of all base personnel was initiated to begin a day which, for most people, didn't end until after 10:00 p.m. During the day, Tac Eval Team Chief LCol D.J. McCaul and his troops kept a sharp eye on the simulated war and made notes on any deficiencies that cropped up.

The next day various sections of the base were evaluated. Inputs of varying types prompted the expected response. One snag occurred

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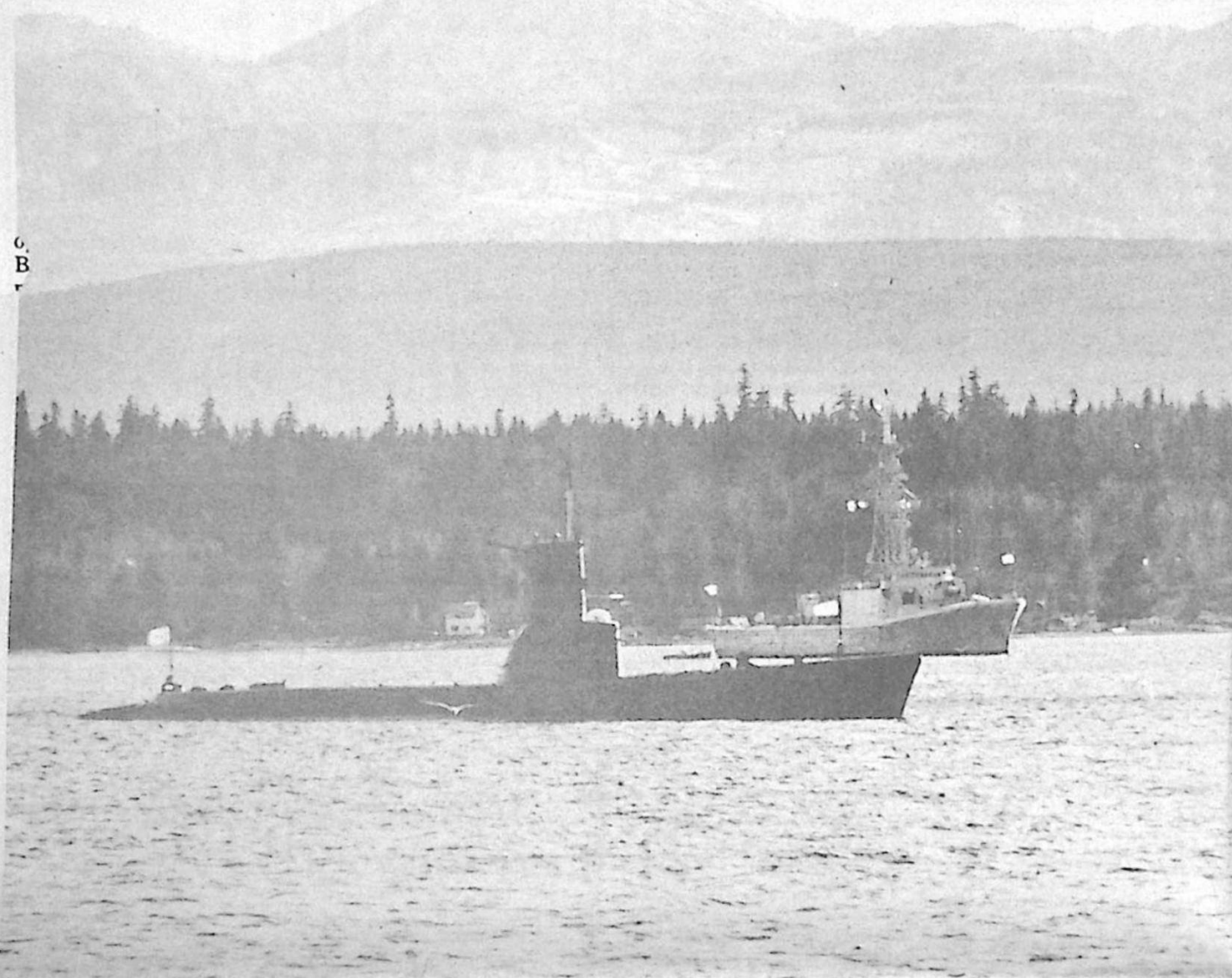
Canadians save Yanks from fire

ON REFORGER IV, WEST GERMANY (CFP) — Two Canadian soldiers are being hailed as heroes for rescuing two American soldiers trapped in a burning armoured personnel carrier January 20, while on NATO field manoeuvres near the town of Bellheim.

Corporal Robert Neilson of Saint John, N.B., and Captain Barry Hamilton of Paris, Ont., drew praise from 4 Canadian Mechanized Battle Group commander Brigadier General P.V.B. Greive for their quick action.

Corporal Neilson, who was sleeping nearby, was awakened by the fire alarm. Realizing the hatch of the APC was blocked by a camouflage net, he leaped to the top, freed it, and helped out a U.S. Army Captain and a sergeant trapped inside.

At the same time Captain Hamilton entered the rear of the carrier, groped his way to the front and quickly moved it away from a barn in which explosive materials were stored.



HMCS RAINBOW AND GATINEAU slipped into Comox Harbor on Friday night to see the sights. Participating in an exercise with U.S. and

Canadian units off Vancouver Island and at Nanos Bay they stayed for the weekend, before resuming the exercise.

(Dave McNair Photo)

Defence comes first

Minister reaffirms military role for Canadian Forces

OTTAWA (CFP) — "The government intends to widen the area of service to Canada open to personnel in the Canadian Armed Forces."

These words are found in the throne speech delivered to Parliament by Governor-General Roland Michener on January 4.

"In addition to maintaining a high degree of military capability as the primary and essential role of the forces, new emphasis will be placed on the many areas in which the varied skills and training of this large number of dedicated Canadians can contribute to the achievement of national goals," he continued.

During the January 16 debate on the Speech from the Throne, Defence Minister James Richardson said, "I wish to emphasize first of all our commitment to maintaining a high degree of military capability. The first duty of our armed forces is to protect Canada, and nothing we do in other areas should diminish that capability."

Mr. Richardson stated that there are skills and training possessed by Canadian Armed Forces personnel that can serve other national goals. He said, "I also believe that within the armed forces there is a desire to serve, not just to serve in a military role, not just to protect this country, but to help to improve this country."

The defence minister

mentioned several areas in which the armed forces have assisted in civilian-oriented projects in the past and others in which they could assist in the future. Northern development, communications, physical fitness, ecology and mercy flights are non-military activities that the minister feels can be expanded by the Canadian Armed Forces.

Eight cents to Vietnam

OTTAWA (CFP) — For just eight cents you can now visit Vietnam — not in person, but by mail.

You can send your letters to Canadian servicemen serving on the International Commission of Control and Supervision in Vietnam.

Here's how to address the envelope: RANK, NAME AND SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER MCCC, International Commission of Control and Supervision, CPO 5005.

Once you have done this, affix an eight cent stamp to the envelope and drop it in your nearest mail box.

The Post Office then delivers your letter to CFB Trenton where it will be loaded onto the next aircraft going to Vietnam.

That's all there is to it.

WO Lee gets China post

OTTAWA — A non-commissioned officer of the Canadian Armed Forces will spend the next 24 months in the People's Republic of China.

Early next month, Warrant Officer V.L. Lee, 46, will take up his new position as assistant to the military attache in Peking.

Although born in the United Kingdom, WO Lee was educated at the Public School for Boys in Shanghai, China. After serving in the British Army for seven years, he enlisted in the Canadian Army in August, 1953.

Besides serving in administrative positions in Ottawa and Winnipeg, WO Lee has served with the Canadian Forces in Germany, at United Nations Headquarters in Korea and with the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff in Washington, D.C.

Reserves to get green bags soon

OTTAWA — The Honourable James Richardson, Minister of National Defence announced today that Canada's reserve forces will be issued the Canadian Forces green uniform by the end of 1973.

The decision was passed to the Conference of Defence Associations at its annual meeting here this week by General Jacques Dextraze, chief of the defence staff.

Last year the CDA strongly recommended that the forces' green uniform be issued to the

reserves at the earliest possible date.

The green uniform will replace the tri-service uniforms, worn by the sea, land and air reserves since the Second World War.

Approximately 18,000 male and 2,000 female uniforms are being earmarked for the reserves at a cost of approximately \$1.6 million.

Issue of the uniforms is expected to start this summer and should be completed by the end of the year.

The green beret, currently an issue headdress for the regular forces will become the issue headdress for the reserves when wearing the green uniform. The black beret, worn traditionally by the armoured corps, may be worn by the reserves, as it is by the regular forces, with Canadian Forces work dress and combat clothing.

Mr. Richardson announced that the kilt worn by highland regiments, may be worn with the green uniform tunic. Cost of altering the tunic to create a "doublet", or traditional highland jacket, will be a unit responsibility.

In addition he confirmed that regimental, air and sea element cap badges will continue to be worn. Formal mess dress and regimental ceremonial dress will also continue to be worn for appropriate occasions.

IT ISN'T REAL FUR, but the new winter hat, to be worn only with the winter overcoat, is reputed to be warm. At NDHQ, the winter hat and the general service caps are the only authorized headgear. Berets and wedge caps are out.

(Canadian Forces Photo)

Simulated fur on new hats

OTTAWA (CFP) — Equal opportunity to prevent frostbite is now available to both men and women of the Canadian Forces.

Presumably based on recommendations of a royal commission on the status of men's ears, a new man's fur hat is at last a reality.

Although women in the Forces have had warm fur hats for more than a year, men will get equality when issues of the new hat are completed this spring.

Made of black lustrous synthetic fur, lined and insulated, the hat has a laminated earflap which can be turned up inside the cap when not required. Individual cost is \$3.15.

Basically a dress hat, it is cylindrical in shape and about eight inches high when not pulled down. The hat is worn on the right side of the head centered front and back with

the front one inch above the right eyebrow.

Worn only with the winter overcoat, the fur hat and the Canadian Forces service cap are now the only accepted headdress for personnel working at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa. The beret and wedge cap are no longer acceptable items of wear at NDHQ.

The hat badge is worn on a removable green melton cloth flap on the left side with the top of the badge measuring five inches above the base of the hat. By removing the flap, the hat can be worn with civilian clothes.

Manufactured by Parktown Hat and Cap Ltd., Toronto, the \$312,000 contract calls for 100,000 hats, half of which have already been delivered to 44 bases and stations. A slow-down in issuing larger sizes occurred when some hats were found to be smaller than the label indicated.

First American ace retires

COLORADO SPRINGS — America's first air ace of World War II, CWO William R. Dunn, retired at the Aerospace Defense Command headquarters, Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 31.

Mr. Dunn enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1934 believing that he would be transferred into the flying forces. He had accumulated 100 hours of flying time prior to entering the service.

After being denied a transfer, Mr. Dunn served his Army hitch and then worked at a variety of civilian jobs until World War II broke out and he heard that the Royal

Canadian Air Force wanted pilots.

However the RCAF no longer needed pilots when he volunteered his services so he joined the Canadian Army in 1939 and was shipped to England.

His first taste of combat came when the British and Canadian armies were forced off the European continent. Mr. Dunn's parents were notified that he was missing-in-action but they received a short note from their son: "Safe, in one piece, please send \$25."

His next taste of combat came while at the Canadian

camp near Borden in Hampshire, England. German Stukas made an attack run on the camp and the American born, Canadian Army sergeant took over a previously knocked out gun emplacement and shot down two of the Stukas.

His desire to fly still burning, he found that the Royal Air Force (RAF) was calling for flyers. This time he was accepted and sent to flying training school.

After being assigned to the No. 71 "Eagle" Squadron, a unit composed of all American volunteers, Dunn shot down two German

fighters in his first air-to-air encounter with the enemy. One of the German fighters reportedly was flown by a German ace with 57 confirmed victories.

After being wounded, he was transferred to instructor duty, and in 1943 he transferred to the U.S. Army Air Corps' 406th Fighter Group flying P-47 Thunderbolts.

He participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and before the end of World War II, he was credited with 8½ enemy aircraft confirmed destroyed in the air, plus 4 unconfirmed, 3 probables and 4 damaged. He also destroyed

12 enemy aircraft on the ground.

Following his European service, the by-then Lieutenant Colonel Dunn was transferred to China and Burma where he fought against the Japanese. Throughout the war, he flew 234 combat missions, totalling 519 combat hours.

He was retired from the Air Force as a reserve lieutenant colonel in 1967 but elected to remain on active duty as a warrant officer. After 32 years of military service in the uniforms of three nations,

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MASTER CORPORAL LES BROWN accepts VP 407's contribution for sponsorship of their minor hockey team, the 407 Owls. Presenting the bill on behalf of the squadron are Major Tom Dandeno and CWO Harry Fee.

