

Eight servicemen die in arctic

Remembrance Day at CFB Winnipeg was an especially sad occasion this year. It was only a week earlier that the base was saddened by the news that eight of their fellow servicemen had died in the arctic in the crash of their Dakota aircraft.

The crew, all members of 440 Search and Rescue Squadron, had left Winnipeg the previous Sunday afternoon to proceed to Edmonton and then north to Cape Parry to assist in the search for a downed pilot. As they left Winnipeg the crew threw snowballs at each other.

In the arctic it was the snow and weather which had forced the lost pilot, Manly Showalter, to down his aircraft. The 440 Squadron Dakota found Mr. Showalter on Monday afternoon just before the arctic night had set in. They established radio contact, dropped some supplies and went on to Cape Parry promising to return the next morning to give Mr. Showalter further assistance to get airborne.

Then on Tuesday, November

2, after returning to the site of the downed aircraft in morning twilight and marginal weather, the Dakota again established radio contact and dropped below the clouds to give further aid. During a turn to keep the downed aircraft in sight, the Dakota crashed and the arctic claimed the lives of the eight dedicated servicemen on board.

Dead are:

- Capt. G. R. Gitzel, 28, the

pilot, formerly of Thorsby, Alta.;

- Capt. P. C. Hodges, 24, the co-pilot, formerly of Belleville, Ont.;

- Capt. C. A. Healey, 25, the searchmaster, formerly of Sault St. Marie, Ont.;

- Capt. L. A. Cooper, 35, the Radio Officer, formerly of Gilbert Plains, Man.;

- Lt. D. W. Smart, 22, the navigator, formerly of Chater, Man.;

- Cpl. W. E. Platt, 25, the para-rescue specialist of Winnipeg, Man.;

- Sgt. J. R. Lemieux, 37, the para-rescue co-ordinator, formerly of Ottawa, Ont.;

- Cpl. R. H. Vodden, 35, the crewman, formerly of Cobourg, Ont.

All of the men were stationed in Winnipeg with 440 Sqn. except Sgt. Lemieux and Cpl. Vodden who had only recently moved to

Edmonton from Winnipeg. The squadron was in its last week of operations out of Winnipeg before moving to Edmonton. It was also the last week that the Dakota aircraft would be used by the squadron in the Search and Rescue role. The Edmonton based 440 Sqn. will be using the Twin Otter aircraft.

In the midst of the disaster the squadron continued to function. At 1:00 a.m. on Wednesday the 3rd of November another Dakota took off from Winnipeg for Churchill and returned that morning with a seriously injured woman on board saving her life.

A memorial service to pay tribute to the eight service men was held in the base drill hall on Monday, November 8. Over 1500 civilians and military personnel came to pay their respects in the service conducted by base chaplains Maj. M. G. Pippy and J. M. A. Sabourin. Base Commander Col. Alan Wallis said in his brief remarks, "We were one in service; we are one in sorrow."



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'HIGH FLIGHT'

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
 And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
 Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
 Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
 You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
 High in the sunlit silence; hov'ring there,
 I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
 My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
 I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
 Where never lark, or even eagle flew—
 And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
 The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
 Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.
 September 3, 1941.

Hailed as the first classic of the second World War, "High Flight" was written by John Gillespie Magee, Jr., 19-year-old RCAF pilot, who was killed in action on December 11, 1941.



'We were one in service; we are one in sorrow'



It's disgusting, Henry, to show such lewd movies in the base theatre. Just LOOK at those naked females! Henry . . . Henry? . . .

MINI-COMMENT by Uncle Vox

Ol' Uncle notes quite a few happy smiles since the pay increase came out. Some got more than others and that's always hard to accept, but the cold facts are that parity is what the service wanted — and using parity techniques, some bad news is bound to occur along with the good — One fella who feels fairly good is **Sergeant Lee Richardson** in TCHQ. Lee was promoted to Master Corporal on 1 October and two weeks later was promoted to Sergeant, effective 1 October — Christmas ain't far away and now's yer chance to get some real bargains in Toyland. **Captain Ken Besteck**, our Base Exchange Officer, has opened his annual **Toyland in Building 24**. That's just inside the Sharp Boulevard gate. Uncle wandered around there the other day and was havin' one helluva good time playin' with all the toys until his keepers came and made him lay down for his afternoon nap — Congratulations to all concerned with the **service of unity** held on 7 Nov. in the drill hall. One of the base's highlights of the year, that's fer dang sure — The young upstart who styles himself "Letters to the Editor" editor, asks me to tell ya that ya should always include your real name and address (or office) on letters. Use a non-de-plume if you want, but the other information is necessary — Speakin' of letters, we got one in this issue signed 'le francophone'. As is proper, the writer identified himself — and he is a genuine francophone with a gentle sense of humor. The 'Letters' expert, snarky young pup, tested it on a few other francophones and they figgered it was pretty good, too. So there ain't no need for people to get all uptight and figger we're starting an ethnic struggle — And fer all you wimmin-folk out there: only 32 shopping days til Xmas, gals, so git on out there and **spend, spend, spend!**

Concerning parkas

At the time of going to press, the recent CFHQ decision still stands that the green parka may only be worn by Northern Region personnel.

This ruling has left members of the Prairie Region discouraged for obvious reasons. Such an edict is most unrealistic and at the best it only smacks of 'false gentility'. The authors of the decision would do well to

spend some time in the prairie winter where a ten below thermometer reading combined with a ten MPH wind creates a windchill equivalent of thirty-three below.

We understand that reconsideration of the matter is being made by Ottawa. Hopefully, by the time this issue hits the street, the decision will have been made that parkas are acceptable winter wear.

Point — Counterpoint

"Jesus wept". Unfortunately, he had no monopoly on this very, very real facet of human existence. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Saint John was a great poet; all mankind are, ultimately, our friends.

We of the Canadian military may appear to the overall populous as a strange breed of animal: certainly in some circles a useless anachronism. To these, such past events as world war and apprehended insurrection are either forgotten or barely remembered exaggerations. The tragic irony is that the future may well hold either civil or international conflicts which involve all of us.

In the meantime, there are very few more worthwhile jobs than those of Search and Rescue. Invariably the men and women involved in this "avocation" derive a great personal satisfaction in the knowledge that they are serving mankind. Within this context it is, perhaps, hard to maintain the axiom that eight lives are not worth the price of one. These eight men were professional military and they did the job they had to do, with dedication, purpose, and honour. Their mission was successfully accomplished.

The supreme point — counterpoint of all the universe is Life — Death. Each and all of mankind resolves this in individual ways; yet do we not all applaud John Donne's defiant:

One short sleep past,
we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more;
death, thou shalt die.

Dick Morrison

**If you
don't do it,
it won't
get done.**

grains of sand . . .

We note that certain local high school students are hollering for non-compulsory classes. Being a crotchety old feller somewhat over thirty, we view the matter with concern. In our day we occasionally entertained similar ideas regarding education, but from the vantage-point of experience, we now realize how irresponsible our thoughts were at the time.

And, of course, those members of society which leap on every band-wagon with gay abandon have added their voices to further stir an already ridiculous situation.

The Scene: the Average living room. Mrs. Average languishes on a divan, reading Voxair and nibbling on chocolates. The clock on the mantel strikes noon. Enter stage right young Low Average, age 16, in his pyjamas.

Mrs. A. — "Good morning, sweet, or should I say 'afternoon'?"
Low — "Um."

Mrs. A. — "Didn't like the classes scheduled this morning, dear?"
Low — "Naa."

Mrs. A. — "Pity. What were they, love?"
Low — "Readin', 'ritin', 'n' 'rithmetic."

Mrs. A. — "How nice, darling, that they're no longer compulsory. The fresh air of freedom at last wafts through the fetid atmosphere of Academe."

Low — "Huh?"

Mrs. A. — "Nothing, pet, merely an allegorical turn of phrase."
Low — "Where's lunch?"

Mrs. A. — "There isn't any, precious. Bill N-4321 passed at the last sitting declares it isn't compulsory for mothers to make lunch."

Low — "Wha--?"
Mrs. A. — "Wives and mothers have been freed from the shackles of male chauvinism, honey."

Low — "Okay, okay, so I'll make my own lunch. (*Shambles into kitchen, backstage left. Sound of refrigerator door opening, then slamming shut. Low re-enters.*)"

Low — "There ain't no food in the fridge."

Mrs. A. — "Yes, doll, I know, it's your male chauvinist father taking advantage of Bill EF-8765 which makes food supplies non-compulsory."

Low — "But jeez, maw — okay gimme a coupla bucks and I'll eat out."

Mrs. A. — "Sorry, dove, NR-2109 covers that one."
Low — "But maw, I'm yer own kid!"

Mrs. A. — "True. But surely you don't acknowledge the anachronistic ethic of filial duty in this age of enlightenment, my lamb?"
Low — "Huh?"

Mrs. A. — "And now, much as I have enjoyed our scintillating conversation, sugar, I must leave. My classes start this afternoon."
Low — "Classes?"

Mrs. A. — "Yes — I've enrolled in a university course. It's not compulsory of course, but in my dotage I realize there's still a few things I'd like to learn about."

