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3 RCR participate in Waincon 88

CAMP WAINWRIGHT, ALTA — Following a final conference, range safety staff move out to join their assigned units during a live-fire combat team attack. All participants are members of 1 Canadian Brigade Group and were taking part in Waincon 88, a three-week army exercise, at Wainwright. The armour in this particular attack was supplied by Calgary's Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) and the infantry were from Winnipeg's 3rd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment. With the end of Waincon more than half the brigade moves to CFB Suffield for three more weeks of live-fire training at that base's field firing centre. More than 3,800 men and 1,200 vehicles from 1 Canadian Brigade Group in Calgary and the United States Army in Ft. Orde, California are participating in the exercise.

(DNDOI EDMONTON PHOTO BY CPL JOZEF BAARS)

L'autonomie, c'est la vie!/Independence, that's living!

Cette semaine s'ouvre sur une vaste perspective. Bien des formes d'incapacités et différents genres d'obstacles seront à l'ordre du jour. Tous, à la grandeur du pays, sont invités à faire un effort particulier dans le cadre de cette semaine : associations de personnes handicapées, entreprises, groupes d'entraide, syndicats, gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux et les municipalités partout à travers le pays.

La proportion de personnes ayant une incapacité croît avec l'âge et, à l'heure actuelle, deux Canadiens âgés de 65 ans et plus sur cinq sont touchés. Il est donc tout à fait normal de penser que la plupart d'entre nous auront à composer avec une incapacité un jour ou l'autre. Alors, participons!

Cette semaine n'est pas consacrée à la collecte de fonds, mais aux initiatives individuelles, communautaires, municipales, provinciales et nationales visant à améliorer la qualité de vie de tous les Canadiens.

Pour atteindre cet objectif, il faudra *trouver* les obstacles qui isolent lès personnes handicapées puis, *aplanir* ces obstacles. Nous n'y arriverons pas d'un seul coup, mais ça ne fait rien. Nous prendrons tout le temps qu'il faudra. Chaque année, nous aurons la possibilité de prendre du recul par rapport à ce qui s'est fait et de nous interroger sur ce que nous voulons. Tout le monde y gagnera. En aplanissant les obstacles qui empêchent les personnes handicapées de se livrer aux activités de la vie quotidienne, non seulement nous élargissons leurs horizons, mais nous enrichissons notre communauté de talents et d'énergies jusque-là inexploités.

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This is a week with a broad vision. It is concerned with many types of disabilities and many types of barriers. The effort involves us all — associations of disabled persons, businesses, service clubs, organized labour, federal and provincial governments and municipalities across the land.

We all have good reason to be involved. The rate of disability increases with age, affecting two out of five Canadians aged 65 and over. At some time in our lives, most of us will be disabled in some way.

This is not a week for fund-raising. It is a week in which individuals, communities, provinces and the nation can improve the quality of life for all Canadians.

We can do this by *identifying* the barriers that isolate disabled persons, and *removing* those barriers. It won't happen all at once, but that's all right. This is a long-term project. Each year we'll have a chance to check back, to see how far we've come and where we want to go. It's a process in which everyone wins. By removing barriers that separate disabled persons from everyday activities, we widen not only their horizons, but the community's pool of talents and energy as well.

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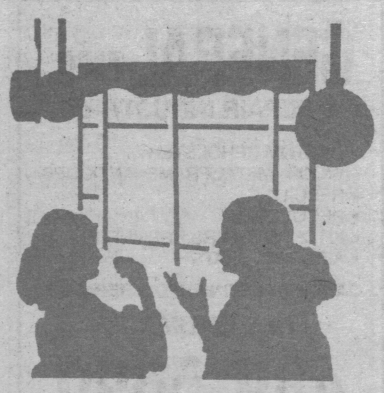

The Base Chief Said...

On the 5th of May I had the pleasure of attending the 2nd Annual Base Supply Mess Dinner at HMCS CHIPPAWA. What made this year's dinner special for me was my being invited to be the keynote speaker. I jumped at the chance, because it is not often that I can get the Base Commander to sit for 15-20 minutes to listen to me.

Seriously, I was deeply honoured to have the privilege of addressing this fine group of men and women. I have had a lot of good feed-back from those attending, and a suggestion that I use that presentation as the basis of an article for Voxair. Considering that I can't think of anything else to write about as the deadline approaches, I think it's a great idea too.

I will include most of what I said, but I think it's prudent for me to edit some of my comments.

"Madame PMC, Col Reynolds, Col Ross, Major Westbrook, CWO Bradbury, and all my friends in Base Supply.

First of all let me say what an absolute honour it is for me to be your guest of honour at this mess dinner. Normally a person of my rank does not get to be a guest of honour unless he or she is retiring, or is posted. I want to ask the Base Commander, right here and now, do you know something that I don't?

Having the Base Commander here tonight reminds me of antiques. Not because of his age, but because his wife Penny, ran an antique business in the city for a bit.

Anyway, according to statistics, last year over 13 million Canadian families paid a lot of money for things that looked funny and didn't work. Three million of those were antiques ...the rest were college students.

Say what about those New Jersey Devils? Isn't that inspired hockey they're playing? It's too bad the Jets couldn't be there, but thems the breaks. Actually the Jets might have been there if coach Maloney had had his way.

Do you remember the Philadelphia Flyers of the seventies? They used to have Kate Smith come up and sing "God Bless America" before each game, and they were unbeatable.

Well, I hear that coach Maloney wanted to have Dolly Parton come to Winnipeg and try to inspire the Jets. John Ferguson nixed that idea though...he didn't think the Jets needed anymore boobs on the ice.

I guess I'm supposed to say something nice about Base Supply, and I spent a lot of time thinking about what I'd say. To tell you the truth, I couldn't come up with anything...

Now if you believe that, then you'll believe anything. Actually, I do have a lot of nice things to say about Base Supply. But it's directed to the people in Base Supply. As a user, I see the supply system as being no different than that of the central pay system, or the administrative system, or the construction engineering system that we are forced to use in today's forces.