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407 Tech Ramblings

Returns from the recent raffle held for the purpose of raising funds to sponsor the 407 Sqn Owls Mosquito League hockey team indicate that the undertaking was a resounding success. Final receipts totalled \$298.50 of which amount \$204.50 came from the technical organization. With the \$100 sponsorship fee turned over to an official of the Minor Hockey Association, the surplus of \$198.50 was used to purchase post-Christmas cheer which was distributed to the 38 lucky winners as selected by Maj Tom Dandeno on Feb 1st. Winners of the first, second and third prizes were Maj C.L. Smith, MCpl F. Edwards and Capt I.J. Hawley respectively, while the remainder of the assorted snake bite remedies was dispensed in dingle doses. See your section notice board for complete list of winner's names and description of prizes.

February 2nd, 1973 is a date that will be long remembered in the minds of one hundred 407 Sqn and Base wives, sons and daughters. That was the snowy Friday morning they left the Base in two buses, boarded the DDE HMCS Gatineau in Nanoose Bay and, after an extremely smooth, fast and interesting four hour run up the Stairs of Georgia, were debarked in brilliant sunshine in Comox harbor. Testimony to their enjoyment aboard ship was evident all weekend as the dependent sailors told and retold their sea stories to husbands, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends.

To the Captain, officers and men of Gatineau, our most sincere thanks for their hospitality, courtesy and consideration throughout the voyage.

TORP TOPICS

The weekend of Jan. 26 and 27 was the occasion of a very successful curling bonspiel sponsored by the Totem Annex Club. While the turnout was not as great as had been anticipated, the 18 participating rinks had a thoroughly enjoyable time as they swept their way through the four games played by each rink. Scoring was on the basis of two points for each end won and ten for winning the game. The prizes, worth at least \$300, were won by rinks skipped by Harve Herauf, Marty Fraser and Roy Covey who finished first, second and third respectively. Fourth place honors necessitated the throwing of skip's rocks when the Viklund and Raskob foursomes wound up in a tie and, with Viklund outdrawing Raskob, the latter took fifth prize while Grasdale finished sixth. The final award, for the most sportsmanlike rink, was awarded to Al Chashman and crew.

Since no notes were taken during the course of the 'spiel and there were periods during the two days when your scribe's memory was not functioning in a sober manner, please don't be too upset should you detect the odd inaccuracy in the foregoing report. There is a monster Junior Ranks Bonspiel coming up in early March at Moose Jaw and we expect a good representation from Comox.

Meanwhile, here at the Torp Shop, the flu bug has smitten its fair share of victims and it is our fervent hope that the worst has passed.

In closing, we wish to extend our sympathies to all those would-be curlers who are still suffering from blistered hands and tired aching bodies.

SERVICING SNICKERS

Finally, after a long absence from the west coast's premium fish wrapper, the work load has subsided sufficiently to enable us to contribute a column from 407's finest - Servicing.

Unification has taken a firm grip on no. 1 Crew's Weiner Lavigne since, as of this writing, he is taking a cruise aboard one of Esquimalt's pleasure craft. We trust that the Navy is well stocked with "K" rations since there is little doubt that Weiner will supply his own can opener. Subsequent to their arrival in Comox harbor, the crews of the Gatineau and Rainbow were treated to monster T.G.I.F.'s in the respective messes and, over the weekend, were taught the finer points of volleyball, broom ball, golf, bowling, etc.

Some recent additions to Servicing include W.O. Ed Lozanski on 3 crew, Cpl Hyshka from Repair on 2 crew and Cpl Shelton also from the ARO empire on 3 crew. To make room for the latter two Cpls. Ptes Knight and Johnson were dispatched to bolster Repair's manpower resources.

WO Harry Alstad and Sgt "Mac" McCulloch have been lost to the WOs charm school at Esquimalt for six weeks with the result that Sgt Bud Wharton has been holding the fort on Crew 2 by himself since early January. WO Ed Lozanski is also among the missing for a spell as he gets Argus oriented on the Superintendent's course at Greenwood.

Cpl Fred Gilroy should be up and around chasing the nurses through the hospital halls at Naden as he recuperates from a recent knee operation.

Well, Sgt. John Clark is finally back to work after an extended Christmas holiday which however was not of his own choosing. "Gimpy" now has Cpl Barry Arneil chauffeuring him around the hangar on a push cart as a means of saving wear and tear on his underpinnings. What a way to travel! Speaking of Barry Arneil, we are beginning to think that MWO Hall will soon be turning his collar around in view of Barry's tear-filled stories pertaining to his work load and the sad condition of his mobility spares on their return from deployments. Shame! Shame!

The fish stories are not breaking like they did last year so is it possible that Ivan Cumming and Art Limber have finally learned what it is like to be skunked?

"Chief Petty Officer" Fee celebrated his 25th birthday (or was it 52nd?) this past week. It's difficult to tell the age of a person who spends so much time smiling.

Our Servicing smoke room was invaded by Maj Dandeno, Capt Roberts, CWO Fee and Cpl Laliberte on Feb 1st as they presided over the post-Xmas cheer draw. The first ticket pulled by the Good Major was that of our own STechO, Maj C.L. Smith. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who supported this worthwhile effort of sponsoring the 407 Owls minor hockey team.

AVIONICS
On Tuesday, 30th January, six stalwart air element personnel joined the crew of HMCS Gatineau. No not Shanghaied, which is done rarely these days, but rather on a visit which, thanks to the Captain and crew, was most enjoyable and informative.

HMCS Gatineau is a destroyer of the Restigouche

class designed for anti-submarine warfare and fitted with a host of modern detection and weapons systems operated by computers and a crew of 220 busy people. In a ship 373 feet long, each person receives 19 inches of length. Doesn't sound like very much space and it isn't; however, we pushed six people off the pointy end and squeezed on board.

We were taken aboard at Pat Bay where the ship was undergoing attack by hostile divers from the Fleet Divers' school. The ship's divers were able to find and remove magnetic explosive devices during the darkness, and we then proceeded to Nanoose underwater range for anti-sub manoeuvres with the sub Rainbow and aircraft from Comox and Pat Bay as well as three US Navy destroyers.

HMCS Gatineau is an improved Restigouche class destroyer fitted with variable depth sonar. The sonar body is a seven ton object towed at considerable speed at varying depths, quite a formidable weapon though not designed for use as a club. Make a fine deep line for salmon fishing.

Upon arrival at Nanoose Range, we were successful in tracking the sub for aircraft attacks, then launched an Asroc missile. The Asroc system fires a torpedo a mile or so from the ship then drops it into the water to do its thing. A very impressive sight as the rocket blasts off in a ball of flames with a great bang and roar.

The exercise terminated at noon Friday when 100 dependants from CFB Comox were brought aboard by the ship's boat after being bused down that morning to the Nanoose Range. Upon arrival, they were divided into small groups and hosted to a meal and free run of the ship. We were given a demonstration of a mortar launch, which was very impressive, and were also told that the sub had fired a torpedo in our direction. Standing on deck watching was a chilly experience due to the high rate of the ship's speed.

We learned a lot, found the food excellent and our hosts very enjoyable. Thanks, HMCS Gatineau.

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Demon Doins

Last week saw the Demons hard at work updating their quails on the Nanoose Range. As could be expected, the weather did not cooperate and the quails that were obtained were not easy to come by. Captain John Bennett (the usual scribe) was on the range for the entire period fulfilling the duties of Safety Officer as well as sometime Met observer.

At the completion of the week's activities on the range, HMCS Gatineau and Rainbow paid a port visit to Comox. The ships' companies were hosted in the various clubs

and messes Friday evening prior to the sports events held Saturday. The trophy was won by COMDESRON TWO.

During the ships passage from Nanoose to Comox approximately 100 dependants were taken on board. From all reports it was a most enjoyable cruise. During the visit a debrief of the first stage of the exercise was held and the personnel were also given a briefing of the next phase of the exercise which began last Monday. The visit gave the air force members of Maritime Command the

opportunity to meet the surface and sub-surface people face to face, instead of just a voice at the end of a communications link.

Also visiting VP 407 last week was MP&EU, with their equipped-by-Heathkit Argus. Squadron members were briefed on the role of MP&EU, and the operation and potential of some of their more sophisticated installations such as SLAR, IRLS and OMEGA.

The draw for prizes in the Comox Valley Minor Hockey League was also held last week. The squadron raised \$100 in support of Minor Hockey, mainly due to the efforts of the ticket sellers on both the aircrew and technical side of the house. The success of this venture will no doubt result in further draws when funds for worthwhile purposes are required. A list of winners is posted in the Main Briefing Room and may also be obtained from the 407n Maintenance O.R.

Anyone with any interest in Squadron history is directed to Capt. Al Jones, the Squadron Historian. Al has attacked this job with a vengeance and has recently unearthed a Squadron photo album from the war years. As well as pictures, the album has newspaper clippings of the day which make interesting reading. If anyone has photos that may be of historical interest to the Squadron please let Al know.

We have found a few personnel shuffles lately, with Bob Brown appointed as Tacco on crew 4 replacing Al McConnell who is now NAV-STANDO or something. Flt. Lt. Grime Arvey and Captain Jim Green O have recently become VPC's, as has Capt. John Taylor. That shows what clean living and a healthy mind can do. Dick Saunders has joined the ASCAC 'Group of Greats' with Andy Stephaniuk's departure for MP&EU. Dick has also moved into Andy's PMQ. I didn't know the house went with the job. Jim Dunn, by the way, has assumed Andy's after-hours activities.

Captain Dave Thompson has returned from his course in Sacramento, and all indications are he enjoyed it (who wouldn't) but is glad to be back. He will be missing from the squadron for a while yet though, while he catches up on some leave.

Captains Bob Gaede and Jean Paul Leboeuf will be leaving Friday for their staff school course in Toronto the Good. JP calls it "That bastion of les blokes" but I know he's going to like it too. And besides, any place in Ontario can't be that bad. We shall expect a report from the lower part of Yonge Street from our two travellers, hopefully with a bi-cultural flavor.

All CF-5 pilots trained for air refuelling

BAGOTVILLE — Like bees sucking nectar from the heart of a flower, 16 CF-5 fighter jets took fuel Thursday from a CC137, the military version of Boeing's 707, while in flight about 70 miles north of Bagotville, Que.

The completion of the seven-hour air to air refuelling exercise means that all CF-5 pilots in Canada, about 50 in the two Canadian Forces squadrons at Bagotville and Cold Lake Alta., are now qualified and operational in the precise procedure of refuelling in the air.

The use of the air to air refuelling technique by the Canadian Forces is significant in that the CF-5, a limited range aircraft previously restricted by its fuel capacity to only two hours in the air without a touch-down, can now be used for long range air support.

The refuelling procedure was termed a "gutsy" one by Captain Charles Coffin of Air Transport Command Headquarters in Trenton, aboard the 707 tanker Thursday. And, his opinion must be respected in light of the fact that at an altitude of about 26,000 feet and at a speed of about 475 miles an hour Thursday, two CF-5 jets were only 17 feet away from the tanker as the simultaneous refuelling "contacts" occurred.

By the end of the exercise Thursday, 286 contacts, or practice hookups, had been made by the 433 Squadron of CF-5 pilots at Bagotville, the French language unit, with the 707 tanker, manned by the 437 Squadron crew from Trenton.

Although air to air refuelling is not a new concept by any means (it is used by the Americans and the Royal Air Force), it is new to the Canadian Forces. And, Canada has its own unique system of refuelling.

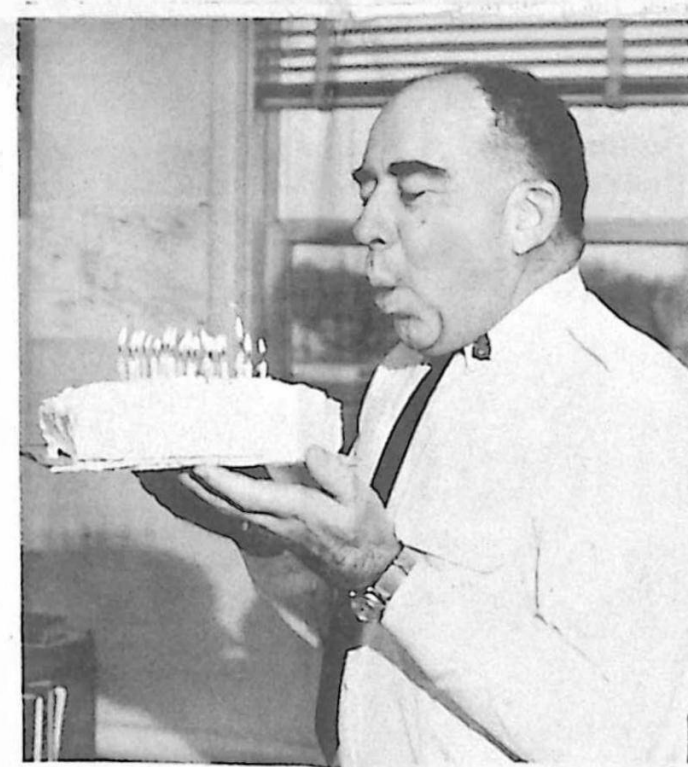
Capt. Don Bengert, navigator aboard the 707, explained the process like this.

