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Government Unveils

New Future For CF

Ottawa (CFP) - Major decisions of new developments and a re-equipment program for the Canadian Armed Forces were announced in the House of Commons Nov. 27 by Defence Minister James Richardson, committing the government to a firm and energetic defence plan for the next five years. The decisions, first to be out of an exhaustive defence structure review launched a year ago, are rated by Mr. Richardson as "the most vital and urgent for some time in relation to defence issues". They include:

- Retention of mixed army and air force combat elements under NATO in

Europe, with the necessary modern equipment, the purchase of 18 Lockheed P3 Long-range patrol aircraft for delivery during 1979-80, replacing 26 Argus aircraft in service since 1957, acquisition of a new main battle tank to replace the British made 50 ton Centurion, in service since 1952, no reduction in the Forces 78,000 Military ceiling, a future ship replacement program to be considered by the Cabinet in early 1976, and, Air Combat capability of squadrons in Europe to be retained at current levels, but a study to be undertaken early in the new year for the eventual acquisition of a new fighter aircraft.

The decisions are the result

of two of the three-part Defence structure review. The third, still underway, will decide the necessary infrastructure, and costs, to support the Forces effectively in the future.

Mr. Richardson said that he was "quite satisfied" with the Cabinet decisions on future developments and expenditures for his department, and that the government's new policy commitments mean realistic, long-term planning in the realm of defence.

But because of recently announced financial restraints aimed at curbing inflation, the money to pay for the new measures will be the subject of comprehensive and

concrete proposals for future funding of the Defence program.

The Defence department continues to be committed to the four major roles assigned to it in the 1971 White Paper. They are Sovereignty, Defence of North America, NATO and Peacekeeping.

The Lockheed P3 chosen is structurally similar to the U.S. Navy's P3 Orion, but the interior will be re-designed, and equipment selected to meet Canadian requirements for surveillance missions. Evaluation leading to the LRPA decision included operational performance, technical merit, cost and industrial spin-off benefits to Canadian manufacturers and

suppliers. Cost of the fleet of 18 P3's is 950 million dollars, allowing for escalation. It covers contract price, equipment, spare parts, training and ground operational facilities.

Referring to the decision on the tank, Mr. Richardson said discussions will start immediately with potential suppliers. Other details coming out of the Defence Review announced by the Defence Minister included: a total of 2,000 men earmarked to meet current and foreseeable UN Peacekeeping requirements; an Air Defence Force continues in being to deter probes into Canadian airspace and to meet sovereignty requirements for identity and control of intrusions, current radar coverage of Canadian airspace is continued and a study of Bases, Logistics and Training facilities designed to diminish overhead.

To foot the bill for implementation of the new decisions, Mr. Richardson said that the Cabinet has accepted his recommendations that money for new equipment, that is the capital portion of the budget, will be increased in real terms at the rate of 12 per cent per year, until the amount equals 20 per cent of the total defence budget.

Spending for the 1975-76 is expected to reach 3 billion dollars. He said that future budgeting for capital expenditures will use a 1976-77 base figure of 470 million dollars which, in addition to the 12 per cent, will be increased by the prevailing inflation factor. He explained that although an annual figure of 470 million dollars is the basis for future calculations for capital expenditures, his Department will have to

start with an increase of 420 million dollars in 1976-77. This means that up to 50 million dollars will have to be found elsewhere.

Aim of the review was to assess the tasks of the Forces, the effectiveness and operational level of effort at which tasks should be performed, and the organization and resources required.

Mr. Richardson said the government's approach to the review was based on continued adherence to the collective approach to security, and the decision that Canada will continue to bear a reasonable and appropriate share of the collective Defence burden. Priorities in collective defence are the stationing of Forces in Europe, Maritime forces in the Atlantic, and Air Defence

of North America.

These, said the Defence Minister, provided the framework for choices to be considered in determining the kind and size of forces to be maintained by Canada, in the effective pursuit of Canada's political, economic and social objectives.

Comprising the review group, under Privy Council Clerk and Secretary to the Cabinet, Michael Pittfield were Departmental representatives from National Defence, External Affairs, Treasury Board and Industry, Trade and Commerce.



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July, 1975

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Omega

Electronics in Navigation

OTTAWA - Aerial navigation around the world, including the Arctic, is to be streamlined for Argus, Boeing 707 and Hercules aircraft in the Canadian Armed Forces with the installation of the Omega system, latest in radio aids to long-range navigation.

The Omega system will replace the LORAN (long-range navigation), a device using time-difference measurement techniques. The Armed Forces will buy 78 units of the Omega system from the Canadian Marconi Co., Montreal, at a cost of \$3,759,815. Deliveries begin in December and end next July.

The Omega system uses radio signals broadcast from transmitters strategically located in eight locations around the world, so that an aircraft always is within range of at least three of them.

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Transmitters are situated in Australia, Japan, Hawaii, North Dakota, Argentina, Norway, Liberia and on La Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean.

The American-developed system, also applicable to ships, eventually may be installed in Canadian Forces search and rescue aircraft, and the Tracker, used in coastal surveillance and anti-submarine roles.

George Ross Award

RCAC News - An 18-year-old Air Cadet from Winnipeg - Timothy Brown of 220 Red River Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets - will realize his dream of becoming a commercial pilot through a special award granted by the Air Cadet League of Canada. Timothy has been named as first winner of the George Ross Award which will provide over \$2,000 worth of flying time needed to qualify him for a commercial pilot licence.

The Winnipeg cadet qualified for a private pilot licence this past summer under the Air Cadet flying scholarship program. He trained in a special class operated at CFB Portage by the Winnipeg Flying Club and was rated by his instructors as a top calibre student with outstanding flying skills. The previous summer, he had successfully completed an Air Cadet Gilder Pilot course, held at Rivers, Manitoba.

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COLONEL R.L. MORTIMER

BASE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

ACCENT SAFETY

Now that the "Safety '75" campaign has ended, it is time to plan new objectives for accident prevention and general safety at CFB Comox.

The Government of Canada has called on a number of federal government departments to participate in a follow-on campaign to be known as "Accent Safety".

This campaign runs until the end of March 1977. The intention is to continue the momentum of the General Safety Program, which has achieved a 30 per cent reduction in the frequency of accidents at this base.

As a primary objective of the DND "Accent Safety" campaign, this base will review our General Safety Program, with a view to developing a balanced, cohesive organization, responsive to the special local requirements.