That is to say, we have become slaves to the computer. We have tied ourselves up with red tape, and in far too many cases, we have lost contact with people. So if I do have any complaints about supply, it's that system I'm complaining about, and not the people who are trying to do their jobs using it.

However, there is a challenge in that for all of you. In my opinion, if the system does not serve you, or the people you serve, then your job is to change it, or at least devise a system that will work better within that system.

For you MCpls, Cpls, and Ptes, don't fall into the trap of believing that your Sgts, WOs, and Officers are the ones who have to come up with the ideas either. Who better than you, the person who serves the customer, to recognize the problem, and make those recommendations?

Don't bitch just for the sake of bitching either. Any fool can bitch. If you have a criticism, you should also have a suggested solution to fix it.

You have a lot to be proud of in Base Supply, and that's from the top down, or the bottom up, whichever way you see things.

Although you might not see him as often as you should, you and I are losing one of the most knowledgeable officers it's been my pleasure to serve in a long time — that person is the BTSO, LCol Ross. Not only does he know your section, the people, the system, the problems, and your accomplishments. He has the same knowledge of all his sections — he is a remarkable officer who I shall miss, and I think you will also.

I'd like to congratulate CWO Bradbury on his new appointment as the ADM (Mat) CCWO. Well done Brad, it's a big feather in your hat, and I want to wish you all the luck in the world. You'll do well, and I know our paths will cross again sometime. CWO Bradbury has been one of my best supporters, and I have appreciated everything he's done for me personally, and for the office of BCWO.

I could list a great number of other people who deserve recognition. MWO Flemming, WO Lavallee, and Sgt O'Brien on their recent promotions. Well done to all of you.

Good luck and much happiness to Pte Dave Etmanski on your upcoming wedding. My best wishes to Pte Kathy Greer-Hulme on her posting to Germany with her new spouse. All the best to both of you. To Sgt Gladys Chaulk, I wish you God Speed, and a safe tour of duty in Cyprus. Come back safe and sound Gladys.

You know I've been accused of picking on Base Supply. It's simply not true. I know how that idea might have come about, and I'd like an opportunity to explain.

It comes from the fact that everytime I'm looking for someone to do a difficult job for the Base, and I'm looking for a certain type of individual to do that job, I go through a process of elimination. When I get down to a short list, it has always included people from Base Supply. That's because you have so many competent people, who have the confidence in themselves that they can do the job.

For example, when General Vance who was VCDS visited here sometime ago, we were asked to mount a quarter-guard in Air Command HQs. I made the decision that we would show off a bit for this distinguished soldier, and mount the guard in light blue. One of the keys to any successful guard is the person commanding. I did not hesitate, and I didn't ask for a Sgt, I asked for Sgt Desjardine, because I knew that she could do the job, and do it well.

On another occasion, when a quarter-guard was required, I asked for Sgt Chaulk, because I knew Gladys had the poise and confidence to do the job. She did, and did it well.

MWO Bruce Young has been the Guard MWO for the past seven months, and when it came time to replace him, I again went through my short list, and in my opinion, the most suitable person from that list was MWO Flemming from Base Supply. I know that he will do the job, and like those before him, bring credit to the Base.

Both MCpl Lynn Skwarko and MCpl Gail Miller have been a tremendous help to me in briefing our junior leader candidates prior to their attendance on course in Penhold. I appreciate their assistance. I think it's gone a long way in preparing our people for the JLC.

What can I say about MCpl Ott? She weighs about 98 lbs, and to my mind, she's 90% heart. I wish we had more like her.

Base Supply never disappoints me either. I was watching Cpl June Fillmore-Jamieson on Sunday's ARGHQ Change of Command parade. I kept wondering when she would pass out, she fooled me, and stayed right there. However, Pte Joanne Birch did it for her. Oh well...

Speaking of drill and parades. I was doing some drill with the guard, and I guess I was being a bit hard on Cpl Charlie Aumais. So I walked up to her and said, "I suppose when I die, you'll make a special trip to my grave just to spit on it?" She said, "Not me sir, when I get out, I'm never standing in line again."

Oh yes, while we were waiting for the parade to start last Saturday, a bunch of people were standing around talking. It's been reported to me that a supply tech, Cpl Mike Cooper, is alleged to have said, "Have you heard the latest joke about the Base Commander and the Base Chief?" MCpl Nicole Kimpinski, who works in the Release Section piped up and said, "Before you tell it, I must inform you that I work in Base Headquarters." Mike said, "Thanks for the warning, I'll tell it slowly."

At a recent Mess Dinner in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess, I made a comment, that those of us in the support trades should track the promotion records of the people in the 500 series trades. They have people in those trades who retire after 30 plus years of service as MCpl and Sgts. My point was, that in the support trades, there seems to be a feeling that if you haven't made Warrant Officer at the age of 28, you're a failure.

My message here is; take your time, you'll get there. But first, you have to pay your dues, learn about your trade, get some experience, and then get yourself ready for that next higher rank.

I really have to wonder sometimes if most of us have lost the art of feeling good about the job we do. Is there no longer any job satisfaction left? Do you young people even know what job satisfaction means?

Can't you get off on knowing that you've helped someone? I can, and I do. I hope you can too.

I want to tell you about a chap I know very well. It's sort of a happy, sad story. But I think it's worth telling.

At about 23 years of age, and six years in the forces, this fellow really didn't think that he would get beyond corporal. He was happy and accepted that as his fate. However, through some hard work, he made it to Sgt at the age of 27. Then the light went on in his head. He counted on his fingers, and figured, that if he worked hard enough he could make Chief. And so it began.

He did work hard, devoting himself 100% to the job, working 10-12 hour days. He had a very supportive wife, and three children, who knew that they came second in his life, and as long as they were not demanding any of his time, he could continue to devote himself to his ambition. After five years of hard work, the fruits of his labour paid off. He was promoted to warrant officer.