In an actual deployment, a tanker would take off with a normal retinue of four CF-5s in formation.

When the tanker reaches the top of its climb to 31,000 feet, with the CF-5s at the same altitude and two off each wing, the CF-5s are given two minutes' advance notice before the 35-foot fuel hoses are extended. As soon as the hoses are down, the captain radios clearance and two CF-5s break out of formation into position behind the hoses.

Meanwhile, the aircraft must be in constant communication with each other. The 707 crew consists of two pilots, a front navigator, a

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ABOUT TO BLOW his birthday cake away, Chief Warrant Officer Harry Fee of VP 407 takes a deep breath. Each of the 20 candles represents 2.6 years.

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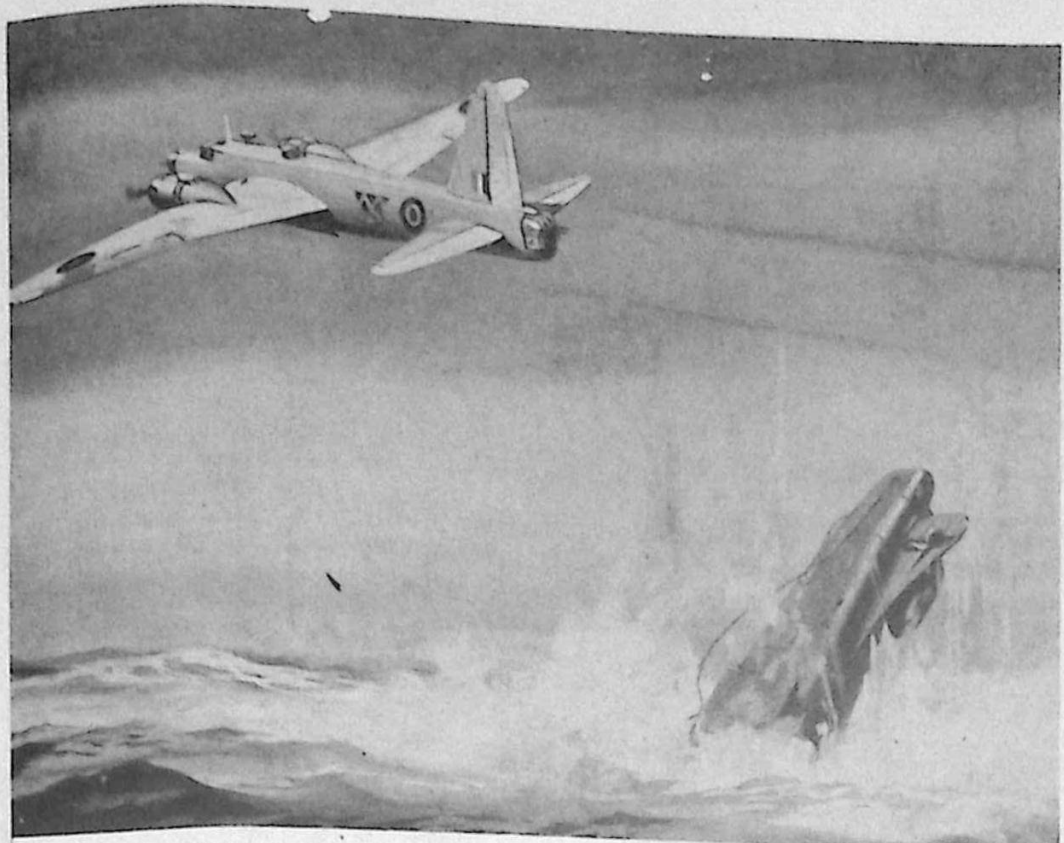
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A WELLINGTON BOMBER piloted by Flying Officer Thompson sank a German U-boat in the Bay of Biscay after dropping six depth charges. Later on the same patrol they spotted another sub, but as they were out of depth charges, could only fake an attack, forcing it to submerge.

Men of peace to be respected

OTTAWA (CFP) — "You are going as men of peace and will be highly respected." These words were spoken by Prime Minister Trudeau, in Montreal, to members of the Canadian Armed Forces contingent on the eve of their departure to Vietnam.

The Prime Minister was accompanied to Longue Pointe Barracks by Defence Minister James Richardson and Chief of the Defence Staff General Jacques Dextraze.

Citing Kashmir, Cyprus and the Congo, the Prime Minister expressed confidence in the ability of the armed forces to foster diplomacy and peace after conflict.

He said the maxim that war is the continuation of diplomacy by other means doesn't apply to Canadians. He added, "Diplomacy has been for us the solution to war."

Speaking before the Prime Minister, Mr. Richardson said the force would "bring new lustre to Canada as a nation committed to world peace."

While addressing the contingent in the morning, General Dextraze called them "ambassadors of this country." He added, "We are going to do a job that needs being done because we are professionals and impartial."

Just before the initial 130-man contingent, under the command of Major-General Duncan McAlph, departed from Montreal's Dorval airport, on January 27, for the 27-hour flight to Saigon, Governor General Roland Michener, in bidding them farewell, said, "It's very gratifying to see how smart we are off the mark. The ink is scarcely dry and here we are saying goodbye to our first group."



MASTER WARRANT OFFICER JACK WHITTLE, lead engineer on Crew 6, receives a Good Show award from L. Col. Dave Haire. On a pre-flight inspection, Jack was able to track down a persistent fuel leak on an engine to a pair of crossed fuel lines. The "Murphy" had gone undetected on several previous inspections. Canadian Forces Photo

DEMON HISTORY

PART XI

1 Sept '43 - 2 Nov '43

SYNOPSIS
Throughout the fall of 1943 the Demons were, weather permitting, on constant operations in the Bay of Biscay and the Western approaches. While the squadron had previously been doing day patrols, as of 8 August all patrols were done at night.

LAC Hopkins' log continues:

Sep 1 — At 6 p.m. FO Heron and crew went out on ops and dropped his DCs on a sub in the usual hunting grounds, the Bay of Biscay. The past few nights the boys have been shooting at Spanish fishing boats, as it is reported they have been refuelling Gerry's subs.

Sep 6 — PO O'Donnell and crew went in "W" at 2125 and came back at 7 a.m. on the 7th and claimed a sub. He lost his trailing aerial on the conning tower of the sub.

Sep 13 — "O" is on training today and on her trip at 1245 noon she was taken by Sgt Munch and crew. He had done his exercise out by Lundy Island, and first got over Saunton Sands when the

mainplane on the port side first completely fell off. From where the kite hit and the mainplane fell was 1 mile and 70 yards and the wing tank ended up 1½ miles away. The only one who is living is WO West who has only a broken jaw, WO Cotes died the following day, the rest of the crew all died instantly, they were WO Haughul and WO Pincock.

Sep 26 — FO Austin went on ops in "Peter" at 2145 with PO Booth, Sgt Revill, WO Merrit, WO Smith and WO Rolfstead, at 3:15 a.m. on the 27th. We received an SOS that they were going into the drink, it is thought from reliable sources that ice formed in the carburetor and he didn't have time to turn on the heat. We've heard since that the whole crew got into the dinghies, but a Gerry fighter shot it from under them. At 5:45 a.m. WC Archer, FO Goodwin, FO Nye, FO Craig, FO Bier and PO Parker went in "Q" in a search for them, and at 7:45 a.m. we received an O-Break-A that he was being attacked by fighters, that's the last we heard.

Oct 15 — There is a wolf-

pack reported coming back from patrol in the Atlantic so there are 24 kites going from the station. We're only sending "O" & "W" from our flight and "A" flight are sending "D". FO Kemper, WO Perry, FS Henderson, PO Hoddington, FS Elliot and FS Gauthier were in "O" but just machine gunned a few fishing boats along with FO Carson, FO Foster, WO Steel, PO Fisher, D.F.M., FO Pocham and WO Alice. FO Tommy Thompson did a little better as he found a sub and blew it all to hell. They left at 1730 and arrived back around 2 a.m. on the 16th.

Nov 2 — The main party left here for St. Eval and like the idea fine, although it's only for a few weeks till they get the runways fixed here. The food down here is the best we've found since being over here. The dispersal points are swell, but we are in with a flt and don't get along very good.

HISTORIAN'S NOTES
PO O'Donnell's claim of sinking a sub was later verified by an examination of German war records. U 669 had indeed gone to the bottom. With regard to the entry of

26 Sept; it appears that a dawn patrol of enemy long range fighters who were quite active at this time, shot down both crews. With the death of WC Archer the Commander of "A" Flt, SL D Pickard became the acting C.O., pending the appointment of a new Commanding Officer.

Weather caused many operations to be cancelled. One terrible rainstorm flooded the runways, hangars and station headquarters. By October the number of sorties had dropped drastically. Virtually all of October's action came in the last two weeks with operations against the wolf pack mentioned in LAC Hopkins' log.

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Colours late Cat Call postponed

OTTAWA (CFP) — Presentation of colors and a reunion planned for later this spring by 416 (Lynx) Squadron, CFB Chatham, N.B. have been postponed for one year.

Difficulty in obtaining the colors until late summer caused the delay. The reunion will be replaced by a squadron survival party on June 9.

The squadron was formed in Scotland in 1941 and flew an impressive record with Spitfires during the Second World War.

Disbanded in 1946, the squadron reformed in 1951 and flew Mustangs, Sabres and CF-100s during the next 10 years.

In 1962, the squadron was equipped with CF-101B Voodoo all-weather fighters.



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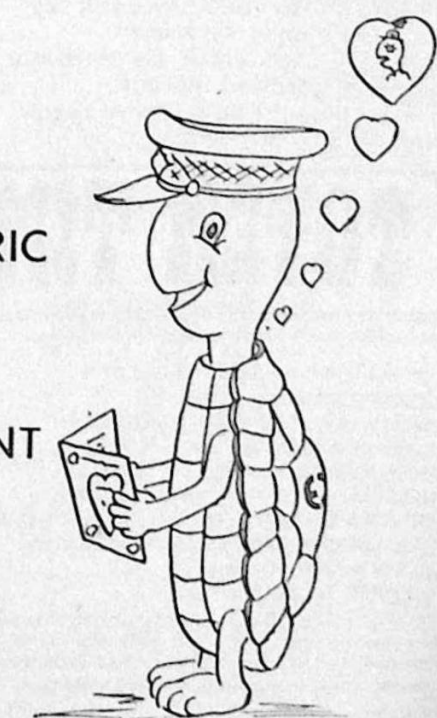
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An Editorial in the Plainsman
By LEE OLSON

According to reports out of Ottawa, certain unnamed members of the Canadian Armed Forces seem reluctant to acknowledge their individual commitments and responsibilities if and when a Canadian contingent is delegated to peace keeping duties in Vietnam. One member of parliament claims to have received letters from constituent servicemen expressing discontent at having been included on the Vietnam role. The reasons these malcontents had proffered were sketched in a general sort of way, and the impression foisted on the public viewer was that the 'selection process' was conducted unfairly, and that it asked some individuals to do a little more than is expected of them as active members of our Armed Forces.

In response to reporters' questions about the situation, Minister of National Defence Richardson replied that, in a very real sense, all of the individuals who had been advised to prepare for possible duty in Vietnam were volunteers -- simply by virtue of the fact that Canada's armed forces are a volunteer force. The only option open to a member of such a volunteer force when he is faced with a moral or more ego-oriented objection to something that is asked of him is to resign. In this, I whole heartedly concur with Mr. Richardson.