I expect each individual to do his or her part toward our mutual goal of professional safe performance.



M. SGT. ROBERT G. SMITH of Det. 5, 425th Munitions Squadron receives a Certificate of Recognition as Aerospace Defence Command's Outstanding Maintenance Manager for the past year. Making the presentation is Major Manson Photo Lawrence E. Tingley, Det. 5 Commander.

Well, another two weeks have gone by and it appears that once again the forces of good and decency have overcome those of evil and apathy. I must admit that it came as quite a shock to me to realize that at last maybe the great white god in Ottawa has finally come to his sense. I am referring of course, to the government decision on a new LRPA. All I can say is I never would have believed it and I still think there must be some kind of catch somewhere, like maybe they forgot to install a washroom or something for those 30 hour patrols. Now that the LRPA is out of the way, let's get working on a new interceptor.

Last Wednesday, A and B flight locked horns for a maximum effort exercise. It was a huge success as once again B flight emerged victorious by a slim margin. Capt. Luce Dot and Capt.

NADAR were the top guns on the competition achieving a very high percentage of the total points available. Some of the A and B flight competitors cried "foul" when the top-gun aircrew award was announced, so an investigation is underway at present concerning this dubious award. Rumour has it that the investigating team from Duluth is on its way next week via Winnipeg and should be arriving any time now. I certainly hope that this situation gets straightened out soon.

Tom Goodall discovered during the scramble portion of the exercise that pilots are expected to have the physical co-ordination to both strap themselves into the saddle and start the engines at the same time. He was seen later admonishing Trev Wallace, our local Sqn. Ankle-biter for not telling him that you have to pull the triggers while on a coupled run. Tom mentioned that the couple was doing such a beautiful job he didn't want to do anything to change it. Paul Gill achieved the impossible on one of his flights by locking onto a target and being so far off the line that both the steering dot and circle were depressed off the scope. I didn't even know it was possible. Tough luck Les, it's still a dot-steering MI. Les also learned that a Voodoo can hack 55 degrees of pitch subsonic although I still can't imagine how you managed to under-read your altimeter by 20,000 ft. while flying as target.

The victory celebration immediately after the caper was as usual an unqualified success. Tom Potted, who has received many hours of instruction from the Zee and who has shown great promise on course at Bagotville, became our Master of Ceremonies and officiated such well-known and respected formalities as the passing of the Loving Cup and the dart competition. The organizational talent of Tom's was quite extraordinary when one considers the many distractions for our audience that the Preacher afforded. The Preacher, I believe, was at his best when he healed the piles of several of our 442

comrade pilots immediately after his lengthy "Sermon in the Mount". Roy told me that he is quite pleased with the progress of his new disciple - Preacher Jungle Jim who not only has some of the simpler routines of his master down pat, but is developing some new ones of his own also.

The other highlight last week was the Squadron Luncheon Friday afternoon (night). I must admit that it was, as Orv Maxitongue puts it "outshtandink". Charlie Gladders as usual deprived his whole table of liquid refreshment by chugging a whole bottle of Calona White-Industrial Grade. I must say that it really didn't take a lot of coaxing. The Zee, for some mysterious reason, kept an unusually low profile. Possibly he was suffering from some pangs of remorse from the last social gathering.

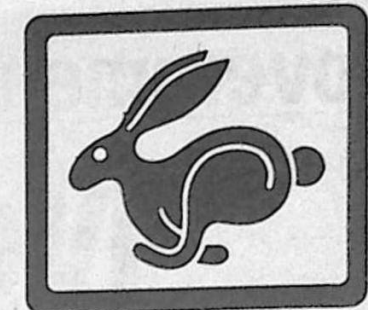
He just sat there trading chest-poke for chest-poke till it was difficult to tell at times who was the pokie and who was the poker. Fast Eddy looked down at one point to find Adler slowly eating his tie. A quick karate chop to the throat immediately dislodged the assailant. Eddy later said that he didn't care - he was able to trade the tooth for a drink.

I'd like at this time to bid adieu to one of our favorite pilots on the Sqn. Pete Wittich, who has held down the T-bird shop along with Ron Breeden, has left for parts unknown. An enthusiastic member of 409, Pete will be sorely missed. Good luck wherever you are Pete. I'd also like to welcome a new member to the Sqn. Resplendant in a brown suede jacket complete with elbow patches, a white shirt rolled

up to the bicep, a string tie, redneck pants and cowboy boots with points, the Fonzerelli has made quite an impact with the Squadron. I was pleased to see that he was not forgotten (was anybody?) at the last Sqn. Luncheon when he was officially toasted into the Squadron. HAAAAAYYYY!!

Rumour of the Week: Molly is considering buying his own T-33. He figures it will pay for itself in 3 months.

CATCH A RABBIT



407 Tech Ramblings

ARMAMENT ANTICS

We all know there are many facets to the Armament trade. Some are more demanding than others. The following words of wisdom (?) come from one of these unsung heroes (heroines).

ODE TO THE TOOL CRIB

You hold hammers and ratchets and pliers and such. You aren't very big, yet you hold far too much. Your shelves and cupboards most certainly aren't bare. And all nice, pretty (?) boxes have no room to spare. There is painting and filing and other fun things. Occasionally too, the telephone rings. And interrupts sorting and packing and filing. And pushing and pulling and dropping and climbing. Taping and tacking to metal and paint. Causes the inmate to practice and practice restraint. For tacks will not stick and tape will not stay - I think I will try for a breakdown today. So ends my sweet ditty for lack of more space. And I'll do like the NAVY and splice the mainbrace.

Gloria Gallant

'Tis the season to be jolly, fa-la-la-la and all that. We don't need a calendar to tell us its upon us. The 407 Bath Tub (Punch Bowl) has been taken out of mothballs once again. The "Annual Order of the Bath" goes to all those involved in the brushing and buffing and bugging and flushing of the tub. Rumour has it that C.W.O. Fee has already taken the list of ingredients for the punch from the safe and personally

handed them over to Sgt. Clarke (our own Master Elixer Mixer).

