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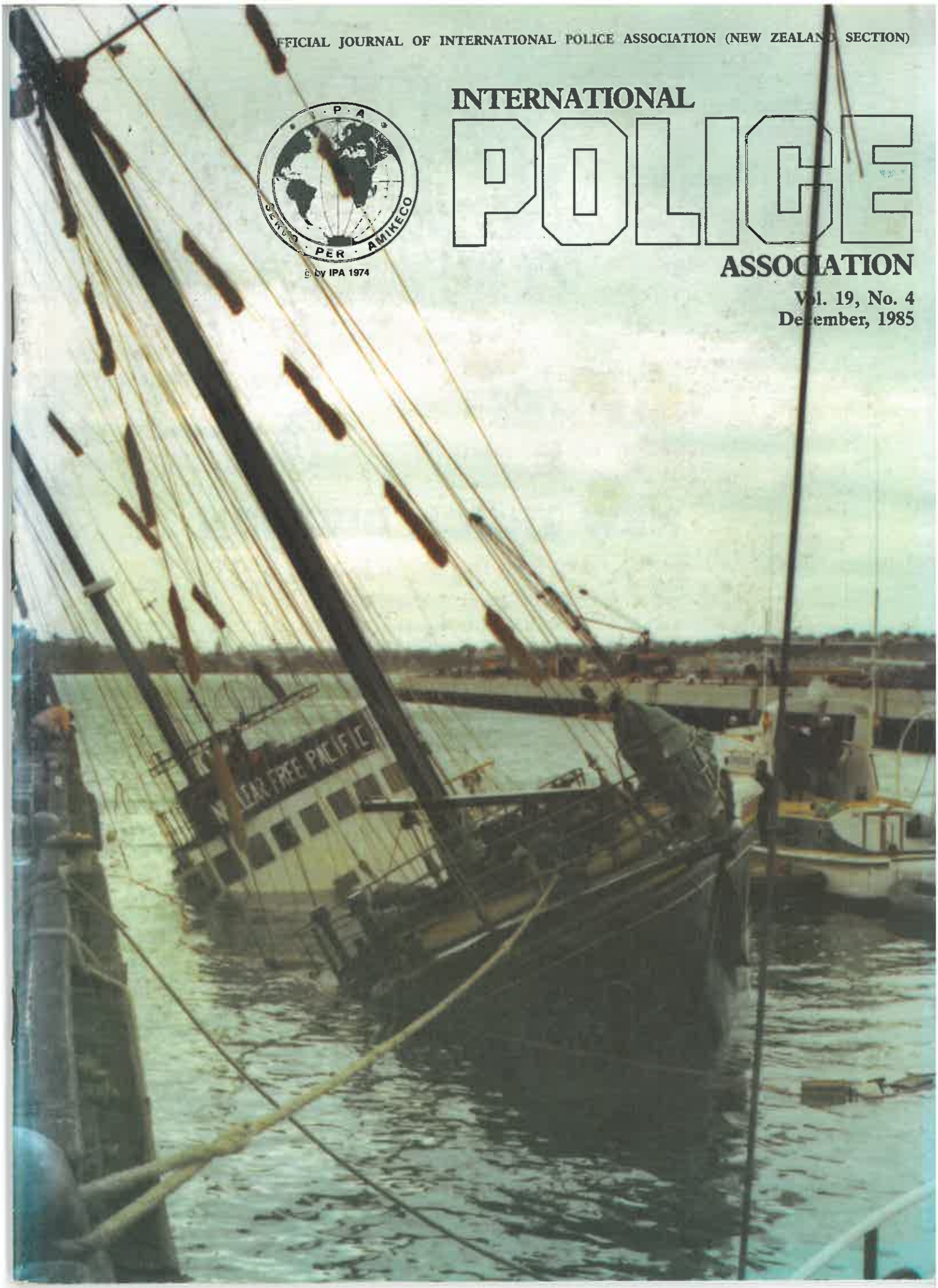

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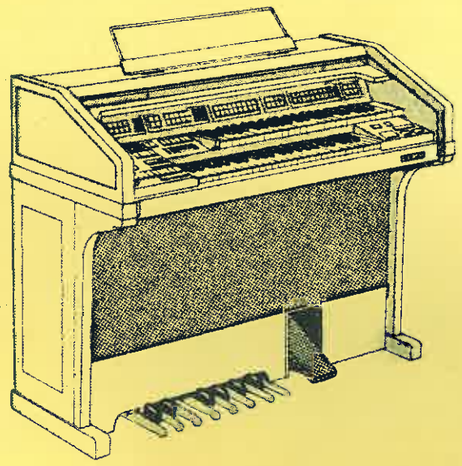

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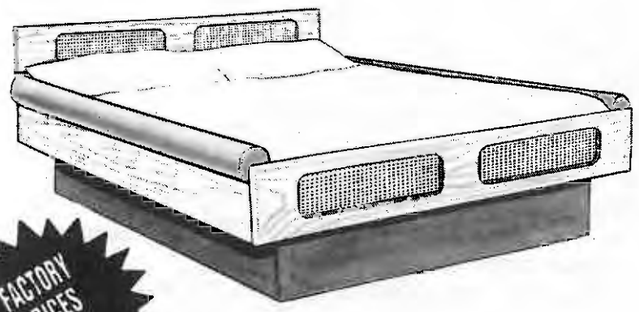

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Guest Editorial

Perhaps, with the advent of our Friendship Week next year, the time is opportune to reflect on the aims and rules of our Association. The most operative aim as far as the general members are concerned, is "to unite all serving and retired members of the Police Service with a view to establishing ties of friendship and mutual aid among them."

But the rule most important in today's world is 'discussion on matters of a political, religious or racial nature shall be forbidden, etc'.

If we abide by these directives we shall retain an Association which we can be proud of and which no one can criticise.

Remember, our Association consists of individual Police officers of civil Police Forces who are carrying out their duty in upholding the laws of their country as determined by the politicians no matter how distasteful or personally opposed to, those laws they may be.

If the Government of a country changes, as has happened in various Sections (including our own) over the past few years, the status of I.P.A. in that Section is not altered or criticised in any way no matter how drastic effect the change may cause.

Unfortunately, politics are trying to intrude into I.P.A. matters, even in our country but all members, I feel certain, will oppose such intrusion. It is, therefore, opportune that we have the benefit of publishing in this issue, a speech made by our International President, Mr Jurgen Klos. I respect Mr Klos' knowledge and impartiallity on this subject so I strongly recommend all our members to read it.

I have never had a politician in my home but I have entertained and enjoyed the company of I.P.A. members from many countries and I shall continue to welcome any 'bone-fide' member of I.P.A. from any country, their spouse or their sons/daughters, in accordance with our rules.

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President's Christmas Message

1985 has seen many changes within the International Police Association. Most of those changes have been for the better but in some cases there has been personal disappointment. I refer specifically to the International Elections held in Paris this year where Hugh Hallett, the long standing International Secretary-General, was replaced by Theo Lenders and in doing so, ended an era within the International body of our Organisation.

In July of this year the International Police Association lost its consultative status with the Non-Governmental Organisation Unit of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations Organisation. In effect, the I.P.A. was expelled from the position it previously held with the United Nations. For those of you who are unaware of the background behind this, you may well ask 'why did this happen'?.

The answer is very simple. The International Police Association ranks among its membership the South African Section and that is the reason that the I.P.A. was expelled from the United Nations. Just another case, in my view, of political pressure being brought to bear on the Organisation which we love so much. We were dictated to by the United Nations, in my view a political body anyway, as to who we shall and shall not have as members of the International Police Association.

For my part, I shed no tears that this has happened for I am firmly convinced that the flirtation which our International Executive has had with both the United Nations and the United Council of Europe, could only have in the long term, disastrous consequences for the I.P.A. Therefore I say to



you that we should be glad that we no longer have any relationship with that political body.

For myself, the events of the year have been a mixed blessing. I have managed to complete building a house. I have also managed in doing so, to break both my ankles and I am now well versed in hospital procedure. I even had to return to the hospital for an operation to one of my ankles which did not heal properly. The most exciting aspect of the year for me, however, was my secondment to the Personnel Directorate at Police National Headquarters for the purpose of organising and ensuring that our proposed International Friendship Week is a success.

Therefore, the year has been a very challenging one for me and one of extreme personal satisfaction and achievement. There is no doubt in my mind that the New Zealand Section will long be remembered after next year for the way in which we were able to host our International visitors and this is thanks in no small part to the generosity and understanding of the New Zealand Police Administration. The New Zealand Police Administration have been most supportive in our proposal to host the International Friendship Week and through this column, on your behalf, may I sincerely thank Commissioner K. O. Thompson and his staff for the help, advice and assistance which has been so freely given.

The first of January of this year saw the commencement of the payment of annual subscriptions through the Police and Families Credit Union. This venture is, in my view, the success story as far as the financial side of the International Police Association is concerned. By the end of this year the Credit Union will have presented to your National Treasurer some $7,000 comprising of payment through that body of I.P.A. members' annual subscriptions. This amount represents more than double the subscriptions gathered by the old method in 1984. It has also relieved a greater part of the more onerous duties of the Regional Treasurers and I wish to thank the Manager and staff of the Police and Families Credit Union for the considerable help and assistance which they have given us to ensure that this method of payment has been the success it is.

In particular, I would like to personally thank Anne-Marie Keogh who has managed to cheerfully overcome the many teething problems which I had to deliver to her.

The New Year promises to be the busiest and most exciting in the history of the New Zealand Section of the I.P.A. Our proposal to host the International Friendship Week will become a reality and you have a good team to ensure the success of this event. Please remember that if you are asked to assist in any way, we need your help for we cannot do it alone. John Coomber is responsible for finance and fund raising for the Frienship Week. It is proposed to participate in two further Super Sport lotteries between now and October next year in order that we may raise the necessary finance for this event. you will be asked, no doubt, to help sell these tickets. Remember, for every one ticket the I.P.A. sells means $4 towards the financial success of the Friendship Week.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all of you for your help and support in the past year and may I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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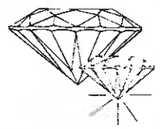

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THE IPA AND POLITICS

Address given by the International President at the Assembly of Country Delegates, organised by the Swiss Section on 15 March 1985 in St Gallen. In the light of the fundamental importance of this topic Jurgen Klos' address is reproduced here in full.

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

When I received the invitation to your Delegates' Assembly and got in touch with the President of the Swiss Section to inquire about a subject for an address which would be of interest to you, he suggested "The IPA and Politics". Had I interpreted the international Statutes in a very narrow sense, or assumed that you, Mr President, interpreted them in a very narrow sense, then I would have been bound to conclude that you did not want me to speak at all, since we are not supposed to talk about politics. (Paragraph d) of Article 9 of our Statutes states quite clearly that discussions of political, religious or racial problems are not allowed in any bodies of the Association, nor may they appear in any of its publications. Rolf Koch, our International Treasurer and, after more than nine years of working together, a good friend of mine, also thought there was a problem. When I discussed it with him on the phone, he said he though my speech would certainly be a short one.

But, ladies and gentlemen, neither you nor I can dismiss the matter that lightly. We can't simply pretend that politics do not exist. Of course, I could be subtle about it and say that I do not propose to discuss political problems but Politics with a capital P, has become a problem for the IPA and will certainly continue to be one in the future.