Without going into an historical or philosophical appraisal of the volunteer force over conscripted and mercenary forces, the advantages of an all volunteer force lie primarily in discipline, morale, and a general increase in what is generally termed 'professionalism'; ie, a degree of dedication to duty, compatriots, and superiors combined with personal initiative and integrity. In addition by volunteering and being accepted to serve one's country in this manner, one must willingly subjugate certain individual rights to the more general policies and dictates of governments and superiors. Whether these ideals are in fact ever achieved to any degree depends entirely on the type of individual who wears the uniform. To this end, there must be a self policing element within the structure of the military mechanism.

There is nothing particularly obscene or subversive about such a concept. Every recruit is made very aware of what is expected of him from the beginning, and the weeding out process begins at day one. Those who make the grade are in turn briefed on what they can expect from the state employing him. If he has legitimate cause for complaint, there are channels within the military mechanism itself which attempt to right any wrongs done. They are not perfect, but they are very thorough and very fair. If an individual feels that his 'rights' have been unfairly and irreparably 'damaged' after due process, the individual is morally obligated to terminate his contract with the state and seek employment elsewhere.

We in the military are a special fraternity isolated from the mainstream of society in certain definable ways. Every one of us has to be willing to accept the terms and responsibilities, as well as the benefits, of this 'isolation'. If an individual feels that he cannot uphold the terms of his contract, he has no right to appeal to a civilian administrator in an effort to renegotiate the terms of that contract. The sort of attitude that can lead a serviceman to attempt this sort of emotional bribery should leave all of us feeling a little sick and very indignant, and hoping that if a resignation is not forthcoming, that it be demanded.

The Village Hippie

(With apologies to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

Under his pad on 10th and B

The Village Hippie stands;
A turned-on acid head is he
With pale and shaking hands;
And the flower jacket that he wears
Hangs down in tattered strands.

His hair is long and blond and curled;
He sets it when he can;
His face is caked with unwashed grime
That looks just like a tan;
And when he's near, you sort of wish
He'd use Right Guard or Ban!

His pad is just a room for him
To freak out in a crash;
The mouldy mattress on the floor
Contains his secret stash,
In case the Narcs come busting in
To glom his pot and hash!

His roomies, high on hash and coke,
Are fogged in smokey swirls;
And as the Hippie tunes in on
Their dungarees and curls,
He thinks it might be possible
That some of them are girls!

No hang-ups bug his spaced-out world;
He has no pressing need;
Last night he flew on LSD;
Tonight he'll cop a weed;
Tomorrow he'll flip out of sight
And blow his mind on speed!

The years fly by, and now let's see
The Hippie once we knew;
His hair's turned white' his teeth are gone;
His mind is rotted through;
Who ever thought he'd live to reach
The age of thirty-two!!

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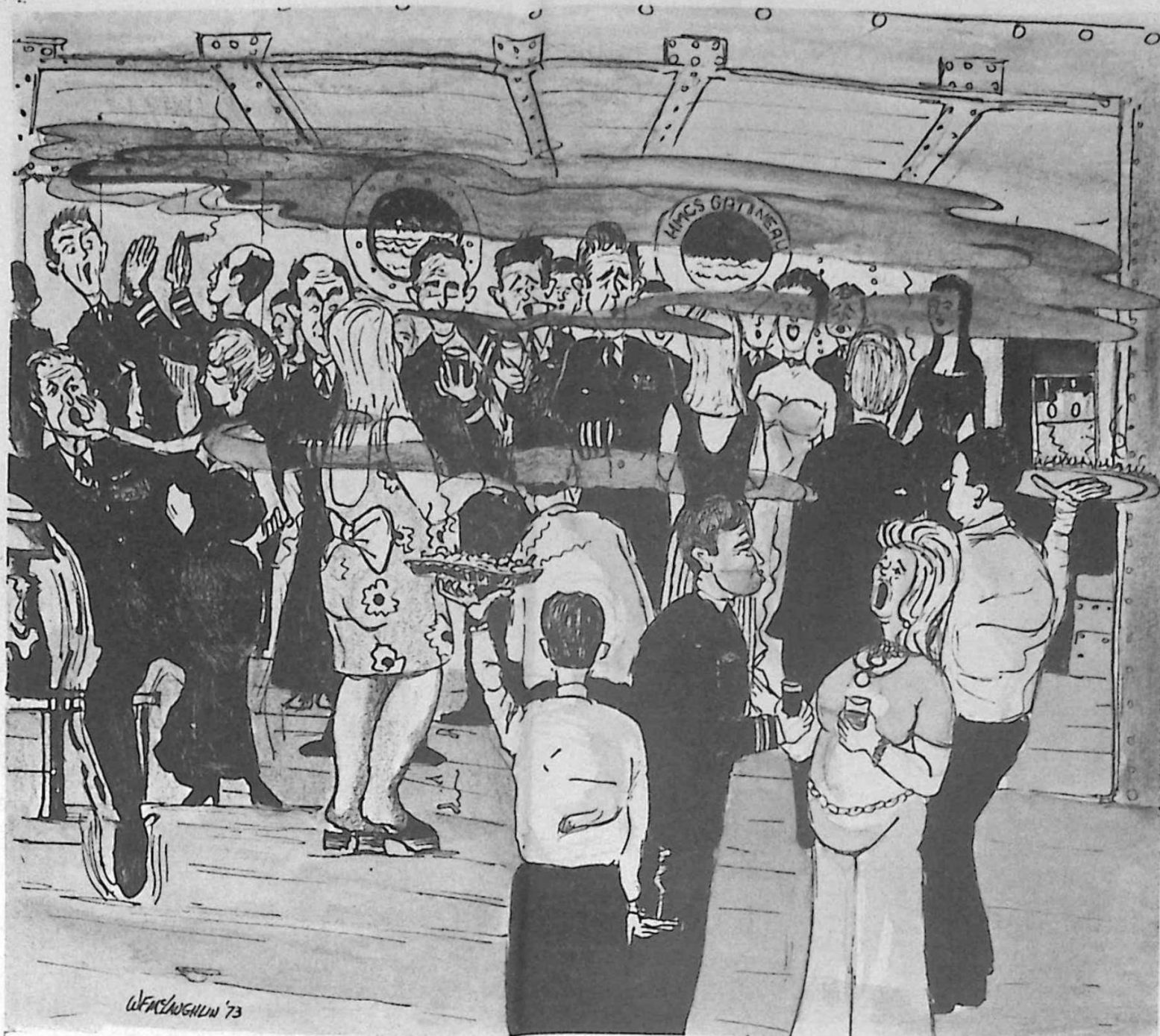
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The fine line of saving

By PAUL KLEM

Is thrift obsolete? Does the old adage of, "a penny saved is a penny earned," still hold true? I suppose it does if the Federal Revenue Department doesn't hear about it.

We are told to save from all angles. The banks encourage savings by extolling all the things you can buy or do with your savings, offering incentives such as guaranteed interest or even penalties if you withdraw from a plan or fail to make a deposit. The Federal Government expounds on savings by offering Canada Savings Bonds yearly, at the same time penalizes you by taxing every cent of interest you make on those savings. It's true you don't have to declare any interest less than \$10.00 but ask yourself, "what will \$10.00 buy today?" The answer is quite obvious -- not a helluva lot!

What are savings? By definition it is what's left over after all the essentials are taken care of. There are certain expenses that you just can't avoid, such as mortgage payments, rent, food, utilities, transportation, clothing -- just to name a few, and of course we mustn't forget taxes! What's left over we could call "savings", usually set aside for some specific or unforeseen expense.

"Savings", are without question a must if one is to maintain his financial balance, or progress on the economic ladder. When people spend money the economy generally booms, prices rise, interest rates rise because everyone wants more money to spend. On the other hand when people quit spending freely the economy sags, prices fall and so does the interest rate. As an example, some years ago the USA economy was in a recession. People were reluctant to spend their hard-earned dollars. The economists hit upon the idea of inspiring people to spend money to get the economy moving again. Radios and TV blared "be patriotic, buy something you don't need." And before long the economy was moving again. Unfortunately it began moving too fast and inflation took over much to the distress of the economists who advocated free, unchecked spending. They ended up with a runaway economy which is more of a problem than the recession. What we need is steady growth. Growth can only be achieved by saving, yet the very thing that could halt inflation in its tracks is being thwarted by government policies and their method of taxation.

Inflation is destroying the very essence of sound economic policies. You can't spend more than you make without going bankrupt. If you live beyond your means there's bound to be a day of reckoning. This holds true whether it's an individual, a family, a community or a nation. We all know how inflation is eroding our dollar. If a dollar will buy less a year from now, why save it! Spend it now and get your money's worth before someone spends it for you.

This is not a sound approach to progress. What we need is a greater incentive to save our money. It must first start with the benefit of the individual. The increased savings of the individuals would soon reflect on the economy of the community and the nation. If people stopped spending as if there was no tomorrow, it would soon bring prices down to a steady level, competition would be keener.

WIGS -- A FIRE HAZARD

If you have a wig, fall or hair piece, Consumers' Association of Canada warns that the wig setting or holding sprays in aerosol cans are highly flammable because of their ethyl alcohol content. The wig is at its most hazardous when the hairpiece has been freshly sprayed and is still wet, regardless of the type of wig. Allow sprays 10 minutes to dry. Repeated application of a spray, without periodic removal of the accumulation by washing or shampooing, increases the burning hazard of any hairpiece, particularly a human hair wig. CAC headquarters is located at 100 Gloucester Street, Ottawa.

Money in the bank is fine, but let's have a closer look at it. Banks pay up to 4 1/2 per cent interest on savings. Statistics Canada inform us that inflation has eroded our dollar by 5.3 per cent in 1972, that means your savings are worth less now than they were a year ago. But that's only a part of it, adding insult to injury, the Federal Tax Department wants 20 per cent or the going rate on any interest your money earned if it's over \$10.00, making your loss even greater. Surely that won't give anybody any incentive to save.

Capital investment means growth, yet growth must come from savings. You can borrow for instant growth but that loan must be paid back.

The Federal Government tries to compensate the lack of savings by give away programmes calling them "incentives", but what incentive can it create if you get something for nothing and others have to bear the costs. What we need is some real tax benefits for savers so they don't have to go to the public purse if they miss a paycheck.

Letters to the Editor

Local hospitals great

Dear Sir:

Perhaps writing about my short sojourn in St. Joseph's General Hospital may not be overly interesting to some people, but to a patient it's a real experience, and of course you never know when you may end up there -- flat on your back for whatever reason. Once they have you in their hands you stick to their rules, or rather the doctor's orders, even if they have to spoon feed you.

From my point of view, as a patient of course, the hospital is extremely well and efficiently run. The pleasant atmosphere, the disposition of the doctors, nurses, and the staff go to no end to make you feel comfortable. They give you the impression that you'll get nothing but the best care possible.

The hospital staff, medical assistants and cleaners keep the place looking immaculately clean all of the time. I once made the mistake of referring to a medical assistant as an "orderly" in a previous article (not about St. Joseph's). The matron corrected me in no uncertain terms that the medical assistants are a very vital part of the medical staff who undergo extensive training, and should not be referred to as orderlies, who are normally delegated to menial tasks only.

We have an excellent medical staff at the Base Hospital who have a full time job on their hands, unfortunately they are neither staffed or equipped to handle prolonged intensive care as is sometimes necessary.

We are fortunate indeed to have within our vicinity one of the most modern and best

equipped hospitals on Vancouver Island, and a most knowledgeable and dedicated staff. The magnificent view from the hospital itself is spectacular. The hospital is situated on a hill overlooking the town, the harbour, Goose Spit, the bay and the surrounding islands, which make it unsurpassed in its beautiful surroundings.

The cheerfulness of the staff is contagious so one is almost reluctant to leave. To all of the staff at St. Joseph's General, and Base Hospitals, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for their special effort which helped in my speedy recovery.

Sincerely,
Paul Klem

Prometheus protests

Dear Sir:

To your correspondent, Mr. John E. Palmer, whose letter appeared in the last issue, I protest!

I never criticized Playboy Magazine in my article of December 14th entitled, "Playboy Philosophy Lucifer's Jest." He read that into the article. In fact I never even mentioned Playboy or any other magazine. I criticized the so-called "Playboy Philosophy" as it has come to be known; but liberal views on marriage and sexual behaviour come from many quarters these days, and Playboy magazine cannot take complete credit for the proliferation of same. But the name "Playboy Philosophy" has become synonymous with liberal views on sexual behaviour.

What right has he to call me paranoid and self-righteous? I only object because readers

who saw his letter and missed the article will think me a narrow-minded prude who refuses to admit to a rampant sexuality and an eye for a pretty girl (both of which I have); a literary eunuch with old-fashioned personality restraints and a holier-than-thou bigotry. At that I protest.