ASW LABS
Welcome back ol' faithful reader, here follows the news from the frozen heights of the 407 ASW Lab. The French course must be dangerous as Pte. Hart has managed to get a ruptured ankle. Pte. J. P. Lavoie has stopped searching for a fire extinguisher as he is now perched upon the APS 20 Antenna stand. Cpl. Bill

Ouellette is now jogging into work, compliments of his bambi antlers, while Sgt. Al Tomlinson is still looking through his scope trying to grow some horns on a female bambi. MCpl Durance has managed to escape on leave for another week while MCpl. Sandy Sams has slipped down to the hallowed halls of Servicing. Cpl. Gene Prystay has received another overseas posting, this time with the right element - the Air Force.

On a social note, Cpl. Sam Dunn was the official host for the BWO on Saturday. We hear that you had some white rain Sam.

MCpl. Jerry Cook has arrived from the Torp Shop unknowingly volunteering for

the APS 20. A big welcome out to WO Ross Raymer who has moved up one floor to work with all us good people. Sgt. Andy Croiter and Cpl. Jim Hagar are still down under chasing Kangaroos while Sgt. Ken Maclean slipped off to Greenwood trying to escape our weekend of white rain. MCpl. Ken Kersten is still in a daze while Cpl. Fred Meild is following him and Pte. Howie English is following Fred. Pte. Pierre Forget took a 2 hour boat ride to the big lites on the weekend. While trying to navigate in the white rain he received "le Ticket" from Vancouver's finest. Snow tires save money, Pierre. That's all for this week - see you all shovelling white rain in the land of no snow.

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Devil's Brigade

Once again it is time to update the news from Base Supply. In case many of our valued customers are wondering how the automated supply system is working, the news is "just fine!" The daily business transactions average approximately 900 with an average 5 per cent error rate. Compared to other bases this is slightly better than average.

A speedy recovery back to health is extended to Mrs. Ev Palmer (BSupO Steno) after her near fatal accident due to icy roads. We welcome Sgt. Glen Gillis and MCpl Herb Brown back to work. Herb spent two weeks checking out the hospitality of CFB Esquimalt hospital while Glen reclined at our base Krankenhaus for a weeks rest. Welcome home Sgt. Walker! Cy returned from Ismailia and is still wearing a wide smile. Life must have been really sweet on the "Oasis". However, he admitted that the "care" package received from his Comox friends arrived in fine form. (Little things men a lot.)

Cpl. Conroy and Cpl. Sulek returned after attending the J. L. Course at Penhold and we understand they are relieved to be back on the island. The course is great but one can't beat hard work to tone the body and soul. MCpl Boswell has volunteered for the first course in 1976.

A hearty west coast welcome to Cpl. Bradley who came from HMCS Restigouche also Cpl. Ray Paul and his wife Cpl. Debbie Paul, arrived from CFB Trenton. We also extend our welcome to the following new personnel from CFSAL Borden, Pte. Cossey, Pte. Girard, Pte. Jack, Pte. James, Pte. Nemes, Pte. Todd and Pte. Rasicot.

The Supply Xmas Party is scheduled for 12 Dec. 75 at the Jr. Ranks Lounge. The evening includes a ham and turkey dinner, dancing to the Doug Holcombe group, Xmas cheer draw, prizes and a gala time to socialize with old and new friends. 'Tis the time to be jolly - ho ho ho! Come on gang, come out and have a ball!

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Mushroom mutterings

News Item: More 442 members preparing for Middle East duties

Tech Gen

And now for some block-busting exclusives from the hangar floor. In their continuing spirit of international co-operation, Mushroomers continue to do their bit for the U.N. Recently back from Ismailia are Lt. Norm Crawley; Rick Bryson of F-Troop; and Ivan Vallquette from Buff servicing. Poor Ivan, he says he found it very depressing, not being able to hook a steelhead in the Suez Canal. Ace refinisher Charlie Young, just returned from Cyprus, claims he kept the peace in Nicosia by guarding the carpenter shop with his spray gun.

Outgoing Mushroomers of recent note include Mick Blake; Val Simms and Harvey Herauf, who are getting to know and love Egypt. Picking up their walking papers for Middle East duty next spring are Doug Sears; Al Walsh; Tom Witke; Gerry Turmaline and Marcus Decurtins. When asked how he thought he was going to bring home the Sphinx as a souvenir, Marcus replied: "That's easy, I'll put it on my Master Charge." Gaetan Hamel will be heading for Germany next year, an idea which really seems to have made his day.

Leading the parade of the walking wounded lately is Pete Burns, the crackjack goalie of the 442 hockey team, who recently had a disagreement with his stick. The stick made its point however, right in Pete's ribcage. He says it's getting better though. It only hurts when he screams. It's enough to make the grey-haired coach's hair turn white. Hobbling along right behind him is the great artiste Pat Patri, who's nursing a broken leg. Pat claims he lost out to the law of gravity, but in his own typical fashion he probably just fell over putting his foot in his mouth. There, Pat, I told you I'd make you famous.

In closing, a note of trivia. During the northern training flight of two weeks ago, a valuable lesson was learned; Pokeda cheats at cribbage, and he's not very subtle about it.

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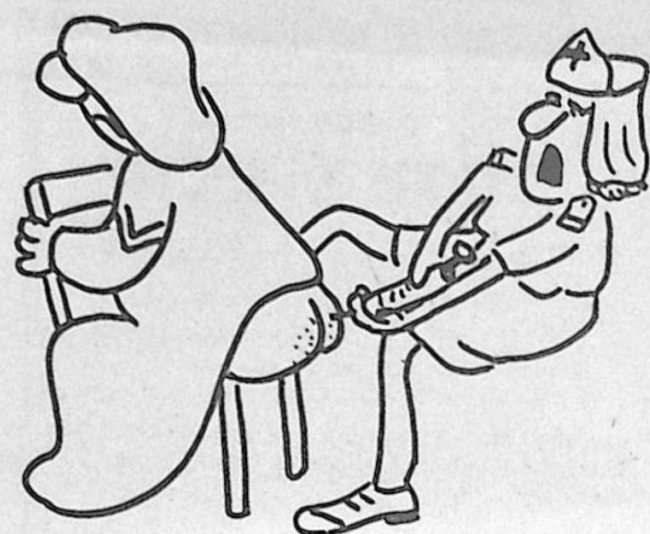
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The Upper Deck

November was a good month; the CO took a bit of leave which gave the ACs a chance to get some pole time and with no major searches we even managed a little training. With the arrival of "Arnold" (the brown chopper) there has been a marked morale improvement in the Vertol section; there have been unconfirmed reports that Major Anglesey has been seen at night whispering to Arnold in the hangar and when he went on the Searchmaster course she refused to fly.