This new warrant officer and his wife were both from Nova Scotia, and like a good many Maritimers there was this inner feeling to return to the Maritimes. He realized that if he were to go to places like Greenwood, or Cornwallis, he might get swallowed up, and not have the chance to shine. He also knew that in his trade, those people who had volunteered to go to sea, were getting promoted. So, he volunteered to go to sea. Kill two birds with one stone, get the wife off his back, and further his career. Those of you who have been to sea know that you spend a good deal of time away from home. His tour was no different. But, it was good because now he could devote more time to his job, and not have to be concerned about the family.

After completing a cycle on the ship, he realized the wisdom of his decision. He was promoted to MWO. Nothing could stop him now.

However, with the rank comes more responsibility. Now he was working 16 hour days. Not only that, but he was bringing work home with him. No person can keep up a steady diet of those kind of hours, and this fellow experienced what is commonly referred to as "Burnout". He came to the decision that his mental well being was not worth the effort that was required of him. So he requested to be posted, and it was done.

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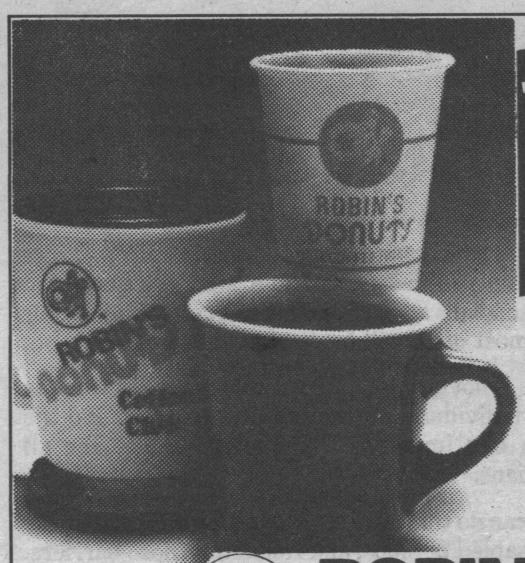

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by JOHN LAUDER

All of youse uncultured types can now throw your caps in the air, give a General Salute and fire off some cannons. This is the last column I will try to inflict on you, and will no longer urge you to ignore the box, but to get out and enjoy live entertainment.

For the past 20 years I have been trudging off to plays, opera, dance and music to try and influence a few to do the same, and I hope there were some results. The column was originated by a U.S.A.F. exchange officer back in 1966, and he conned me into assuming the job when he went on to bigger things back home. He was a Major, but his wife and he both were actors, and singers, who appeared in Rainbow Stage productions and the like. At that time there was a Base Drama Club, known as Studio 22, which presented all kinds of plays to large audiences and even made money. (This was before the golden days of TV, which lasted maybe five years before becoming the present mess on the box.)

To take the job, I was promised that I would meet stars of stage, screen and radio, that I would get free admission to all entertainment events, and that I could probably sell a re-write of the same stuff to the St. James Leader for big bucks. Most of the above never quite happened. I did get to interview some of the stars of stage and dance, but usually at press conferences where there were at least 40 other members of the press in competition. As prices for shows went up with inflation, the number of free tickets to high-priced symphony, opera and arena shows disappeared, and I never had time to try and re-hash (the column) for any other paper.

Then there were to be the parties! Rubbing shoulders with all kinds of showbiz folk. Bags of free booze and starlets seeking favours. This one almost did happen. Opening nights at the Manitoba Theatre Centre the sponsor usually provides wine and sandwiches — top quality stuff — but they wait until half the crowd has gone home, so what you gain in goodies you lose in baby sitter money. During intermissions at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet one gets invited to the Green Room, back stage, for wine and possibly cheese. However, the stars are not in attendance, as they have to rest and change costumes for their next number. So you talk to other dance critics, some of whom even know something about ballet, and you learn how to fake it.

Over the years I suspect I have seen some 300 professional plays, 80 ballets, attended some 250 symphony concerts, a few dozen operas, and some 150 travel films; yet only a few times have I fallen asleep.

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Okay, you say, where's the beef? No real news for us culture vultures? Well, it is between seasons; ballet, symphony and theatre groups have all packed it in for the season, and we are waiting for Rainbow Stage to scrounge some money out to the City so they can mount their two summer productions. There is a "Year End Show" at the Concert Hall by the School of Contemporary Dancers at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday the 29th; and over at the Gas Station Theatre another dance festival is running until the end of the month. Also at the Gas Station there will be an International Festival of Mime from June the 6th to the 11th. This features acts from Switzerland, Holland, England, U.S.A., Poland, and of course, Canada. Advance tickets from 453-4785.

This being my obit to Vox Variety, I would like to use the old Academy Award stunt and thank a few people who have helped much over the years. There are about a zillion Vox Editors who have corrected my spelling, puzzled over my terrible typing, and generally helped muchly. Of the PR people around town it may be unfair to single anyone out, but there are five I particularly want to thank. Lendre Rodgers Kerns of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, who has now gone on to the bigger things in Minnesota; Pat Elsworth and Syd Scott of the Manitoba Theatre Centre; and Darlene Ronald and Max Tapper of the Winnipeg Symphony. All have provided much info and co-operated with the weird and wonderful Voxair deadlines. (These, we hope, now a thing of the past, with the two-week schedule back in vogue.)

And for the future? Well we obviously need a replacement. All I can promise is big parties, many freebees, and a chance to meet the stars. Contact Jane, or one of the other Editors listed at the bottom of page two. It really has been fun, and it will be fun for you!

The Base Chief Said...

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Something else had been done too. His marriage had suffered irreparable damage. This friend of mine felt that he, his wife, and family had grown apart. Is it any wonder?

Anyway, after they separated, and six years after becoming an MWO, and in fact, long after this fellow realized that there were more important things in the world than promotions, he was called to the Base Commander's office. Everyone who knew him all joined in congratulating him. In their minds, he had reached the top, and was a success.

That evening after work, my friend went home to an empty room. Threw his new rank badges on the dresser, and sat down to take stock. He experienced a feeling of emptiness, because at that point he realized that those people who had supported and stood by him for so many years, and had made it all possible, were not there to share in this, the ultimate promotion. He cried!