The intention of the article was to discuss the growing emphasis on sexuality within society and the effects of this emphasis on society.

May I suggest that Mr. Palmer read the article again for he missed the point of it entirely the first time.

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Before

Hirsute physician

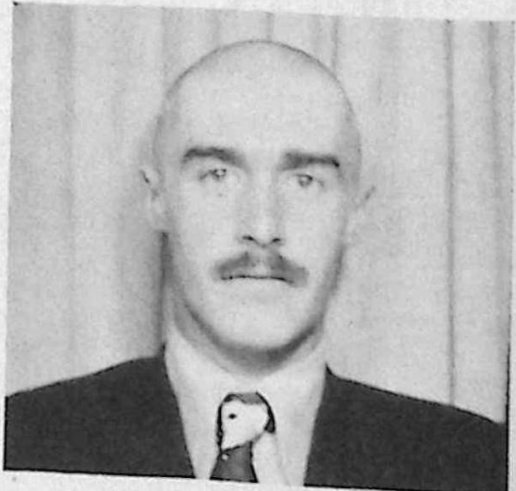
Dear Sir:

I was shocked and appalled by the lack of proper dress and decorum as displayed in the photo of Dr. Landreville your fish wrapper printed last week. All over the base a purge is taking place, but here is an example of completely ignoring the various threats and seeming to get away with it. How come?

Yours truly,
M. Cpl. I. R. Bawld

Editor's Note:

The picture we printed was taken a few weeks before the purge. You will be happy to know that our subject has conformed to the orders of dress. We present the new improved Landreville



After

Willfred Owen

Prometheus

Travelling Companions

In my travels about Vancouver Island I often pick up hitch-hikers and from them I learn a great deal. The other day I picked up three teen-age boys who wanted a ride to Royston. In our journey of about seven miles we had time to talk. Noticing that they all had shoulder length hair I asked them why they chose to wear it that way. They were very frank and didn't mind my impertinence.

Invariably they agreed that it was the "pressures of their group" which dictated their styles in dress and grooming. Again, without solicitation, one of them said that he would like to wear his hair shorter but that he "was afraid of what the kids would say to him at school." And so he forsook his own wishes in order to conform.

How sad that is, really. Their hair was not semi-long, it was lank to the shoulder and below. How unmanlike, how unisexual some of the young people are becoming in their dress and behaviour. It's a pity that teachers and parents don't set and stand by standards that are becoming to manhood and to the development of manliness and womanliness in our youth.

I know that many parents despair because their children don't cooperate in this regard; and many parents don't care. For those who do care, I hesitate to offer a solution, for each case must be judged and remedied in accordance with its special circumstances.

A partial answer may be found in the approach the Federal government is taking in 1973 towards promoting sports for youth across the country. Recent announcements indicate that a great increase in funds is being made available to promote sport for youth with a view to reaching and guiding our young people. It's about bloody time, I'd say. This is a far better thing they are attempting than their Opportunities for Youth and Local Initiatives Programs which have been so widely criticized.

And a Native Canadian

It was raining when I picked up another hitch-hiker. He was about thirty and he was a Canadian Indian. What a pleasant companion he was. He had been on "days off" and had been to Victoria for a change of scene and now he was returning to his job. I noticed how well spoken he was and he told me he had been sent to a school in the interior for his education. I also noticed his pride in bearing and the manliness of his carriage and grooming. No long-hair here.

The greatest treasure he left me from our conversation was the first four lines of a poem he had written and it had all the stamp of a proud and lovely heritage which was born in him and which he will never lose:

The earth is my brother,
The sun is my father,
The stars are my family,
The moon is my wife ...

After we parted, I felt better for having met him.

Hatch o' the Patch

Last Monday saw the commencement of the PMQ Council Bingo in the Totem Lounge. One hundred people braved the 45 degree temperature to come and sit for an evening of fellowship and cash. Mrs. Joyce Trenholm was \$150 richer for attending, many others were poorer for staying home. Affable Ernie Briggs called the numbers and the other 16 councillors rolled nickels. If anyone has any good, clean jokes, please send them to Ernie in care of the 409th All-Weather (tee hee) Fighter Squadron. If not, maybe we can borrow the day-old sign from the bakery. Hizzoner was there fresh from a long stint at "OK guys who flies the airplane tonight?" The next Bingo will be held Monday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Totem Lounge. The jackpot must go, \$150 in 75 numbers of less.

Did you hear the one about the guy's wife who was a Siamese twin? Seems she was joined to a telephone and the husband has been trying to separate them for 20 years. Speaking of baseball, we didn't get a single phone call regarding the setting up of the supervisory committee for kids' baseball. Call Frank Deegan at 339-4426. Let's make this the year for Parent-Power.

The semi-annual "do unto others before they do unto you" is coming up. Elections for half of the councillors will take place this month. The ballots will be distributed in mid-February. The out-going councillors are: Jim Martelle, Ernie Briggs, Merrill Denton, Roger Folster, Harley Robbins, Jim Nazo, Gerry Kee, D.K. Christensen, and Frank Deegan. Please try to pick a good replacement for each retiring council member. Not the guy with 16 cats or the guy with the dogs who try to make the grass greener on your side of the fence, but the best in your neighborhood, maybe yourself! Women are welcome on the council as well. There is a lot to be done this coming year and Hizzoner Bob Conn is a great catalyst. Serving on council is not a bad go and if the interest generated to date in any indication, the next 12 months will see quite a change in Wallace Gardens.

Congratulations to Nelson McInnis, his teachers, and especially the students of Airport School, on the completion of another successful Fun Nite. It was the culmination of many weeks of preparation and speaking personally I wish my kids would get as charged up around home as they were for Fun Nite. Even to my preschooler it was the high point of the season.

The hatch is almost complete for this issue, but to satisfy many inquiries: those fellows wandering through Canex in their fancy green flying suits are not part of the Winter Works Program. Remember, tie your dog, spay your cat, and smile at your neighbor.

Motorcycle safety helmets

Regulation made by the Superintendent of Motor-Vehicles, dated at Victoria, British Columbia the 19th day of December, 1972.

Pursuant to Section 207 of the Motor-Vehicle Act, I hereby give approval to safety helmets for motorcycle riders that conform to the following standards, as amended from time to time:

(a) Canadian Standards Association, number C.S.A. Standard D230, entitled "Safety Helmets for Motorcycle Riders," or
(b) British Standards Institute, numbered 2001, or
(c) American National Standards Institute, number Z90, or
(d) Snell Memorial Foundation, numbered SNELL 1970, and labelled in accordance with such standard.

No person shall sell, offer for sale, expose or display for sale or deliver over to a purchaser a motorcycle helmet that does not conform to one of the above standards.

Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL
R. J. Ritchie - Base Chaplain
Telephone No. 339-2211 Local 273

11 Feb. - 11:00 a.m. - Divine Worship
18 Feb. - 11:00 a.m. - Divine Worship: Contemporary style of worship arranged by personnel and dependants from Esquimalt, Chilliwack, Massett, Holberg and Comox.
20 Feb. - 8:00 p.m. - Ladies Guild: In the Chapel Annex on Tuesday, 20 February at 8:00 p.m. All women are cordially invited to attend.
Every Sunday Evening - 7:30 p.m. Young Peoples Fellowship Hour in 'Chapel' Annex. For all Protestants and R.C. young people between the ages of 13 and 19 years.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Every Sunday in the Chapel.

R.C. CHAPEL
Father Joseph A. Borg
Base Chaplain (R.C.)
Telephone No. 339-2211 Local 274

MASSSES:
Saturday - 7:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass.
Sunday 0930 and 1100 hours

WEEKDAYS:
Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. in private homes (except when CWL meets).

Friday - 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.
On other days Father Borg will celebrate Mass on request. SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Before Mass on Saturday from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and before other Masses.

BAPTISM: By appointment. Whenever possible on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On other Sundays for a good reason.

CHOIR: The Junior Choir meets in the PMQ School every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. following Catechism classes. Ages 10 years and over.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAPEL COMMITTEE: The regular meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Sunday, 11th of February at 1300 hours, in the Parish Hall. All members of the Parish Council are urged to attend and any parishioners who wish are also welcome and may have a say in all Parish activities.

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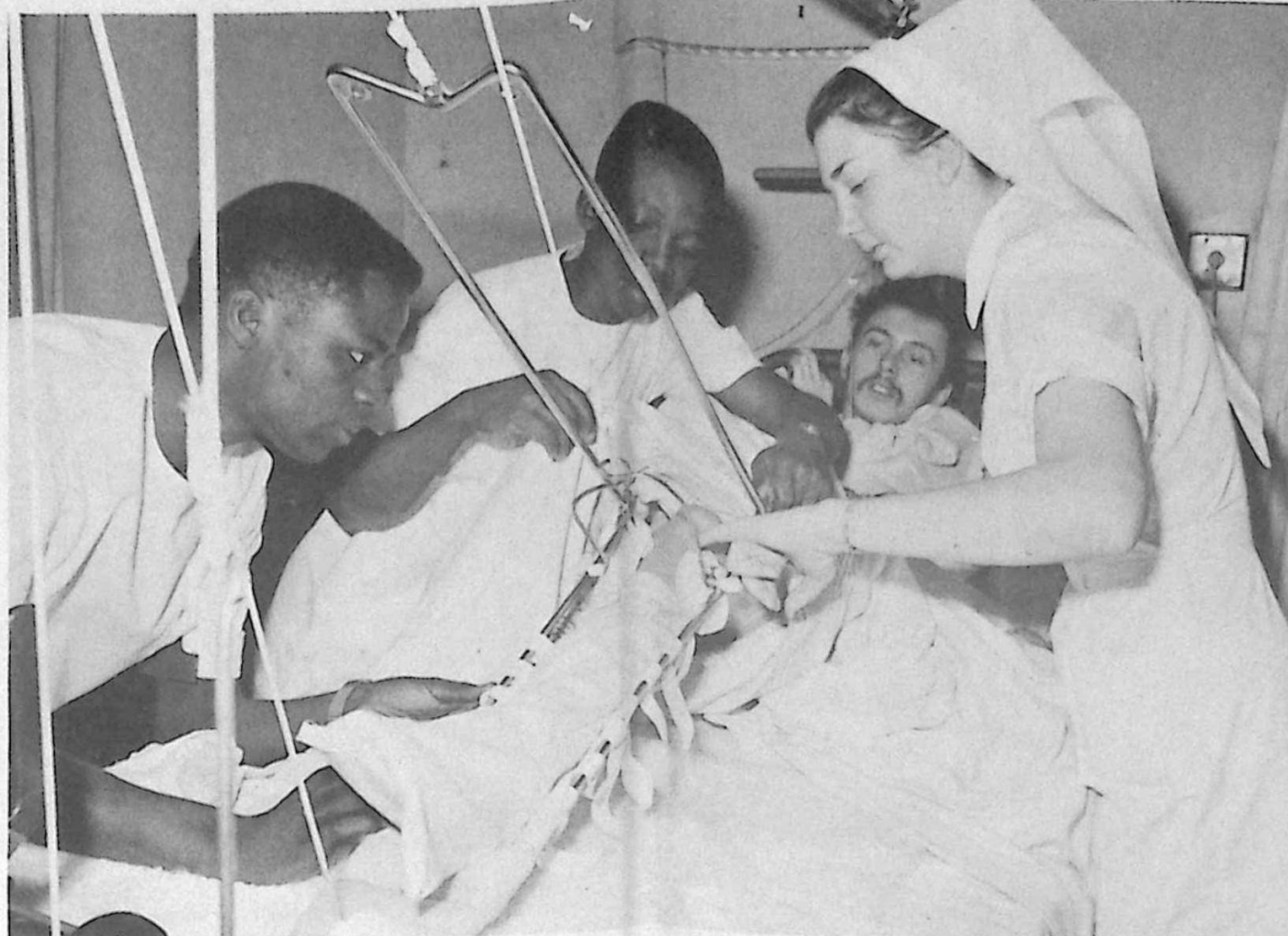
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PRIVATE JACOB MWINYIMVUA AND DAVID MSEMOMO (l-r) of the Tanzanian Army, get a first-hand look at an orthopedic section in action during their medical assistant's course at National Defence Medical Centre, Ottawa. Explaining how traction works is Lieutenant B. L. Hodge, right, the course officer. The patient is Corporal Jean

Villeneuve of Chicoutimi, Que., who serves with 5 Service Battalion, CFB Valcartier, Que. This is the first time military personnel from Tanzania have taken medical training in Canada and for the two young soldiers it's the first time they've seen snow. The duo returns to Tanzania April 10.