So what is Politics exactly? There is any number of definitions and if we get away from the thought that politics is just "what those at the top do" — or what they do with us — then we must conclude that much more of our everyday lives is bound up with politics than we generally assume. Karl Jaspers, the renowned European philosopher who taught at Basel University after being chased out by the Nazis put it this way: "Politics is a form of action concerned with power and the potential of might". Mao Tse Tung went much further and said that "politics is war without blood. War is bloody politics", thereby reinforcing what Clausewitz had said in less blunt terms some 150 years before, that "war is the continuation of politics by different means". But my favourite definition is "politics is history in action" from the American writer Roger Butterfield. There are, however, more ill-intentioned definitions, such as that of the French writer Louis Latzarus, who said that "In a democracy, politics is the art of getting the people to believe that they govern", or as some unknown individual put it "Politics is the art of getting money from the rich and votes from the poor by making them believe that you will protect the one group from the other." In this sense, a change has occurred, in that money is now taken from the poor too and it's always possible to find something against which somebody wants to or has to protect us. So as you can see, politics has more than a little to do with fear, but that should not prevent us from taking a closer look at it.

As you will recall, the IPA was set up in the 1950's in England and our International Statutes bear the mark of the ideas of those times. A policeman had to be non-political — so that he could always act in a non-political and non-partisan manner — so it was better for politics not be be discussed at all. Racial problems had been played up by the Nazis in Germany and had become the misfortune of half the world, whereas religion had already led to more wars in this world than anyone would wish for and so these topics too were shut out of the discussions. The simple assumption was that we should not concern ourselves with things which were not our business. It was something of the three wise monkeys approach — see nothing, hear nothing, say nothing. That attitude, my friends, was more-or-less acceptable as long as the IPA remained a tiny flower, growing in an out of the way place.

It would be impossible for a worldwide organisation with almost 200,000 members in all the major countries of the Western World to exist without sometime or other coming into contact with politics or being made the object of politics from outside. We used to be happy when our meetings were visited by Chiefs of Police or Lord Mayors, but now, IEC Conferences, IPA World Congresses and even National Congresses receive visits from high-ranking politicians and indeed Crowned Heads, — one such conference having been opened by the King of Sweden — who, of course, as guests of honour, talk not only about police-related questions, but also about political problems. You may say we don't discuss matters with them, which is true, but we nevertheless concern ourselves with the things they have spoken about and so we will inevitably find ourselves in the midst of a discussion which we are unable or not allowed to pursue. Can this be the purpose of our International Statutes? We have already heard that politics is history in action, but does this mean that history, seen as the politics of yesteryear, is also out of bounds to us? Do you really think it would be possible to take an IPA group to visit the Berlin wall without discussing the history and politics that led up to that state of affairs? I think it is very important

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indeed for we in the German Section to take young visitors especially to see what remains of the concentration camps of the Hitler era so that they can see what political power can lead to if it falls into the wrong hands. Surely, our IPA groups can go to visit the battlefields of Waterloo, and perhaps even the bridge over the Rhine at Remagen, which played a major role at the end of the Second World War, but must we stay away from the Golan Heights when visiting Israel, simply because there, the dividing line between politics and history is still too vague?

In my view, these examples show that we cannot interpret the International Statutes in such a way as to give ourselves an easy way out — and indeed we do not do so in practice. When I became third Vice-President and was still a newcomer to the PEB, I asked our Secretary General what we would do if the police of the Soviet Union or of Poland were suddenly to take an interest in the IPA. He thought we wouldn't accept them and when I asked why, he told me it was because of the Soviet Union's politics. When I pointed out to him that we weren't supposed to concern ourselves with politics, he was rather surprised and at a loss to reply. The conviction grew in me then that we would find it difficult to put forward pertinent, non-political reasons for rejecting applications from police officials of countries whose idea of Democracy did not tally with our own. Maybe we've simply been lucky so far, that our activities aren't of interest to them, but that situation could change very quickly. Certainly, the IPA cannot determine at what moment particular countries or systems will begin to evince an interest in it. As it grows larger, it will increasingly become a factor that others will take into account in their thinking. This might happen when our membership reaches 200,000 which it will in 1986 at the latest, or perhaps only when we have half a million members, this upward trend being likely to continue for some time to come.

For these reasons, I proposed to the PEB in 1977 the setting up of a second body to deal with amendments to the Statutes so as to make it impossible for amendments to be approved on the basis of a chance majority or an engineered majority. Since there is no stipulation regarding the minimum number of delegates at IPA World Congresses — or Triennial Congresses as they were then known — it would only have required a few sections to combine to form a two-thirds majority to vote through an amendment to the statutes — which it would have been difficult to reverse — had the participation of "unsuitable" Sections been rendered difficult or impossible. As things are, such thinking might seem strange to we in the IPA, but we will nevertheless have to get used to it and prepare for such cases before we are confronted with them. At the 9th World Congress in Perugia in 1979, it was decided to establish a Council of Elders and if you read Article 6 of the Statutes carefully, you will see that today, the objections of the five oldest Sections would make it virtually impossible for the ideas which underpin the IPA to be distorted or changed. The decision the delgates took was a highly political one and of primordial importance for the future of the IPA, even though many did not realise its full implications. What would once have been definitive Congress decisions are now subjected to a further examination — during which a veto may be exercised — and can be referred to the following Congress. It has become more difficult to exclude Sections on the bases of a chance majority or to "redirect" the functioning of the IPA.

While we're on the subject of Eastern bloc countries, I'm asked time and time again what we would do if one of those countries were to establish its own Section and seek membership of our Association. The only course open to us is to examine the Statutes of would-be Sections to see whether they conflict in any way with the International Statutes. If that is not the case, then any police official, irrespective of rank, colour of skin or religion who is willing to engage in an exchange of opinions and experience across frontiers may become a member and we would be hard put to find grounds for rejection. My feeling is that now the Council of Elders has been established we need have little fear that the IPA will come under threat from members from or in totalitarian countries. As to whether we should encourage policemen from such countries to approach the IPA is an entirely different matter. Certainly, IPA delegations to the Soviet Union or to any other Eastern bloc country would be excellently taken care of, but would they experience the person to person, colleague to colleague or IPA friend to IPA friend contact? Anyone who has been to these countries in an official capacity knows how very well one is treated. But he knows also that he will find only a small, selected group of individuals to talk to, and that any attempt to temporarily evade this perfect hospitality can put the host in a very embarrassing position. I think we should calmly wait and see whether a new thaw between East and West leads to efforts on either side of the iron curtain to establish contact with the IPA. The possibility of the People's Republic of China being first to make such a move is not to be excluded, since a method of co-operation between police forces has already been found within the framework of Interpol and they have made efforts in the past to keep abreast of events within the IPA.

The more different the systems of society in the countries in which IPA Sections are founded, the greater the political problems will become for the IPA. We cannot sidestep them, nor can we overlook them; we must tackle them head on. But let's be clear about it — the IPA should and indeed cannot itself become politically active or espouse a certain political viewpoint.

Absolute political independence is a basic prerequisite for its continued existence in a world beset by contradictions. But neutral is by no means the same thing as non-political, as you here in Switzerland know all too well.

There can be no question of our being compelled by external political influences to be unfaithful to our fundamental principles. But a certain supra-national organisation for which I have great esteem, despite its shortcomings, is attempting to do just that. That organisation is the UN. It has still not fulfilled the hopes placed in it by people still badly shaken by the horrors of the Second

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World War. Then again, it has not yet become as insignificant as the League of Nations did, largely due to the efforts of those who marched with giant strides into a new war. Today, the UN frequently takes decisions which we in Western Europe do not like at all. As things are now, the Americans, who laid the foundations of the United Nations, would be happy to leave because of their bitterness — quite justified in my view — about the turn things have taken in the UN. Nevertheless, talking and arguing with one another is still better than fighting — that too is a fact.

We in the IPA are at the moment having problems with the UN, which criticises us on the grounds that acceptance of the South African Section is tantamount to supporting that country's racial policies. What a cock-eyed thing to say! Almost 50% of the members of the South African Section are coloured and it is one of the few organisations in that country to have no internal racial barriers. It would be possible to exclude the South African Section only if it came into conflict with out Statutes, whereas in fact, it abides by them completely. But this is a prime example of a non-political organisation like the IPA being dragged into the arena of politics whether it wants to be or not.

I have sketched out the situation for you so that you can see for yourselves that there is no getting away from politics, that we must come to grips with it. We should do so with confidence, in a neutral manner, free from partisan leanings and solely in the interests of the IPA and the upholding of its ideals of creating understanding between peoples, with no thought for race, religion or political beliefs and of promoting a free exchange of views and friendship between policemen from different countries. If we acknowledge that the IPA cannot exist in a vacuum in a politicised world, then a correct understanding of Article 9 of our Statutes will emerge of its own accord. Let me offer you one last quotation: "Politics is like a dog; it bites those who are afraid of it"— but the IPA need have no fear, least of all of politics. Just as we have found a convenient relationship over the years with other police professional organisations and see eye to eye with them on many issues, but do not consider them as competitors and certainly do not fear them as such, so we will need to establish a clear attitude vis-a-vis politics. Without taking sides, but secure in the knowledge that a worldwide association, that of the police, has become a valued partner in the eyes of officials, governments and supranational organisations. Its attractiveness is its strength, but it must also lead us to consider the questions I have put before you today.

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Dear Carole,
I have just received issue number two of the N.Z. Section's Journal in its new format. I am greatly impressed with its style, the contents and the layout of this fine journal and in my estimation it ranks amongst the finest I have read, both within the police service publication field and in the IPA world.

My congratulations to you and to all those involved in the production of the journal. I did not get to peruse the first issue but I have read comment about it, therefore, I would be pleased if you could forward number one to me and at the same time retain my name on your journal's mailing list.

Once again, congratulations on a fine effort and I look forward to meeting members of the New Zealand contingent at the Australian Section's 1985 Annual General Meeting to be held in Hervey Bay.

I remain . . .
Yours in Friendship

Ray Bedford
Asst Secretary General
Australia

Magareta Hillblom
S. Varvavagen 73
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Sweden

I'm a 30-year-old policewoman in Gavle and I'll ask if you kindly could help me get a pen-friend in your country. I've been a police-woman since 1975 and have been living with a policeman for 8 years. We have 2 alsations (one is a retired police dog) and 2 birds. My interests are all kinds of sport (skiing and weight training), music and reading books. I'm studying English at evening school.
Yours sincerely

Magareta

Dear Carole
I received this letter some considerable time ago but it has been overlooked. I had intended forwarding it to you sooner but as I say I overlooked it. Could you please put it in the journal if its not too late. I have no member of my family of that age and perhaps there could be some other young person who might be interested.

Dear Family Snell,
My name is Michaela Krause and I've got your address from Rene' Grasmann. He wrote a note from me in IPA news and thought that there may be somebody in your family who would like to write to me. I hope so. My name is Michaela and I'm 18 years old, I live in Erlangen which you might know. As you can see, I can write in English as well as in German. I have many interests, e.g. reading, skiing, playing tennis and a lot more, which I don't remember at the moment

I would be very happy if someone of you is willing to write to me even if my English isn't the best one.

Love Michaela

Michaela Krause
Saalestr.2
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West Germany

Lower Hutt

Dear Mrs Editor,

Since becoming Editor of our very nice Journal you have published profiles on all the Officers of the N.Z. Section of I.P.A. but with a very notable exception — your own.

We the undersigned demand that a profile of yourself be printed in the next issue of the journal.

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Charlie Horse
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Citizens Opposing Protests.

P.S. Does G.S.T. tax mean there will be a tax on German Shepherds?

Dearest Bob,
Shucks, but no — much too shy.

luv Editor

The Editor,

The following members from West Germany wish to contact members here for the reasons shown.

Michael Lange, Ihmer Strasse 5, 3000 Hannover 91, West Germany: collects police hats and helmets.

Ruediger Bittner, 4050 Moenchengladbach 2, Dohrer Strasse 261, West Germany: collects beer labels.

Patric Dieringer, Birkenkopfstrasse 36, 6698 Namborn 1, West Germany: collects badges and shoulder patches.

