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SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN

The sound of laughter coming from the slide and teeter-totters might be that from any Canadian schoolground. Yet there's a difference in this case — the playground equipment is beside a Base Edmonton building which once housed the Canadian Airborne Regiment. And the children, believe it or not, have just completed a gruelling 22-hour plane ride from a Hong Kong refugee camp.

In all, there are about 50 Laotian children under the age of 10 included in the latest contingent of 233 Indo-Chinese refugees. Though, as the world knows, they've been through more than their share of traumatic experiences, with the resilience of children they bounce right back with a smile or a laugh.

The smiles are made easier through the humanitarian efforts of many groups and many individuals. One of the first things the children discover while their parents are being processed by immigration officials is a box of donated toys calculated to ease their first few hours in a foreign setting. Later, they'll be allowed to select one toy to take with them when they leave the base.

An initial set of new clothes is provided by the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission. Extra clothes which may be required are drawn from a stock of donated clothing managed by volunteers, many of them wives of base personnel.

Food provides another experi-

ence, not only for the kids, but also for the kitchen staff. WO Gary Orwick, who runs the refugee mess hall, describes with wonderment their total infatuation with ice cream. Fresh fruit is also a popular item for both children and adults, with seven or eight cases of apples disappearing at a sitting. He also describes how one boy came in while his parents were sleeping and attacked a meal with two forks, chopstick-fashion.

SGT Fred Connell's most memorable customer is the little girl about six years old who came back for four or five helpings at every meal. "She'd eat you out of house and home," he laughs.

Back in their quarters, the kids also make their mark. Some become infatuated with the cleaners and follow them down the hall as they sweep the floor. Sheila Burke, the cleaning supervisor, remembers one little girl who was seated in a big chair when they came in to clean the floor. "She just sat there with such a contented look," says Sheila. "She never moved a muscle while we moved her chair about the room."

Beyond all else, the civilian volunteers and military augmentees who process the refugees agree on one final point — that the refugees are extremely courteous. That point was borne home to me as I walked across the parade square. Smiling children, with no real knowledge of English, greeted me with "thank you, thank you."



Trying out a slide beside their temporary quarters at CFB Edmonton, these four newcomers to Canada are surprisingly active after their 22-hour flight from a Hong Kong refugee camp. (CANADIAN FORCES PHOTO BY SGT. DAVID SPEARING)

DAUGHTER FOLLOWS IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



At 1500 hrs, 6 Sept 79, Miss Marion Harron officially joined her father in the CF. Marion has served with the PPCLI Cadet Corps and 17 (Winnipeg) service battalion, and is presently taking recruit training at Cornwallis, with a view to becoming a supply technician. Her father WO Jim Herron, is presently the CQMS of B Company, 2 PPCLI. (PPCLI PHOTO)

COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS



Shown are recent recipients of the Base Commander's Commendation, which is awarded in recognition of achievements of individuals who have contributed to CFB Winnipeg by personal effort and example.

On this occasion seven nominations were sponsored by the Community Council (South) and approved by the Base Commander. Award Winners were: Back row of photo, left to right — MCPL E G Priest - for participation in numerous community organizations including the Community Council, and fitness and gymnastics club; WO R F Stewart - for his work with the Sir John Franklin Community Centre since 1977; SGT R Tweed - for 15 years of dedicated service to the Scouting Movement at CFB Winnipeg; Front row, left to right - Mrs Ann Parent - for her involvement with the Base youth bowling programme since 1975; Mrs Barbara Lightle - for organizing and leading the Base Beaver Colony since 1976; Missing from photo — Miss Dawn Whitten - for her work with the Skylark Swim Club and the Base Guide Company and Brownie Pack; and SGT W W Harker - for his work as a leader and executive with the Scouting Movement since 1976. (BASE PHOTO)

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A photographic historical record of Camp Wainwright is being assembled as part of Alberta's 75th Anniversary. There are serious gaps in the material. We would ask that anyone who has served or trained at Camp Wainwright between 1940 to the present, donate photos to this project (they will be mounted into a series of large books) indicating date/time/place/unit/type of training/activity. In the event that the owner of the material wishes to loan material, Camp Wainwright will reproduce the material and return same. All communications should be addressed to:

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DIEPPE REVISITED (An Editorial Review)

Why? Why? Why? This heart wrenching question threads its way through the film, "Dieppe 1942", shown on CBC-TV in two parts Sunday November 11 and Monday November 12. For those who missed this rare documentary, this review will only serve to tease your curiosity.