(*Mrs. A. exits stage right leaving Low alone, upstage centre. His lower lip trembles and he looks oh, so very sorry for himself as the curtains close for him.*)

Hiring A Soldier

It's mod. It's with it. It's where the action is. And it needs to be, because it's the advertising that the Canadian Armed Forces are using to entice some 9,500 young Canadians into the forces within the next year.

You can, if you take the trouble to thumb through national magazines and assorted newspapers see some of the advertising that is being used. Canadian servicemen are shown in a variety of roles. Fighting oil spills. Helping disaster victims. That sort of thing. And why not?

Today's youth is a vastly different entity from his depression-bred father who joined the service for the promise of three squares a day and a little excitement; the excitement conveniently being provided by a world war.

Today's youth insists on doing relevant things. Like fighting pollution, or alleviating distress. So they must be appealed to in something other than the time-honored fashion.

Thirty years ago, you could take a youngster off the sidewalk, sheer off all his hair, inflict a choleric sergeant-major upon him, and generally browbeat him into submission, while training him for the most unpleasant of tasks. But no longer. The old approach, if one is to believe the advertising, will no longer work. A new one must be substituted. And it has.

The advertising which is even now bursting upon the public consciousness implies that those who respond to its blandishments will find themselves committed to a life of service; to a career of helping others. A member of a less-hirsute Company of Young Canadians, as it were.

Well, so far so good. When writing anything, one must first and always keep in mind one's readers. This the ad writers have done, and done well. The ads depict, and depict well not only some of the ways in

which the forces currently assist in the development of Canada, but also some of the ways which the White Paper forecasts that the forces will be used in the service of Canada.

It is, as we said earlier, a good approach. To reach today's youth, today's language must be used, and when the service has as its goal the recruitment of some 10-plus per cent of the force, then that language must be used effectively.

But lacking in the ads is the mention of the one thing that differentiates a serviceman from all other government employees. The unlimited liability clause which means that a serviceman must be ready to go anywhere and do anything a grateful government may ask him to do, even though such action might be suicidal.

It is true that Canadian servicemen are called upon to perform a variety of tasks that are not in the traditional military sphere, and it is equally true that this type of role will expand in the future if the White Paper is any indication. Assumption of such new roles is good for the service, and good for the country.

But it is equally true that the forces can be called upon to perform their more traditional tasks. While such tasks might not be currently popular, they are still very much in the terms of reference.

Our current efforts to recruit young Canadians are commendable, but one would feel better about them if they also laid some stress on the traditional roles and responsibilities of members of the Canadians Armed Forces.

Wars, in the lexicon of today's young are not good things. But fighting them is one of the things that services are occasionally compelled to do. When one is recruiting approximately 10 per cent of the service, in a single year, it would be a mistake to gloss over this fact.

...Totem Times



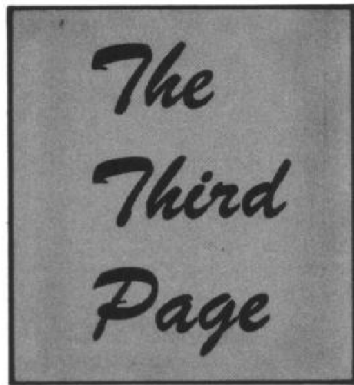
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Letters

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Editor, Voxair:

De odder day I reading your paper what you call Voxair and I read part by Cpl. Hare. He says dat paper name change to Voxhair. I say I become heditor, de name will be Voxhair wedder you like h'it h'or not.

le francophone

DESERVING RECOGNITION

Editor Voxair:

I wish to comment on the valuable contribution being made to the base by a service family since their arrival here in July, 1970.

I refer to Cpl. Warren Little and Mrs. Little, who, because of their daughter, Kathy, started a Figure Skating Club for Westwin. Many hours of their time was devoted to this last winter, convening, registering skaters, attending meetings, and supervising our coaches every Friday evening. Mrs. Little is now on the Executive of St. James-Assiniboia Figure Skating Assn., but still convenes and supervises our club as well as organizing registration of skaters again this year.

Thanks to their efforts, Kathy won the Senior "B" trophy for Westwin last season. This and other prizes were presented at the Banquet which Cpl. and Mrs. Little again helped organize.

Two of Cpl. Little's sons participated in the Hockey programme. Ken plays goalie for the Westwin Olympics assisting his team to place second in the City League, losing the Championship by only one point (see Voxair Oct. 6/71). Many hours of Cpl. Little's time and that of his wife were spent driving this team to games, both in and out of town.

Robin Little was goalie for Sturgeon Creek Community Club.

This past summer Mrs. Little again found time to help our Sports Programme by coaching a girls' Softball Team.

Even though it must be very inconvenient for Cpl. Little to live on the North Site, since he is a Cook and must be on duty frequently at 5 a.m. summer and winter at Fort Osborne, attached to the PPCLI, I'm sure I speak for all the Mothers at Westwin when I say South Site's loss is definitely our gain!

Jean Owen
22 Paisley Place

MR. OSLER REPLIES

Editor, Voxair:

I read with interest a letter to your newspaper from J. W. Brown, Chief Warrant Officer, concerning among other things, the pension plans for M.P.'s and members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The formula which provides for the co-ordination of benefits under the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and the Canada Pension Plan is admittedly a complicated one. Contributions under C.F.S.A. are reduced by the amount of C.P.P. contributions. There had to be some reduction in the C.F.S.A. benefit formula for service after the C.P.P. came into effect in 1966 because the C.F.S.A. contributions dropped. There was no encroachment on the "actually earned C.F.S.A. annuity".

Mr. Brown queries as to why contributors to the Supplementary Retirement Benefit Account must wait until 60 for returns. He also suggested that the M.P.'s pension raise was effective immediately. As I understand it, contributions to this plan are made on a matching basis of 1/2 of 1% of pay by members of the forces and 1/2 of 1% of pay by the government. Except for the disabled, the escalation of the pensions does not begin until age 60 because it was not possible to finance the escalation at earlier stages with the above rate of contribution. There was no disposition to pay a higher contribution rate.

Mr. Brown is quite right that M.P.'s and other elected officials such as mayors and members of provincial legislatures do not pay unemployment insurance, but they are not subject to the employer-employee relationship. Their employer is the electorate and it would hardly be fair for them to be eligible for unemployment insurance merely because they failed to be re-elected.

There is some confusion regarding those persons who elected for the new retirement scheme. There is no change in the provision whereby a member with 35 years of service can get a 70% retirement pension until co-ordination with the C.P.P. starts at age 65.

On a recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, there is now a review of the participation of females in the pension plans. They have been paying less because of the lower value of the benefits available to them.

The 5% penalty on some pensions which Mr. Brown mentions is an approximation to an actuarial reduction because of early payment of benefits. This parallels, but in a much more generous way, the actuarial reduction of pensions of civil servants who retire early. In the case of M.P.'s, contributions are increased by 1/2 of 1%.

Contrary to Mr. Brown's statement, no interest is paid on a return of contributions under either the C.F.S.A. or the M.P.'s Retiring Allowance Act. Mr. Brown's suggestion that the six year average for C.F.S.A. annuity be reduced or deleted altogether would mean a very costly improvement. This would be particularly so for those with a lower average retirement age in the C.F.S.A. I might mention that M.P.'s have the six-year average as well.

The amendments in the M.P.'s Retiring Allowance such as annuity computation and the time required to serve to attain a pension were accompanied by an increase in contributions of 6%-8%. When the new indemnities were introduced this year, it was no longer possible for M.P.'s to include their expense allowance for benefits and contributions.

Mr. Brown complains that M.P.'s pensions are not reduced at age 65 by a C.P.P. offset in the same manner as C.F.S.A. This is because the members' contributions under the C.P.P. are in addition to the M.P.'s Retiring Allowance Act. Contributions to the C.F.S.A. are reduced by the amount of C.P.P. payment. While the C.P.P. offset applies to the former member of the Armed Forces, his widow's pension is not offset because of the C.P.P. benefit. She receives full benefits under each plan as would the widow of an M.P.

Widow's pension annuity under the C.F.S.A. plan is 50% with 10% additional provision for each child up to 4. The M.P.'s Retiring Allowance Act sets the annuity at 60% with 10% provision for each child up to 3. In both cases there is provision for a maximum of 90% but I can see where under the C.F.S.A. plan there could be difficulty for small families.

I hope this has clarified some of the matters raised by Mr. Brown.

E. B. Osler, M.P.
Winnipeg South Centre

A TAXING THOUGHT

Editor, Voxair:

A Satanic scheme crossed my mind while following a long and arduous debate in Hansard; the debate that resulted in the change of ONE word in clause 1 of section 109 of Bill C259-Tax Reform. This section dealt with basic personal exemptions. The change of course didn't improve the lot of the taxpayer (individual).

The Opposition harangued the Government, pointing out that in their opinion the basic personal tax exemptions were not high enough and that the Government was still going to tax people in the poverty level income bracket. A point they belaboured as not compatible with a government dedicated to the "JUST SOCIETY".