G. J. Lambert
Associate Secretary
for Germany

Hannover
West Germany
11 September, 1985

Dear IPA Friend Garry,

I am grateful for your assistance (in receiving) the official journal of IPA New Zealand — also as an honorary member of the German Section.

Since March 1985 the New Zealand IPA Journal has outwardly changed and I find it can be compared with Police and Police related journals of the world. Personally, I find it excellent and am pleased each time when I receive mail from Auckland.

Please give to the Editor, our IPA friend Carole, my grateful thanks for this splendid achievement and I wish her every success for the future in regard to her work with the New Zealand IPA Journal.

As a sign of my delight with this journal I am sending you and Carole a small badge of the "Niedersachsen" horse (the arms of the Niedersachsen Region) which I hope you will accept.

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The Newspaper item was headed "Taheke burglar bites man's nose off!" Kaikohe 1985? No way. This headline appeared on the front page of the Northern News, (the very first issue) of 26th July 1919. With all the media reaction to violence in Kaikohe, we can only say that "violence in the North" is not new by any means. One of our Senior Sergeants, Howard Carseldine, commented soon after his arrival, "What a violent community you've got in this town. Every prisoner they bring in wants to fight his own shadow." I only hope that the Season of Goodwill will bring a more peaceful attitude towards the Police by offenders.

1985 has brought some changes, and we welcome Senior Sergeants Howard Carseldine and Geoff Laing, Sergeant John van der Hayden, and Constables Brenda Herbert, Rosemary Owen, Fred Reeder, Sam Hoyle and Steve Croft, and congratulate Charlie Payne, Jock Robson, Geoff Hill and John Carr on their promotion. We were sad to farewell Bill Roberts on his retirement, Keith Pettit, who resigned to return to his old trade as a printer at the Money Factory of Bradbury-Wilkinson, and Det. John O. Payne who has, after much soul-searching, decided to study to become an Anglican vicar. (We may see him return to Whangarei as Chaplain to Northland's first prison!)

Constables Paddy Whiu, Phil Kahotea and Manu Taitoko have been working very hard in recent months travelling to Auckland for rehearsals for the Maori Concert Party which will form part of the travelling road show for Centennial Year in 1986. We look forward to hearing the Maori "Voice of the Police". I have been busy working at a frantic pace on the District History, and I hope to do some research on that in Sydney (where I will be, when you are reading this item.) The first Police to work in New Zealand were actually a Sergeant Ward and four troopers from the N.S.W. Mounted Police. They arrived with Capt. William Hobson on the *H.M.S. Herald* in the Bay of Islands on 29th January 1840 and formed Hobson's only official backing in the days leading up to the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, 8 days later. We don't know Sergeant Ward's full name or indeed any of the names of the troopers who came with him, and I hope to find out more about this whilst on holiday. (That's dedication!)

We also welcome Chief Inspector Trevor Beatson to the North, and hope that he can help to share the burden of running the District with District Commander Bob Silk and Detective Inspector Brendon McFadden.

Our sports representatives did well this year, and Constables Yvonne Baart, Liz Dodd, and Nick Penfold all made the Combined Services netball teams., Bob Gordon ("Gee I'm a geriatric compared with some of the others in the team.") also made the New Zealand Police Rugby Team. We will miss Colin Sterling in the golf scene, but wish him well in the Rotorua C.I.B. Pat Coughlan has also forsaken the uniform and now heads the Whangarei Drug Squad. Const Marian Gommans decided to change her name to Radich when she exchanged vows with George in November. We wish them both every happiness. Bob Gordon had a very little difficulty during the rugby season deciding whether he was going to "play rugby for the New Zealand Police" or "Be a daddy!" Fortunately the arrival of the first Gordon, and the Rugby games didn't clash and he was able to do both. Mrs Gordon & Junior are both doing well.

From Northland I wish all a very Happy Christmas, Safe Travel and Prosperity in 1986, our Centennial Year. To conclude, I would like to share with you Philosopher Bertrand Russell's comment:— "One of the symptoms of approaching nervous breakdown is the belief that one's work is terribly important. If I were a medical man, I should prescribe a holiday to any patient who considered his work important." HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

P.S.: I did enjoy the I.P.A. evening at the Ghengis Khan Restaurant with the Auckland members. Tasty food that was "different", and good company. A most enjoyable evening.

Auckland Region



Bloodhound Bill
Central Police Station
Auckland

Hello there folks, it's that time again . . . a bit of news that the old mut has located by sniffing around. Boy oh Boy, do I like food and, yes, a Mongolian Barbeque is a pretty good place to have a few bits and pieces for an old dog. End of September saw a reasonable bunch (in numbers) and including our Wine Expert from Whangarei — Ace O'Hara — nice to see you there, Ace, and a few new members. The venue was the GENGHIS KHAN Restaurant and it's right opposite the Police Club Bar in Vincent Street, Auckland. Well worth a visit.

Well now, a bit more news, Darryl Shields has led a group of members from Auckland I.P.A. (including our Vice Chairman, Graeme Muggeridge) to the I.P.A. Meeting at Hervey Bay in Queensland. I understand that it was a great trip. And speaking of Queensland, recently had a visitor from there returning from his appearance at the Police & Fire Olympic Games in the old U.S.A. Spending only five hours in Auckland, he was quickly taken about the City of Sails by Peter Burridge. Apparently Mike Linsdell (he is the visitor) was a champ in Boxing, Althletics and of all things, Ballroom Dancing . . .

Dancing around the World soon is member Don Blayney, about to go on L.W.O.P. and just returned from the "other side of things" Alan Snaith, back on Section. Good to see you again, Alan. Of course Nora Crawford is (or is just back) from Canada . . . Globe trotting again, Nora. Speaking of Canada, I understand that ex-Auckland member (now Vancouver) Dave Roberts of the old Auckland Photo

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Section will be down this way in early November. It will be good to see you, Dave.

Make a note on your calenders, folks — 1st January 1986, the start of the Police Centennial Year on Cup Day at Ellerslie Race Course, Auckland. The Police Mounted Section (new or old?) will be there and that includes your Editor, Carole and of course that leader of the Northern Rhodesia Mounted Section, Greg McManus of Auckland Photos.

Well, folks, that's about all for now. Hope that you all enjoy yourselves over the Festive Season . . . understand that there is to be another Christmas Dinner at a Restaurant in Takapuna . . . but no further facts to hand at the time of going to press.

Who has been to see "Sweeny Todd" by the Torbay Players; The Colonel in the show is I.P.A. member, Doug Muir who really looks more like the real thing.

And watch out, folks, for this old Bloodhound Bill has an assistant — Boris — named after a useless Russian Spy that I happened to meet recently. So beware! Bye for now and have a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Bloodhound Bill

Waikato-Bay of Plenty Region



Marilyn Stobie
Police Station
Hamilton

Well not much news from the Waikato Region for this issue, as things have been fairly quiet. We've had no overseas visitors, no social events and very few staff changes.

Still overseas at present, we have Bernie Kelly, who from all accounts is having a wonderful holiday and is presently in the United States. We've had several postcards from him and his wife and I gather he will be on a strict diet when he comes home in November.

Tony Twyford is due home from the U.S.A. also in November but I cannot report on his exploits as he failed to send any postcards. I presume it's because he is too busy having such a good time.

Ian Newland is presently on the Continent and I understand he had a good evening with Lex Denby at a small cafe in Paris. I think headache pills were to the fore next morning.

Lex Denby, of course, has been in France on the Rainbow Warrior inquiry for the past three months and his postcards are too numerous to relate. I do know that he has had to buy a complete new wardrobe, as the wine and french food, plus no doubt other little delicacies, have gone direct to his waist line. I believe he will be a candidate for Santa Claus this Christmas . . .

In the last Journal, we said farewell to Bruce Russell who was going out into the private sector but I am pleased to report that he has returned to the fold and is very happy to be back. Welcome back, Bruce.

Phil Marshall, who was the secretary for the Waikato Region for some time, has resigned from the Police and has now become an Insurance Assessor. To you, Pip, we wish you well in your new career.

Peter Williams, being the lucky person he is, has had yet another trip overseas but this time, fully paid by the Department. Peter went to Norfolk Island and Noumea on the Rainbow Warrior enquiry and although it was hard work, they still managed to have a great social life. Don't know how you do it, Pete.

Well, as I mentioned in the last Journal, we were planning a dinner evening for I.P.A. members and the suggested time was late October/November. I asked for positive replies to that suggestion and unfortunately I only received one. Therefore, owing to lack of interest, I am going to shelve that idea instead of wasting my time. Come on, members, we are trying to get our Region alive and I can't do it on my own!!

Well, as this is going to be published in the Christmas Journal, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our members a very merry Christmas and a really happy New Year. Hopefully, we will have part of our new pay rise and the Christmas tables should be laden.

Nothing from Rotorua again, so over to my spy in Tauranga.

Regards Marilyn

Tauranga

"Well, you would think that with all the beautiful weather we have been having in the Bay we would be beseiged with visitors from both home and abroad, but to date none have surfaced. So then, the happenings in the Bay are purely local.

The Tauranga Station is looking splendid and the daily container of sawdust and rubbish has been reduced to a mere trailer load. Yours truly has been fortunate enough to miss most of the noise and confusion whilst relieving at the Mount. Of course, I didn't realise that my presenece would be so awe-inspiring that it would lift the roof off the Mount Station. I kid you not — and for four days (or until the wind had abated enough for the nails to take hold) we had running water — running through the filing cabinets, running through the divided panels, running through the entry ways, etc!

Sergeant McNaughton is caravan-deep in his history and many enjoyable tea breaks are spent listening avidly to the "good old days". The book is a must for all.

Paul Sindlen is due back from his sojourn in Russia next week and we are all looking forward to sharing some of his experiences.

Alan Roker assembles his plans for his proposed six month trip adoring trains near and afar. If ever in the Mount area, a visit to Alan's garage to view his patches and his incredible train layout is a definite plus.

Well, that's the news from the Bay.

Regards, Fi.

Taranaki



Ian Snell
Police Station
P.O. Box 344,
New Plymouth

Greetings from the "Energy" province. There has been a great deal of staff movement lately with retirements, and in influx of staff as a result of transfers and postings from the College. We welcome Ken Keel from Whangarei who has taken over the reins of Hawera with the retirement of Leith Miles. Peter French from Feilding, Steve Christian from Wellington, Murray Burr from Hamilton. Pete, Steve and Murray transferred to fill N.C.O. positions in New Plymouth. Constable Dave Webber from Christchurch to Stratford, Wayne Ewers and Malcolm Greig from New Plymouth to Hawera. Other than those staff movements we also welcome Brett Greer, Brent McMeikle, Andrew Stone, Dirk Brough, Bruce McLeod, Mark Moorhouse, Steven Reed, Phillip McGreevy, Grant Coward, Steve Hart and Keith Abbott who were posted to New Plymouth from the College. Hopefully we shall soon have a few of those new members participating in Taranaki Regions I.P.A.

We also extend our best wishes to Leith Miles, Chas Castell, Colin Polglase, Vic Story, Doug Mills, Leo Ashcroft, Bas Webby, Bill Owen, Trevor Owen, all of those members have recently retired.

Leith Miles and his wife have just returned to New Zealand after a trip to Canada.

We have not had any visitors from overseas up to now but let's hope that this might change over the summer months. I would like to suggest to I.P.A. members in other areas who have contact with overseas visitors to include Taranaki in their visit. We do enjoy having visitors to our region and yet it seems little old Taranaki gets missed out. Remember, folks, we are the "Energy"

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province and we have tons of "gas" to spare. We even have a brand new clock tower just a few steps away from the central Police Station with its 100-year-old chimes ringing out to constantly remind us overworked guardians of the law when to knock off for the day.