The years have passed, my friend has his life back together now. He is aware that he was so busy reaching the top that he never got to know his children. And he will have to live with that for the rest of his life. I guess his children are in the same boat, because when someone asks them, "What was your father like?", they will likely answer, "I don't know, I never knew my father."

The message I wanted to leave with you is really quite simple. For God's sake, and the sake of those who love you, keep your feet on the ground. Don't sacrifice your families and friends because of blind ambition. Always remember, that long after you're finished with the forces, your families will be around.

Another point that I would like to make concerns those people who are married to service spouses. The worst possible scenario for people in these relationships would be to become competitive. My God, you're supposed to be involved in a loving "partnership", not a contest.

Another thing for you to consider is the following. Don't ever let anyone tell you, that you're so important to their operation that they can't do without you. It's simply not true.

I've seen it time and time again, and I want to assure you that if you were to drop dead tomorrow, life for others would go on, someone would come behind you and pick up the slack, and who knows, they may even do a better job in the end. No man or woman is indispensable.

Once again, I thank you for inviting me. I've enjoyed this dinner, and most of all I've enjoyed your company. Keep up the high standards that you have set for yourselves in one of the better sections on the Base...Base Supply.

"SERVITIUM NULLI SECUNDUS."

I would like to add a PS to this article. The evening that I spent with Base Supply is quickly becoming one of my fondest memories. I thank them for the gift to me, and Quincy just loves his new blanket which he will wear with pride during the cold winter. For those who have not seen it, it is a lovely Air Force melton cloth jacket, with the CWO and BCWO insignia embroidered on it, and the biggest, ugliest Skunk Jacket stripe down the middle. I was reminded by a supply tech that as the skunk jacket can only be worn within the confines of CFB Winnipeg, they will expect Quincy to respect those rules. He will...

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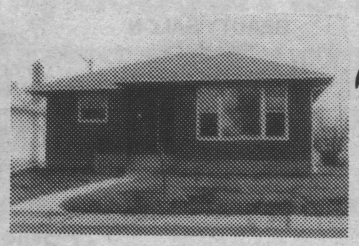

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Educational Assistance

By Capt CR Beattie

As the 1988/89 academic year fast approaches, students and families alike scramble to develop a financial plan that will enable them to cope with skyrocketing education costs.

The need to develop a sound financial plan cannot be overstated. It is not uncommon for the costs associated with further education to be beyond the resources of many of our retired and serving military personnel.

The purpose of this article therefore is to briefly summarize the education support programs offered by the various Benevolent Funds.

THE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM is operated under the auspices of the Board of Directors of the *Canadian Forces Personnel Assistance Fund (CFPAF).* It's goal is to encourage post secondary education to the Baccalaureate level.

Application Criteria. A minimum of ten years Regular Force Military service or be the widow/widower of a former member who served a minimum of ten years. The applicant must be currently serving in the CF or service terminated after 31 Jan 68 and capable of repaying the loan without self-imposing financial stress.

The dependants for whom the funds will be used must be less than 26 years old, be enrolled (or will be) in a full time study program at an accredited post secondary institute (part time studies and/or evening courses are not eligible) and, are not subsidized under CFAO 54-5 (Education of Children-Canada).

Although intended for the dependant, loans to former serving members or the widow/widower of a former member will be $1,200 per dependant to a maximum of $2,400 or two dependants per family. Separate applications must be made for each dependant and the loan awarded for the year of application only in amounts of $300, $600, $900 and $1,200. The selection of recipients will be made by CFPAF and the applicant advised by mail not later than 15 August.

Applicants will be required to repay the loan over a 12-month period, in monthly instalments commencing 30 Sep. Repayment will include a portion of the service charge of $3 per year per $100 loaned, using the pay allotment system, pension assignment or post-dated cheques. **APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 30 JUN.**

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CANADIAN ARMY WELFARE FUND BURSARIES. To obtain a post-secondary education primarily for tuition and purchase of textbooks. Eligible educational institutions shall be limited to Canadian universities and colleges, community colleges or technical schools requiring not less than two years leading to a certificate, diploma or degree. The selection will be made on financial need, scholarship ability and length of service in the Canadian Army (Regular). Recipients must be prepared to enter educational establishments on a full time basis in the year of application, (part time or evening not admissable) and; on selection recipients must submit proof of admission and intention to attend. Students must complete successfully, on first writing each of the subjects taken in any academic year in order to be considered for further assistance.

Repayment of a bursary will be made by the Canadian Army Welfare Fund to the institution attended.

To ensure consideration by the Selection Committee, an application form must reach the Manager, CAWF, no later than 1 Jul in the year of application. Candidates will be advised of the results of their application no later than 15 August.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE BENEVOLENT FUND. A financial assistance for education purposes to veterans or surviving spouses, including vocational and other special training. Interest free loans are repayable after completion of education/training at rates then prevailing and the ability to repay, normally through pay assignment. It must be stressed that the Fund provides "last dollar" assistance, and other loans should be explored prior to application. The amount will be affected by the assistance provided by other sources. The maximum amount provided over the total tenure of post-secondary training is $3,000. If the total is reduced by repayment, eligibility to $3,000 is reinstated. *Assistance for post-graduate training will not be considered.*

THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL BENEVOLENT FUND. Financial Assistance for educational purposes to dependants of former members of the Naval Forces of Canada. This program is not only for university education but for vocational and other special training, to an amount of $3,000. Interest free loans are based on need and merits, repayable after completion of training. Liability for repayment shall be jointly accepted by the parent and student. Assistance is to supplement, *not replace* the students own financial resources. Assistance to former members of the Naval Forces of Canada will be considered in exceptional cases, with special consideration to widows and deserted wives requiring training to increase earnings.