They also pointed out that "loopholes" in the tax system still existed and in fact they felt some new ones appear to have been added. This, in spite of the Finance Minister's insistence that all loopholes must go — White Paper "Proposal for Tax Reform" paras 1.22, 1.28 and 2.38.

The fact that Credit Unions were also going to be heavily taxed was also pointed out. **Even though they belong to the members and are theoretically self-help non-profit organizations, staffed for the most part by people donating their time.** The Bill as presented could very well spell the demise of Credit Unions in a few years.

The Government for their part in the debate chose to ignore the poverty level bit. Pretending they had never heard of the Economic Councils' figures setting out a poverty income table. Or perhaps they have no one in their constituencies in the poverty income wage bracket.

A motion to amend a money item (sect. 109) apparently can only be made by the government. None of them to date have seen fit to do so. It will be most interesting to hear how they explain this oversight to their constituents in some future election campaign.

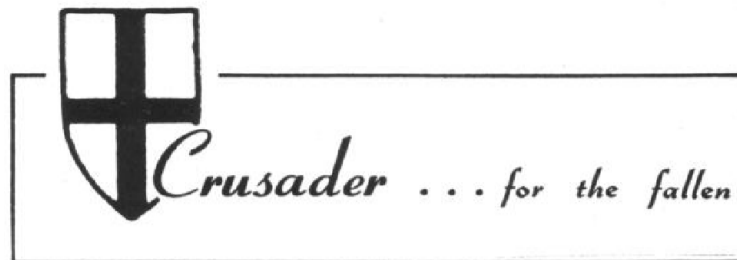
The loophole area was also by-passed. They chose instead to cry over all the money (our money) they would LOSE, IF they (government) raised the basic personal tax exemption levels. (Hansard Page 8997) and that the complexity of Bill C259 was a necessity (Hansard Page 8968).

Pardon me, Mr. Editor, I get carried away when I start talking or writing about Hansard. I can't understand why more people do not subscribe to it or read it if it is available. It only costs \$3.00 a session. It contains more subtle humour than Pogo or Charlie Brown. Where else can you read of one "HONOURABLE" learned gentleman of the hallowed halls of Parliament telling the others that they have "bats in their belfry"?

Anyway, back to my thought. Now we are about to be shorn of our few tax privileges without a bleat (as near as I can find out we enjoyed three). Further noting that there may still be tax avoidance loopholes in the system. We could be onto something! **Tax evasion is illegal. Tax AVOIDANCE by use of legal loopholes is only "immoral"** (Hansard Page 9003).

Large businesses and others use everything in the book to avoid taxes by way of advice from their tax lawyers. The Conditions of Service in the Canadian Forces, Annex A, indicates we have Legal Services. It lists their areas of operation. Here's our Chance! Let's create another area! **How about an article once a month in the Personnel Newsletter advising on how to take advantage and make the most of the loopholes in the tax act?** There are about 85,000 of us belonging to the same group—like a big business, so the legal advice shouldn't offend anyone.

J. W. Brown
CWO



The tragic crash of one of our aircraft with the loss of eight lives sets in motion a train of thought that does not simply end with the shrug of acceptance that "you're bound to lose a few". Bearing in mind the fact that most search and rescue missions are necessitated by carelessness and even stupidity, these failings pass unnoticed when the pilot or lost person is found or rescued. The Forces' aircraft and men have gone home and the story is found to be barely worthy of note in press, radio or television. It was just routine — SOP. When a search aircraft crashes or a searcher is lost, only slightly greater attention is paid to the fact.

The week before this edition went to press, flags were lowered, trumpets sounded and wreaths placed in the cool, sunny silence of fall to honour the memory of those who went forth to combat the principles of tyranny which were alien to their nature.

None of those who stepped forward in '14, '39, or '50 had any intention of dying, but they went with the personal knowledge that this might be. Let the so-called avant-garde of today deride their motives or rationalize their actions into stupidity or a corny out of date ethic; at least it was an honest one and as such unlike the so many self-seeking and iconoclastic declarations of 'freedom' spouted today. Let the gutter press, when short of cogent subjects, lampoon us for our (all too scarce) medals; let them portray us with tennis racquets and a lack of wars to fight.

But let them also remember, uninteresting copy though it may be, that we sometimes, be it in Kashmir, Indo China, on an observation post in Syria, in bad weather at sea, on night exercises, or searching for a downed aircraft, do live with dangers not too commonly encountered at a banker's desk, a drugstore counter or a warehouse shelf.

Indeed, perhaps some of our own people should remember that despite our new image of fighting pollution, protecting the ecology and earning Master's degrees in mathematics and Doctorates in astrophysics, our basic raison d'être is still to fight and perform a variety of jobs that are not only unpleasant but at times dangerous.

Let the Canadian people know and remember that even in peacetime our fallen, as in the case of those dead of 440 Squadron are equally deserving of the same memorial to be found at a jungle site of a battle in Burma, where many men died, far from home, in an ugly and little remembered struggle. There now remains only a plain stone with a simple message:

*"And when you go home,
Tell them of us and say:
It was for their tomorrow,
That we gave our today."*

Religion in life

... and football

by Chaplain A. McRae

A recent issue of the Star Weekly carried some interesting observations on the role of religion in the lives of some athletes, and in this case football players.

The article takes us into the football dressing room in the few quiet moments just before the game. Some players stare quietly at the floor. Others pray. Quarterback Ron Lancaster, Saskatchewan, says pre-game prayer is important to his proper frame of mind. Calgary quarterback, Jim Lindsey, says, "I never pray that we'll win, but that we'll do our best, and that there'll be no injuries". He adds, "Religion's the number one thing in my life, and it always will be".

Some others too, especially the young players, are not sure whether praying for victory might be an impertinence or at least blasphemy. Benjy Dial, Winnipeg quarterback, thinks praying for victory might be alright if it's for the glory of God and not just the glory of the football players. Bill Glass thinks the Lord wants us to tell him our needs. He says, "I pray that I will do my best. But, I just don't know whether to pray for victory".

Frank Andruski, of the Stampeders, says, "Before a game I pray that I won't get beat on a deep touchdown pattern. I pray to win. Why not?" Andruski's team-mate, big Herm Harrison, goes to Mass before each game. He says, "I pray that I stay healthy and participate. I pray that nobody gets hurt on either team".

Some locker-room missionaries think God has a purpose for them in football! "I believe God wants me here in Vancouver, but I don't know why", says BC Lions' Ken Sugarman.

Al Phaneuf of the Alouettes says "I believe God has a hand in what I'm doing", and Benjy Dial of Winnipeg says, God's spirit can bring a team together".

Some of today's athletes belong to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Their work is a courageous thing. For peace of mind and relief amidst game pressures most feel, as does Leo Cahill of the Argonauts, that "anyone who's got any sense depends on Someone besides himself".

—Cornwallis Ensign



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Defence in the House

Aircraft Purchased for Testing Flying Potential of Pilot Trainees

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): My question is addressed to the Minister of National Defence and relates to the purchase of aircraft for testing the flying potential of pilots, Mr. Speaker. Does the Musketeer aircraft which has been purchased have aerobatic capabilities and, if so, why? Do those capabilities result in an additional cost of \$3,500 per unit over similar aircraft used for similar purposes by the United States Air Force?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would think a question such as this should be placed on the order paper. If there is some urgency which is not apparent, perhaps the minister might be allowed to reply briefly.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank the hon. member for asking this question. The CBC report last night by Mr. Cleverley was erroneous in six major respects. The government acquired the aircraft in 1970 not for \$1,500 above list price but for \$1,500 below. The air force trainers have always been painted yellow, rather than only during World War II. The immediate predecessor of this aircraft, for example, was painted yellow. The aircraft, as used as part of the air force training, is used for aerobatic training in the sense of doing crisis control, stalls, spins and so on. It is for that reason that the aircraft whose manufacturer I take it was probably the source of the CBC reporter's information was not accepted and this aircraft was. The aerobatic procedures which are used are not the same as those in the United States air force. The Americans follow a different and more expensive system. We think ours is the better. The aircraft are not used for 12 hours flying as asserted but for 20 hours. As I have already indicated, we follow a different system in order to bring our pilots at an earlier point to a more advanced stage. I think it will be recognized that the CBC was again spreading false news.

PAY PARITY BETWEEN CANADIAN ARMED FORCES AND CIVIL SERVICE

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of National Defence.

Further to his statement this morning with regard to pay increases in the Armed Forces in order to establish pay parity between the Armed Forces and the Civil Service of Canada within the next two years, would the minister say whether he intends to announce that his department will soon reassess the necessity and the role of the Canadian Armed Forces so as to be able to meet adequately the needs of Canada in 1971?

Hon. Donald S. MacDonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I already made such an announcement in the White Paper on National Defence.

ASSURANCE RESPECTING NO INCREASE IN RENT AND OTHER COSTS OF PERSONNEL FOLLOWING PAY RAISE

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): I have a supplementary for Santa Claus too. On behalf of the 85,000 or 90,000 people in the Canadian Armed Forces I wonder if the minister could give some assurance to members of the forces that he will not increase rents or the costs of meals and other recoverable cost items within the defence structure?