We have planned a Chrismas dinner for I.P.A. members to be held on Wednesday, 4 December and we've decided not to have a big juicy Taranaki steak, but eat Chinese style. Pre-dinner drinks will be held in New Plymouth Police Club before hand. I dare say after that event there could be some stories to tell.

Until the next issue of the Journal, cheerio for now.

Ian Snell

Wellington Region



Roly Hermans
Central Police Station
P.O. Box 693,
Wellington

Oh dear — it's already close to the deadline for the next I.P.A. magazine, and I haven't done anything about the Regional Notes from Wellington yet. Those three months roll by fast. It seems we just receive one Journal (and what a beauty that was), and we're already looking forward to the next one.

Well, there is no major news that I can think of this time. Perhaps the main change here for any visitors from afar is a new interior paint job. Blue seems to be the 'in' colour this time — so much so that in some of our narrow corridors one gets the feeling of swimming underwater! Still, it tidies up the place — and that's saying a lot for *this* police building!

The N.E.C. meeting is set down for Wellington this year. By the time this issue of the Journal hits the streets, the meeting will be well finished. I believe we have some lively entertainment planned for the delegates in thc form of a 'Music Hall Night'. It promises to be a highly entertaining evening — more about it in the next issue.

I wonder how many of the more discerning readers of this Journal spotted an error in my article 'More Police Vehicles of the World' in the last issue? To put the record straight, before the Swiss Vaud Canton Police and the Dutch 'Gemeentepolitie' (wring my neck) the photo of the Renault 'Traffic' T1000D van on page 42 and the Chevrolet van on page 46 have had their captions accidently transposed.

I'm glad to see we're getting a bit of 'punch' into the Journal now. Des Hall's articles are certainly thought-provoking, as was Owen Dance's reply to one of Des's earlier articles. Incidently, is it my imagination, or does Des's writing style bear a certain similarity to one 'Cassandra' who used to write a regular column in the Police Association magazine?! Or is my imagination playing tricks on me?!

I know of at least one of our local members who has just returned from an overseas trip. Lorraine Cannon spent some time in the United States. I gather she met some police officers over there. We're looking forward to an article, Lorraine!

Well, that's about it from the 'Harbour Capital' for this issue. See you next time!

Roly Hermans

Hutt Valley



Bob Fleming
Police Station
Lower Hutt

One of the main happenings in Lower Hutt over this quarter was the retirement from the Police of our Secretary General, Lawrie Philpott alias Mr P. On the 23rd of August — just a few days before his 60th birthday (the old fella), Lawrie became a civilian again, after 32½ years of Police service. For the first time in 31 years the staff list at Lower Hutt Police station does not include the name, PHILPOTT. That last week of service was a rather hectic one for Lawrie. First there was a function at the Hutt Hospital on the previous Friday when the Hospital Social Club honoured him with a happy hour and presentation for his work at the hospital. On the Monday, it was the Registrar General's staff presentation (remember that Lawrie did all the R.G. inquiries for the Police and Interpol for the past few years), Tuesday night was the Hospital Nurses Graduation, Wednesday was lunch with the Enquiry Office and Youth Aid members, Thursday the Police Recruit graduation and believe it or not, within 24 hours of shutting his office for for the last time, he and Mrs P were winging their way to the United States for a holiday and to visit their son in New Jersey. The major event of that busy week was the official retirement function put on by the Lower Hutt Police Club. Unfortunately I was out of town at the time but I have heard from various people who attended that it was one of the best ever. Those attending included Deputy Commissioner Brian Gibson and a good representation from Headquarters (the Commissioner was also out of town but sent an apology), the Crown Prosecutor, two Judges, the Mayor, Sir John Kennedy-Good who spoke of Lawrie's good service to the city, the retired Coroner who also said some very kind words, representatives from the Hutt Hospital, the Registrar General's office, the court, the D.S.I.R., the Press, the Funeral Directors, the business community, former staff members, in fact it was almost a "who's who" of Lower Hutt. Senior Sergeant Brian Courtney gave the homily and let out a few secrets of Lawrie's service.

M.C., Max Morrissey, against his better judgement, then invited Lawrie to reply. I know Lawrie would not offend anyone but I believe his speech was full of humour and cryptic comments — a pity it wasn't recorded! The final quotation was from Mark Antony's speech after the murder of Julius Caesar (Shakespeare) "The evil that men do etc" but hold on, was Caesar murdered or would we have written it off as 'suicide'? Beat that one.

The Lower Hutt Police station will not seem the same without Mr P. but he assures me that he will carry on as Secretary-General of I.P.A. till he is "carried out, kicked out or bows out".

The I.P.A. and the New Zealand Police in the Hutt Valley record with much regret the death of I.P.A. member George Spicer of Upper Hutt. Sergeant George Spicer was my Sergeant in Upper Hutt for many years and I have a lot of happy memories of him. After his retirement, some 5½ years ago, he still paid me regular visits to my Stokes Valley Office. I will miss him. I know a lot may say in some ways George was unorthodox but he was still a damned good sergeant. Always believed in the Police Helmet and foot patrols. May you rest in peace, my friend. I could not attend his funeral as I was on leave in the Bay of Islands when I heard the news. You may have been a rebel to some of the bosses, George but I admired you for it, especially your speech at your retirement, I think some eyebrows are still raised in disbelief! May God Bless.

Carole, our Journal seems to get more attractive each issue — keep up the excellent work, my dear. I know what Cliff Redley meant when he said you laughed so much, you cried, we seemed to have a few of those sessions too as I recall here in the Hutt Valley. I miss them. God knows, who couldn't do with a damned good laugh 'often'.

At last Leigh Wright joins our ranks in the Hutt, welcome to our fold, Leigh.

Marion Hamill and husband, George, are back from their world jaunt and both loved Italy and were hosted very well in Hong Kong by Victor Tutlewski and his wife Venetia. Victor is a Senior Instructor at the Hong Kong Police College. Scotland did the dirty on Marion providing six weeks of rain,

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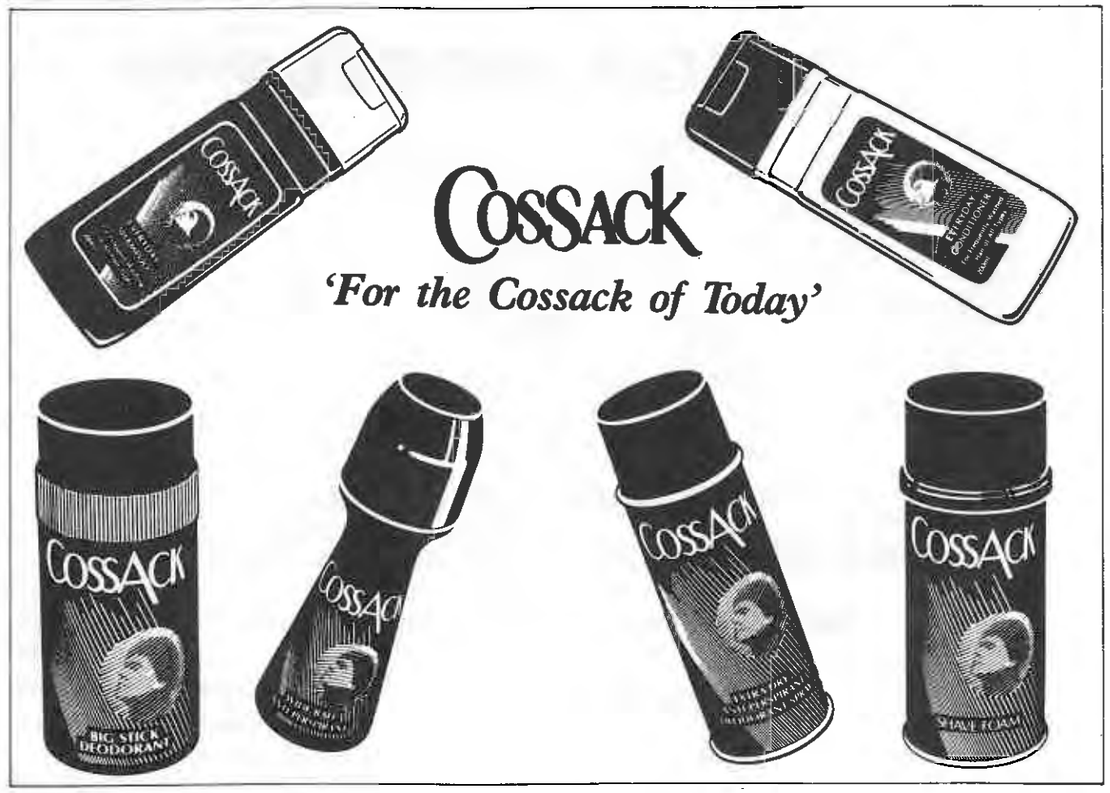

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the worst summer in 100 years and it had to wait for her They found Hawaii very relaxing and enjoying, and I loved the gift I got from you Marion — I didn't know you were so broad minded! Thanks. Marion feels that in Germany, Italy, Scotland, U.K. etc Women Officers do not have the equality they have here in New Zealand. Apparently in Germany Women Officers are not even allowed to drive the police cars. Get that! Imagine the outcry from the Association here if that were the case in New Zealand. Nice to have you back, Marion.

Once again (gone quick hasn't it?) on behalf of all I.P.A. members in the Hutt Valley I wish all other Regions a very Merry Xmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincere regards from the Hutt Valley.

Bob Fleming

Southland Region

Kevin Wall
Police Station
Invercargill

Once you have picked yourself from the floor, herewith is the sad state of affairs from the Southland Police District. Things are not going too well I.P.A. wise. Whilst we have a number of members financial (most in fact) we appear to lack the necessary motivation to keep functioning. Unfortunately this has been further compounded by our Treasurer, Derek Beveridge of Gore, being transferred to Oamaru. Whilst he is still within our Region, he has tendered his resignation from the position although not from the I.P.A. Derek has been our Treasurer for a number of years and has done the job admirably.

Our Secretary, Paul Mann of Invercargill, who is our previous correspondent to this magazine, has commenced two years' leave of absence and it is not known if he will return to New Zealand. Therefore at this present point in time myself as Chairman of the Region am also presently Secretary, Treasurer and damn near the committee.

A circular has gone out to all members in our region advising them of our plight and seeking their support to fill the vacant positions. There are a number of members of Police who I consider could handle the job, considering the small amount of work it involves. We don't wish to go into recess as this stage but we are so close to it, it just isn't funny any more. However we have our heads above water, are extremely financial in the region and will continue to keep Jogging along for as long as we can. Perhaps a flurry of overseas visitors to the region might give us the boost we need. Most come to Queenstown, 150 miles from Invercargill, overnight and then leave, often without making any I.P.A. contact at all. Very few, if any, visitors actually come to Invercargill.

Our aim is to hang in there at least until after Friendship Week when hopefully the Police Centennial and the I.P.A. Friendship ceremonies will engender more fellowship within our region.

Sorry the news is not brighter, however — looking on the bright side — it could have been worse, I think! Perhaps if someone can arrange it we need the driving force which would necessitate the transfer of the Walkinshaws back to Invercargill!

Best wishes to all members and readers of this magazine for the festive season. May you have a happy time with your family and friends and hopefully the department will not inconvenience your social life during this period too much.

Kevin Wall
Chairman
NZ IPA — Southern Region

Come on Chaps (and Lassies) of Invergiggle — I.P.A. (and Kevin) need your support!

Please don't recess . . .

Masterton Region

Mark O'Donnell
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Greetings and Merry Xmas from the Wairarapa!

Sorry we missed the last Journal, but . . .! (I won't make the usual excuses).

We're all fit and well in the sunny Wairarapa, and looking forward to the long summer to come.