(Canadian Forces Photo)

Consumers' News

Thinking of carpeting for your home? Here are a few points to remember.

First of all, the most expensive carpet is not necessary, or even desirable, for all parts of the house. Carpets are made in varying grades to suit all requirements. Little-used areas in the home, such as bedrooms, require an inexpensive carpet, while heavy

traffic areas, such as stairs, halls and livingroom, require the most expensive carpet you can afford to buy. Because of the varying conditions of use and care in different homes, manufacturers are reluctant to set a minimum-life guarantee on their products, and unfortunately, most people do not realize that unless they can afford a top price of \$30.00 per square

yard, they cannot expect to buy a carpet that will last a lifetime. Therefore, if your budget is low, it is better to stick to polished floors and scatter rugs than to buy a cheap carpet that will not stand up to wear.

Once you have definitely decided in favour of carpeting over polished floor, shop for quotations on your carpeting job to get the best possible price. Have the dealer put in writing exactly what his price includes and what type of underlay will be provided. When you decide on a supplier, ask for a small sample of the material so you can compare it when the truck rolls up to the door. That's your good money aboard the truck - so protect your investment!

The hazard of fire is always a consideration when purchasing a carpet. Flammability depends on many factors such as (1) type of fibre or blend (2) construction (3) weight (4) weave - open weaves burn more easily (5) surface - fluffy surfaces are more flammable.

Wool carpet is the least flammable of all natural fibres, while cotton is the most flammable, but can be made flame resistant.

The synthetic fibres also present their problems as fire hazards. Rayon, acetate and tri-acetate are as flammable as cotton but can be treated. The nylon, polyester and acrylic fibres are moderately flammable, but once on fire can melt and drip, adding a deep-burn hazard. To combat this problem, the federal Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs is working to develop standards for flame resistance, and will bring in legislation as flame retardants are perfected.

Rescue boat design wins Grist award

George Alvin "Al" Fairhurst of the Planning Section of the Provincial Parks Branch was the recipient, recently, of the first place "Grist" award given by the National Recreation and Park Association for the best design submitted to its Park Practice Program. Mr. Fairhurst's award winning design is of a Rescue Boat and Alarm System station that is in use on the beaches of Provincial Parks in British Columbia.

The Rescue Boat and Alarm System station designed and submitted by Mr. Fairhurst consists of a plywood container holding a small plastic boat. In the event of an emergency the unsinkable boat, which weighs less than 40 pounds and can easily be handled by one person, is withdrawn from the container and taken to the water where it can be launched and the rescue of the person in trouble effected. Attached to the boat by a lanyard and secured to the container is an air horn of the aerosol type which is activated when the boat is removed thus alerting the public and park attendants to the emergency. The alarm has proven useful, also, in

preventing unauthorized removal of the boat.

Mr. Fairhurst is a professional engineer and has been with the Provincial Parks Branch since 1958. He joined the Planning Section in 1965 and specializes in marine parks. He was born and raised in Nanaimo, served overseas with the Canadian Army from 1941 until 1945, and entered the University of British Columbia at the end of the Second World War. He graduated with a B.Sc. in Forest Engineering and was employed in private industry before joining Government Service. Mr. Fairhurst is an accomplished sailor. He owns a Cal 25, "Grey Goose", which he keeps at the Nanaimo Yacht Club. Practically any weekend or holiday Mr. Fairhurst will be found sailing the coastal waters of British Columbia in "Grey Goose".

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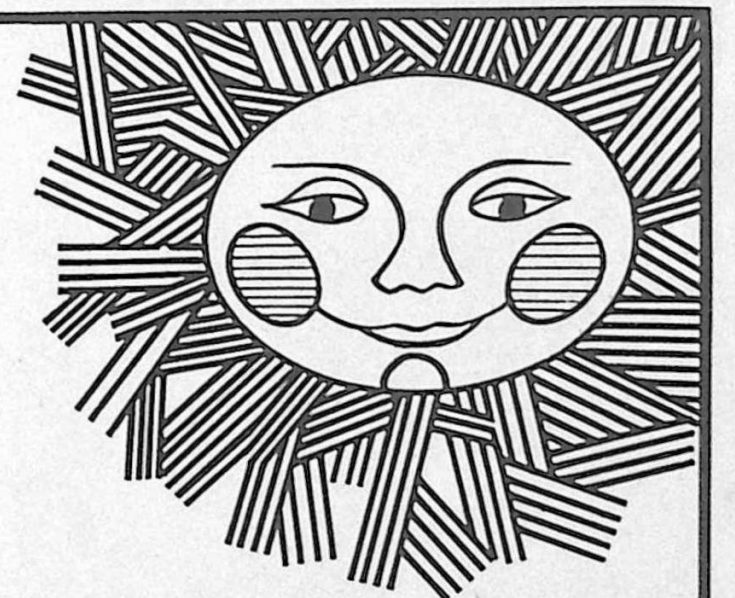
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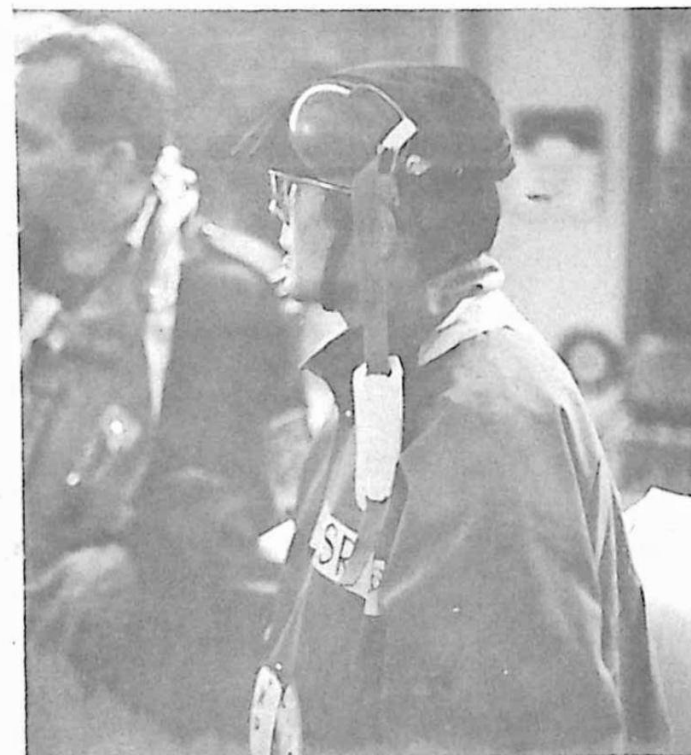
CAPTAIN ERNIE BRIGGS lights up a Havana polluter after getting an MA or two.



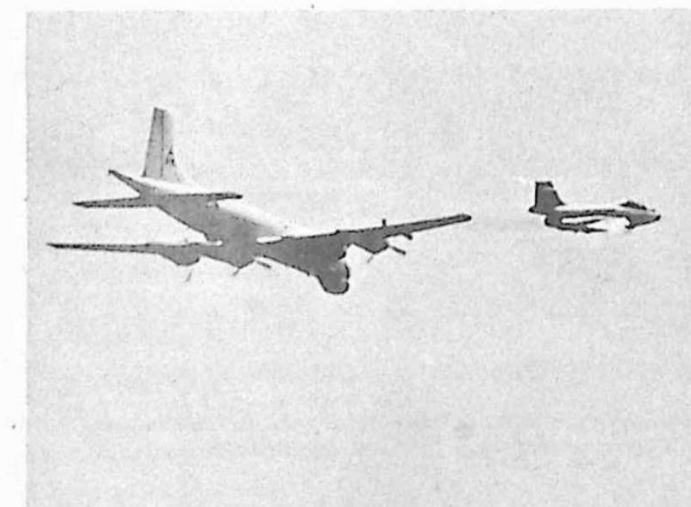
NIGHTHAWK TEN L Col. Les Price takes a few minutes to relax between sorties. The long day under pressure is beginning to show.



SENIOR BALLOON LANCE CHAMBERS emotionally describes how he missed his super-sonic intercept.



RADAR SYSTEMS TECH Cpl. Jim Nabeta waits to retrieve the vital MSR print from returning aircraft. The dress isn't stylish but keeps the radioactive fallout from causing too much harm.



A FEW NIGHTHAWKS were amazed to see an Argus used as a target. Fortunately it was leaving its usual contrail of box lunches so no one had too much trouble tracking it down and getting a hack.

Nighthawk's Nest

The squadron has received many a postcard from our "observer troops" on temporary duty in Saigon. Among the usual comments were "Wish YOU were here," and "Saigon is a nice place to visit but ..." Joining our departed troops is Maj. Wagar. Good Luck. Think on the bright side, it could have been Cape Dyer, as is customary for newly promoted 409 majors. I wonder if our air force observers wore their wedgies or were they converted forthwith to the "green berets and shortie shorts."

Gringo Volkswagens are bugged! Our practice Mini Tac Eval was certainly a learning process. One thing for sure, everyone knows what a crash alarm sounds like.

Musical chairs have started again where to stop everyone now knows. Maj. Grip is now the head in the operations department. Maj. Jenks will be a three ringer soon and with his departure to base personnel our forthcoming Maj. Clements was drawn in by the vacuum to the Navigation Leader's chair. Deputy A Flite is now Vern Barker and the new B Flite Commander is Norm Henning and his deputy is Guy Sullivan. One final change is the Instrument Check Pilot position. BICP is now Phillip Schreiner.

Our PreTacEval activity was confined to the Monster Thrash last Friday. The balloons were probably the most active. One balloon whose name begins with 15½ was last seen (with rubbery oleos) as he verbally attacked a boat captain in "navy talk." His roommate is still wanted by the mess manager (something about a wine glass). A group of balloons then proceeded to front and centre our CINC-CANNORPACCAC in front of the Base Commander and present our CACO with a new set of gold wings.

EXORCIZE, EXORCIZE, EXORCIZE. This is a simulated message on 409 Tactical Evaluation. To begin with our whole fleet was serviceable - Believe it! We had a slow start but we were soon in the thick of it and proceeded to fly our tails off, from the early, early morn at 0418 AM when we were called out until 10 o'clock that evening with excellent results if I may say so. Maj. Conn isn't quite as fast as he was a week ago. It seems he contracted varicose arteries by standing the full period. Geritol is the answer. Try it, you'll like it.

Rumour of the Week: Lance Chambers is going to the TacEval Shop in North Bay on his next posting.

Charbonneau appointed advisor

OTTAWA - The Honourable James Richardson, Minister of National Defence has approved the appointment of Brigadier-General Pierre Charbonneau, 49, a widely known Montreal insurance broker, as senior adviser on the reserve forces to the chief of the defence staff, in the rank of major-general effective February 1.

Gen. Charbonneau succeeds Maj-Gen. William Howard, 55, a prominent Calgary barrister and solicitor, whose appointment terminates on that date.

Defence Minister James Richardson made the announcement during the Conference of Defence Associations meeting last week at the Chateau Laurier. Gen. Charbonneau's prime responsibility will be to advise the CDS on reserve force matters.

Gen. Charbonneau served overseas as an infantry officer with Le Regiment de Maisonneuve in the Second World War. He rose steadily in the Militia after the war and he commanded his wartime regiment from 1959-62. Since June 1972, he has been employed by the commander, Mobile Command on special projects.

Gen. Howard, QC, served overseas as an armoured corps officer during the Second World War. His service continued with the Militia after the war and he was the senior militia adviser in Western Canada from 1965-67. He was the first appointment as senior reserves adviser to the CDS.



CPL AL SIEBERT receives a cheque for \$370 from Col McNichol in recognition of a suggestion he made to improve the weapon system evaluator missile. Not only did he make the WSEM fool-proof and idiot-proof, but pilot-proof as well. Canadian Forces Photo

Voodooos Nuts, Bolts and Volts

Many of you will remember the briefings given by the BAMEO concerning exercises in preparation for TAC EVAL, and in particular the need to respond promptly to the early morning call-out. His exact words ran something like this - "We want you to report for duty as quickly as possible but you are no good to us if you get involved in an accident or otherwise detained by the RCMP, so for goodness sake observe the traffic laws." It had to happen - and did. The Boss got nailed for violating the traffic laws. He claims he just wanted to show the troops what could happen if the laws are broken. In any case, it was a somewhat red-faced BAMEO reporting for callout on our Exercise 24 Jan - and just think ... if they will dare stop the BAMEO and his pumpkin, imagine what could happen to you under similar circumstances.