Hon. Donald S. MacDonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, there have been long-term policy announcements with regard to bringing into balance rents for permanent married quarters. Therefore I cannot give the undertaking that the policies under way will not be carried out as needed. Where certain payments have been based on income, of course where income has gone up payments will have to go up too. In general terms we are trying to arrive at the basis, that, if compensation is to be on the same basis as the civil community, services to be paid for will of course have to be on the same basis.

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Apologies for the lack of an article in the last issue, but the author was occupied by a family matter with his wife undergoing an operation successfully.

Lt. John Richardson has departed from CFFTSU Ops and is entering the realm of the pen and paper. He has been posted to Base Winnipeg for employment until his Admin Officer's Course where he will learn that paper is not solely used for making paper airplanes.

Capt. Al Hunter has joined the ICP section of CFFTSU from the AETE detachment across the field at CAE, having done the flight testing there of T-39 aircraft. A sincere welcome to his wife Shirley and his family. Al is no stranger to Winnipeg as he previously completed a tour at TCHQ. He has already indicated that his stay will be a pleasant one.

Capt. Nigel Batson and Lt. Mike Sanfacon are returning from their tour of attached posting to 440 Squadron. Along with them, a welcome to Capt. Bert Tenbrinke, who is joining the unit.

Miss Marilyn Mackay has returned to the OR, but slightly handicapped by a cast on one leg. Hopefully, the surgery she underwent is successful in correcting the injury she sustained in a skiing accident two years ago.

"A" Flight has done it again. Capt. Dave Phoenix (who else) along with Capt. Rod Lanning and Lt's. Pete Barratt and Jim Naismith extended their stay at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida due to aircraft problems. "A" Flight just about did not exist anymore at CFFTSU as they provided the pilots for two aircraft, one to rescue the stranded crew, the other for repair and return of the aircraft. No wonder everybody in "A" Flight looks like they have had a little too much sun. "A" Flight has also lost its prime source of humour, Capt. Dave Moriarity to "D" Flight while in return Capt. Ron Tiessen joined them. Perhaps "D" Flight needed a little cheering up.

"B" Flight has also had an addition with Major Ian Fisher, the Base Ops Officers attached to the flight for training purposes. "B" Flight does have the highest member of fully checked out pilots as Capt. Hans Etzel and Lt. Jim Birrell passed their Rocks and USA family trip, and USA family trip.

Larry Berry of "C" Flight has completed his Long Range check successfully and had also moved up to become the Training Officer for the Flight. On the 1st of November, Larry and Lt. Bob Gottfried carried out the first air evacuation of the unit from Virden to Winnipeg which perhaps you may have heard about it in the news.

"D" Flight has also a new

Deputy Flight Commander and Training Officers in the person of Capt. Ed Hoffman, one of the AOI twins. Capt. Bart Bourne "piloted" his car to third position overall in the Manitoba Driving Skill championships; although he probably lets his wife Lynn do most of the driving at home now, as she managed to come first in the Ladies division. Congratulations to both.

Standards Section has received very little coverage, so here are some words of wisdom from the chief of this sanctum of proficiency. Standards section is responsible for ensuring the high calibre of the pilots is maintained, i.e. they inspect their conduct and etiquette in the air. Perhaps there are misconceptions about this inner sanctum of CFFTSU, shrouded in mystery. The Standards Flight Commander, Capt. Jim Heron, pointed out that it is the pilot's professional ability that they check during their periodical scrutiny of each individual pilot. The fact that the pilot parked in the chief scrutineer parking spot (it's up to the doctor to check his eyes), or did not show up for Octoberfest decorating (it's up to his superior to note his participation), or did not contribute to the United Appeal (that is up to his conscience) will not constitute a failure on a standards check. It's the pilot's ability or lack of it which will pass or fail him respectively. The Standards Flight Commander also emphasized that the amount of gold a pilot wears does not influence the check ride although the high priest from standards may

be seen wearing sun glasses — who knows whether it is to keep out the glare or to remain incognito.

The other duty of standards section, VIP flying, has also kept them busy. Capt's. Jean Gignac and Dwight Anderson did a rather unorthodox VIP trip to Regina, Namo and Lethbridge from the 20 to 23 November. This was a training trip for Cpl. Cameron, a cook by trade, who had not had the luck to fly in a Goonybird before. The VIP for the trip was Lt. Gloria Howes, the Food Services Officer — that type of VIP the pilots probably would enjoy carrying. Jean Gignac has stated that the trip was very successful although all he would state specifically was that the meals were excellent. On the 28th to 30th November, Dwight and Jean took their role as VIP pilots more seriously as they provided air transport for Maj. Gen. Milroy to Calgary and back.

On the fifth of November, CFFTSU held its curling tournament in which the team of Col. Roddick, including Maj's. Jack Cann and Bob Newman and Capt. Dave Trotman was successful in capturing the trophy. How did these supervisors ever find the time to practice enough to win the tournament?

The unit has obtained a new and uncomplicated machine for making coffee so the duty pilot has no excuse for poor coffee. One pilot is quoted as saying that it sure makes marvelous martinis on the morning — some coffee machine!



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If you've never seen the ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET, you've missed one of the best in the world. For a first look, we suggest that you consider their next home show in the Concert Hall, November 24th-28th. They'll be doing four works that, from the standpoint of the uninitiated, should provide an interesting sampler of dance styles and techniques.

Featured on the program will be the Canadian premiere of *Sebastian*, a ballet that was a big hit in New York. According to the critics, it established its creator, **John Butler**, as a major international choreographer. Also featured will be *The Shining People of Leonard Cohen*. This work was performed by the RWB last year as one of the highly successful *Ballet High* trilogy. Unusual as it may seem, *Shining People* is not performed to music. Instead, the dancers move to the narrative rhythm of Leonard Cohen's love poetry and a sound montage. There's also a huge louvered fountain on stage with real splashing water that creates its own melody. (Last year it dripped all over the place!)

Another ballet to receive a second performance will be *Concert Fantasy*. This work was created for the RWB last year by **John Clifford** and is performed to Tchaikovsky's *Concerto in G*. Rounding out the show will be *Spring Waters*, a dance choreographed by **Asaf Messerer** of the Bolshoi Ballet. If you like good music, this dance is done to the music of Rachmaninoff.

Tickets are \$5-\$7, available at all of the usual outlets.

It looks as though **James A. Michener's** latest book, *The Drifters*, is slipping off the best seller lists. Shame. As far as we're concerned this book should be mandatory reading for every parent with teen-agers. Especially those who have yet to be confronted with that now cliché, but extremely serious situation called the generation gap.

As we saw it, Michener's sole purpose in writing this book was to help close that gap. His characters and plot, which may seem a bit shallow, were clearly designed to epitomize the various major social attitudes that exist in today's society.

He tries to explain, in clear everyday language, what each element of society thinks. He is, of course, focusing on the young. Why they act as they do. Why they believe as they believe. Why they are what they are.

However, Michener doesn't ask you to buy their philosophy, values or anything else. His book is not aimed at winning followers to a cause. Rather, it is only intent on promoting understanding. Something which we feel is sorely needed in this day and age. And especially on this subject.

If you have teen-age kids and haven't read *The Drifters* — read it! Michener doesn't pretend to solve any problems, but he sure gives out with a lot of insight. Insight which, in our opinion, could have helped a lot of parents for whom it is now too late.

Caught the ACTORS' SHOWCASE season opener, *Killdeer*. Although the play had some noticeable shortcomings, we enjoyed it. So did the audience which, incidentally, was a nearly full house.

Of particular significance were the performances of **Phillis West**, a 68 years young jewel who stole every scene she was in, **Margaret Lyndon**, who played Wendy (grown-up) for RAINBOW STAGE's *Peter Pan* last summer, and **Graeme Norman**, who as the hangman, came on with such force that you could see people crouching in their seats. They alone were worth the price of admission.

The company should also be congratulated on their ingenious use of the limited facilities of the Planetarium Theatre. We couldn't help but suspect that this production would have been much more effective if the players had a decent place in which to perform. (In case you didn't know, the Planetarium Theatre is really just a lecture hall. It has no real stage facilities.)

In any event, if *Killdeer* is any measure of what we can expect in the ACTORS' SHOWCASE December production, *Circus In The Wind*, we'll be there. But more on that later.

After *Killdeer* we stopped by RAE and JERRY'S to sample the much touted organ and trumpet sounds of **Leon and Harry**. We stayed for about an hour and a half and were not at all disappointed. The great ones were holding forth in that relaxed, we-really-like-what-we're-doing style that has earned them such a fine reputation for so long.

Although we don't go in for comparing prices in this column, the total bill for our party of four, which included six assorted libations and one snack, was well within the range people who have to pay baby sitters look for.

By the way, if you should happen to visit RAE AND JERRY'S anytime soon, put in a request for Leon and Harry to play their famous rendition of *Ellsworth's Variations on an Early 16th Century Theme* by **Isenberg**. What you hear should be very INNNteresting . . .