I hope it's not too hot though, as last year it was so bad we all wanted to wear shorts.

I even suggested it in that Suggestions Scheme but got no joy!

We've had a few new arrivals since I last wrote —

Chris Lee from Kaikohe, Tony Letica from Wellington, relieving as Area Controller, Philip "Tinker" Bell, and Mark Lenihan from the College, 'Roly' Williams from Taneatua, and John Van Boldrik from Auckland.

Alan and Kim Timms had a son, Nicholas Mark, their second. Both Mother and son are well, but I noticed that Alan wasn't, after his 'shout' and had to leave his car behind!

Kevin (Barney) and Gail Knox also had a new son, Daniel to add to their family. Congratulations to you all!

Brian and Gail Barnes are awaiting the arrival of their first — apparently twins! Good luck, Brian!

Staff losses are Mark Crickett and family to Otahuhu, and Alan Wickens on L.W.O.P. going overseas and not coming back to Masterton. Both members will be missed — good luck in their new positions.

Our overseas travellers have been Jim Field (our dog handler) and his wife to England. Jim wasn't impressed with his visit back to his old country and especially missed our good 'cold' beer! He wanted to take a few dozen flagons with him when he left, but Customs wouldn't let him! He cut short the trip to get Rhys in tip-top shape for the dog trials! That's dedication for you!!

Both Ian Manawaiti and John "J.J." Johnson passed the last of their Senior Sergeant exams, so we are awaiting their decisions as to moving on or staying. I think they both like it here too much to move yet.

Our 'Blue Light Discos' have really hit it off well here, and each one is bigger and better than the last.

A 'few' put in a lot of work for this cause and they deserve all praise, especially Pene Jackson (our VDU operator), Chris Thomson, 'Barney' Knox, 'Rangi' Nicholls, Barry Dobson, and Humphrey Brookie.

Recently we played a local transport firm, Transport Wairarapa, at a game of soccer, and at half time we were in front.

Mind you, there were about 40 players on the field, so it was difficult to sort out who was playing for whom.

At half time, Ron Fredericksen arrived with a beer keg and pump arrangement! We all got stuck in, and oh . . . did our performance drop in the second half!!!

We all got stuck in, and ended up with about 10 players to their 20 and got soundly thrashed!

Obviously 'truckies' can handle their grog better than us!!

Well, that's all from me this time.

Merry Xmas again.

Mark O'Donnell

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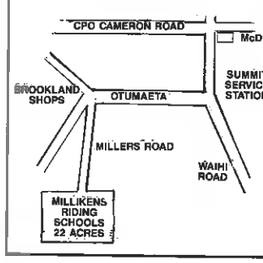

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Notes from the Travel Secretary

Dear Members,
Springtime greeting to you all. (Aucklanders can guess it's Spring — the temperatures are on the way up, and all that rain means the extra lawn growth will keep them busy). The hi-light of the last three months since the last journal was our trip to the Australian A.G.M. in Queensland — more about that later.

Overseas Visitors

Peter Rollo and his wife — Peter retired from the West Australian Police after 35½ years service . . . travelling October 1985.
Wictor Tutlewski, wife and two children 28/10/85 being looked after by Marion Hamill in Wellington.

N.Z. Members Overseas

Nora Crawford from Auckland — enjoying a holiday in Canada after her second retirement.

Pending Visitors

Anders Paulsson and Eva from Sweden — mid December.
Bo Frylmark, 49 yrs, Sweden — beginning February.
Gerald and Patricia Ashley, 50 yrs, from U.K. — mid February.
Gerhard Golles and friend from Austria . . . Feb/March.

Ex-Visitors

A big thanks from the four Swedish Policewomen who travelled throughout New Zealand last Christmas/New Year. A lot of members have received their own personal copy of these photographs of the girls, but for those who did not, this is what the girls look like at work.



Maggie Karlsson on left and Maria Gadzic



Birgitta Jansson on left and Anita Weine

Hervey Bay

Chances are, you've said that wrong already — it's pronounced Harvey — and for a hard-to-find spot on a map of Queensland, there are a good few surprises in store for those who discover it, good being the key word.

The I.P.A. Australia Section held their 21st A.G.M. and Convention there between October 14 and 21. Several New Zealand members expressed an interest in attending, but only eight fronted. Boy, did the others miss out! It's hard to imagine that a week-long programme for delegates and guests could run with such smooth efficiency, but our hosts for the week had left nothing to chance and were rewarded with praise from all who attended. We travelled separately, and our flight from Auckland to Brisbane having travelled via Sydney due to stormy weather, was hours late. Pre-arranged accommodation fell through on arrival, so sleep dictated a later start on Monday 14 for Robin and me. However, that was really the only unpleasant matter of note for the next seven days.

For a rental car with a difference, a Brisbane company called "Hire a Hack" is well worth a try. It's a real hole-in-the-wall outfit, just $6 cabfare from the airport, and its fleet consists mainly of used (i.e. WELL used) large cars, all mechanically sound, if a little worn. It was commented by N.S.W. members that a car with that amount of rust in it would not be allowed on the roads in their region. The unlimited kilometres rate of $20 per day including insurance well and truly compensates for a lack of greater cosmetic appeal, and the comfort of an XC Falcon is ideal for a long trip. Petrol at between 46-50 cents a litre, depending where you buy it from, did not cause any concern when operating such a large car. (Hint — take a screwdriver and a crescent spanner along — non-essential items may need a bit of a tweak). For example our hood catch had to be tighened at one stage and also one of the windscreen wipers in the first tropical downpour, however a couple of tweaks and they were as good as new. Hire a Hack's address is 108 Breakfast Creek Road, Newstead. Phone (07) 523-033. They take Visa and Bankcard.



'The Limo'

After lunch and a visit to a new shopping centre at Chermside, we set off North, along the Bruce Highway (New Zealand road-builders take note) an already good road being upgraded by the Queensland Government. The journey is almost exactly 300 kilometres, and easily covered in 3½ hours. Just a note here for the ladies. Shopping in Australia is still by far the cheaper for tools and electrical gear, i.e. microwaves, TV's, kitchen appliances, etc. Even with the exchange rate and customs duty you would still get them about one third cheaper. However, clothing has really caught up on New Zealand prices and quality wise.

Home for the week was to be the huge Melanesia Village Resort in Urangan at the East end of Hervey Bay (071) 28-9702. Accommodation for nearly all the visitors at the convention was mainly in individual cabins around the central lake. They vary in size, from doubles to family-size, and were comfortable and well set up for short or long stays. If this type of place is not to your taste, there are numerous caravan parks dotted all over this coastal area. The facilities were all of a good standard, and a common price was $18 double per night. Judging from the range of motels also in the area, it's a most popular spot for Australians on holiday (worst times would be September, and December through January, but as an escape from the New Zealand winter, bear it in mind).

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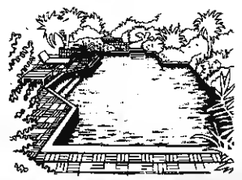

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Photographs can't really do justice to the Melanesian Village Resort operated by an ex-member of the Australian Police



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Finding enough words of praise for the hospitality extended to all of us during the week will be a difficult task. I was asleep after the ride to Urangan, when Robin answered noises at the cabin door at about 10.30 pm. Not knowing we were travelling separately from the rest of the Kiwis, a welcoming committee had turned out to make sure all the rooms were open and lit for the expected arrival at 11 o'clock (can you believe it?). This warm welcome was typical of the attention to those small details which characterised the approach of all the locals to their guests; super friendly, and thorough!

In the morning we met most of the Kiwi contingent, and many of the Australians who had come early (the conference proper was not to start till Friday). We left by coach for Toogoom, and a clay-pigeon shoot: (no medals for the kiwis) many old friendships renewed, and new ones born. Back to the village, and an evening Open House at the home of Wide Bay sub-region Chairman, Lindsay Jarvis, and his wife Verna.

Wednesday morning at eight and a slightly weary bunch set off on the bus again, bound North to see Mystery Craters, a tropical fruit winery, the Bundaberg Rum distillery — a dry place . . . not even a tasting licence, Bert Hinkler's house (rebuilt brick by brick after shipping it from Southampton), and a visit to an avocado grove on the way home made more interesting by a sighting of the first (and only) snake for the week. A long day, but still to go, an evening at the Nobody Inn Restaurant. No wonder Thursday dawned a bit bloodshot for the two dozen hopefuls who turned out for the fishing trip departure at 0800 hrs.

The waters of Hervey Bay were well-plied with West Australian pilchards as bait, but largely retained their population. That population was not entirely unscathed, however, as we sighted a large mackerel shedding its hook alongside the boat, and three other large "hookings" escaped with sore mouths. One of them left New Zealand member Graeme Muggeridge worn out after a 35-minute battle. He recovered after application of the local medicine . . . Recovery was slower, though, for those who made their way to the seafood barbecue at Torquay beach the same evening, where the menu was augmented by the day's meagre spoils (the coral perch was delicious). A bus trip to Maryborough was organised for these non-fishers.

From 11 am until 4 pm the next day (Friday) an I.P.A. House of Friendship was held, with food and refreshments throughout, followed by a Civic Welcome and poolside barbecue. This was summarily terminated by a spectacular thunderstorm, which produced much local flooding and rivers running down paths four inches deep (after only 20 minutes or so!)

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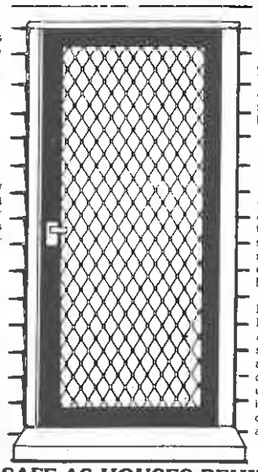

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The BBQ prior to the downpour



THE NEW ZEALAND TEAM who attended the Friendship Week left to right, back row Jill & Robin Chester, Tim Lynch-Blosse, Graeme Muggeridge, Darryl Shields. Front row, Rita Philpott, Joan Lynch-Blosse and Lawrie Philpott. The N.Z. flag being held up by local Hervey Bay member Lindsay Jarvis.

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Saturday was taken up largely by A.G.M. and N.E.C. meetings, with local tours for those not attending. The day ended with a banquet.

Our last day began like most of those before — early! It was our voyage to the beautiful Fraser Island, 1 hour 20 minutes away to the East. The lack of real roads on the island was made up for by the humour and skill of our driver. A two-mile bush walk past a literally crystal-clear stream led us to the buses, and a short drive to Lake McKenzie (the photo fails miserably to do it justice). A truly memorable day.

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The boat and members arriving on Fraser Island



A relaxed lot on their way to Fraser Island



Beautiful fresh water Lake McKenzie on Fraser Island

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For those "still able", the final get-together was held at the Hervey Bay Boat Club with a sea food meal provided. (All guests were honorary members for the week). It should be noted that most of the activities, including lunches, morning and afternoon teas, between the Monday and Friday of the Friendship week were complimentary which made our original trip to the supermarket gathering supplies for the week superfluous and we left a fairly full rubbish bin on our departure. The coach for the week and the driver was donated by the Commissioner of Police from Brisbane.

An amazing experience for all the visitors and an extremely hard act to follow! We've got plenty of reference material for our own Friendship Week '86.

But real credit goes to the organisers and local members who worked tirelessly to achieve a total success. Our thanks must go to Frank and Ruth Hoeter, Lindsay and Verna Jarvis, Graham and Joy Newman, Mel and Maureen Lomax, and all their teams. Adelaide '86 isn't far off — maybe you'll be there to meet some of these great folks.