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Inflation has really hit the hallowed halls of CFSAS lately. Promotions have been flying fast and furious until we now have the students outranking the staff. The staff have been fighting back however and it's been announced that Maj "Pigs in Space" Dennis will be LCol in the near future. In addition George Arajs has finally become a Major. That's the good news. The bad news is that he has to move to Summerside. Well it could be worse, George. The boys downstairs say there are lots of openings in Goose Bay. Last but not least, Rex Brontmeyer will be putting up his Major stripes soon. At the same time he decided to announce his engagement to Kate. They haven't picked a date yet because Rex said he wanted to have a taste of command before he loses it completely.

The students have done well with Rene Vezina, Vic McPherson, and Paul Dionne all being elevated to the rank of Major. With two majors already being on the course I'm surprised there's anybody left to carry the security bag on the tours. Speaking of tours, we understand the guys had an entertaining time while on the European tour although nobody will give us any details. All we know is that while they were there, France recalled her Ambassador from Canada. We warned them that if they keep taking our fish we'll keep sending them ASC students. Cooler heads will now prevail.

The boss has not been here a year yet and he's already gone through at least four secretaries. It's funny that the rest of us can get along with them. The last one quit after one day and the Colonel wasn't even here. I guess she didn't like our description of him. Hopefully the next one will be here long enough for us to learn her name and find out whether or not she can type.

The postings are starting to come in. Jim Donihee is off to Australia for Staff College later in the year. This will be good preparation for his next staff job. Funny guy still thinks he's a fighter pilot. That ended when he started reading books with no pictures. Pierre Chevrier is off to Montreal to do some recruiting. It'll give him an opportunity to work on his accent again because we notice he's quit referring to C-130's as 'ercs'. Mike "Chevette" Campbell was happy to find out he'll be going to AETE in Cold Lake. Think of the money you'll save with nowhere to go shopping. Of course the savings are usually eaten up by purchasing the standard Cold Lake survival kit: a half-ton, lumber jacket, cowboy boots, and a year's supply of Aqua-Velva. Nick Mykitiuk is going to try retirement in Comox we understand. He's already heard the jokes about Vancouver Island being the only place that doesn't bury its dead. Most of them are still drawing pensions. All joking aside, we wish him luck and low scores on the golf course. We also have to say goodbye to Warren Alisch who has decided to try "retirement" right here in Winnipeg. Because he's gone into business for himself it's hardly a retirement but suffice to say his expertise will certainly be missed in the Electronic Warfare flight. They'll miss those first hand accounts of the Blitz and how he came upon the ideas that led to chaff and radar.

Warren's replacement arrived in the form of WO Don Cook, a younger version of an AESOP. Not much younger though, he's already started mumbling about the Albatross and the Lancaster. Welcome aboard Don. We have heard of another possible arrival, and this is just a rumour, but we understand Steve Teatro might be posted to CFSAS next year.

Capt Vic McPherson being congratulated by Major Jim Donihee, Aerospace Systems Course Director, on his announced promotion to Major.

Squadron Leader Ted Liston, CFSAS Standards Officer, congratulating Major George Arajs on his recent promotion to that rank.

Babysitting Course

Parents of teenagers, 13 years old or more, who would be interested in a babysitting course offered late May or early June, could contact the RC Chapel Committee by phoning 895-5272.

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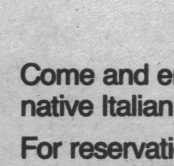

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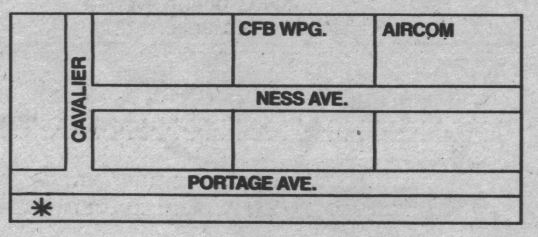

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Base Supply Happenings

by Cpl June Fillmore-Jamieson

Mr. George Bonazew receiving 35 Year Long Service Award from Base Commander, Col Loren H. Reynolds.

We couldn't quite remember Supply's last article in the VOXAIR, and not wanting to be outdone by those BAMEO types (seems they always have something to say, doesn't it?) we've spent the last few days blowing dust off some pictures and snooping for information worthy of mention in the VOXAIR. Actually, the reason behind this article is to lay to rest any rumours that Supply personnel can only spell two words: "not entitled"!

Our curling day back in March was a huge success, thanks to Mr. Les Riskin, organizer extraordinaire. Nice to see Lt Andre Bard out with his camera. We hear he's been trying to talk our sports rep into another bowling day.

There has been quite a few promotions in the last while to pass along. Congratulations to Cpls Paul Lacoursiere, Mike Cooper, Leslie Raugust and Barry Flood. Also, effective 1 Apr 88 were Sgt Dennie O'Brien, WO Gerry Lavallee and MWO Doc Fleming. Several presentations were made on our last CFANS parade including CD's to Cpl Dan Hunt (Thunder Bay Detachment) and MCpl Robin Bradshaw; and three 35 years long service awards to Mr. George Bonazew, Mr. Ed Wilson and Mr. Joe Williams. The Base Commander also presented two awards on a previous parade — Mr. Al Henderson received a 25 years service plaque and Mrs. Jean Harris received a certificate for her work with the EAP.

In closing, those of you complaining about your DEU shortfalls, please check with Clothing Stores. There's lots in that have yet to be picked up and rumour has it they may be returned to stock!