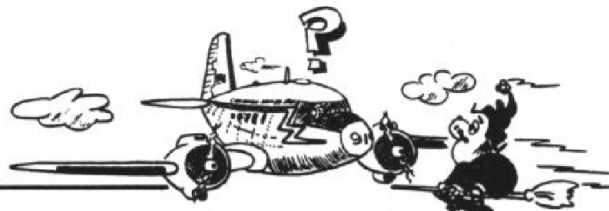
Three cheers for the local boys. STUDIO 22 has received the production rights to *You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running*. (We've got to think of a way to shorten that.) **Ben Waldman** will be directing, broken leg and all, and the play will open on December 9th. Much more about this item next time.

And speaking of the local, our CINEMA THEATRE has three good films coming up this month. They are: *Waterloo*, on the 20th-22nd, *The Priest's Wife*, the 25th, and *Jane Eyre*, 28th and 29th. How can you go wrong for 60 cents?

OMNIUM GATHERUM: Lil' Abner's famous cartoon character Al Capp will not be able to appear in person with the Symphony on the 20th and 21st. He'll tape record his part . . . (Betcha read those first seven words twice) . . . We go on record as being in favor of a 7:30 curtain time . . . The big bands will be holding forth during the Hotel Fort Garry's MOM-POP FESTIVAL on the 17th and 18th . . . The '71 Ski, Snowmobile and Winter Sports Show wasn't worth it . . .

ASIDE: Jack the Ripper is alive and well building coin operated washing machines!

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BY BILL LAWRENCE

CAE has their second crew of AE and AF Techs working in full force, after completion of their OJT. Since CAE is now part of the BAMEO, I would like to invite someone from their ranks to fill yours truly in on the latest happenings of your personnel. Let us all know what makes you people tick. After all we're one big happy family here. Leave the information, addressed to the Flight Line, at Base Refinishing Section No. 16 hgr.

As of this writing there is a new song being sung on the Line. The pay raise has prompted many different versions of "Pennies From Heaven". Although in most cases the raise was more than pennies. A lot of trades jumped as many as two pay fields. A substantial in-

creased for 1 Oct. 1972 will also come in handy. Good sources upstairs inform us that good old Accounts will have the raise on the end-month pay. I couldn't have done a better job myself.

With the good must also come the bad; for this reason we have heavy hearts as of late. We've lost a Dakota aircraft, the first since 1951, namely 440 Sqn. 12930. The Dakota crashed with eight members of the Sqn. on board. On behalf of Maj. S. E. Beaudoin, officers, men and women of the BAMEO Organization, I extend to the wives and families of the crew, our deepest and heartfelt sympathy at their loss. We will always remember each and everyone of them. They will be truly missed.

Because of a freeze on the Base, not only is it cold outside, but it appears that until April,

at least, there will be very few incoming and outgoing personnel. So if you're looking for that transfer, best you get out the old "long johns", if you haven't already. It appears we're in for a long cold winter with lots of snow. I don't know about anyone else but I'm putting in for leave for this spring. I don't really care for sandbagging. How about you?

We say to CPL Richter, farewell and good luck. Cpl Richter has been posted from sunny Manitoba to CFB Summerside.

WO Martin of the Cal. Centre is all smiles lately. He was recently promoted to MWO. Congratulations Sir. Of all the luck, we just started this column and already we've forgotten someone. CPL Captain is now one of the group. Sorry about that. Last but not least, Cpl K. Toll, who works in Snags has also joined the ever increasing ranks of Cpl.

Pte. D. Sept, of Base Workshops, has taken over the position of PMC of Club 61. Best of luck Denis, with your new job.

Well that's thirty for this issue, see you next time.

CURRENT CURRENCY

Well we got it, didn't we? You honestly didn't think that you could quit moonlighting, did you?

So long as the economy remains unsteady and our tastes continue to get richer, then we shall be required to be a bi-occupational force. Now we relate with four bi's, — bilingual, bi-cultural, bi-occupational and buy Canadian.

One of the writers of this block, Judith McLeod was promoted to corporal, effective 28 September 71. Corporal J. McLeod was more commonly known as the receiver general in the claims section.

Our intersection bowling teams are not fairing all that well on the allies but with Lloyd Hayes, Mike Newell and Judith McLeod on the committee the records will be well adjusted.

Base accounts is once again active in sports. Three curling teams are on a winning streak, while the broomball team, captained by the Newfoundland Special Kevin Janes, from claims section, has run a total of 2 wins and 1 loss.

Has anyone met WO (VIC) Erickson? Vic is a property owner in the town of his birth, Selkirk, Man. Daily, WO Erickson commutes a gauntlet of traffic some 60 miles in a dependable Volvo of the ancient breed.

For several months his smiling face was seen through the bars of the cashier's cage before being cross posted to the reserve pay section.

Vic, may be seen wandering the halls in his airforce blues, but it doesn't mean that he's on release. It just means that due to his stout girth, he has the privilege of awaiting the arrival of a tailor made greenie.

If you get the opportunity, drop

in and say hello, the reserves are always recruiting. Flash — Word has just been received that Omar has just arrived with a tent like greenie.

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THE CANADIAN FORCES WREATH was laid at the Cenotaph by Training Command commander Maj. Gen. W. A. Milroy, during Remembrance Day activities.

First of all welcome back to Capt. Lorne Huber from SIT 1. If it hadn't been for the time spent in class, the trip would have been most enjoyable we understand.

WO Ed Gagnon is busy un-learning all operational aspects in preparation for instructional duties with us.

At last report Capt. Gord Kruger was the champion flite cancellor, can't log flying clothing time can you Gord? TAXI time maybe?

Our sympathies to MWO Fred Illingworth and his wife, their young tad is in hospital, and we all hope he will be well and home soon.

CFANS news corner

Capt. Bernie Poole is presently holding hockey clinics and we hear his theme was "play it by ear", last year's theme was "a wing and a prayer".

The pay raise was good news, CWO Martin even bought a round of coffee to celebrate, Cpl. Gord Pageot got a haircut, and Capt. Kruger claims he is still nine dollars short.

That's all for now, tune in next week for a hunter's comment.

NAV CELL

There is not much happening in the Nav sections at this time of year. All postings have been completed and internal moves have come to a standstill. A "few" of the staff are busy taking courses of varying lengths. Capts. Robbie Robinson, Ken Yates, Guy Parent and Gary Ripley are attending the SANC course from 4 Oct. to 10 Dec. Capt. Bernie Hughes has just returned from the SIT course at CFB Borden and is now re-writing his lesson plans to conform to the latest techniques. Capt. Rick Schwartz departed for the SIT course commencing on 8 Nov. He will hold down the ANS seat on the course until Capt. Ron Callbeck replaces him on 29 Nov.

Another NIC course will be starting on 15 Nov. On the course will be Capts. Dave Taylor, Art Sakamoto, Leo Graham and Gerry Urquhart. With the number of instructors on course, the remaining staff are well occupied with the 4 Nav courses in residence.

Capt. Leo Graham and Gerry Urquhart from 440 Sqn. will

be joining the Nav Squadron on 15 Nov. They will be welcome additions to the Nav Air Staff.

Course 7107XT was welcomed officially on 9 Nov. and commenced their six months of training at ANS. The course consists of 13 officers from various parts of Canada. Welcome from the E6B Computer gentlemen.

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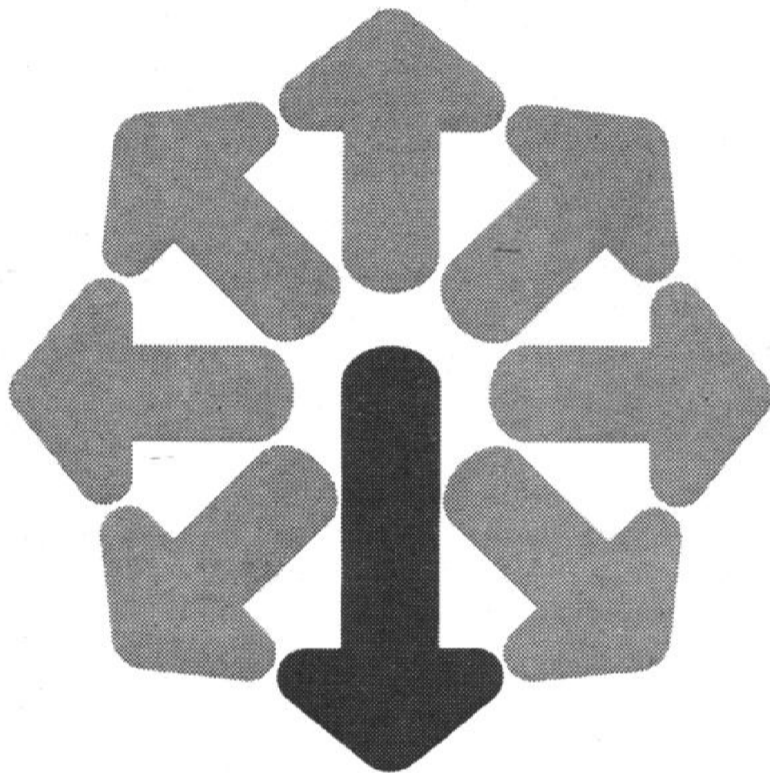
The first week of November ushered in the beginning of the visits conducted by 24 ASC. The group will spend the week in the warmer climes of North Bay, Ottawa, Trenton and Halifax.