Still with the Exercise, Sgt. Bob Bonner proved himself to be a one-man Base Defence Force. Displaying a keen eye and lots of nerve, he apprehended four would-be infiltrators for not wearing or producing Restricted Area passes. One of the infiltrators was our amiable Base Warrant Officer who was spread-eagled against the wall, frisked and told to lie down on the floor by the "helping hand" forces. At this point, Bonner slipped away while the BWO mumbled something about weekend Orderly Sergeant.

Pte John (Super Ski) Rivest from our Repair section will represent the Base at the CF National Skiing Championship at Mount Norquay in Banff following his first place finish in the Pacific Region trials at Forbidden Plateau held on 25-26 Jan. This is quite a feat for Super Ski since he only took up the sport three years ago. Good luck at Banff!

Cpl. Roger Folster is sporting a glittering gold (?) medal for his first place finish in the B.C. Teaching Masters singles bowling tournament held in Vancouver in con-

junction with the B.C. Festival of Sports. Rumor has it that he clipped his toe-nails to avoid triggering the foul line buzzer. Receiving participating awards were MCpl Dallas (silence is golden) Patterson and Cpl Ron (JEFM) McRae.

The BOW WOWS monthly bark-in on 30 Jan bid farewell to Sgt. Don Robinson who retires to Winnipeg after 25 plus years. Good luck! Contrary to what you may have heard, the monthly meetings of BAMEO SNOs and officers are more than social gatherings. They were set up to discuss opinions and ideas concerning job conditions, personnel welfare and other areas related to hangar environment. If you've got ideas, opinions or gripes, discuss it with your supervisor and ask him to bring it up at the next meeting. We listen!

The report on the AMIT visit conducted during the week of 20-24 Nov 72 is in. The covering letter signed by Colonel Neelin ADCHQ-DCOSTS states in part "The comments and the small number of observations in the report make it quite clear that the BAMEO organization is well organized and well

motivated. The Audit Team was most favorably impressed by the cordial, co-operative attitude of the Base personnel. The maintenance personnel exhibited an enthusiastic, professional approach to their responsibilities. The high standard of cleanliness and neatness also made a large contribution to the general atmosphere of excellence throughout the aircraft maintenance organization." Similar plaudits from the BComd and BTSO were referred to BAMEO for dissemination. Was there ever any doubt on the outcome? Congratulations to all.

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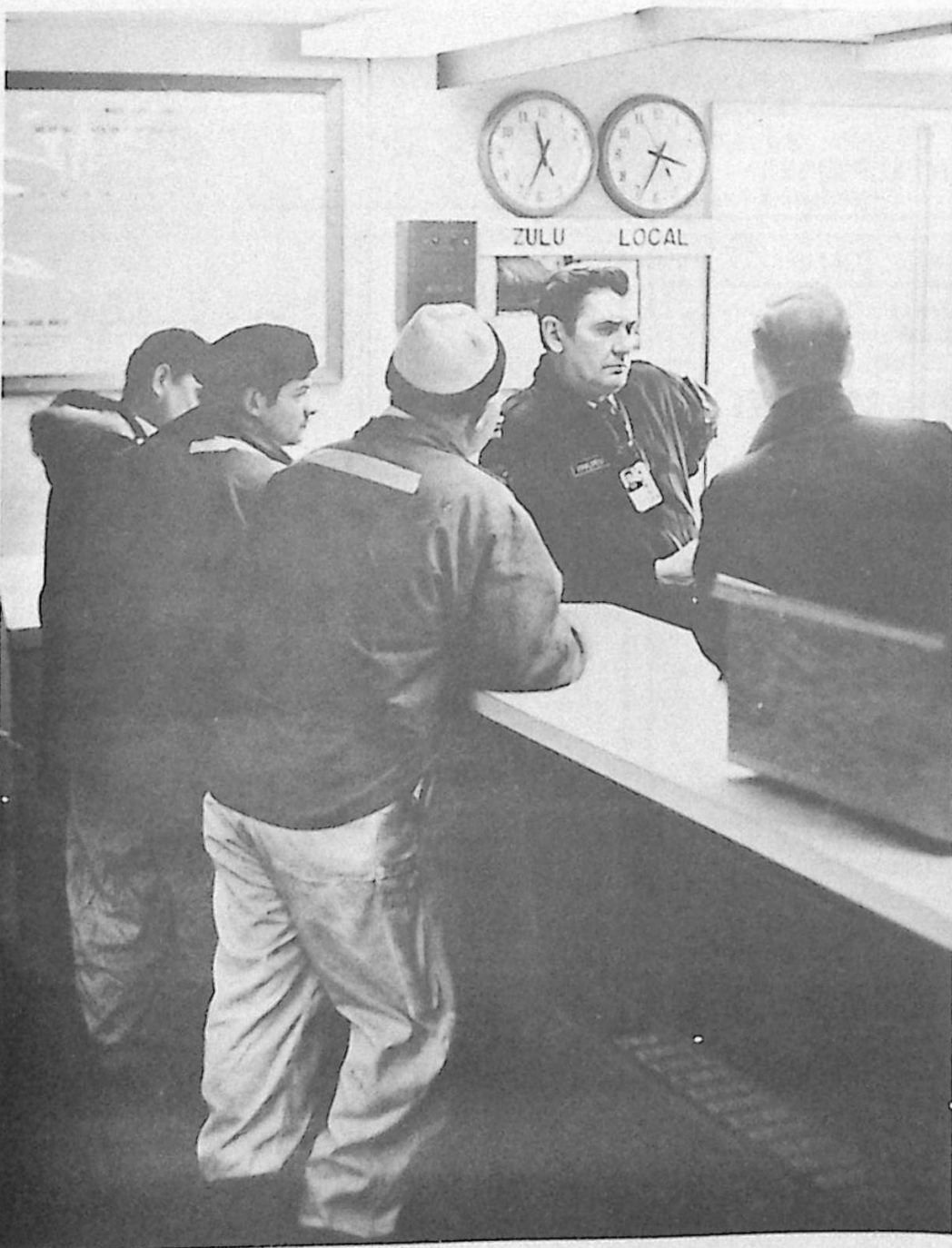
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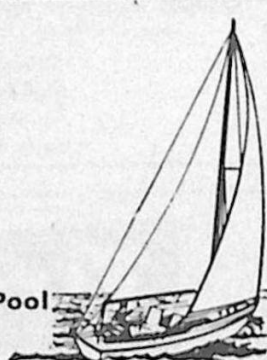
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CF ski championships this month at Banff

CALGARY (CFP) — The Canadian Forces 1973 Ski Championships will be hosted by 1 Combat Group, Canadian Forces Base Calgary, from February 26 to March 2, at Banff, Alta., and the Sarcee Training Area, Calgary.

The Alpine events will take place at Mt. Norquay, Banff. The Downhill will be held February 27, the Slalom on February 28, and the Giant Slalom on March 1 and 2.

The Nordic events will be divided between Banff and

Calgary. The 15 km Race and 4x10 Relay will take place at Tunnel Mountain, Banff, on February 26 and 27 respectively. The Military Patrol and the Biathlon competitions will be held at the Sarcee Training Area on February 28 and March 2.

Over 130 competitors from all over Canada and Canadian Forces Base Europe will compete in the week long races.

Last year the competitions were held at Valcartier, Quebec with the famous "Van Doo's" Regiment of Quebec taking home most of the silverware. This year the West is optimistic about upsetting the established Eastern teams.

Mt. Norquay is famous for its three expert runs from the top: the North American being 8,240 feet long and a vertical of 2,450 feet; the Bowl and the Lone Pine slopes with 1,300 feet vertical. The North American run will be used for the Downhill and Giant Slalom courses.

Last year Mt. Norquay was the site of the Bank of Montreal International World Cup races. This is the first time that the Canadian Armed Forces Ski Championships will be held in Banff and Calgary.

Tellier promoted

OTTAWA — Canada's military representative on NATO's military committee in Brussels, Major-General Henri Tellier, 54, of Montreal and Ottawa, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general.

Gen. Tellier, who has held a number of senior posts in Canada and abroad in his 32-year-career, has been serving in the Brussels post since last July and will continue in the appointment.

He saw wartime service in the Mediterranean and North-West Europe.

Assistance funds for armed forces

OTTAWA (CFP) — Are you happy with the "Assistance Funds" available to Forces personnel?

According to Lieutenant-Colonel Doug Carter, Director of Social Development Services, many service personnel are confused about the operation of the various funds, the reasons for the funds, and the requirements for eligibility.

There are five separate Funds and depending on your hat badge and enrolment date at least one might provide help if you're in a financial squeeze.

Prior to unification, the Navy, Army and Air Force Benevolent Funds and the Canadian Army Welfare Fund (CAWF) existed to assist members of the three separate services.

The charters of the four funds restricted assistance to members serving prior to unification and have prevented amalgamating the funds into one. This posed a problem for personnel who joined after January 1968.

The Canadian Forces Personnel Assistance Fund (CFPAF) was created from money made available through the small loan programs of the established funds. CFPAF loans up to \$500 are now available to all personnel regardless of element or enlistment date.

Loans over \$500 and grants over \$300 are available to pre-unification personnel from the

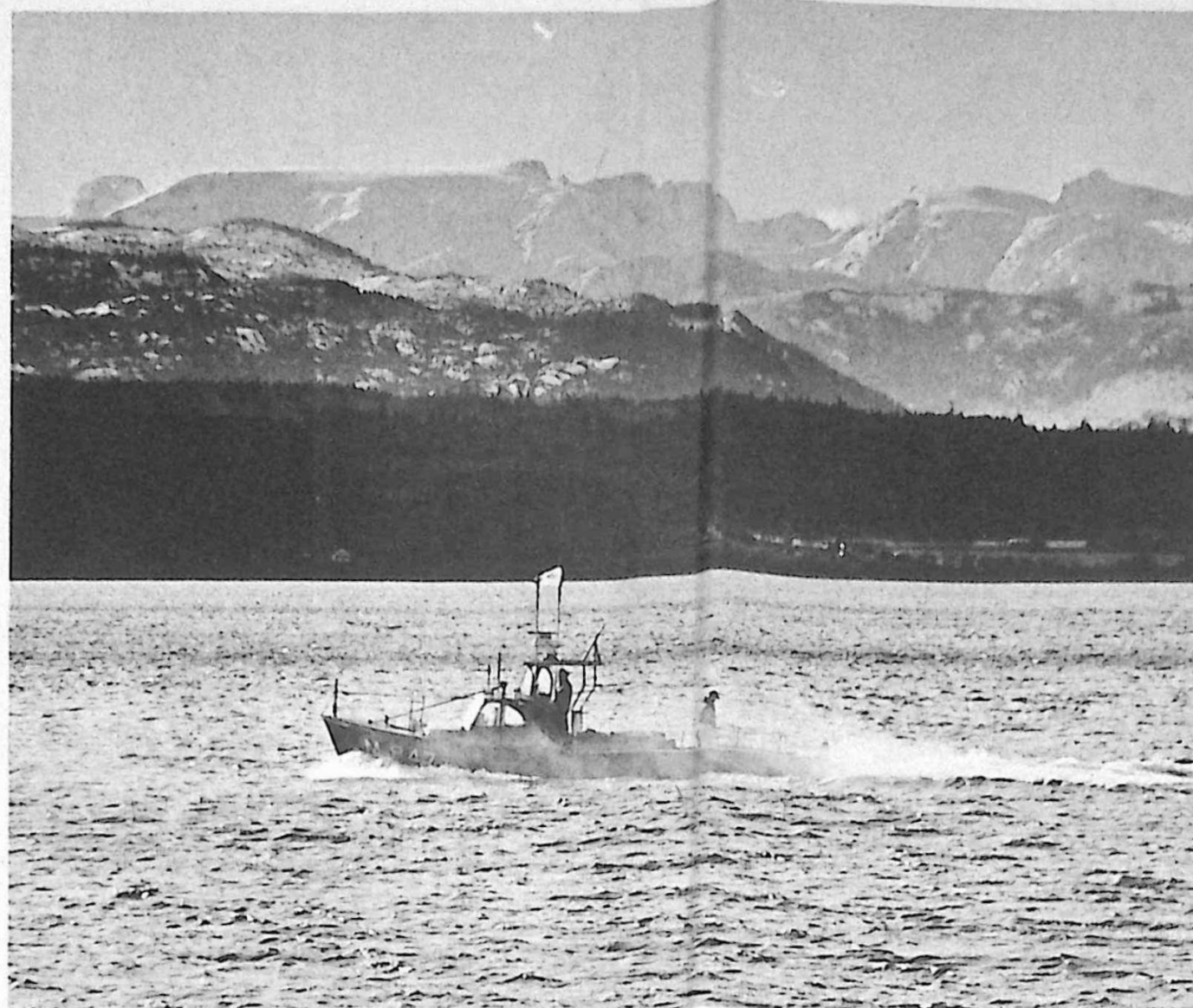
Benevolent Funds and CAWF. Similar benefits under CFPAF are provided to members who joined after unification.