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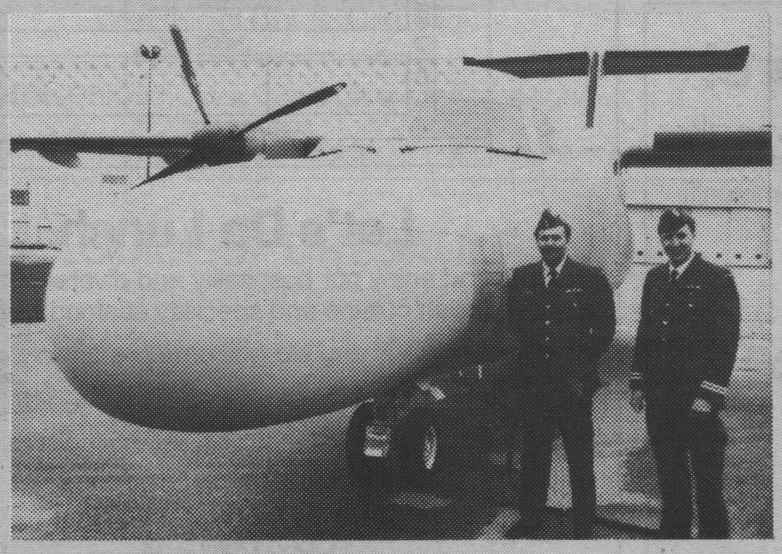
Promotions

Cpls Paul Lacoursiere and Mike Cooper receiving their hooks from Maj Brian Westbrook, BSupO.

CD

The Base Commander, Col Loren H. Reynolds presenting MCpl Robin Bradshaw with her CD.



Gonzo's Coming!

It looks awkward with a snoot like Gonzo's* and it's all ours. Or at least, it will be shortly. Major Chuck MacIntyre and Captain Dale Erhart were part of a squadron contingent at the deHavilland factory for a preview, briefing and test ride on the he of a CT-142 fresh off the production line. The aircraft will go on strength in 402 Squadron early next year and the eight venerable Dakotas are to be phased out by March. The aircraft has the same airframe as the Dash-8's flown into Winnipeg by Air Ontario. However, the nose is greatly extended to accommodate two distinct radar systems. This particular aircraft is undergoing tests as a navigational trainer and, after acceptance flight, will be painted in airforce colors and delivered to Winnipeg. Four aircraft will be based here, taking over the navigation training currently carried out in the C-130's.

** "Gonzo" is a character in the "Muppets"*

Air Command HQ

CD's

LGen L.A. Ashley, Commander Air Command, presented Sgt Frank Locke his CD. Sgt Locke is an electrician by trade, a newfie by heritage and a welcome recent addition to DCOS MILE staff. As of 1 March, Sgt Locke was promoted to Warrant Officer — a welcomed and well deserved promotion.

LGen L.A. Ashley, Commander Air Command, presented MWO Robert Smith his CD-1. MWO Smith is presently serving at ACHQ within DCOS MILE. Congratulations for 22 years meritorious service!

National Defense Merit Award

LGen L.A. Ashley, Commander Air Command, is shown presenting Mr. Edward Dahm, a Staff Officer within DCOS MILE, his National Defence Merit Award for outstanding achievements in the field of energy and environment management. Thank you Ed for all your efforts to make the Air Force number one.

OPDP Scroll

Major Glenn Clarke is receiving his OPDP graduating scroll from DCOS MILE, Colonel John Fryer. Glenn is now attending the year long French Language course held in Winnipeg.

14 Training Gp HQ Promotion

Capt James Thexton of 14 Training Group Headquarters is congratulated on his recent promotion and reminded that he is improperly dressed by the Group Commander, BGen Scott Eichel. Capt Thexton joined the RCAF in 1961 and trained as an Integral Systems Technician. Prior to being commissioned in Mar 85, he served at Chatham, Gimli, Ottawa, Baden-Soellingen, Shearwater and Winnipeg.

— Base Photo

CFS Presenting CD

On April 20, 1988, Capt Greg Reiser received his CD from LCol J. Elias, Commandant of CFS. Capt Reiser has been with CFS since August 1985 and has previously served with Base Rescue at CFB Chatham and at 3 CFFTS Portage.

St. Andrew's Women's Centre welcomes new ladies to Winnipeg

The Centre has been kept busy since it reopened after Christmas break. We have had a variety of interesting guest speakers with many more to take us into summer.

Our co-ordinator, Mary Lou Allard, recently enjoyed a four day guest speaking trip to CFB London, Ontario to assist with setting up a Family Support System for their dependants. Mary Lou passed along her knowledge and experiences to Padre Gillard and also learnt many helpful ideas to improve our rapidly growing Centre.

Coming up on Tuesday, May 24, The Women's Centre will be having a "Welcome PPCLI Ladies Morning". This will start at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, cake and a warm, friendly welcome.

Thursday, May 26, Major Rick McLellan will be returning to guest speak and humor the ladies with his jokes. Rick will be speaking at 10:00 a.m.

Coming up in late May or early June the ladies will be holding a "WOMEN'S CENTRE SOCIAL EVENING". This will consist of a pot luck supper starting at 6:30 for 7:00 p.m. for the couples and "Army Airforce Widows". The meal will be followed by a fun evening of singing and fellowship. If you are interested in attending please call Mary Lou at 489-7796, Florence at 489-1634 or Cheryl at 489-5446 to confirm attendance and if you would like to bring a main dish or a dessert to the supper. You do not have to be a regular at Women's Centre to come to the social, admittance is a dish and everyone is welcome.

On Thursday, June 16, we will be having Farewell to Departing Ladies morning. This will start at 9:30 a.m. and the morning will include presentation of Women's Centre cookbooks to the ladies, hot dogs, treats and games for the children.

The Women's Centre welcomes all new ladies and children to drop in for coffee and treats regardless of their husbands rank, unit or their religion preferences. The Centre is located in The St. Andrew's Chapel Annex (side door) and we are open every Tuesday and Thursday mornings form 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. The Chapel is located on the South Side on the corner of Grant Ave. and Kenaston Blvd. across from Kapyong Barracks. Everyone is welcome and there is a playroom for the children or they can stay and play in the room with their Mom while she enjoys her coffee and stimulating conversations. We extend a special welcome to all new families and if you would like more information please call Mary Lou at 489-7796. SEE YOU SOON!

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Ah the 24th of May weekend has come and gone! Now we really know that summer is here. Cottages and camps are opened and we can start that change of activities that shows that we have thrown off another winter. Last winter was not particularly severe, yet it seemed to hold on into spring for so long with those telling cool breezes.