Building houses is the "in" thing around the DHS-A Section. Doug McGill, is sitting back comfortably in his heated, almost finished place. Kip Caudrey is patiently waiting to put the roof on his, while Ed Hoffman was last seen trading in his hip waders for chest type - nice spot for a houseboat!

With no searches the make work projects have been assigned at a terrible pace. Bob Sexton is the only pilot qualified to operate the electronic search equipment, Ron Buss the only pilot capable of 10 minutes work in 4 hours (a recent quote); Bob Kozak is now raising havoc in Operations, not to mention a couple of other well known

local establishments. Meanwhile, the Ops Board has continued to keep Ery Cross, Dusty Rhodes and Maj. Osborne busy - we really need a computer so all three can supply an input, and as an added feature the CO could have a cancel button to ensure he isn't left out.

The Nabs have been hurting lately, Vic Lee especially, after an outstanding performance in Flag Football - every day we heard the trials and tribulations of quarterbacking responsibility. Wayne Fisher is still unserviceable (hurry back, we need you!) in fact things got so bad that Maj. Osborne had to fly a trip - it went O.K. with the pilots helping out.

I almost forgot the highlight of the month - one of our Flight Engineers, Bob Pokeda, found a missing U.S. sailor adrift in a rubber dinghy - we all assumed that a reflected light had somehow got in and awakened him, but it's not true - he was looking through the Nav's window! Seriously Bob, a good show, you may have saved the man's life, particularly when the sea was rough and previous passes had failed to locate him.

This month - the U.S. (U.S) trainer. That should make good news.

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The Rescue Centre had a very unusual occurrence last month. At 10 a.m. one morning, Tofino Marine Radio advised that a fish packer had come upon a drifting sailboat and it looked like it had been abandoned.

An uncomfortable feeling was prevalent in the RCC. There was no doubt in our mind that someone was missing as we had just come through a big blow; the question was how many and where. One of the fish packer's crew boarded the drifting vessel and confirmed no human aboard; the vessel's sails were ripped, she had taken some water and the lifeboat was still tied to the cabin. Again, how many and where came to mind. The crew member found the ownership papers and the particulars were forwarded to us.

Subsequent investigation revealed that the owner of the vessel was alone and was heading for Mexico. The Delta Police were asked to contact the next-of-kin (NOK) for descriptions, gear carried, etc.

We found out the man's last known position was 200 miles southwest of Cape Flattery some four days previous. Taking into account the big blow and the position of the abandoned vessel, now some 15 miles south of Amphitrite Point, we asked our Coast

Guard advisor to calculate the driftline. Here local nautical experience paid off as we were advised the Columbia River drift was towards the Brooks Peninsula on Vancouver Island. We calculated that any powerless object was likely to be within a certain area along this line. An area of some 3600 square miles was decided as a prime search area and was apportioned equally between a Buffalo from 442 Squadron and an Argus from 407 Squadron. Prior to this the Canadian Coast Guard helo, which was at Tofino, was tasked for a 5 mile search from the last known position and found nothing. About this time we were advised that, in addition to the lifeboat being tied to the vessel, lifejackets were found inside.

With hope growing dim, we nonetheless pursued the search and a Buffalo from Comox proceeded to the landward side of the search area and commenced an expanding square search from the position the vessel was found. Just shortly after the Argus entered the search, the NOK advised RCC that her husband had a U.S. Navy surplus 4 man liferaft on board as well. Almost simultaneously the Buffalo crew yelled over the radio "Hey RCC there's a guy down there in a raft waving at us." Elation flooded the RCC.

A call was made to Comox for a helo pickup, and the Bamfield Lifeboat with the Argus as a guide left Bamfield for the scene. Comox was beset by mechanical nightmares, no spare parts for the spare parts for the helo. We went on the voice circuit to Port Angeles for a helo. "Yes, we could have one" but it would need refuelling; take about an hour and a half to get there. US Navy Whidby operations had been listening and piped in with "Victoria, I have one running up complete with corpsman; where do you want it?" The Navy helo rushed to the scene and, with air support from the Buffalo and Argus and sea support from the lifeboat, effected the pickup and had the man in Victoria hospital less than three hours after he was sighted.

The sailor was subsequently released from hospital and we did not have a chance to talk to him but were able to piece a little together. The man and his cat launched a 25 ft. sailing vessel bound for Mexico. Some 200 miles from Cape Flattery he encountered a big storm; still trying to go south he was blown west and, when the boat started to take water and founder, he took to the liferaft with little or no rations. When found, he had been adrift under 24 hours but Lady Luck had smiled upon him.

From the time his boat was found it took only five hours to find him. The fish packer's crew had reported finding the sailing vessel and helped us no end in identifying the owner. The police made endless trips to the NOK for more information; the RCC pursued what seemed like a fruitless body search; and lastly the Canada-US border disappeared without a trace.

Incidentally the cat was found alive and well on the sailing vessel and that prevented a "cat"astrophe.

Glad to see the Air Force ranks etc. coming back. Lends a degree of respectability to the Canadian Forces.

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NOW LOOK AT THAT! It sparkles and shines in the eyes of the beholders. Captain Doug Williams, 407 Squadron Communications Officer, was feted at a retirement Mess Dinner on 21 November. Major Tom Dandeno, acting CO of 407 Base Photo Squadron makes the presentation.



"TEX" TOSSES REINS TO "STRETCH" Major J. M. Arnold (l), recently of DFS Ottawa, takes over command of VU33 at ceremonies on 26 Nov. After 25 years before the mast, Major D.R. McNab "swallows the anchor" (ask any 'fishhead' what that means). Although the designator still indicates that VU33 is a utility squadron, Major Arnold states that its roles have been broadened. Base Photo



We regret the passing on November 25th of Lois Helen Richardson, the beloved wife of Major Norman Richardson, of 96 Pine Crescent, CFB, Comox, Lazo, B.C.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, November 28th in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Chapel CFB Comox. The Funeral Mass was conducted by Father Francis Swoboda, Base Chaplain.

Lois is survived by her husband, Major Norman Richardson, two sons, William 16 years and Colin 18 years, and a brother James Gilmore now living in Ottawa.