Primary aim of the funds has been the "relief of distress" through low interest loans with secondary consideration given to "promotion of well being" according to Lt.-Col. Carter. The improved social benefits available through governmental plans such as hospital insurance, the Canada Pension Plan and student loans have taken some of the emphasis off "distress" and more emphasis is now being placed on "well being."

Financial assistance extends to outright grants when the degree of distress does not permit repayment. Besides service personnel, this financial assistance is available to ex-servicemen and surviving dependents.

Last year, over \$900,000 in grants were provided to 6,000 Forces personnel and ex-members. About \$4,000,000 was distributed among 12,000 personnel through the CFPAF small loan program.

Lt.-Col. Carter says the demand for loans has created a three month backlog of applicants at some units; however, efforts are being made to shorten the waiting period and increase the amount of money available for small loans.



CRASH BOAT FLAMINGO got into the act this weekend when it was used as a water taxi to the Gatineau. (Dave McNair Photo)

In 50th. anniversary year

Naval reserves take on new roles

Canada's naval reserve units in sixteen principal cities across the country are

Vietnam group headed by former major

OTTAWA — A former army officer who was awarded the Distinguished Service Order during the Second World War has been named to head the Canadian National Defence delegation to the new Vietnam supervisory organization.

The appointment of Michel Gauvin, 53, Quebec City, who was serving as Ambassador to Greece, was announced 26 January.

Ambassador Gauvin joined the Canadian Army in 1940 and served in Britain and northwest Europe. He was discharged in 1947 in the rank of major.

During his career in External Affairs, Ambassador Gauvin served as an adviser to the ICSC Indochina in 1955 and in 1961 was Canadian Charge D'Affaires in the Congo during the U.N. Peacekeeping operations there. He returned to the Congo in 1964 on a special mission during the Stanleyville crisis.

MGen D.A. McAlpine, the commander of the Canadian Military component in Vietnam, will serve as the ambassador's senior military adviser.

Prime Minister Trudeau and Defence Minister James Richardson were accompanied by Ambassador Gauvin January 26, when they visited Longue Pointe Barracks in Montreal to say farewell to Gen. McAlpine and other armed forces personnel who left for Vietnam the following afternoon.

Canadian troops draw US praise

LAHR - (CFP) — 4 Canadian Mechanized Battle Group, Canada's crack NATO-assigned formation has returned to its Black Forest garrison after taking part in Exercise Reforger IV.

Reforger is an annual American exercise in which a division is flown from the continental United States to prepositioned storage sites in Germany where they draw their equipment.

This year the 1st Infantry Division, the famed Big Red One, was flown from Fort Riley, Kansas, to stem the advance of the "Orange Forces" made up of 4 CMBG, the 1st Armoured Division (U.S.) and the 200th Panzer Regiment (GE).

The Canadians drew praise from the Commander of the U.S. 1st Armoured Division who sent Canadian Commander BGen. P.V.B. Grieve a message congratulating his troops on their aggressiveness and professionalism.

embarked upon an intensive program to develop their ability to take on such peacetime operational tasks as assisting and supporting current anti-pollution and fisheries patrols, search and rescue, clearance diving projects, research projects and aid to civil authorities.

The shift in emphasis for the reserves was announced in Halifax by Rear Admiral Timbrell, Commander, Maritime Command, during a short ceremony marking the start of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the naval reserve.

The reserves have been tasked by the Maritime Commander to assist him in meeting one of the top priorities of the White Paper on Defence, the protection of Canadian sovereignty through "the surveillance of our own territory and coastlines."

Rear Admiral Timbrell said the five-year program involves the development of a maritime reserve force as part of a "general purpose maritime force" and the capability to man minor warships up to the size of a coastal minesweeper. This will entail the redrafting of existing seamanship, communications and engine room training to meet the specific requirements of minor warships.

The Maritime Commander said that while the basic role of the reserves, to form the basis for a rapid expansion of the resources of Maritime Command in an emergency,

will remain unchanged, the emphasis now is on immediate peacetime operational tasks.

Reserve units are located at St. John's, Halifax, Saint

John, Montreal, Quebec City, Kingston, Toronto, Ottawa, Windsor, Hamilton, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.



REAR-ADMIRAL R. W. TIMBRELL and Wren Ester Blaxall cut the first slice of a birthday cake during ceremonies at CFB Halifax, marking the 50th Anniversary of Canada's Naval Reserves. Wren Blaxall is a member of HMCS Scotian, Halifax. The Naval Reserves now numbering some 3,000, came into being on 31 January 1923. (Canadian Forces Photo)

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Salts protest

Sentinel in hot water with sailors again

OTTAWA (CFP) — "I beg your pardon ...?" responded the editor of Sentinel as he looked up from the mound of magazine distribution figures on his desk.

"Shiver me timbers, ... sir," repeated Sentinel staff writer WO Tug Wilson, "Sentinel has done it again!"

"Done what again?" asked the good major, hesitantly.

"No navy stuff in the January issue; we broke the chain — 1972 was an unblemished year for the magazine. We had a salty story in every issue, now we're starting off a new year with no dark blue features. Shades of 1971." The Master WO shivered involuntarily.

The editor, made of sterner stuff, stiffened himself against the paroxysm of fear he felt in his bones. Too well he remembered the broadsides which shattered the editorial peace more than a year ago. Missives from both coasts complained of the dearth of sea element yarns in the magazine.

"But we have surprises in store for our nautical readers. The May issue will be devoted almost entirely to the Naval Reserve, in honor of its 50th Anniversary," responded the editor, defensively.

"Besides," he continued, "the January issue has stories that should interest people of all three elements ... there's a feature on the Officer Candidates School, CANEX, Defence Research Board, and an interview with a teen-age defence expert who has some terrific ideas for putting surplus Trackers to work. And the salty types are certainly well represented in the letters pages."

Out-ranked, but not out-gunned, the staff writer mumbled disconsolately about the lead story and cover pic dealing with 425 Squadron's air defence shoot-out competition with the Yanks.

Ever one with the last word, the editor sighed, "Well, Wilson, we'll have to cut you loose from the desk and get you started on some sea element yarns — maybe even send you to sea again."

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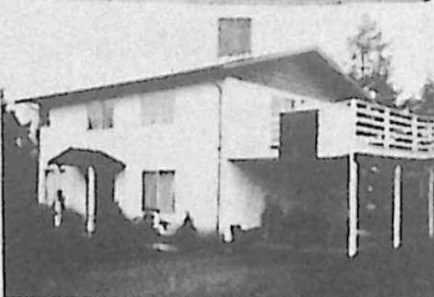
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CF-5 pilots checked out

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 navigational observer, a front engineer, an engineer observer and a loadmaster and from the windows of the tanker, the crew in the observer station in the back of the aircraft never lose sight of the jets.

The observers clear the jet pilots for "wet" contact on the right and left hoses of the tanker at which time the jets make contact and the fuel is transferred. When the fuel transfer is terminated, the pilot confirms clearance to disconnect the hoses and the jets back up to 50 feet behind the hoses and move out. All fuel transfers are conducted in pairs.

The whole process of refuelling the four jets takes between five to nine minutes, depending on the amount of fuel required, which varies from 1,800 to 3,000 pounds per jet. A total of 1,400 pounds of fuel per minute on the average can be transferred from each hose.

Once the refuelling is completed, the jets "loosen up", since continuous concentrated flying in tight formation would be a great

strain on the pilots. The danger of collision is always there.

According to Capt. Coffin, all of the aircraft are in the same "air mass" so that if there is a contact with turbulence, all of the planes will move together. Still, crews must be highly qualified and professional to carry out the refuelling which requires a maximum team effort.

The training of the Canadian Forces personnel for the air to air refuelling was conducted in three phases. Developmental trial runs by Boeing in Seattle were attended by six "observers" from the Canadian Forces 437 Squadron and the 426 Transport Operational Training Squadron from Trenton. The two Canadian Forces pilots, two engineers and two navigators were subsequently responsible for training all others.

In Cold Lake, those men and another six-man crew trained themselves and 12 CF-5 instructor pilots in November of 1972.

The following month, three or more tanker crews and the remainder of the CF-5 pilots of

the 434 Squadron in Cold Lake were trained and at the end of the training, four CF-5s were deployed successfully from Cold Lake to Bagotville.

The exercise Thursday marked the completion of the qualification of all of the other CF-5 pilots in Canada, those of 433 Squadron in Bagotville, and the completion of the training of five crews for the 707 tankers.

From now on, the inflight refuelling training will be an integral part of the training of new pilots and will take place at the end of the operational training phase. Refresher sessions for all of the pilots will also be held.

Now, the Canadian Forces has two Boeing 707s equipped for refuelling. The aircraft have required conversion to tankers; which included the installation of special plumbing, the redesigning of the hydraulic system and the installation of stores and observer stations. Some modification to the CF-5s for the air to air refuelling was also required.

Thursday's mission was directed by the captain of the tanker, Capt. Don Johnny,

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The Spring program will include a new feature in that we are offering day (morning) classes for the first time. We have a number of these classes scheduled between the hours of 9:00 or 9:15 to 11:00 or 11:15 a.m. One problem is finding adequate accommodation for these classes. Our schools are not available as they are fully occupied with the regular day-school students. However, due to a spirit of co-operation in our community we have managed to offer the following. Classes will be held in the basement of the Catholic Church on Harbison Avenue in Courtenay (just across from the Junior Secondary School) including weaving without a loom, beginners sewing, drawing, watercolours, and sewing stretch fabrics; in Comox we are using the Comox Recreation Centre for a class in sewing stretch fabrics and a private home for a class in crocheting; one other class in sewing stretch fabrics will be offered at CFB Comox. We hope that this trial will prove to be successful. We will make adjustments as we find out more as to what hours, days, and subjects you prefer. With your encouraging response and co-operation, we can develop this area of education to serve you better as more resources become available.

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Judging by the number of telephone calls and other enquiries, your response to the Spring program is expected to follow the same enthusiastic pattern as in the past. We have been unable to give full detailed answers to some of your questions; this is because some course detail was not finalized until the last few days. When you get your copy of the brochure, make your selections and register early; make sure of a place on the course or courses of your choice. Please remember that we are unable to accept registrations over the telephone as we require payment of the applicable fee before we can reserve a space for you. You may register in person at my office in Courtenay Junior Secondary School or at 799 Grant Avenue in Courtenay; you may also register by mail, by writing to Director of Continuing Education, 700 Harbison Ave., indicating the classes you wish to enrol in and including your fees in full. Our telephone number is 338-5383 (338-5385 after 4:30 p.m.).

American ace retires

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 he was still not interested in retirement.

Still in 1967, Mr. Dunn again heard the gunfire of combat while assigned to Tan Son Nhut AB, Republic of Vietnam as air strike plans officer.

While living in quarters in Saigon, the awesome Viet Cong Tet offensive of 1968 began. Mr. Dunn's billet was near the South Vietnamese Armed Forces General Staff compound and the VC had launched an all out attack

against the compound.

During the attack, Mr. Dunn assisted in firing a grenade launcher credited with wiping out a VC machine gun nest, then made his way to Tan Son Nhut AB, coming back to the billets with enough vehicles and drivers to evacuate the other Americans from the billets.

After almost four decades of military service to three countries in 14 enlisted, officer and warrant officer grades, Mr. Dunn is retiring in Colorado Springs.

Gagnon in Vietnam

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 contingent is Col. L.C. Morrison, 48, Deloraine, Man., director of information services at NDHQ.

Col. J.P. Wolfe, 47, Winnipeg, an international advisor at NDHQ, was appointed Judge Advocate General of the contingent.

Head of the Secretariat is Col. D.S. McKechnie, 49, Shauvin, Alta., director personnel career administration at NDHQ.

Seven Regional Commanders in the contingent are Col. L.C. Baumgart, 48, Saltcoats, Sask.; Col. J.L. Cohrs, 44, Toronto, Ont.; Col. E.M. MacGregor, 50 Calgary, Alta.; Col. W.J. Marsh, 44, Hamilton Ont.; Lt.-Col. T.W. Harris, 37, Saskatoon, Sask.; Lt.-Col. W.E. MacLeod, 44, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Lt.-Col. R.B. Sreaton, 41, London, Ont.

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