Getting ready for summer

At the Chapel, we are getting ready for summer as well. Next Sunday, we will hold our Sunday School Graduation and Congregational picnics in both Chapels. Just because the Sunday School is closing for the summer does not mean that the children will have nothing else to do during the service. Over the past couple of years, we have developed a supervised time for the children to replace the Sunday School activities for the summer. We will continue to meet over the summer months, so come and join us.

Used Clothing

I would like to thank those who have responded to my request for used warm clothing that will be shipped to help people on the Labrador who have had little opportunity at employment because of poor fishing seasons lately.

Any good used clothing, adults or children's sizes, will be appreciated, but I have always thought of winter wear, especially those articles of clothing your children have outgrown. If you were going to sort through your things closer to your posting date, or when you are certain that winter has given up, no problem. You still have time to give us a call and drop bags off at either Chapel. Clothing that your family has outgrown can provide a warmer winter for someone on the Labrador.

See you in Chapel.
Padre R.E. Baker

AirCom Chaplain Conference

The annual Air Command Chaplain (P) Conference was held at the St. Benedicts Educational Center, just north of Winnipeg, between 4-8 April 1988. Protestant Chaplains serving in Air Command Stations from Comox to Goose Bay were in attendance hosted by the Air Command Chaplain (P), Captain (N) Rod Ives and assistant Air Command Chaplain (P), LCol Art Flath. Also present were your CFB Winnipeg Chaplains, Padre Bob Baker, (BChap (P)), Padre Ed Wiley (posted to Goose Bay), Padre John Jolliffe (posted to Masset), Padre Venice Guntley (posted in from Trenton) and Padre Kenn Garrity (ARAF Winnipeg). Missing is Padre Peter Day who was on the French Language Course.

Left to right

Back Row: Capt J. Montgomery, Maj L. Clifton, Capt R. Gardner, Maj A. Fowler, Lt (N) Zimmerman, Capt H. Lanctot, Capt A. Pritchard, Maj B. Sweet, Maj S. Hopkins, Capt G. Fillmore, Capt B. Wentzell, Lt(N) H. Alston, LCol F. Love, LCdr(N) T. Maindonald, Maj W. Schurman, Maj G. Milne, Capt E. Wiley, Maj R. Baker, Capt J. Brown, Maj J. vonsSchmeling, Capt K. Garrity.

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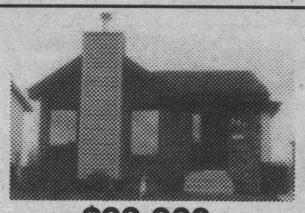

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Top Honours For Base Broomballers

On April 16, 1988 at Bldg 21 there was an Awards Banquet for the male/female Broomball leagues for the City of Winnipeg. Several awards were taken by various personnel from CFB Winnipeg. The award winners are as follows:

Maj Dan Gosselin accepting Top Defenseman & Lt Will Jacobs accepting Top Scorer from Maj Brazeau.

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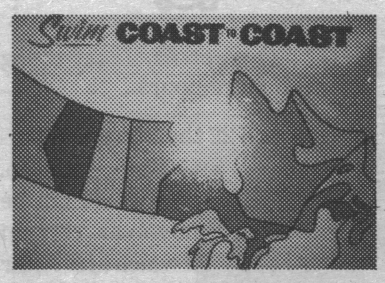

Inter-Section Bowling Champions

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Roll-Off Champions — DCOS Pers

L-R Maj Doug Brazeau (Award Presentations) Capt Dan Lemieux, Marie Sinclair, Terry Farthing, Capt Don Brown

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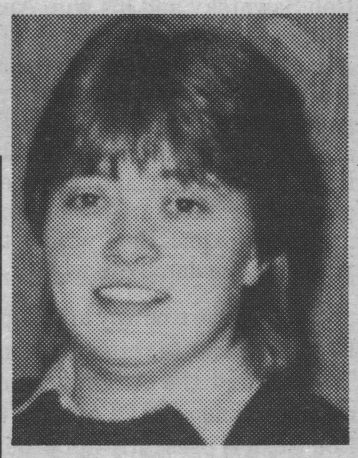

Cpl Josee Lacasse

This month's winner featuring our second female of the year is Josee Lacasse for her efforts as goaltender for the CFB Winnipeg Moody Blues, this past year in the Winnipeg Women's League and the Prairie Regionals. On the 16th April 1988 Josee was awarded top goalie and MVP for the league at the annual league banquet. Josee was born in Quebec City, in 1963 and started playing broomball when she was eight years old. She came to CFB Winnipeg at a great time, with a new team starting and with only limited experience on the team, her experience and outstanding play, were a great asset to the team. Her talents assisted the Moody Blues to finish second overall in the league. Josee is a member of BAMEO section on Base. Well done Josee!

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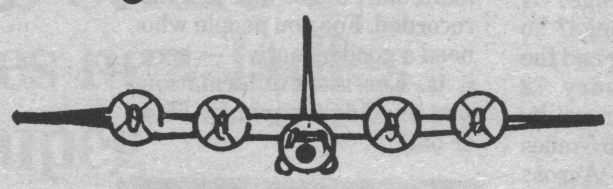

To begin this article I would like to introduce two new Squadron Associate members. MCpl Rob Sawatsky and his wife Ann would like to introduce Kyle James. He arrived 19 April and weighed in at 6 lbs 5 oz. Congratulations Ann and Rob. In addition, Grandmum Barb Williams beams at the arrival of her grandson, Matthew George, who arrived 18 April. Best wishes to you and your family, Barb.

Capt Duane Godfrey and Capt Bernard Pichette returned from Trenton and the Aircraft Commanders Course on 29 April. WO Lou Doan is presently in Borden on the SLC. Speculation is that they will change his hair style while he's there. Sgt Emile Fournier just returned from three weeks in Trenton instructing the OFT. He did manage to pad his log book with some more flying time however, by flying with 436 Squadron when not in the simulator. Emile is presently on BOX-TOP with Capt Ab Jagat to log up even more hours.