Producer Terence Macartney-Filgate does his best to place doubt on the need for the Dieppe raid of 1942 when over 6000 troops and about 50 tanks were used in the first amphibious assault launched in the Second World War against continental Europe. Over 4900 of those troops were Canadian of which 2883 were either killed, wounded or taken prisoner.

Allowing the feelings of his "characters" to dominate the theme of this documentary Macartney-Filgate tries to develop a consensus on the overall opinion of the need for the raid, and its failure. The "characters", all witnesses of the Dieppe raid, people who in one way or another participated in the ill-fated attempt to penetrate the impregnable defences at Dieppe,

Pourville and Puy in France are all very real and very candid in their opinions and feelings towards the battle.

Using a rare combination of witnessed commentary from embittered participants, actual film footage from both Allied and enemy files, and the esoteric effect of original paintings, Macartney-Filgate uses Part One of this presentation "The Battle Begins", to show that plans for the operation, dubbed "Jubilee", may have been ill-conceived, despite commentary to the contrary by Allied military leaders of the day. But, in part one, no blame is actually fixed. Part One is, at times, painfully boring and slow but fascinating in its intriguing, almost pitiful extraction of human remorse from those appearing in the documentary.

Part Two, "Echoes of Disaster", becomes more direct in its accusation of inept decision-making at high levels. This part, using once again real witnesses, actual film footage but no works of art, allows accusations and opinion to be more explicit about such things as the lack

of proper intelligence, communications and the sheer suicidal truth which became bluntly clear within minutes of landing on the beaches.

In contrast to the sorrowful humiliation suffered by Canadians on the beaches, part two expertly brought out the more human side to war. The humour displayed by the participants, first-aid given to Canadians by a German soldier, refreshments (beer) shared with the Canadians by the victors, and the awesome, similar expressions of deep sorrow revealed by both the attackers and victors in this raid on Dieppe all attest to this.

To view part one of "Dieppe 1942" without part two or vice-versa is almost meaningless and indeed negatively affects any rating given to the film as a whole documentary. But to view the entire film is to realize Macartney-Filgate's goal — to make you think, to suffer the doubt, to feel the pain — and then perhaps, just perhaps, to allow you the luxury of accusingly ask — Why?

— The Editor



Top photo shows some of the Canadian troops who were slaughtered on the beaches of Dieppe during the disastrous raid on August 19, 1942. Below, a German soldier gives first-aid to one of the fortunate Canadians who survived to spend the remaining war years in a prison camp.

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The most important Union meeting of the year will be held 4 DECEMBER 1979 IN THE HERC LOUNGE at 7:30 P.M. A light lunch will be served with bar facilities available. This is the annual meeting at which the President's Annual Report and the Local financial reports are presented. The Constitution also requires that election of officers take place at this annual meeting.

We all know that if one stays away from election meetings then there is little chance that one will be elected to the executive and become one of "THEM", because everyone knows that it is always "THEM" that spend our dues, provide no information or services and never run the organization the way we want it run.

To construct a building, it is necessary to have a strong foundation. In our Union, as in other Unions, we, the membership are the only ones who can provide the strong foundation. Without us, UNDE and ultimately the Alliance cannot exist. Its up to us to attend this meeting and cast our vote to ensure that some of us become some of "THEM".

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Just a reminder to the respective representatives for the following occupational groups that the bargaining demands should be forwarded to Lee Monk, Bldg 86 Room 114, as soon as possible for onward transmission to Ottawa.

- General Technical
- Technical Inspection
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- General Services
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- Heating, Power and Stationary Plant

CITY OF WINNIPEG BOAT PEOPLE FUND

Local 705 recently donated \$250.00 to the City of Winnipeg's Fund for Vietnamese Refugees to be used by the City towards resettlement of these new Citizens. To publicize this donation and to encourage other Manitoba PSAC Locals and all other Local unions of any affiliation, Brother Doug Johnston and Sister Cathy Pfeifer appeared with Mayor Bill Norrie on Peter Warren's CJOB Hotline Show on 20 Oct 79, to present the cheque and issue a challenge to all other Locals to match or exceed this donation.