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Sailing the Tally-Ho

By S.A. Milan

Part 3.

I eased the TALLY-HO in a gentle dumbbell turn to line up on the Comox Bar range. The bell buoy clanged and the

waves slapped the fiberglass hull. Mark had to close the forward hatch.

"How far over is the boat supposed to lean?" asked my

mother-in-law. That question was immediately followed by an involuntary gasp from some one on the crew (maybe even from me) as the TALLY-HO fell off a wave, slid into a trough, shook the waves off her bow and gathered speed. I really had no idea how far over the boat was supposed to "lean" but the TALLY-HO

seemed to be sailing well and only a few times we had to spill the wind from the sails in the gusts. We sped past the spar buoy and just as we came abreast the cone buoy, the wind dropped off so suddenly that we were left drifting with the sails flapping as if we were in the doldrums.

After lunch the wind picked up a bit from the north and we headed for Comox.

We sighted the ARCTIC DOGWOOD and the

CHEBUCTO HEAD which together with the GRIFFIN had been chartered by HMCS QUADRA to provide training under sail for the Cadets. The members of the Sailing Club had been fortunate to have a day's cruise on these 40 foot plus sailing craft.

As we were preparing to take down the sails the wind freshened again. We rounded the breakwater under power and just before we turned

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"OH, HAPPY DAY!" (I wonder?) Base Transportation takes over the AMU detachment here at CFB Comox effective 27 Nov. 1975. The cheerful faces belong to (L-R) Maj. D. Meldrum, CO No. 1 AMU, Namao; Capt. D. W. Hardy, BTO, Comox; Cpl. R. Stone; Sgt. R. L. Ratcliffe; Pte. L. Schopp; and Pte. B. L. Greene. M.Cpl. G. T. English, also of the AMU staff, is missing from the group.

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The B.C. Price Freeze: HOW IT'S WORKING

The British Columbia Price Freeze has been working since October 24th, 1975. Here are some statistics and recent news about the program.

DURING THE FIRST TWENTY DAYS:

- Nearly 1,500 people contacted the Department of Consumer Services to get additional information on the Price Freeze.
- Of these, about 800 were business people and about 700 were consumers.
- In the same period, consumers registered 91 formal complaints about price increases.
- The department resolved 81 of these complaints, and in each case merchants rolled back any unjustified price increase. The other ten cases were still under investigation.

Your support makes it work.

Few complaints about price increases have been received largely because consumers and businesses are fully supporting the freeze.

The Department of Consumer Services has met with representatives of all the major retail and wholesale food and drug outlets—including supermarket chains. All have pledged to support the freeze program.

Continued contact with these firms is helping to ensure that the price freeze operates with the least possible inconvenience for both sellers and shoppers.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOPPERS

Shop for October 24th prices.

THE FREEZE COVERS FOOD AND BEVERAGES (except in restaurants), PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND PROPRIETARY AND PATENT MEDICINES—AT THE PROCESSING, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LEVELS.

Any item in these categories offered for sale on October 24th at a particular store has its maximum permitted price frozen at that particular store. Prices may be reduced and raised again, as long as they do not go above their October 24th level.

So it will pay to shop for items covered by the freeze.

New items (brands, sizes, qualities, grades) not offered for sale on October 24th are not covered by the freeze. So once again, it will pay to shop around for the hundreds of regularly-stocked items which are covered by the freeze.

How to find out what the October 24th price was.

Ask to speak to the store manager if you have any questions. He or she should have a list of prices for all items offered for sale on October 24th.

Many of the retail chains are also placing special signs next to items which were not offered for sale on October 24th and are not covered by the freeze.

How to register complaints.

If you believe there has been an unjustified price increase, first bring the matter to the attention of the store manager.

If you are unsatisfied with the explanation, fill out the complaint form below and get it to us. Extra complaint forms are available at some supermarkets, and at offices of Government Agents and the Department of Consumer Services. If you are not near one of these offices, call your nearest Consumer Services office collect.

PRICE INCREASE REPORTING FORM PLEASE FILL IN EVERY BLANK BEFORE REPORTING

The price increase I noticed was on: _____ (item) _____ Brand name: _____

Size: _____ Description: _____ The seller is: _____ (name of firm)

Located at: _____ (street address) _____ at: _____ (city)

I first noticed the price on: _____ (date) _____ at: _____ (price)

and I subsequently saw the price on: _____ (date) _____ at: _____ (price)

Therefore, I believe the price per unit went up by: \$ _____ (price)

I discussed the price increase with: _____ (name of seller—person to whom you spoke) _____ (position) _____ on: _____ (date)

The seller's explanation was: _____

My name is: _____

Address: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____

* Before you contact Consumer Services, please be sure to bring the matter to the attention of the seller.

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"WOWEE! JUST WHAT I NEEDED". Mr. Ray Griffiths, recently retired Base Training Officer and a former Editor of the Totem Times, returned to the Base to say his farewells during a Mess Dinner on 21 November, where he received his silver tray from LCol Jenks. Ray was in fine form during his after dinner speech, as he recalled the many problems and frustrations that were always prevalent with the publication of a fortnightly

military newspaper, and accused the assembled group of not adequately supporting the local "fish-wrappers". After seventeen years in the rank of Captain or equivalent, he stated he was also a bit disappointed with the "system". Ed. Note: During his tenure as Editor, Capt. Griffiths certainly "stirred up the pot" with his biting editorial comments. He will long be remembered by the military newspaper fraternity. Base Photo

"Spud Island"

"Tatter Wrapper" Triple Winner

(CFB Summerside —) On November 7th the annual Better Newspaper Awards were presented at the annual Atlantic Community Newspaper Association annual convention held in Moncton.

The awards are open to all 57 ACNA-affiliated newspapers in Atlantic Canada in 4 circulation divisions and 5 content categories.

Judge for this year's presentations was Professor Joseph Scanlon of Carleton University, Ottawa, who said in his introductory remarks

that of the twenty awards open for competition only half that number would be awarded this year. Professor Scanlon said that he chose the award winners solely on their merit; that if the entries in a category did not meet the quality he felt necessary for an award, none would be presented.

President of the Canadian Newspaper Association, Ernest Neufeld of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, presented the awards.