The ASC symposium, which was so successful back in June, still appears to be very much in demand. The original presentation has been modified and shortened and is now popularly known as a briefing. The Travelling briefing team obviously has a winner going for them, and are willing to consider any invitation to stage their act.

Captain Ray Jefferies managed to arrange a trip to Brussels, attending a NATO symposium, while Captain Dave Boyd was only able to get as far away as Washington, D.C. to an Institute of Navigation symposium. Enjoy yourselves boys, as it may well be someone else's turn next time.

Last, but by no means least, congratulations and all best wishes to Captain and Mrs. Pete Chenier on the birth of their bouncing baby boy; all eight pounds, nine ounces of him.

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Preparations for Armistice Day are proceeding. Lt. Gary St. Arnaud and 30 men from D Coy will represent the unit at ceremonies downtown while the remainder of the unit will parade at Selkirk Lines for services on 11 November.

"A" Company has completed a First Aid refresher course and Sgt. Love and MCpl. Freeman are looking forward to carrying this training forward to the Annual Mary Otter Trophy Competition. Those members of the company not involved on unit courses are participating in a company-run Pay Level 4 Machine Gun course under Sgt. Allison. Personnel away on course include Lt. Ness Tombu on the Parachute course and Lt. Ty McManus at the BUGS and GAS school in Borden. Lt. Ron Pengelly is presently recuperating from an operation at Deer Lodge Hospital and is wished a speedy recovery by all ranks.

"B" Company is presently conducting its own Pay Level 4 machine gun and mortar courses. Attached away is Lt. Pete Lambros on the Parachute course. Congratulations are in order to Cpl. E. B. Rodden who was recently promoted to that rank and to Pte. C. D. Greenley who

has been accepted for remuster to the Weapons Tech trade.

"D" Company has just returned from Shilo and a chilly week of small arms qualifications. During the trip, our British Exchange Officer, Capt. Paul Truman of the Queens' Regiment was suitably indoctrinated to the Canadian winter as he was snow bound at CFB Portage for a time. Lts. Ray Paquin and Arthur Wilson are away on the jump course at Edmonton.

Support Company reports personnel changes with WO O'Brien moving to B Coy and WO Watters taking over as second in command of the Mortar Platoon. Sgt. McAllister has taken over as transport NCO and Sgt. MacPhail has also moved to Mortars. There is also a strong rumour that the big-game hunters from Support Company have produced nothing this year except an increasing number of stories about the one that got away.

The annual staff inspection of the unit by HQ 1 Combat Group has been completed and reports indicate it was successful. The second phase of the inspection takes place on 23 November when Brig. Gen. C. Hamilton arrives.

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VOXAIR SPORTS

Spinning The Sports Wheel

with John MacLeod

The recent announcement that Winnipeg and area will again have professional hockey is the sports topic of note this week. The Winnipeg Jets are members of the new World Hockey Association with Edmonton and Calgary being the other Canadian members of the new league. One wonders how Mr. Hatskin can throw his good money after bad. Although most of the news media are on the "band wagon" and are applauding The Jet's owner on his attempt to bring professional hockey to this fair city, I for one don't think it will work. Winnipeg's history in professional sports, other than Football is not good insofar as fan attendance is concerned. The baseball Whips tried it and apparently failed, and the attempt to make a go of it in the Western Hockey League didn't last too long. For that matter both Edmonton and Calgary had a crack at the WHL and went broke. To make it in the WHA the Jets would have to fill the Arena for every game. That means that the club must have NHL calibre hockey players and there are not even enough to go around in the present NHL. One look at some of the troubles confronting Toronto, and Detroit in the original "six" plus the woes of such expansion teams as California, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Vancouver and Buffalo should make one wonder how the new WHA will ever get off the ground.

Mr. Hatskin and others of the WHA say they will not recognize the NHL's reserve clause which means they will raid the present NHL clubs wholesale for their established stars. I don't doubt they will come up with a few of the lesser lights but the really established stars! — I wonder. The Keons, the Hulls, the Orrs, the Mahovlichs and the Gilberts are not going to throw away the many years of hard work towards their pensions just for a few quick bucks for a few years. The fringe players and the unhappy players, such as Jerry Pinder, Sanderson and Walton of Boston and such young players now riding the bench of NHL clubs like Reg Leech and Buster Harvey may take a crack at it. Should they gamble their NHL careers on the possibility of the WHA making it good, then they have nothing to lose and lots of the green stuff to gain if the new league survives. However, should the WHA be a bust as was the case with the Mexican Professional Baseball League following World War II, then they might just price themselves out of a chance of ever making the NHL again. The professional ball players that jumped their contracts and the reserve clause to play in Mexico were "blacklisted" by the American and National Leagues with only a few ever finding their way back to top ball again. One name that comes to mind is Max Lanier of the old New York Giants who finally made it back late in his career.

A major factor in making the WHA pay will be the fan. Unless the owners of the Arena are willing to clean up the place — it is filthy — and bring it up to the standard of the Gardens in Toronto or the Montreal Forum then neither the Arena or the Jets are going to get full houses at \$5.00 and \$6.00. Mr. Hatskin can hire Annis Stukis and all the other professional administrators he can find but that won't sell the game to the people of Winnipeg. The city is just not ready for any other professional sport other than football and even then this game must be a winner to draw the fickle sports fan. The recent NHL exhibition games held in September drew fair crowds with only the Toronto game a complete sell-out.

The announcement last week of further expansion in the NHL has also got to hurt the chances of a successful WHA. Young hockey players dream of making it big in the NHL. Take that away from them and what have you got. I could go on and on with many other reasons why the pro-Jets and the WHA can't cut the mustard but that would take more space than this paper can afford. However, I will leave you with this final thought — Listen to the play-by-play of the Junior Jets on a local radio station and after the first period lean back, close your eyes and say to yourself — is that Danny, or Foster or his son Bill and is that chap on colour a Bob Goldam or Franke Selke Jr or a Dick Irving Jr — I think not and that is where the money is — radio and television, the lack of good broadcasters will also help to keep the fan away. Think about it before you spent \$5.00 or \$6.00 or jump in on 1 December to get your season ticket to see a WHL or AHL type hockey game

Junior Badminton

After only three weeks operation, the Westwin Junior Badminton Club already boasts 18 new enthusiasts. The Club meets every Sunday from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Westwin Gymnasium. Each session consists of instruction and casual play for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18.

This is the first year of operation at the Junior level at CFB Winnipeg. Under the watchful eyes of Capt's "Apps" Appleby and Bill Joughin it is hoped that many new potential champions will be developed. Instruction is given in the National Test Programme which is the Junior Development programme of the Canadian Badminton Association. There are 8 progressive proficiency tests in this programme with awards given for each level, similar to the Red Cross "Learn to Swim" programme.

An invitation to join is extended to all boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18. The registration fee for the season is \$3.00 with racquets and shuttlecocks (birds) supplied by the Club. In addition, each member will receive a Canadian Badminton Association Handbook, a National Test Programme Handbook and be an affiliated member of the Manitoba Badminton Association.

Some of the members already showing considerable promise are: Danielle Buckley, Karen Joughin, Kelly Rixon and Dave Burnett.

Region Sports Medal

At the recent Prairie Region Sports Conference a new award consisting of a medal with attached ribbon was approved as the Official Prairie Region Sports Championship award.

In order to make the medal distinctive to the Prairie Region we would like to have a design symbolic of the Prairie Region engraved on the medal. However, at present we are without a Prairie Region Design and we would like to have your ideas on what this design should include. Therefore, we invite anyone who has artistic talent or ideas, to submit his/her suggestions to Sgt Clowes at the Westwin Recreation Centre. The designs submitted will be forwarded to the Regional Sports Director who will arrange for the final judging.

Some information to consider is:

a) Region is composed of Bases/Stations in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

b) Award is to be standardized so that a space should be allotted to insert year, sport and champion or official.

Rec Hall Winter Schedules

The following schedules for the Westwin and Lipsett Hall Gymnasiums are tentative and represent proposed schedules and those hours requested by teams or leagues which have been proposed or are currently in operation. This schedule is subject to change without notice.

LIPSETT HALL

MON - FRI	0800-1200 hrs	Military Fitness Training
	1200-1300 hrs	Noon Hour Fitness
	1300-1630 hrs	Military Fitness Training
MON	1800-2200 hrs	Teenage Activities
TUE	1800-2100 hrs	Open Recreation
	1900-2000 hrs	Women's Fitness Classes (Judo Room)
WED	1800-2000 hrs	Open Recreation
	2000-2200 hrs	Volleyball League
THU	1800-2000 hrs	Volleyball Practice
	2000-2200 hrs	Manitoba Wheelchair
FRI	1800-2100 hrs	Open Recreation
SAT	1300-1600 hrs	Open Recreation
SUN	1300-1600 hrs	Open Recreation
	1800-2100 hrs	Volleyball Practice

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	1200-1300 hrs	Noon Hour Fitness
	1300-1630 hrs	Military Fitness Training
MON	1800-2200 hrs	Teenage Activities
TUE	1800-1900 hrs	Open Recreation
	1900-2200 hrs	Volleyball Practice
WED	1800-1900 hrs	Open Recreation
	1900-2300 hrs	Badminton Club
THU	1800-1930 hrs	Open Recreation
	1930-2100 hrs	Women's Fitness Classes
FRI	1800-2100 hrs	Open Recreation
SAT	1300-1600 hrs	Open Recreation
SUN	1300-1600 hrs	Open Recreation
	1730-1930 hrs	Junior Badminton Club
	1930-2300 hrs	Badminton Club

NOTE:

On OPEN RECREATION periods dependents 12 years of age and older are authorized to use gymnasium. Dependents under 12 may use facilities during these open periods, only if accompanied by a parent.