ST MEETING: OTTAWA 5 OCT 79

A second meeting was held with Treasury Board 5 Oct 79 in an attempt to reach a settlement concerning the payment of a differential to employees in the Secretarial, Stenographic and Typing (ST) Group who perform their duties in both official languages. The Employer is not prepared to acknowledge that a differential should be paid to members of the ST Group. The Arbitration Board, however, had recommended that the parties obtain relevant data to arrive at a reasonable amount that ought to be paid to the STs who require additional qualifications and skills to perform their duties. The Alliance has requested the Pay Research Bureau to conduct a survey to collect information concerning the payment of a differential in organi-

"ACES HIGH"

(The series, "Aces High", is reproduced from the booklet of the same name with the kind permission of General Dynamics Corporation.)

Capitaine René Fonck

René Paul Fonck was France's Ace of Aces. His first three victories were accomplished with an ungainly twin-engine Caudron reconnaissance aircraft which had been converted into a "fighter" by the addition of a machine gun. Even though these kills were unconfirmed, he was transferred to a fighter squadron, SPA.103 of the famous Cigognes (Storks) group in April 1917.

Flying a Spad, Fonck made his first confirmed kill on May 5, 1917, another on the 11th, and one on the 13th. By mid-January 1918, he had 21 victories.

One of Fonck's ambitions was to shoot down five enemy aircraft in one day; on May 9, 1918, he downed six aircraft — a feat which gained him the Légion d'Honneur medal. In September, he repeated this amazing performance, raising his score to 68. Before the war ended, he scored another seven for a total of 75.

An excellent marksman and a master of the deflection, shot, Fonck was extremely frugal with ammunition. Explaining his success, he said, "I put my bullets in my target as if I placed them there by hand."



Capitaine Georges Guynemer

A young man so thin and delicate in health that he was twice rejected as unfit for military service, Georges Guynemer became France's most admired hero. After much persuasion, Guynemer gained admittance to pilot training school in 1915. On March 16, 1917, he shot down three enemy airplanes in one day and repeated this feat the next day. By June 5, 1917, he had 45 victories and 20 citations, including the Légion d'Honneur and Officier de la Légion.

One of Guynemer's kills was accomplished with a cannon. He convinced the S.P.A.D. company to install a 37mm cannon that fired through the propeller shaft on his Spad. Both he and Fonck tried it and Guynemer shot down one Albatros with the gun, but it was judged impractical and was abandoned.

Less than a week after posting his 54th victory, Guynemer and his Spad disappeared on the morning of September 11, 1917. His airplane, named "Le Vieux Charles" and marked with the stork emblem of SPA.3, fell near the German lines at Poelkapelle, Belgium, in the midst of a British artillery barrage. When the shelling ceased, there was no trace of France's frail hero or his airplane.



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PSAC WEEKLY NEWS LETTERS

Members who do not find the latest PSAC weekly news letter on their notice boards are asked to call Doug Johnston Local 225. Its your Union and you are entitled to know what it is doing on your behalf, so ask and ye shall receive.

PSAC AREA COUNCIL

The PSAC Area Council has

undertaken the worthy cause of raising funds for the Hemophilia Society. They are presently selling large, and we mean large Christmas Colouring Books at \$4.00 each, available from Lee Monk at 461 or Doug Johnston at 225. This is not only a good cause, it is an exceptional bargain. For those who don't have colouring book age children, you might consider buying one to donate to the Christmas Cheer Fund.

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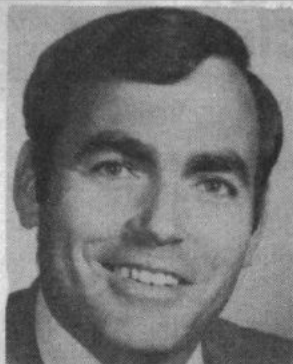
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2 PPCLI "CHARLIE COY RAMBLINGS"

C Coy of 2 PPCLI known as "Charlie Coy" has been very active in the past two months. After everybody returned from annual leave and with the addition of 2 new Platoon Commanders, we commenced Coy training. We trained on Small arms weapons, the 84mm Medium Anti-tank sub calibre, Map using and Navigation; and we also participated in lots of Physical training.

A highlight of our training was the Section Obstacle course competition. On 5 Oct 79, the morning began with a 5 mile route march with full fighting order. Upon return from the route march, we went to the obstacle course. The idea is to go through 13 obstacles with all equipment, in the fastest possible time and finish as a complete section. This required teamwork, co-ordination, and speed. A total of 9 sections went through the obstacle course. The Prize: A Day Off. Under the trained and watchful eyes of the judges, 2 LT Ray Moskowec, MWO Mike Downey, WO Larry Rankin, and SGT Paul Ballam; we commenced the obstacle course.