For papers with less than 3,000 circulation, the Gulf

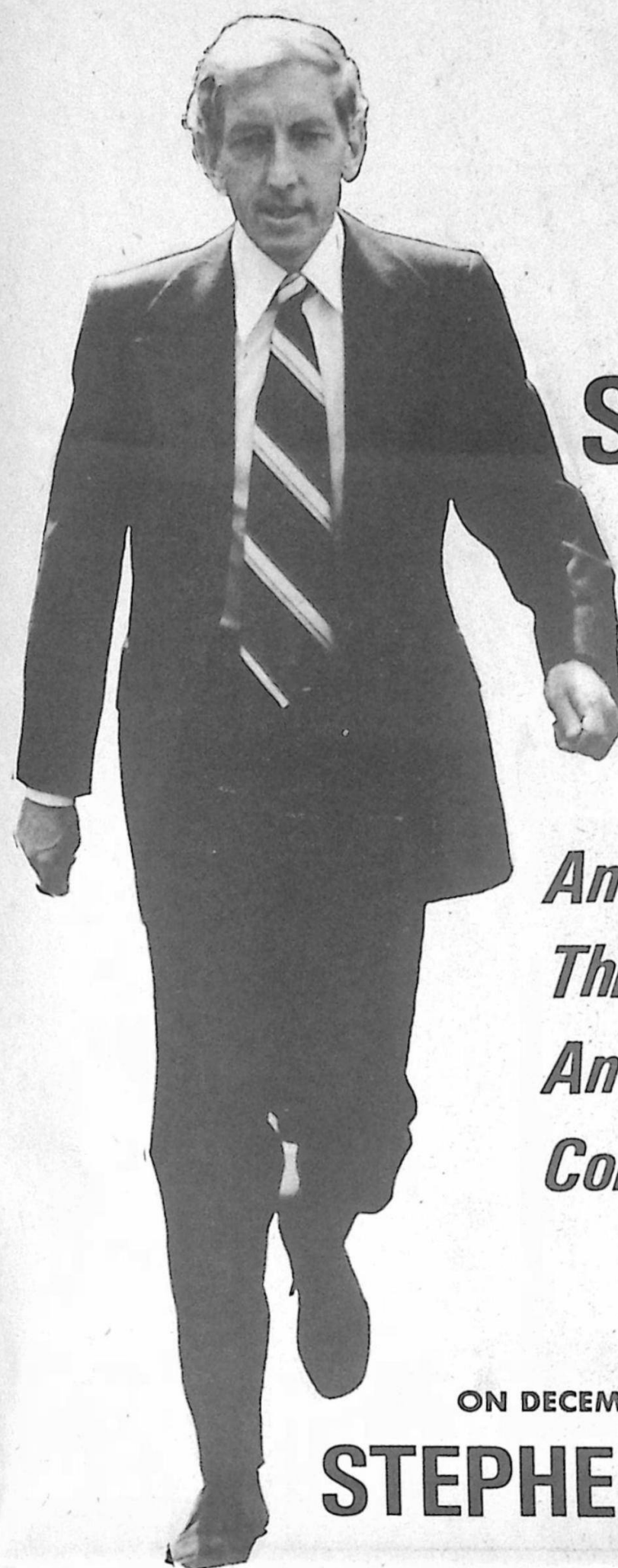
Wings of CFB Summerside took three awards: Best Graphic Design, which includes typesetting, arrangement of the news and ads, layout of the ads, etc.; Best Staff Photo which was a front page shot of 413 Transport and Rescue Squadrons' members grouped in front of 3 of their aircraft with a number of baby buggies representing the lives 413 has been instrumental in saving; and Best Front Page, which is judged on local content and overall appearance.

In the same circulation

category, the award for Best All-round Coverage of Local News was captured by the Dalhousie News.

This year's ACNA competition was the first the new Gulf Wings has entered in its young history. There were twelve Association papers eligible for entry in the under-3,000 circulation category.

(Editor's Note: A congratulatory letter with suitable comments was sent to the Gulf Wings Editorial staff on behalf of this West Coast "fish wrapper.")



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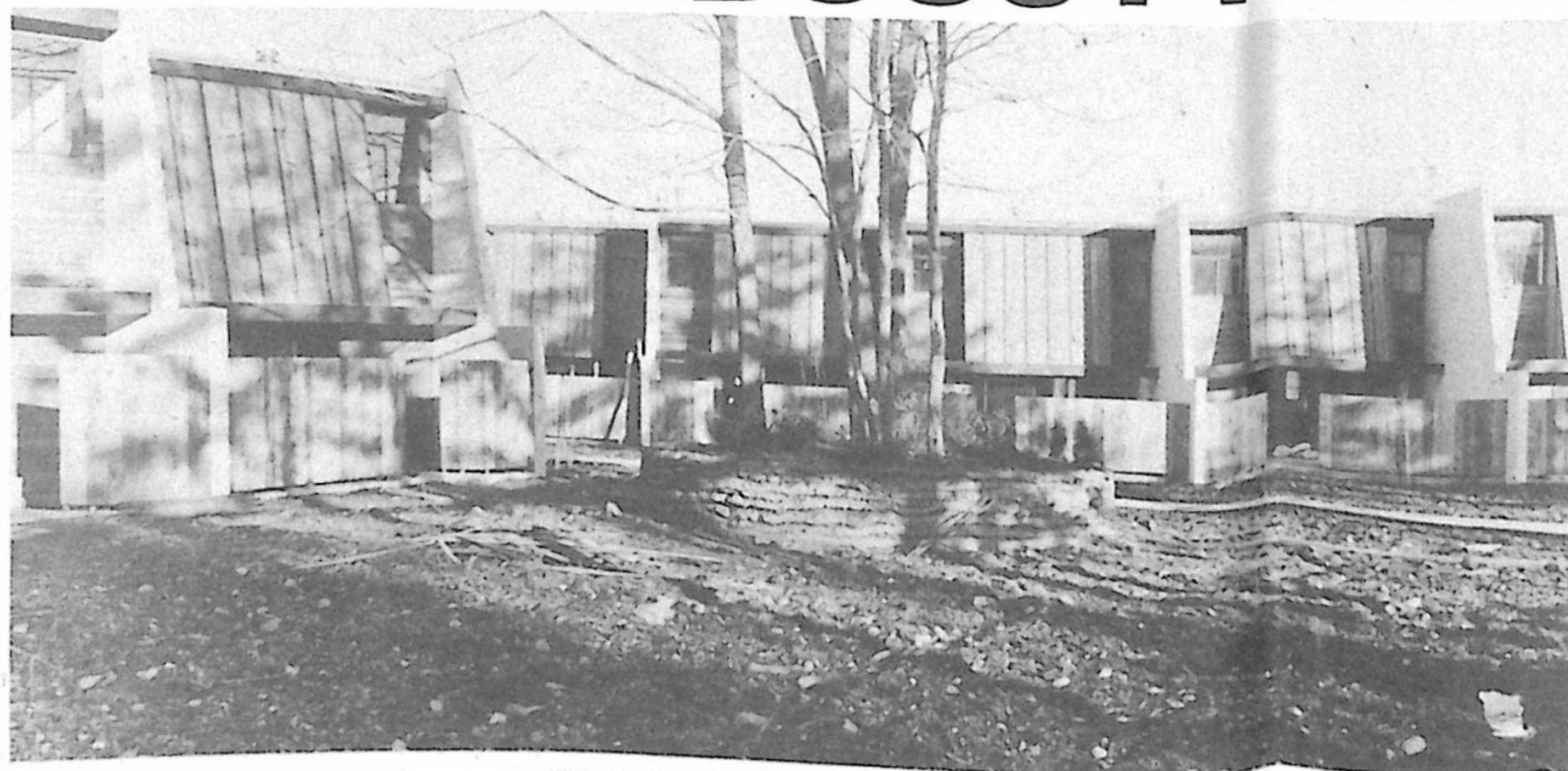
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Michelle Doyle, Jill Korbutiak, Karrie Anne Stone, Kim Olskamp, Collette Van den Berg. (Front row) Tara Bryson, Elizabeth Tingley, Tina Burt.