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BASEBALL — ANOTHER FIRST

We are always pleased to receive letters from our readers, especially those like the following submitted by Cpl. R. Cleveland of CFANS. The fact that a service dependent has made it "big" in the world of professional sports is always satisfying to those of us who give of our spare time to help our dependent youngsters in various sports from hockey to baseball. The fact that two young men, whose fathers are stationed on this base, have done so well makes us doubly proud. First it was Curt Ridley, in hockey and now young Reg Cleveland has reached the top in a sport, not open to many Canadians — Professional Baseball. We have followed young Reg's brief but brilliant career this past season with the St. Louis Cardinals not realizing he was a "service brat", for that oversight we apologize. Here is proud Dad Cleveland's letter:

"In your last issue of Voxair (Nov. 3), I read with interest your comments on the Whips, and I for one agree — There just isn't — or wasn't enough interest or more important, co-operation between the media, the city, and the Expo organization. Everybody concerned forgot the poor fan, who, night after night, went to see the Whips win, lose or draw. When all concerned pull in several different directions to the detriment of the people who pay the shot, then you can't expect to have anything other than chaos.

In the same view — Baseball — I wonder how many people read the sports news last week, when my son, Reg was selected by the players of the National League as the top "Rookie Pitcher of the Year". The significance of it might be small to most people, but perhaps the sentence about CFB Winnipeg made a few wonder.

This award he got is in itself quite an honour, but secondary is the fact that he learned most of the fundamentals on Canadian Forces Bases where we were stationed. Can you tell me right now how many boys who played baseball in service leagues ever made it pay off? Right, none, and this is simply due to the fact that not enough people in the service pay enough attention to this part of recreation. Recreation for most adults consists of a few cool ones in the Mess, and Junior can fend for himself. The cry goes up immediately — where do we get money for equipment? When I started coaching Little League in Moose Jaw, too many years ago now, there wasn't any equipment or money either. In fact, none of the boys could even play ball. We eventually got enough equipment, and joined the league. Once you persevere and stick to it, miracles can be worked, if you can sell your product. This is what we did, we convinced the parents on the Base that this is what Junior wanted and eventually with raffles, draws and Bingos we were solvent. It is not enough either to send him to the ball park — take him. I took a lot of static from a lot of people about the fact of always going with my boy when he played, watch him play, then we would talk over what he did wrong in the game. He told me when he was seven years old that he wanted to be a baseball player. I stayed with him, helped where I could and was always there when he needed me. I sacrificed many of my free hours to enable him to play ball and later when I had to send him away to learn more in bigger company, I even sacrificed hard earned money to pay his expenses. So you might say I was stupid. I don't think I was and think so even less to-

day. You will never know the feeling of pride I have to know that what he set out to do he accomplished. He excels at a game that is hardly known by a lot of people in this country, and when the players of the league, who are all American, grant a Canadian the honour of "Best", what else can one say. It all started when I took him to the ball game — not sent him. Every write-up on him always mentions the Canadian Forces, who had a hand in his development — a small one true, but Reg remembers, how he started and always gives us a plug.

This is not the only awards Reg has won either. In 1967, MVP for his team in the Northwest League at Lewiston, Idaho. In 1969, twice player of the month when playing AA ball for the Arkansas Travellers in Little Rock. In that year he was the starting pitcher in the league All Star game, and pitched a shutout. After a half season in 1970 with Tulsa Oilers (AAA Ball) he came up to the Cardinals. After a full season (1971) and the only rookie on the Cards' roster, Reg was named by the players as the Top Rookie Pitcher of the Year. Proud!! — You better find another word — That doesn't begin to tell the story.

Let us not forget Fergie Jenkins either, another Canadian, and the absolute best pitcher in the National League. Two Canadians winning two top awards. I don't know where Fergie started, but I do know where Reg started — on a barren, grassy, vacant field near the PMQs in CFB Moose Jaw. Certainly a little of the credit must fall to the then Commander, his administrative officer, the recreation officer and, when the idea finally caught on, to all those parents who packed the stands and brought their boys to play — and stayed to watch."



FUTURE SEA HUNT STARS. Pictured above are some of the members of the Base Scuba Club. This club, the largest in the province of Manitoba, is extremely active in all phases of diving from the training of novices or beginner divers to operating a program for the advanced or qualified diver. The club's aim is to promote safety through education so that more people can enjoy this fascinating sport.

During the winter month the scuba club is busy with the various programs — training new divers, practicing underwater football, keeping fit and up-to-date on the latest from the diving world. When summer eventually returns the club's activities switch from swimming pools to the open water.

The club instructors and advanced divers are all well qualified to give assistance and advice to anyone who is interested. From club members advice can be obtained and assistance given from persons whose every day job is in the field of medicine, biology, law and teaching, just to name a few.

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To Host MBA Tournament

The Westwin Badminton Club will be hosting a "B" and "C" class Manitoba Badminton Association Tournament at Lipsett Hall on the following dates and times:

- Fri 19 Nov 1800-2400 hrs
- Sat 20 Nov 1300-1800 hrs
- Sun 21 Nov 1300-1800 hrs

During these dates and hours the Lipsett Hall Gym will be closed to all activities. However, other areas of the building will follow normal schedules. This MBA tournament is open to all B and C class Senior players, of affiliated clubs in the province of Manitoba. The entry fee is \$1.75 per event and all interested players may participate in one or more of the following events:

- (a) men's doubles
 - (b) ladies' doubles
 - (c) mixed doubles
- This should prove to be an interesting tournament with some high class badminton on display. There is no charge for spectators and all interested persons are urged to attend. Incidentally the Westwin Club

has some fifty members, many of whom we hope will be participating in the MBA Tourney. The club has room for some 40-50 additional members particularly service men and ladies and their dependents. There are still a few openings for civilian members.

Sgt. Semeniuk, the Westwin Co-ordinator, who will be working closely with the MBA on behalf of the Westwin Club, urges both club members and interested persons to get out and either participate or spectate. You'll be glad you did.

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CFFTSU BONSPIEL. Capt. Dan McGrath (left) presents Lt. Col. Harvey Roddick with the Pete Hodges Memorial trophy. Col. Roddick's winning team composed of the unit supervisors was the first to win the trophy

donated in memory of Capt. Pete Hodges, who until the time of his death was a pilot at CFFTSU. At right is runner-up skip Lt. Dick McDonald.

Kurling Korner

by Capt D. J. McGrath

First round results in all leagues are now completed or nearing completion. With the recent sharpening of the rocks on the north site, curlers (especially some of the better ones) are finding many excuses for their poor shots. However the problem should be eliminated within the next month and fact will then be separated from fiction.

Jim Webber reports he is having difficulty balancing the books as many of our curlers have not paid their memberships as yet. All curlers are urged to do this as soon as possible.

MENS' LEAGUE

Our single nite league began on Nov 15th with over sixteen rinks in competition. The curling executive is more than pleased with the interest this new league has generated.

Gord Kruger reports the leaders after the first round in the Men's Tue-Thurs league as follows:

A Section — Dillabough
B Section — Collins, Hollis, Robertson, Lemieux, Lamb (all tied)

C Section — Lafontaine
D Section — Lins

All men's sections will now be re-shuffled, with the second round getting underway on Nov 12.

MIXED CURLING

Don Nutley has passed on the following results in mixed curling. The first round in that league is not as yet complete. The section leaders to date are:

Section A — Cohptian
Section B — Smith & Lins
Section C — Hrabinski, Hood, Paine

Section D — Patton
Section E — Dedrouivere
Section F — Willis, Adkins
Section G — Cook

CFFTSU BONSPIEL

FTSU held a very successful

curling bonspiel on Friday, Nov 5th. Much to the dismay of the more astute curlers on squadron, Col. Harvey Roddick led his team of Capt. Dave Trotman, Maj. Jack Cann and Maj. Bob Newman to victory in the championship event.

Lt. Dick McDonald with his B Flt team won the secondary event. Other members of Dick's rink were Capt. Morrison, Lt. Birrell, Lt. Nicoll and Capt. Smart.

The Pete Hodges Memorial Trophy was presented to the winners in a brief ceremony following the final game. (see photo)

CANADIAN FORCES ZONE 2/3 CURLING PLAYDOWNS

Schedule of events leading up to the National Finals.

6-10 Dec 71 — Play off to declare CFB Winnipeg representative

7-14 Jan 72 — Play off to declare Zone 2/3 representative. CFB Moose Jaw hosting this play off.