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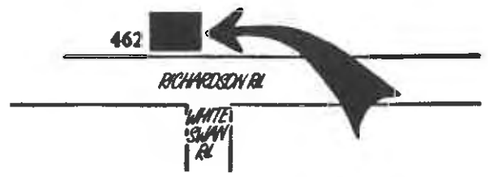

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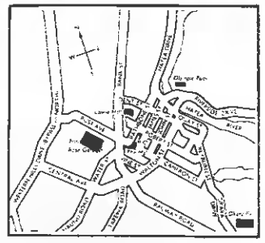

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"Monsieur, I think you are a very sloppy spy."

Alain Turenge just sat there displaying the same annoying equanimity that I had come to expect from that mysterious Frenchman. He acknowledged me by shrugging his shoulders and at the same time cocking his head to one side and blowing a sudden puff of air through pouted lips. He had an amazing way of answering questions with that simple gesticulation which served to answer, yes, no, maybe, or take your pick. I squinted at him through eyes that had not known sleep for days and I inwardly cursed that moment of weakness when I found it necessary to insult him. It was not professional, I knew it and so did he. I took a deep breath and tried to assemble my thoughts and then I went about summarising all the glaring mistakes that both he and his wife had made. I told him that I thought at least their documentation would stand some scrutiny. Instead of that just one simple enquiry with Interpol showed their passports to be false. I then told him that posing as man and wife, one would think, would be a relatively simple thing to do but they couldn't even do that. I told him that people who had observed them were quite convinced that they were not in fact husband and wife and that they didn't even sleep in the same bed. I explained further that he couldn't even give me a plausible explanation for speaking English with an American accent and so I went on, and so the game continued. I repeatedly showered questions on Alain Turenge and skilfully he dodged, blocked, and countered with a skill that marked him as a professional. Another volley of questions met with answers instantly returned. On it continued, questions asked, answers noted. Different questions, questions re-asked, answers compared and old questions asked again. Laboriously the pattern repeated itself, always questions, traps dug, hooks bated, and always incessant questions, questions upon questions and more questions. Were the past 21 hours of almost continuous interviewing starting to wear him down? No, no, I really did not think so. In fact, he looked as fresh to me as he had the previous afternoon when I had uplifted him from the motel in Herne Bay.

The time was 9:40 am on Monday, the 15th of July, and we had been hosts to the Turenge couple since Friday, the 12th of July when we first uplifted them from Mt Wellington.

"What you do, what you do?"

After the bombing incident it became known to us that two French people in a campervan had been acting suspiciously on Tamaki Drive, a matter of hours before the sinking of the *"Rainbow Warrior"*.

Enquiries indicated that the two French people were due to return the van within days and so it was that on Friday, the 12th of July, we were first alerted to the fact that the Turenge couple had arrived at the Newmans Depot in Mt Wellington in order to return the van. Every enquiry is dotted with humorous incidents which for those involved become precious memories. I remember well the time when the news was first conveyed to me that the Turenge couple had appeared at the Mt Wellington Depot. Myself, and three other colleagues, piled into the lift and immediately made our way to the carpark bay. We discovered that the vehicle we were intending to take was, in fact, blocked by another parked vehicle. In desperation I looked around and I saw, to my delight, our Chinese car cleaner had in one of his hands the keys to a vehicle he had just cleaned. The vehicle was, in fact, a new Falcon and belonged to one of the Police hierarchy. The car cleaner had done an excellent job of cleaning the vehicle and also polishing it. There he was, standing admiring his handiwork when suddenly I rushed up to him and plucked the keys to the vehicle from his hands. In absolute amazement he said "What you do, what you do?" I quickly explained to him that I had to commandeer the vehicle, for my friends and I were in a hurry to uplift some suspects in a big crime. I could see that he did not understand me and he took a couple of swipes with his hand in the direction of the keys in order to retrieve them. Suddenly, his attention was taken up by my other three colleagues who were busily getting in the vehicle. I then jumped behind the steering wheel and immediately started to drive the vehicle out of the Police Station. The poor car cleaner, utterly bewildered, stood there holding his head, and as I drove the vehicle away I heard his voice in the distance yelling out "That boss's car, that boss's car, you bring back". We all had a chuckle to ourselves but then our minds turned to the seriousness of getting to Mt Wellington as soon as possible.

What sort of people were they?

You may be curious as to what sort of people the Turenge couple appeared to be.



Alain Maffart (Alain Turenge)
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In relation to Alain Turenge he was impressive from the point of view that he appeared a clean-cut individual, highly intelligent, and apart from the two ugly scars which I have previously described, there was absolutely nothing about him which suggested he was either a mercenary or a foreign agent. Not at any time during the lengthy interviews that I had with him did he show great anger. He seemed to have a very optimistic attitude towards life, and he was to tell me that as long as you had your health little else mattered! During his incarceration on remand in Mt Eden Prison and in Paremoremo he was a model prisoner. From what I can gather from prison officers who watched over him, he was a jovial individual who seldom complained and seemed quite content.

In relation to Sophie Turenge, she, like Alain, appeared very intelligent and well educated. She was a very thin and fragile



Dominique Prieur (Sophie Turenge)
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person who had great sadness in her eyes. On the main occasions I saw her she looked to be on the verge of tears. To her credit I must say that she showed great courage throughout the whole ordeal.

Despite the complimentary remarks that I have just made I am very mindful of the fact that these two persons were instrumental in the sinking of an unarmed boat in an allied port and in so doing, taking the life of another human being. Whether they were simply following orders or not, does not lessen the crime.

How it began

On the night of 10th of July 1985, the Greenpeace ship the *'Rainbow Warrior'* lay dozing at her berth at Marsden Wharf in the Port of Auckland. As the waters of the South Pacific lapped gently at her side perhaps she was dreaming of times gone by. During the 30 years of her life this 418 ton veteran of the sea had done it all. Firstly, as cod trawler, she braved the northern waters until changing hands in 1978 for $85,000. She was sold by the British to the Greenpeace Organisation. She was to be put to great use all over the globe. Her presence was first felt by the Soviet and Icelandic whaling fleets and she was to cause great irritation to the Japanese salmon fishermen. She protested vigorously at the dumping of nuclear wastes off Sellafield on the Cumbrian Coast and she was to make no friends (as we now know only too well) among the French who persisted in testing their nuclear weapons in the Pacific. Over the years she was to be detained and seized by many countries whose waters she had entered to make protest, and there were long waits until release fees could be found and paid. She was extolled by animal lovers the world over for her attempt to thwart the annual Nova Scotia seal cull. In more recent times she assisted in evacuation of islanders from Rungelap Atoll, who were fearful of the after effects of the U.S. nuclear testing in the 1950's. In her slumber that night perhaps it was to the future she looked. Soon she was destined to lead a peace flotilla into the uncertain waters of Mururoa. She knew only too well the type of dangers that accompany such a voyage designed to carry a message of not only protest but of peace to those so bent on perfecting the ultimate weapon of destruction.

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Damage to the outside hull



Damage to the Rudder Area.

Little hope he could survive

Police and other emergency services arriving at the dim lit dock were naturally confused at the scene before them. The survivors off the ship, stunned by the tragedy, were trying to satisfy themselves that all their number had got off the stricken vessel. Some nervously peered over the edge of the wharf looking down at what had been their home minutes before. Their faces became masks of horror as they realised their good friend, Fernando, was almost definitely trapped somewhere in the ship below, and there was little hope that he would survive.

Teams of divers from both the Navy and Police arrived at the wharf and quickly donned wetsuits and scuba gear. They began the grim task of searching for the body of Fernando. They soon became slimy and sticky after being coated with the foul smelling diesel fuel fast escaping from the ship. They groped around within the half submerged steel structure, feeling their way inch by inch, through narrow corridors clogged by debris. Much like men suddenly deprived of sight. their sense of touch took on a new importance as they travelled through the dark labyrinths fearfully slow.



Rainbow Warrior, Marsden Wharf

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The Chief Detective

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That morning saw him slumped at his desk looking a little withered and battered from recent staff demands and the prospect of another enquiry to weaken him still. His telephone lay buried under the snowdrift of rosters and personnel cards. He gave me an important stare and it became obvious that even the faithful few, who always answer their phone when it rings, had on this occasion deserted him. A flicker of hope danced across his eyes as he strained them to decide whether I was real and not just an apparition. He quickly despatched me in the direction of 'Operation Rainbow' with the hollow promise of only being required for two days. I smiled as I walked away and contemplated the fate of my draw full of files, for I guessed they would not see the light of day for a very long time.



Detective Superintendent Allan Galbraith



Operation Rainbow

And so it began that first day, the investigation team for 'Operation Rainbow' under the watchful eye of Detective Superintendent Galbraith slowly took shape. It comprised of 24 detectives, 12 divers (Police and Navy) and a whole host of specialists from within our department and other agencies. In the days that followed the enormity of the enqiry swallowed up staff at an alarming rate. The call went out to other Districts for more personnel and they soon came from near and far. Henderson, Otahuhu, Newmarket, and then further afield from places like Hastings, Napier, Whangarei, Wellington, Hamilton, Rotorua, Palmerston North, Levin. All heeded the call and supplied some of their best men and women. The team had grown to 66 detectives and continued to increase with boosts from local Team Policing Units who were to carry out the mammoth and exhaustive work of searching the harbour. At the height of the enquiry there was in excess of 100 persons busily engaged, all with the same objective in mind — gather the evidence, find the perpetrators of the crime and bring a successful prosecution against them.

Prime Minister Lange told the world that the New Zealand Police would be given every resource they needed to investigate the sinking.

Local enquiries were first conducted around the wharves of Auckland both night and day. Not a human soul who frequented the area managed to escape being spoken to by investigators. In the months that followed Police spoke to a staggering 4,700 people, many of whom were employed in and around the wharf area.

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Dear Sir, on behalf of . . .

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You will be familiar with the published efforts of many well known groups in the community whose histories are not of uninterrupted admiration and affection for the Police.

Even if you don't know them it is often not difficult to pinpoint the source of their broadsides, which contain more than a normal ration of 'indignant,' 'angry,' 'dismayed,' 'concerned,' 'enraged,' 'outraged,' 'stunned,' 'appalled' and similar expressions of moral pain.

Practical samples of the thinking within such groups are known to our police service and, I believe, police services throughout the western world. Among the 'classics' in my memory is a lady who visited the police for high-level talks, as one of a group who were bent on defending outrageous behaviour on late-night buses by creatures who in all truth should never have been within five light years of civilisation.

Many members can recall those perilous voyages through darkening streets as drunken inmates cursed, fought, urinated, vomited, defecated, destroyed seats, abused drivers and threatened with mutilation anybody who tried to interfere with their cultural joie de vivre.

It was, the lady announced sternly and to nods of agreement from her supporters, the fault of the drivers. It was their attitudes which were provoking peaceful passengers to violent protest. As if that wasn't enough, she added, the police then joined the fray bringing yet more violence and trouble.

There is enough twisted logic there to satisfy a Rubic cube addict but it suffices to make a point.

That meeting was but one of the many held during the past decade, as the police opened their hearts and doors to protest and activist groups, to talk and to listen and to try to find answers to problems.

You or I might call it getting together to talk things over. At the time I think the process was termed "Interfacing to initiate an on-going, viable dialogue," or some such horror.

Those who came to these meetings had minds as wide open as a Swiss bank vault. They had already determined the police were the enemies of mankind, stayed long enough to confirm it to their own satisfaction and left convinced more than ever they were right. Police services were bands of uniformed (or worse, sneaky plain-clothes) brigands bent on the intimidation and suppression of our citizenry by fair or foul means.

The whole thing was and remains an exercise in sociological futility, or as we would say, a useless effort.

This is not the same as claiming these meetings had no effect, when in fact their effects were to be seen quite clearly before such a conference began. Often I have watched protest groups swaggering into the station, glancing around with supercilious hostility, then sitting down and proceeding to make fantastic allegations and to shout 'Whitewash' when a police member attempted to reply, or asked for proof and facts. They provided some of many lessons I have learned about the futility of trying to do business with obsessives and fanatics.