The final standings are as follows:

9 Sec	9 Pl	1st Place
8 Sec	9 Pl	2nd Place
5 Sec	8 Pl	3rd Place
2 Sec	7 Pl	4th Place
6 Sec	8 Pl	5th Place
7 Sec	9 Pl	6th Place
4 Sec	8 Pl	7th Place
1 Sec	7 Pl	8th Place
Coy HQ Sec		9th Place

All had a good time and worked hard to achieve the results. We hope to see more competitions of that nature in the future.

Now to carry on. We continued with Coy Training. We did refresher trg on Armoured Fighting Vehicles (AFV) and Patrolling. We conducted a night Patrol exercise at the St Charles Range. We had communications refresher and completed our annual 2 x 10 mile forced marches in fighting order. The "2 x 10 forced march" is marching 10 miles on the 1st day non-stop, with fighting order and then a 2nd ten mile march on the following day. If you think it is easy, try it sometime.

On 22 Oct 79, Charlie Coy deployed to CFB Shino for a defensive exercise called "RAPID RABBIT". The exercise was 4 days in duration. A few memorable points were: PTE Pat Henry of 9 Pl dug his trench 9 feet deep. When asked, Why he had dug it so deep, he replied: "Nobody told me to stop". Others were: MCPL Rob Miller, "Can You Fire Up A Flare?" SGT Paul Ballam, 9 Pl, sitting his Pl on a piece of ground known as the "Finger", and MWO Mike Downey, CPL Kevin Tomlin, and PTE Mac MacDonald's "Ambush" which would have worked if they would have pulled the pins on the Trip Mines.

So after 4 days of digging, revetting, and improving trenches, Patrolling at night, and defensive routine; we withdrew on the last evening and marched 10 miles to our pick-up point and finally returned to Winnipeg.

So as the month of October draws to a close and the snow begins to fall, we of "Charlie Coy" look back on the past 2 months of Coy training, and say: "Thank goodness, that's over for another year." The future brings Winter indoctrination and the Holiday Season.

So till the next time, "Au revoir" from "Charlie Coy" and you'll be hearing from us again.



MCPL Tony Evans, Sec Comd 9 Sec receives Day Off from OC C Coy, MAJ Gene Markell for winning section competition. Shown left to right are PTE RJ Morozoff, CPL KA McKillop, PTE AD Ladd, PTE EW Combdom, and PTE DJ Vloeberghs.

(PPCLI PHOTO)



PTE RO Gilks, 2 Sec 7 Pl, coming off an obstacle. (PPCLI PHOTO)



MCPL RIL Carnegie Coy HQ Sec leading his Section under the low wire entanglement obstacle. (PPCLI PHOTO)