Crafty Jack Photo



LAWRENCE TINGLEY receives his neckerchief slide during the Scout investiture.



JOHN LITT changes his cub neckerchief for a Scout neckerchief during the formal investiture.



GERRY BYRD gives the Scout oath to "Akela" Paul Faulkner.

Protestant Chapel Special Christmas Services

Sunday, 21st December: **CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**
1100 hrs - The Family Christmas Service
1200 hrs - The Christmas Communion
1930 hrs - The Sunday School Christmas Program
Wednesday, 24th December: **CHRISTMAS EVE**
1930 hrs - The Family Carol Service
"COME TO WORSHIP THE LORD ON HIS CHOSEN DAY"

NOTE: For days and times of other Protestant and RC Chapel services see previous issue of Totem Times.

CFB Comox C.W.L. Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the C.W.L., CFB Comox took place on Tues., Nov. 18th.

The President, Mrs. Barbara Arsenault opened the meeting and the Rosary was recited. Thirteen members were present.

Congratulations to our secretary, Mrs. Dawn Cope and her husband on the birth of a daughter on Nov. 14th.

Dec. 8th is the date set for our annual Christmas Party at Glacier View Home. Plans include entertainment, carol singing, lunch, and of course Santa Claus.

There will be a Christmas Mass for children at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Chapel on Christmas Eve. Midnight Mass will be held in the Protestant Chapel.

Baby-sitting service during the 9:30 a.m. mass will be getting under way in the New Year. Some of the ladies will be asked to assist at the Blood Donor Clinic on Dec. 5th, which will be held upstairs in the Recreation Centre.

An Advent wreath is being made which will be placed in the church. The wreath will have four candles, one for each Sunday in Advent. The first candle will be lit on the first Sunday in Advent and another on each Sunday until Christmas. The Green foliage on the wreath represents the Symbol of Life. The Purple Bow symbolizes our desire to

become poor of heart in order to welcome the Saviour. The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.

Sailing Notice

Comox C.F. Sailing Association winter sail training program will commence the week of January 12th, 1976 at our H.M.C.S. Quadra Clubhouse.

Further details are available by phoning the Squadron secretary Nan Fox 339-4216.

Tally-Ho

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down Jetty D we had cut the power and started the long, long coast to slip 36. We had been briefed extensively on this "dead-man's manoeuvre" docking. The TALLY-HO gradually slowed down her 2½ ton hull but at the critical moment when we asked her for a smart 90 degree turn into the slip, she failed us. We did not have enough forward way to turn into the slip, but we had enough momentum to head straight for the finger jetty and the motorboat in the adjoining slip. Unfortunately the motorboat owner was on board and as he came aft on his boat said in a rather high pitched voice, "Can I give you a hand?"

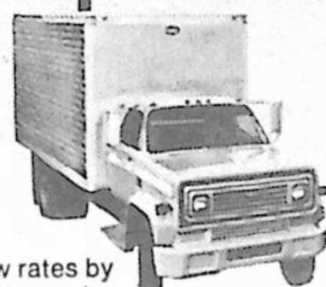
"No, I think we're all right," I lied.

At this point in time I was a ship's figurehead, wedged between the bagged jib and the pulpit, my feet far forward over the bow ready to act hopefully as a shock absorber. The silence was frightening.

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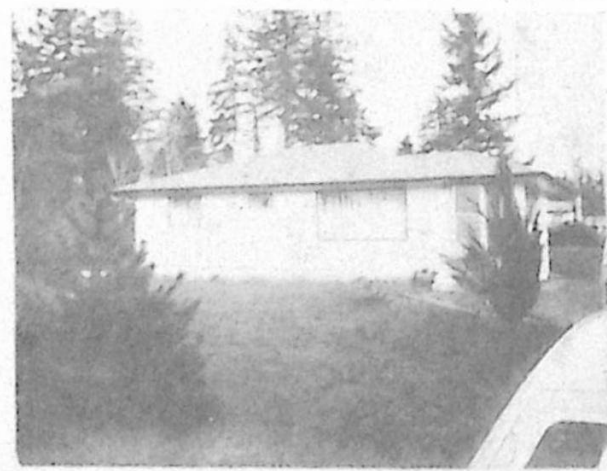
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As a purchaser of a home, the title must be registered in the Land Registry Office, how you do this is a matter of preference; you may register the following ways.