The grievous aspect of all this meeting and listening and trying to ease tensions in society is that predictably very little has happened to improve relations between them and the authorities. Decades of recognising self-appointed bodies as though they had some real standing in the community have served only to harden their beliefs that police services are staffed with cringing bullies ready to collapse in panic as yet another missile arrives from one of the busybodies.

Not only the police are subject to their broadsides, as the daily papers reveal. Almost anything or any organisation of which they have no inside knowledge suffices as a target. On this line of thought, however, we may note that in all their years of experience no pressure or protest or activist group has ever acknowledged making a mistake. Always being right creates special difficulties for others trying to deal with them, particularly those such as police services who have to operate in a real world where people on all sides make errors of fact, judgement or opinion.

A belief by the police that listening to protesters' demands and acceding to their dictates will continue to improve our standing with them and with the public generally, has about it the air of unreality of thinking that being polite and thoughtful toward gangs will modify and improve their standards of behaviour, although that is not to say such a belief has no effect at all.

It has led, quite predictably to a further inflation of the already insufferable self-importance of various protest groups who have been encouraged, within the news media as in other areas, to see themselves as functionaries vital to the welfare of the country and its people.

Too often a willingness by the police to treat some groups as amenable to reason is only to invite further outbursts of impertinence in the mail, frequently loaded with secondhand or worse allegations and timed to reach the police as 'private' correspondence simultaneously with its broadcast and appearance as a news release.

Some of these accusations are not simply inaccurate but at times have been lies. A few members will still recall the senior N.C.O. who was accused of gross misbehaviour at the scene of a brawl, at a time when he was in his office occupied with paperwork. Luckily for him his situation was proven beyond doubt, but being caught out in a lie did nothing to staunch the outpourings of the person concerned.

I have come to the conclusion, and am not alone in my thoughts, that after more than a decade of watching this process, most of it on our part is entirely unproductive. Our efforts to mollify or accede to activist demands start off on the wrong foot, are outmanoeuvred almost throughout the game and result in mud on our faces at the end. There is no way in which a thorough, official enquiry into most activist allegations can be carried out with sufficient alacrity to provide a credible and provable response.

It is not, I believe the function of a police service as sound and conscientious as ours to be tied to a puppet string, with a regiment of grubby hands trying to manipulate it from above.

One wonders how many hundreds of man — and woman — hours have been spent in efforts to deal with complaints from unofficial upstarts, how many reams of paper wasted, how much all too scarce police time leached away from the real and

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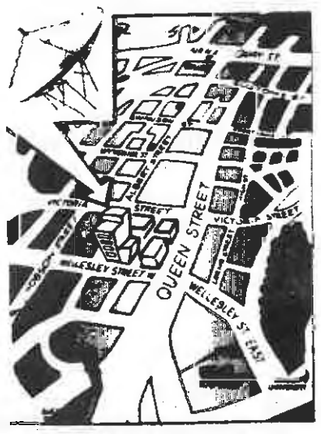

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important business of providing police services to the country's deserving, while pandering to meddlers whose importance to the community varies only from paltry to trifling.

If early case closure can with propriety be applied to the devastation of a home burglary or the loss of a badly needed family car, it can surely provide an equally fitting end to some of the more impertinent nonsense to which the police have too long politely responded.

A commissioner or senior police officer cannot, by virtue of his office and standing afford anything less than a courteous and correct response to some of the turgid invective which reaches police administrative desks every year. He can, I suggest afford such a response as "Dear Sir, I acknowledge your letter of (. . .). Yours faithfully." Only fortunates such as I could get away with "In your ear," "Take five, with water," or "Go sit on it", as is appropriate but of course we seldom have an opportunity.

Meantime it is of little consolation to recognise that we have brought much of this avalanche of claptrap on our own heads by years of responding seriously to the demands of petty parvenus whose only mandate for business with the police is the ability to raise the price of a stamp and envelope.

I take leave to quote from Sir Robert Mark, a former Commissioner of Metropolitan police, who in his book "In the Office of Constable" (Collins, London: page 131) notes:

The force had been in the habit of sending long, detailed reports in answer to complaints by . . ., a small, self-appointed political pressure group with a misleading title. I ordered this to be stopped immediately . . . During my times as Commissioner I would have no truck with them or any other similar . . . pressure group."

It is far from being the only outstanding utterance he made, but it remains one of the best. Can we ever hope . . .

These personal opinions should not be seen as a blanket to stifle all contact with various pressure groups in society. There are many of them espousing worthwhile causes, whose amity and co-operation a police service should seek actively, if only to avoid misunderstanding or confrontations which a more sensible approach would have avoided.

Organisations such as these are not difficult to identify, in fact their own philosophies and attitudes do all the identifying one could wish for.

They are, as indications of what I mean, not arrogant and overbearing in their attitude on paper or in conference. They show a willingness to discuss and suggest, rather than to demand and dictate. They don't hide their philosophies and ideals behind a fog of misleading acronyms, they don't presume to know how to perform police work when they themselves have no slightest experience of policing from the inside, and their activities and pronouncements are not tainted with the smell of covert racism.

These few indications alone will probably enable readers to identify half a dozen groups in the community whose ultimate objectives seldom have much to do with a sane and peaceful community, or the well-being of we who have to live together in it.

All this carrying on about protesters brings me to one last source of confusion.

It is, I was assured at the time, a fine and noble thing for an infant-in-arms to take to harbour waters in a maelstrom of indignation to demonstrate its protest against nuclear shipping.

It is also a most admirable gesture for another infant in a 'stroller' to ride through the streets registering its abhorrence of political affairs in South Africa.

But it's objectionable and questionable if a 12-year-old signs a public petition saying that he or she doesn't care very much for the idea of sodomy.

I no longer wonder some children take to glue sniffing to provide a merciful turn-off from a world of logic gone berserk.

Dare one add "A happy Christmas and a good New Year to all." ■

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Working with death, but still cheerful

For many years, Lawrie Philpott's life has been surrounded by death.

The senior constable has spent 14 years in total as inquest officer for the Lower Hutt police, and he ended 32 years' service with the police on August 23. Thirty one of those were in Lower Hutt.

Every death is a tragedy — from a cot death to an old vagrant, he said.

In spite of the sad nature of his work, he has a cheerful disposition.

"Some people can't take death. I suppose I'm rather fortunate, I can switch off."

As inquest officer, it was his responsibility to collate information for inquests.

This entails preparing grief-stricken relatives for the hearing, and he's often been required to accompany people when they identify bodies at the mortuary.

Wellington-born Mr Philpott became familiar with death while serving with the Navy as a radar operator during the Second World War. He served in Britain and the Pacific, from 1943 to 1946.

After the war he completed an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner with the Ministry of Works in Gracefield.

In 1953, when looking for a change, he responded to an advertisement for a driver-mechanic in the police, and was accepted..

After training, Mr Philpott served in



Wellington for a year driving patrol cars before moving to Lower Hutt.

He first became inquest officer in 1962, and then in 1966 he became a police photographer until 1974.

That was followed by a year back on ordinary police duties before he again became inquest officer.

One of the most distressing deaths Mr Philpott has had to deal with was that of three teenage boys during a harrier run in the Orongorongo ranges about four years ago. One died of heart trouble and the other two from hypothermia.

Mr Philpott also assisted in the identification of bodies from the Erebus crash, by clothing, jewellery and other items.

While his official duties with the police have ended, his interest won't. He is secretary-general of the New Zealand section of the International Police Association, and will be helping to organise a friendship week in October next year as part of police centenary celebrations. ■

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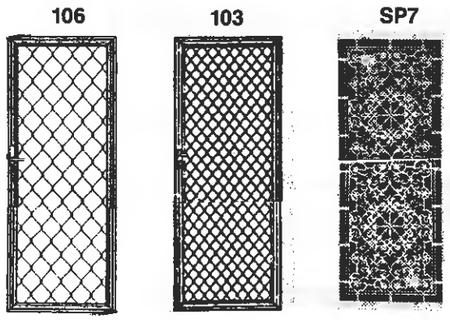

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It is with great pleasure that, in my capacity as Mayor of Asiago, I fulfil the pleasant duty of giving, in the name of the peoples and Administrations of the Altopiano, a hearty and affectionate welcome to the Officials, Executives, Athletes and Team-managers who are participating, on our beautiful ski-tracks, in the 1st International and National Championships of cross-country skiing among the members of the International Police Association (I.P.A.).

The Asiagian fields having been chosen for such a prestigious event, that rewards the sacrifices, the passion, the spirit and the capacity of our sportsmen and supporters, gives all the people great pride, who are preparing to welcome with an open mind and much sympathy the Executives and Participants, in the ever lasting conviction that sport is a valid way of cementing more and more the link between the members of the Police Corps and the local communitives.

Therefore I thank and I welcome all, with the sincere and hearty wish that the competitions will progress in a climate of brotherly serenity to an every-strengthening link of friendship among the members of the Police Corps of the whole world.

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at 12.30 a.m. — Dinner-time
from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. — Track recognition and training
at 5.00 p.m. — Head Delegation meeting and drawing of starting numbers individual competition
at 6.00 p.m. — Official opening of the manifestation and Authorities meeting by Town Hall of Asiago — (pictures hall)
at 7.30 p.m. — Supper-time — Evening free

January 16th Thursday
at 7.00-8.00 a.m. — Breakfast
at 9.30 a.m. — Start of the first competitor, individual competition
at 12.30 a.m. — Dinner-time
at 5.00 p.m. — Heads delegation meeting and drawing of starting numbers Partakers' family or sympathisers' competition
at 7.30 p.m. — Supper-time
at 9.00 p.m. — Fashion defiling organised by "Boutique Giancarlo Stella"

January 17th Friday
at 7.00-8.00 a.m. — Breakfast
at 9.30 p.m. — Start of the first competitor — partakers' family and sympathisers' competition
at 12.30 a.m. — Dinner-time
at 5.00 p.m. — Delegation Head meeting and drawing of starting numbers — Estafette competition
at 7.30 p.m. — Supper-time
at 9.00 p.m. — Mountain Chorus by Matteo Cathedral

January 18th Saturday
at 7.00-8.00 — Breakfast
at 9.30 a.m. — Starting estafette competiton
at 12.30 a.m. — Dinner-time
at 5.00 p.m. — Ceremony of prize distribution by ice-stadium with the children of the Asiaghese Society
at 8.00 p.m. — Gala performance with supper and dance (work uniform or I.P.A. uniform will be welcome).

January 19th Sunday
at 7.00-8.00 a.m. — Breakfast
at 10.00 a.m. — Meeting of all partakers by town-hall of Asiago
at 10.30 a.m. — Train with the flags of the partakers Nations and deposition of a crown by Military Sacrarium in honour of dead soldiers and concert of a Military Band
at 12.30 a.m. — Dinner-time and partakers' departure

Other collateral manifestations notified by proper communications, will be organised by the Organiser Committee.

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IPA Display in the New Zealand Police Centennial Museum

NZ Police College, Porirua

by Sherwood Young

During the centennial year of the New Zealand Police the New Zealand Police Centennial Museum is scheduled to be opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. With the help of a very generous donation from Nora Crawford, an I.P.A. display will be a permanent feature of the Museum.

Constable Roly Hermans of Wellington has undertaken to control the collection and display of material which can form part of this feature, either permanently or on loan.

His first task will be to compile a list of what will be available from collectors to go into the display. He would be very pleased to hear from anyone about:

(1) An itemised list of what can be offered (patches, badges, hats, plaques, banners, flags, photos, toys, souvenirs, etc).
(2) Under what conditions they could be put into the I.P.A. display. (Full donation, permanent loan or temporary loan — if the last, the termination date.)
(3) Under what name the items are to be credited.