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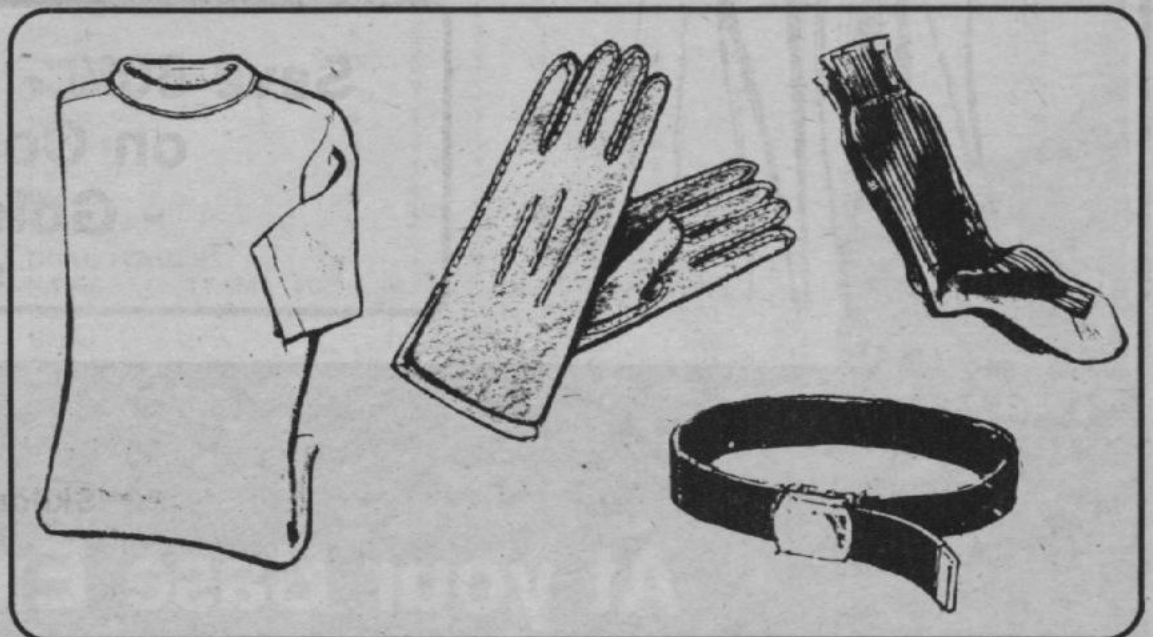
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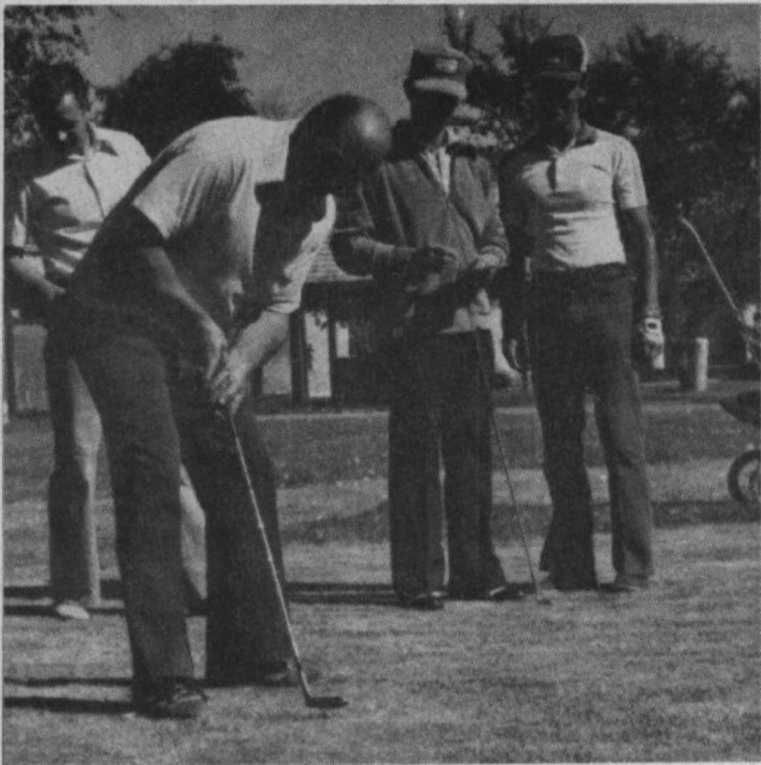
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2 PPCLI ANNUAL SENIOR NCO AND OFFICER GOLF TOURNAMENT

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The fact that the course was laid out and maintained by the WO's and SGTS had nothing to do with it.



SGT "Hippie" Hipson demonstrates the fine style which led to the decisive (well, would you believe marginal) victory by the WO's and SGT over the officers. (PPCLI PHOTO)



The CO, LCOL Minnis demonstrates the fine style which led to the devastating loss by the officers. (PPCLI PHOTO)

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Clubs and skaters interested are to liaise direct with the secretary, Shearwater Figure Skating Club, Post Office Box 380, Shearwater, Nova Scotia, B0J 3A0, telephone - work 463-5111 loc 645 or home 434-1069.

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Voxair Variety

By John Lauder

Stages in Winnipeg will be sagging during the next two weeks as groups of musicians, choir and opera singers, dancers and actors troop and trip across them. Next to the Christmas rush of entertainment, which comes at the end of December, it may well be one of the busiest periods of the year in the world of the performing arts.

Tonight, November 14th, singer Norman Mittleman will make a solo performance in a special concert, but next week he will be joined by a cast of thousands for the opera presentation of *La Traviata*, Verdi's story in song of the Lady of the Camelias. While it will be sung in Italian, this favourite opera offers many well known arias, gay ballroom scenes, and tender love duets.

The Opera opens on November 22nd, and offers a special student matinee on the 24th, this at 1:00 p.m., combined with a regular evening performance on that day at 8:30. The final show is an evening one on the 27th.