Joint Tenants is normally used by man and wife. This can be accomplished even though the husband or wife were not available when you put in the Offer to Purchase. In service life, this is quite common if you are transferred clear across Canada, as we normally can't afford for both of us to fly and go house-hunting. In this case, if the wife or husband are not present, have your Realtor stipulate, that the husband or wife's name is to appear on all registered documents. Joint Tenants registration gives each party the right to survivorship, interest passes at death, you form together the same possession, same title and same interest. This is an added bonus in the Province of B.C. as there is no succession duties on your prin-

cipal residence, so if one of the parties pass on to the unknown, there is no Provincial Estate tax to pay. As joint tenant both parties must sign when you place the property on the market for sale.

Tenant in Common is different in that each person registered has one unity and that is of possession only. This registration is being used more in our changing world today, as more couples live together, be it open marriage or partnership or common-law. Whenever two parties or partners purchase property together, the tenant in common registration will bind and protect each other. You have equal shares, the same rights and an equal share of the income on the sale of that property. You may each sell your share, rights to another party.

Individual This registration is normally used when one party is registered, a single person or some married couples, use this as a form of registration and this is wise in the provinces that have succession duties on principal residences. For a single person or any individual to purchase real property in B.C. they must be 19 years of age.

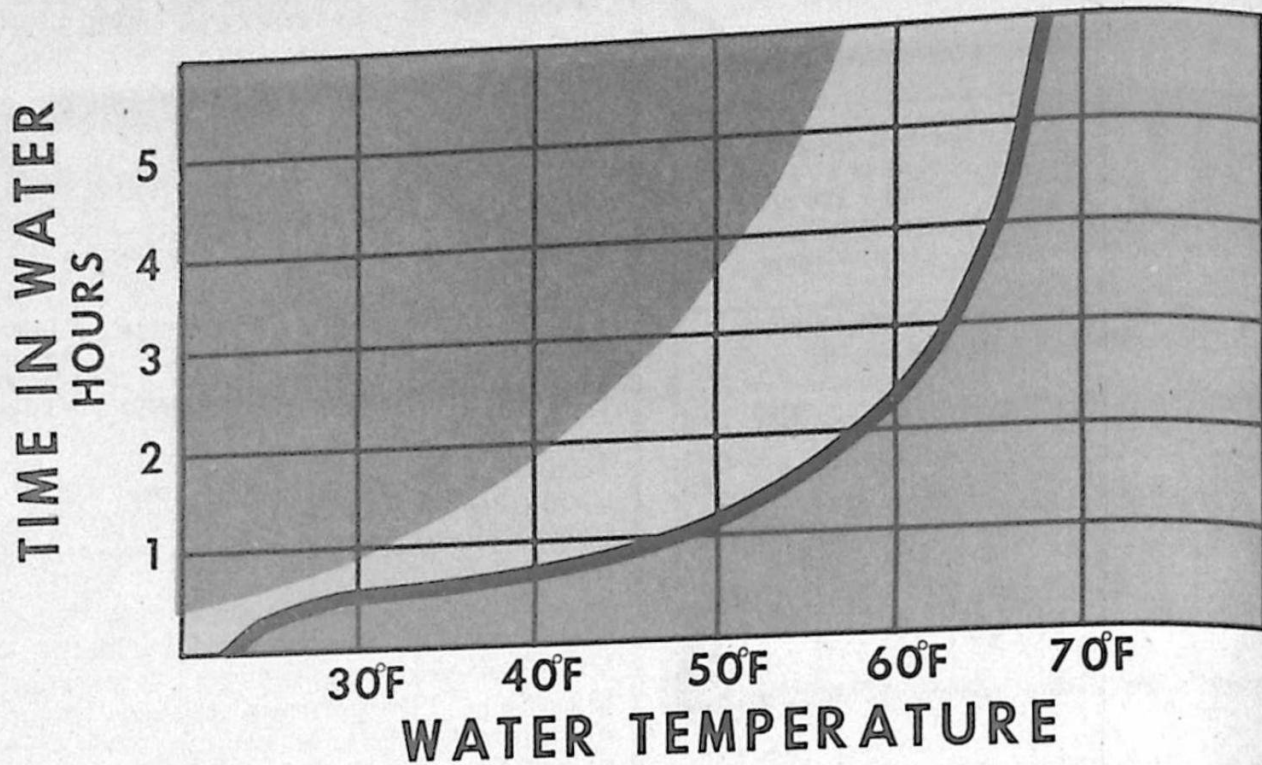
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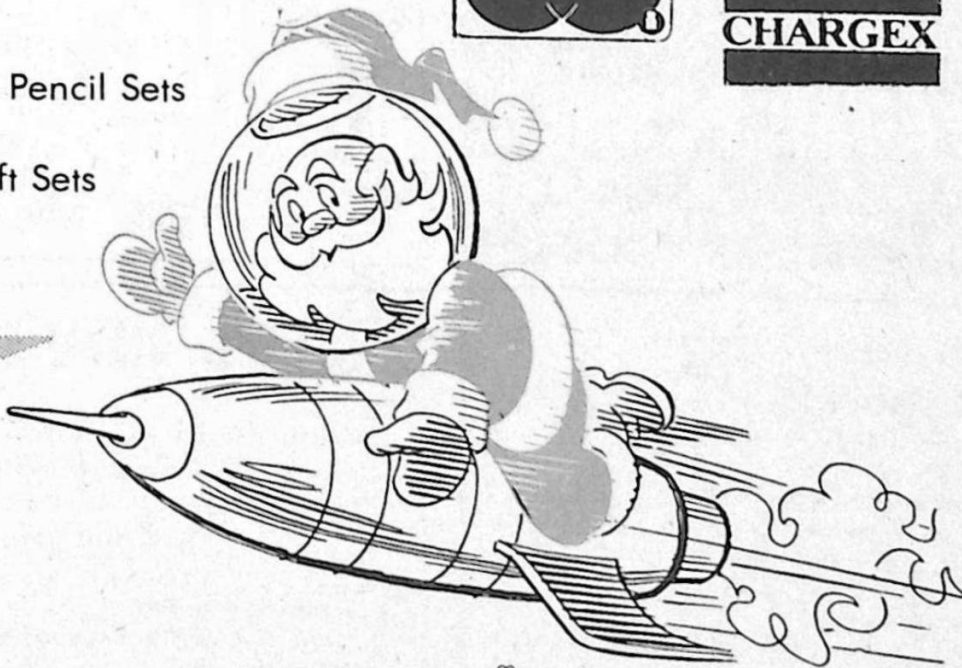
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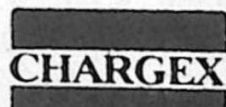
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