On April 22 the Squadron participated in the Base clean-up. Now normally this would not be newsworthy, however certain things happened which are. After completing a sweep of the assigned area it was noticed that a large and unsightly piece of plastic was lodged in a tree outside 16 Hangar. Jumping at the chance for fame, fortune and a frolic in the branches, MCpl Gary Pullen scrambled into the said tree. Since the elusive piece of plastic was well out of reach, well wishers on the ground urged Gary further and further out on a rather spindly branch. The target of Gary's effort still remained out of reach. Suddenly out of nowhere WO Rick Cooke arrived with a large road sign that had been removed for the ground work being done in the area. After two or three crashing swings the plastic came out of the tree and Gary climbed down to the cheers of the onlookers. It wasn't until later that we discovered that WO Cooke was upset about the whole turn of events. He commented that he had missed the intended target and had hit the plastic. Apparently there is nothing he likes better than a rousting game of knock the Loadmaster out of the tree.

Coming up for May, the only major trips are the NDC tour which is currently in progress with Major Bill Harrod and crew and the Nav Orient trip on the 12th with Capt Yvan Choiniere and troops. The big question in the Squadron for May is "will Capt Jimmy Lewis translate for Lt Daryl Smith while they are working Ops for Exercise Maitre Guerrier or will hand signals be used." In closing I would like to remind everyone the summer this year is planned for 26-27 July so have your bathing suit dry cleaned and be prepared.

Till next time

Golf! Golf! Golf!

Don't look now folks, but there is grass growing on them there greens! This is totally amazing. I could swear they were all as bare as a baby's butt not two weeks ago. Well, as they say, where there's a Gilles there's a way. No that wasn't a misprint. The pun just passed was to introduce the new president of the CFB Winnipeg Golf Club, Major Gilles Archambault. He recently received royal assent (BComd's stamp of approval) and is replacing LCol Ian Ross who is posted out this summer. LCol Ross deserves a big vote of thanks from the whole community for his dedicated efforts in keeping the "dream" alive. Good luck in Ottawa Sir.

Major Archambault has wasted no time in making his presence felt to the Golf Club. The sod has been laid and the water is flowing at a great rate. There should be balls spinning off club heads before we know it so don't be surprised if you are driving to work one morning at 0700 and see COS Sp and the BComd chipping on to No. 9 (probably the third or fourth stroke).

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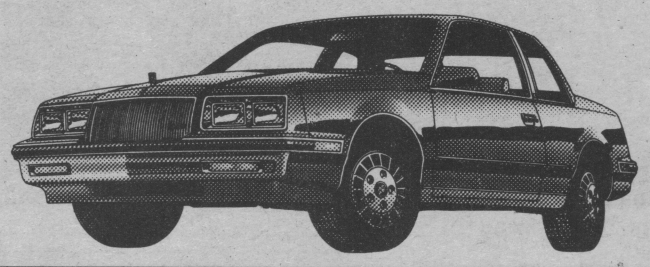

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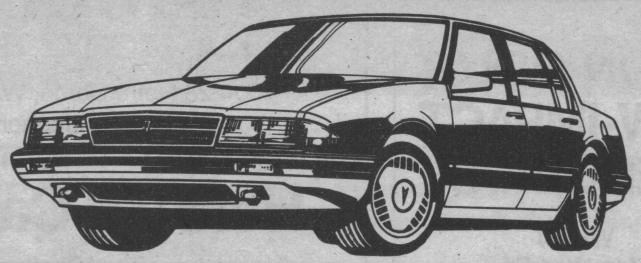

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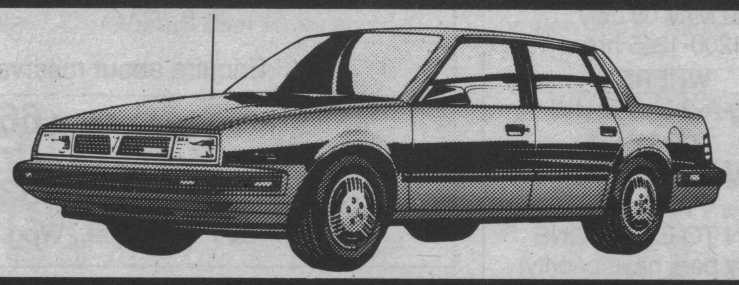

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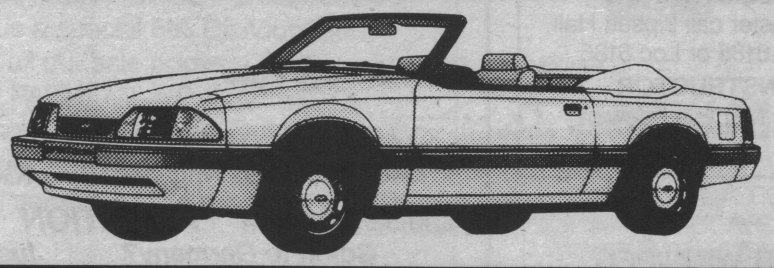

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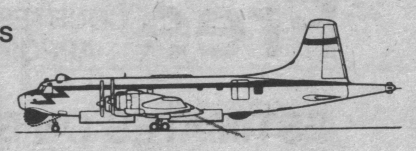

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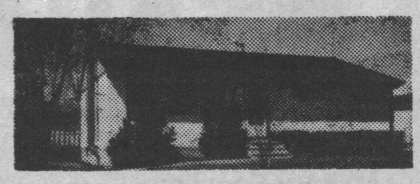

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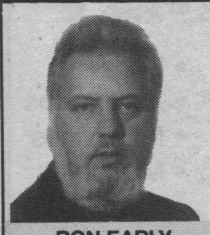

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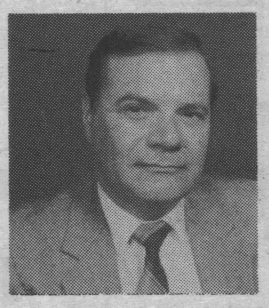

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