On Friday the 16th the Manitoba Theatre Centre will open its second play of the season, *Artichoke*, by Canadian Joanna Glass.

This will be the second comedy in a row, following the successful *Travesties* of last month. Set in the prairies farmland, this play set big city cynicism against homespun humour, and offers laughter as the result. Maybe not as intellectual as *Travesties*, but funny just the same.

Also on Friday the 17th the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra will perform in a special event concert with the Philharmonic Choir, to honour Canada Music Week. Ruben Gurevich will conduct, and the numbers by the choir will include *Belshazzar's Feast* and the *Apostrophe to the Heavenly Host*.

More musical entertainment from Pinchas and Eugenia Zukerman in recital on the 25th, when two highly talented performers show their skills. And on a more exotic note, the World Adventure Tours will show the film "Fiji" on the 28th and 29th, with commentary by Fran Reidelberger, who must be a south sea island expert, if not a household name.

The C.W.L. and the Protestant Ladies Guild are holding their annual Snowflake Tea and Bazaar Saturday, November 17, 1979 from 11:30-3:30 at the Hercules Lounge. There will be a Tea Table, White Elephant Table, Craft and Bake Table.



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NORAD CHANGES(S)

Ottawa (CFP) — On behalf of Defence Minister Allan McKinnon, Mr. Stan Darling, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, announced in North Bay on October 12, 1979, that Canadian Forces Base North Bay, headquarters of the 22nd NORAD Region, will be the site of two collocated Region Operations Control Centres (ROCCs) designed for the command and control of Canadian airspace.

As a result, primary command and control for surveillance, detection and identification of aircraft in Canada will be carried out completely in Canada. At present only eastern Canadian airspace, with the exception of south-western Ontario and southern Nova Scotia, is controlled in Canada while the remaining Canadian airspace is controlled by centres in the United States.

Mr. Darling said that the collocation of two ROCCs at existing facilities in North Bay rather than the establishment of an ROCC in eastern and one in western Canada would result in significant savings in capital, maintenance, operational, and personnel costs. The ROCCs will cost an estimated \$87 million in 1979 Canadian dollars. The two Canadian ROCCs will be part of a network of seven including one in Alaska which will protect both U.S. and Canadian airspace. The North Bay centres should commence operations in late 1982 with final completion scheduled for early 1984.

The original contract for the design verification stage of the project was awarded to Hughes

Aircraft Co. of Fullerton California in October, 1977. This company was later awarded the contract to build the first ROCC in southeastern U.S. and it holds the options to build the remainder, including the North Bay centres. However, Canadian industrial benefits will amount to approximately 10% of the total joint production costs plus a further 10% through "offset" of non-project related contracts.

The ROCC project also calls for replacement of existing Semi-Automatic Ground Environment and Back-up Intercept Control facilities at North Bay and St. Margarets, N.B. respectively.

Like their predecessors, the ROCCs will work in conjunction with the Department of Transport air traffic control agencies and should continue to provide invaluable assistance in times of air emergencies or during any loss of civilian air traffic capability. In addition, the ROCCs will be able to switch from peacetime to wartime operations in support of the U.S. Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS).

In closing, Mr. Darling said, "The establishment of the two ROCCs here will be a significant step forward in improving the joint Canadian/U.S. NORAD system while ensuring that national command and control of Canadian airspace is maintained".

Ottawa (PFC) — M. Stan Darling, député de Parry Sound-Muskoka, a annoncé, le 12 octobre à North Bay, au nom du ministre de la Défense nationale, M. Allan McKinnon, que la Base des Forces canadiennes de North Bay, quartier général de la 22e Région du NORAD, deviendra le siège de deux Centres de contrôle d'opérations régionales (CCOR) qui assureront le commandement et le contrôle de l'espace aérien canadien.

Par suite de cette décision, le commandement et le contrôle dans les domaines de la surveillance, la détection et l'identification des appareils survolant le territoire canadien, se feront à partir d'une base canadienne. Actuellement, seul l'espace aérien de l'Est du pays, excluant toutefois le Sud-Ouest ontarien et le Sud de la Nouvelle-Ecosse, est contrôlé à partir de bases canadiennes. Tout le reste de l'espace aérien canadien est contrôlé à partir de centres situés aux Etats-Unis.