7-11 Feb 72 — Play off to declare Canadian Armed Forces Curling Championship. CFB Lahr hosting this play off.

Rinks wishing to enter this competition are reminded that it is played during working hours and that if you are successful and advance to the National finals you will be absent from your section for a minimum of three weeks. Note dates above.

Entries for the CFB Winnipeg play off are accepted at both Curling Clubs and Westwin Recreation Center (Bldg 90). To support our representative at the Zone play off an entry fee of \$4.00 will be charged. Entry deadline 2100 hrs, of Dec 71. For further information contact: Capt Wayne Gray — Local 338 Sgt Howie Clowes — Local 511

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9 sports zones become 6 regions

Effective October 1, 1971, the structure of the Armed Forces Sports Competitions Program changed from a zone system to a regional system. The former Zones 1 to 9 have been re-grouped into six regions, specifically Pacific, Prairie, Ontario, Atlantic and Europe. The former area designated Zone 2/3, changing in name only, now becomes the Prairie Region.

With the consequent reduction of representative teams competing at the national finals level, most sports competitions can now be conducted on a round robin basis. This will establish a far more reasonable arrangement for determining our national champions in each sport.

In addition to reduction in the number of competition groups there has been a reallocation of responsibility for each area. In the past certain bases were appointed as Zone Coordinating Authorities. Under the new concept this authority has now been delegated to some of our Command PEROs. Appointed the Prairie Regional Sports Director is Major J. J. Stangroom, Training and Command Physical Education and Recreation Officer. We wish him every success in his new assignment.

The first meeting of the Prairie Region Sports Committee was held on the 13-14 of October at CFB Winnipeg. There were some significant changes in regional sports policies as a result of this conference.

The awards system has been improved by the addition of Regional individual awards and more appealing mementoes of participation. To accommodate the increased costs involved in such a system an alternate method of bases/stations assessment was pro-

posed. It is hoped that this proposal will be met with approval.

Alterations have been made to the draw schedule in order to encourage greater small unit participation.

The Regional Sports calendar has been finalized as follows: Servicewomen's Bowling, Curling, and Badminton — to be held at CFB Esquimalt 30 Nov to 3 Dec

Bowling — to be held at CFB Shilo 10-14 Jan

Curling — to be held at CFB Moose Jaw 10-14 Jan

Skiing — (combined with Calgary Combat team) trials to be held mid Dec at CFB Calgary

Broomball — to be held at CFB Moose Jaw 13 Jan - 3 Feb
Hockey — to be held at CFB Edmonton 21-24 Feb

Badminton — to be held at CFB Winnipeg 6-10 Mar

Volleyball — to be held at CFB Calgary 20-24 Mar.

All dates are subject to minor changes as the number of teams participating will dictate the length of the competition.



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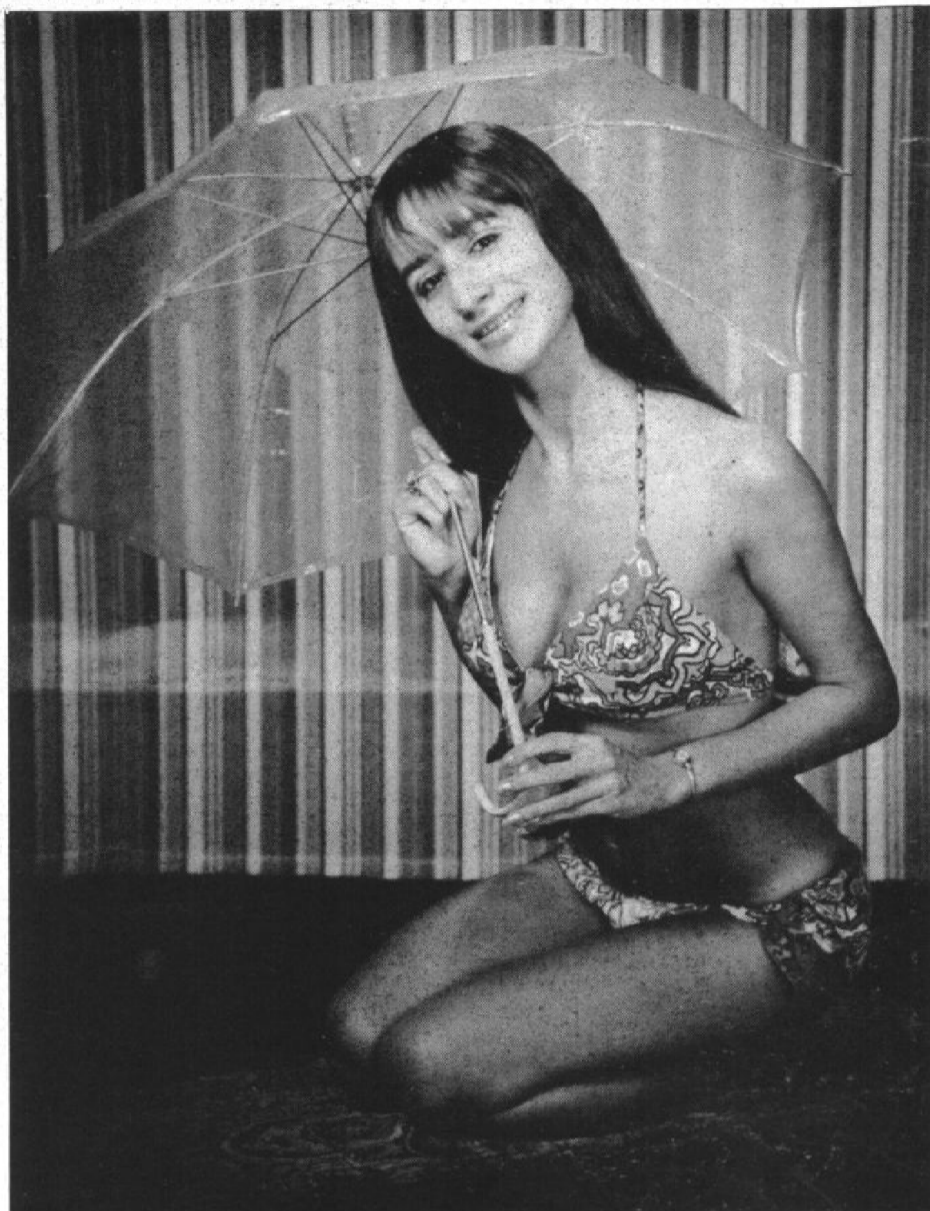
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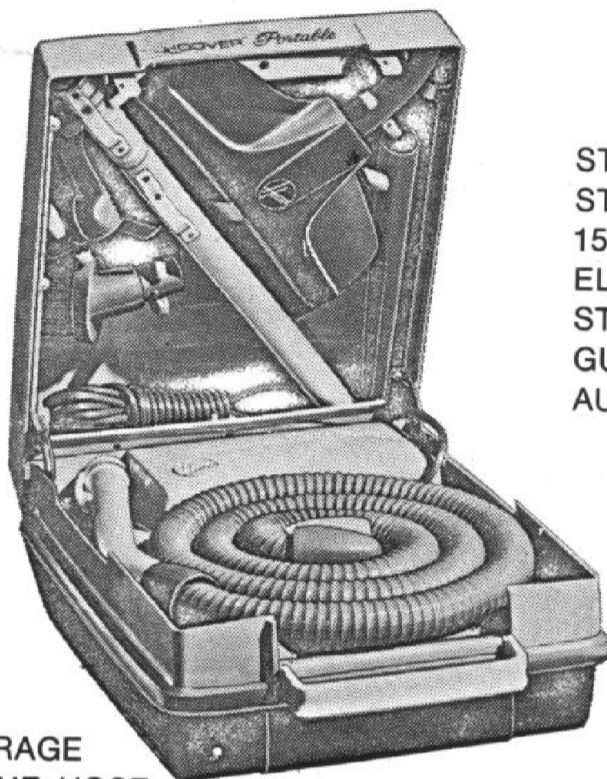
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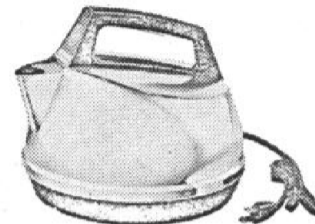


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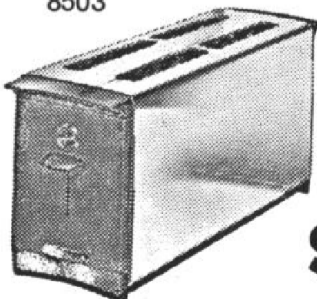


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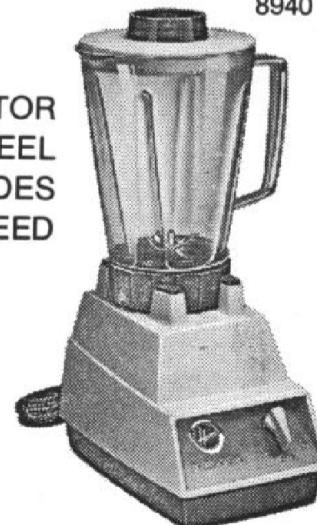
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