D'après M. Darling, réunir les deux CCOR dans le complexe de North Bay, plutôt que d'en établir un dans l'Est et l'autre dans l'Ouest du pays, représente une importante économie de frais de premier établissement, d'entretien, dans le coût des opérations et en personnel. Le coût estimatif des CCOR s'élèvera à \$87 millions en devises canadiennes (valeur de 1979). Les deux CCOR canadiens feront partie d'un réseau de sept centres, y compris celui de l'Alaska, qui auront pour tâche de contrôler l'espace aérien du Canada et des Etats-Unis. Les centres de North Bay devraient entrer en opération vers la fin de 1982 et les dernières installations devraient être prêtes pour le début de 1984.

Le contrat pour la vérification des plans d'établissement des CCOR fut accordé à la société Hughes Aircraft Co., de Fullerton (Californie), en octobre 1977. Cette compagnie s'est vue ensuite adjudger le contrat pour la construction du premier CCOR américain, dans le Sud-Est des Etats-Unis, avec option de construire les autres centres, y compris ceux de North Bay. Toutefois, ce projet ne manquera pas d'avoir des retombées économiques sur les industries canadiennes qui bénéficieront d'environ 10 pour cent de la valeur totale des contrats de construction et de 10 pour cent d'autres contrats connexes.

Selon le projet, les CCOR remplaceront le Système semi-automatique d'infrastructure au sol (SAGE) de North Bay et le Centre de contrôle auxiliaire d'interception (BUIC) de St. Margarets (N.-B.).

Comme leurs prédécesseurs, les CCOR travailleront en collaboration avec les services de contrôle du trafic aérien de Transports Canada et devraient continuer à prêter assistance dans les cas de catastrophes aériennes ou, au besoin, aux contrôleurs de trafic aérien civils. De plus, les CCOR seront en mesure de se transformer, en temps de guerre, en centres d'appui au Système aéroporté d'alerte et de surveillance du NORAD (AWACS).

En terminant, M. Darling a ajouté que l'établissement de ces deux Centres de contrôle d'opérations régionales à North Bay, permettra d'améliorer le système canado-américain du NORAD et d'assurer le commandement et le contrôle national de l'espace aérien canadien.



HALIFAX — The upper deck of the operational support ship HMCS Preserver serves as an outdoor track, as these crewmen jog their way across the Arctic Circle during their ship's three-month deployment in the eastern Atlantic. A mile and a half means seven laps for these navy joggers. Preserver sailed from Halifax in early September to participate in NATO's major maritime exercise Ocean Safari and will return to Halifax in November after making a series of European port visits. (DEFENCE INFO ATLANTIC)

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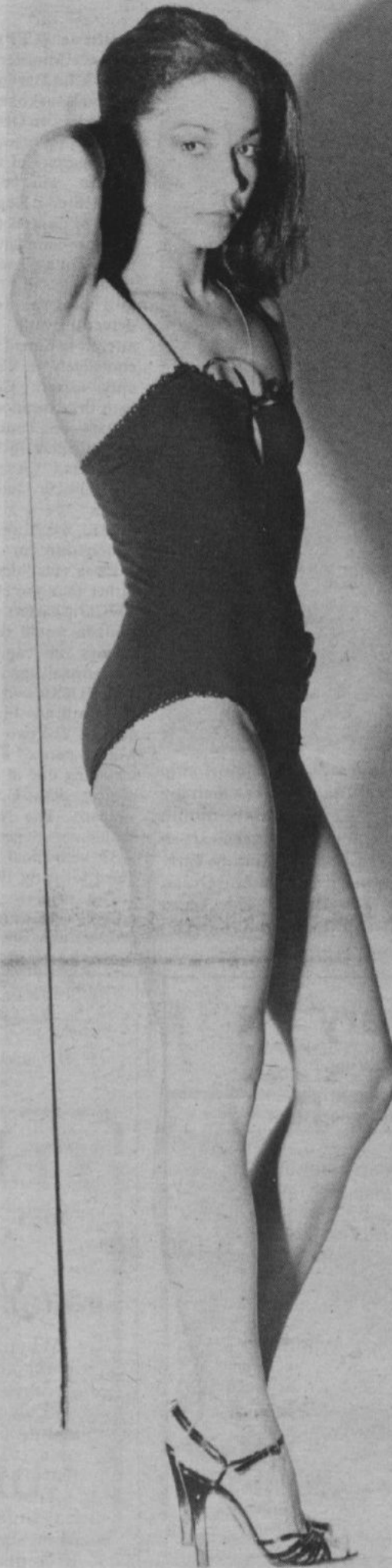
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