The idea at present is to have a display of old and new, to keep in with the historical theme of the Museum. The offer has been made of the use of a series of photos of police from all over the world taken in the 1920's. These can be compared with modern photos, and a display of the appropriate insignia, badges, etc. Thus, both old and new items are being sought. This is your chance to have your items displayed for Her Majesty and for the Friendship Week visitors later in 1986!

Please write — as soon as possible, because time is fast running out — to:

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It's later than you think

Taken from the Old Contemptible — a 1st World War Soldiers magazine

found by Derek Cantelo

Everything is farther than it used to be. It's twice as far from my house to the bus stop now, and they've added a hill that I've just noticed. The buses leave earlier too now, but I've given up running for them because they go faster than they used to.

You can't even believe the time-tables any more and why ask the conductor? I'll bet I ask him a dozen times if the next stop is where I get off and he always says it isn't. I gather up my parcels anyway, put on my hat and coat and stand in the aisle just so I won't go by the right stop. Once in a while I make doubly sure by getting off at the bus stop ahead.

Seems to me they are making staircases steeper than in the old days. The rises are higher and there are more of them because I've noticed it's harder to make two at a time . . . it's all one can do to make one step at a time.

Have you noticed the small print they are using lately? Newspapers are getting farther and farther away when I hold them, and I have to squint to make out the news. Now it's ridiculous to suggest that a person of my age needs glasses but it's the only way I can find out what's going on without someone reading aloud to me, and that isn't so much help because everyone seems to speak in such a low voice I can scarcely hear them.

Times are changing, that's sure. The barber doesn't hold a mirror behind me when he's finished so I can see the back of my head. The material in my clothes, I notice, shrinks in certain places (you know, like around the waist, or in the seat). Shoe laces are so short they are next to impossible to reach.

Even the weather is changing. It's getting much colder in the winter, and the summers are hotter than in the good old days. Snow is much heavier when I attempt to shovel it, and rain is so much wetter that I have to wear rubbers. I guess the way they build windows now makes the draughts more severe.

People are changing too. For one thing they are much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand my own age are much older than I am. I realise that my generation is nearing middle age (to me that is roughly between 20 and 101), but there is no reason for my class-mates tottering blissfully to senility. I ran into an old room-mate the other night and he had changed so much that he didn't recognise me. "You've put on a little weight, Bob," I said. "It's this modern food," Bob replied. "It seems more fattening." I got to thinking about poor Bob this morning while I was shaving. Stopping a moment, I looked at my reflection in the mirror. They don't use the same glass any more! ■

From the I.P.A. REPORTER

(Journal of the United States Section)

On April 13th, 1984, Dotty Amey gave birth to triplets. Dotty and husband Gordon are both officers in the uniform division of the Baltimore Police and both are members of I.P.A. The REPORTER does not say what names have been given to the children but the region has its own nickname for them — you've guessed it — "T" "P" "A".

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Special Constabulary

by Ray A. Cook

Next year when we celebrate our centennial, we will be rubbing shoulders with Police Officers from abroad. Amongst our visitors will surely be members of the auxiliary units in U.S.A. and Canada, and "specials" from U.K. I would be surprised if we don't.

Just recently I received from the British President Hugh Hallet a bundle of papers about the "specials in U.K." and how they operate.

I have studied these with the papers about auxiliaries in Canada and from other parts of the U.S.A. who have this form of Policing just as well established, but not as long as our English friends.

The concept is working well in these countries and even just across the waters in New South Wales, they have over 3,000 "specials."

I do not want to get too much into statistics, information here, or the reasons why "specials" come into being, but a few facts may assist.

In 1981, the United Kingdom celebrated 150 years since the passing of the "Special Constables Act, 1831." Although there had been in certain counties, e.g. Liverpool, Specials well before that statute date the real thrust come in 1848. I quote from the Police Review which discussed the "Chartist" political demonstrations planned for London. The protagonists in that organisation expected that they could assemble a quarter of a million people at Kensington Common for a meeting and then take a petition to Westminster.

The Duke of Wellington took charge of the policing of this event and, realising that the Metropolitan force numbered only 3,500, recruited Specials.

Among those that joined the "Specials" and were sworn in was Louis Napoleon, Emperor of France, who was at the time in exile in London.

The public appeal resulted in 200,000 being sworn especially for the occasion. Charterist leaders were so overwhelmed by this police opposition that the procession was abandoned and the demonstration petered out.

Similar recruiting took place in Whitby, Yorkshire in 1864 (election time) where the local Police Superintendent started up "Specials" with the aim, that any fighting that was to be done was for and not against the Police.

That concept didn't take much longer to catch on across their shores i.e. Ireland. In 1867 the Fenien Society, whose aim was to overthrow the British Government in Ireland, embarked on a campaign of attrocities which included the murder of a Manchester Police Sergeant; blowing up the prison at Clerkenwell; attempting to seize the arsenal at Chester Castle, and abortive attempts to rescue imprisoned colleagues.

Fenian activity put the whole country on the alert, and in various parts of the country Special Constables were enrolled and held in readiness. A rumoured threat to Portsmouth Dockyard caused 1,650 men to volunteer and be sworn-in as Special Constables in Portsmouth and adjoining Gosford. After an appeal by the Mayor of Portsmouth for more volunteers, the numbers rose to 2,200. These specials were well organised into divisions.

They were issued with what was probably the first ever Handbook and Instructions setting out their duties and powers.

Dwelling further on statistics, it was noted that by 1938 there were a total of 118,087 Specials on strength in the United Kingdom.

The numbers dropped over the years because of a decrease in violent times of the Industrial Revolution and the end of the wars.

However, if one can see "Specials" fading away through dwindling numbers I cannot. In Merseyside there has been an increase in the numbers of Specials and recruiting has been intensified.

Females were accepted from 1958 onwards when 913 were enrolled. By 1975 their numbers had swelled to 2,268.

The charts for 1975 also shows that there has been a variation of the proportion of Specials to Regulars. The Metropolitan have dropped, but the following counties have close to or more than half.

Cambridgeshire, 49.7%; Devon and Cornwall, 54%; North Wales 47.9%; Warwickshire 53.7% but the Mets still have the largest number of males; 1,688 specials and 402 women. New York, according to Deputy Commissioner Gibson has 6,000 auxiliary police (as per article in Evening Post, August, 1985).

Recognition

The value of Specials in U.K. can be judged by reading the message of the Home Secretary to the Special Constabulary. From the Police Review.

"This month marks the 150th anniversary of the passing of the Special Constables Act, 1831, — the foundation of the modern Special Constabulary. It gives me great pleasure, and pride on this historic occastion to express gratitude on behalf of all law-abiding people for the unstinting service that the Specials give to the community.

The work that you do as volunteers in support of the regular police gets less than its fair share of praise. But events in recent months have shown that your role as a police reserve has never been more important — both in taking over normal policing duties and in helping to promote better understanding between the police and the community they serve.

I am sure that you — and, other volunteers who I hope will come forward and join you — will draw strength from your service to meet the challenges of the years ahead."

Chief Superintendent Robertson of Tayside said much the same in 1979. His letter read:

"As divisional commander of a fairly busy division with about 100 Specials of whom half perform regular duties, I admire their enthusiasm, loyalty and courage, and am most appreciative of them on very many occasions. Their existence is one of the very best examples of public assistance to the police, something without which we would find life much more difficult."

Reverting back to the Police Review article of 18 September, 1914 it is reported:

"It is satisfactory to find that Specials are harmoniously working with their professional brethren and the fullest of espirit de corps prevails among all sections.

The regular police are very ready to give every assistance and helpful advice to their amateur comrades. One result is that those citizens who are doing their duty are more clearly realising the dangers and difficulties of a policemen's calling, and a sympathetic feeling is evoked which should increase the cordialities existing between police and public."

We should consider

In today's society there is an increasing need to strengthen the Police service. With the advent of Neighbourhood Support Groups and their success which is a form of the public playing "cops and robbers", albeit on the lookout for the villain, the stage has been well and truly set to take the concept to the public.

We do not need outbreaks of strikes, disorder or war to do so.

Our war is with the criminal as it is society's. With manpower shortages in the police service generally, unlikely to be rectified in a short space of time, the concept of "Specials" has to be seriously considered and I feel that the International Police Association members in New Zealand have a role to play here.

If it is good enough for our former International Secretary General to provide material, the least we can do is to consider it in depth, a task that has not been done here in New Zealand.

It is only sensible and prudent to establish, equip and train a Special Constables unit here. The recruiting booklet for Specials that Hugh Hallet sent me has articles under the following headings.

"The existance of an organised, uniformed body of volunteers to augment the regular police is invaluable."

"A small part of your time can play a big part of the community"

"The role of the Special Constabulary is both very real and very important."

The fact of the matter is that the Police Federation have recognised an undeniable need for a reserve and we should be thinking along the same lines.

Strengthening the Existing Police

The strengthening of policing in New Zealand rests on the partnership between the people, the Government, and the public. The formation of a Special Constables Corp, made up of local citizens, would surely strengthen this partnership and lead to greater affinity between the Police and the public.

It seems deplorable that we, the Police, who call out for greater public co-operation and better relations have neglected even looking at taking a line from Mother England. It is high time that our Police got down to serious recruiting and training of Specials. The benefits are enormous and every additional "eyes and ears" for regulars should be utilised to the fullest.

Countless situations exist every day during normal Police duties where a Special Constable could be used effectively. Incidents that are routine in nature could be dealt with by the Specials thereby easing the pressure on the regulars.

Their valuable assistance during the more critical periods may help relieve the stress on the regulars who would no doubt welcome the opportunity to be free of the routine and mundane police work and the mounting paper work.

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Start, Train, Re-assure, Evaluate, Support, Survive, the first letters make up that dreaded word, but in a different context when it comes to Specials or Auxiliaries.

Bridging The Gap

Making allies, and nurturing friendship and understanding of as many citizens as possible is vital to the police role in the community. The Special Constabulary can and should be the bridge between the public and the community, for they can do much to enhance police/public relations.

An enthusiastic and willing Special Constabulary represents a reserve of public goodwill as well as manpower. Even more important, it represents a missionary influence; part of the public which understands what pressures the police are subject to and how they are coping.

It is imperative to seize every opportunity to link the regular police with the public.

Without the public co-operation we are sunk, and with the lessening of it, we are sinking.

If you have the space, I will write again to explain just what the specials can be used for, what training is needed and by whom, and a variety of other matters not the least of all to explode a few myths that abound here already as it relates to job security for the regulars, lack of professionalism, commitment and all the other ''trade union'' attitudes that I have detected whenever I have broached this concept. I would hope that our fraternity of I.P.A. here can see some value in what has been put forward. Suffice also to thank Hugh Hallett for making material that would otherwise not be obtainable here, available to me. ■

How To Become A Beekeeper

By our resident Beemaster

So, after reading the last Journal article on handling swarms and looking at the price of honey, you have decided to become a beekeeper. The rewards are free honey and wax, a useful and fascinating hobby that does not tie you down and, if you so incline, an annual supply of mead.

But wait a minute. Not entirely free. You need basic equipment whether you have one hive or a hundred. Essentials are hives, a hive tool, a smoker, and a veil.

Veils were mentioned last issue. For 2 or 3 hives a simple veil of black gauze over a wide brimmed hat is ample. Its purpose is simply to keep investigating bees away from the face and head so you can work in peace.

A smoker is as necessary to a beekeeper as dogs are to a shepherd. It burns old, partly decayed sacking, pine needles, bamboo leaves, corrugated cardboard or any other material of plant origin that gives a cool, dense smoke and smoulders quietly. Smoke your hands and arms, head and shoulders to cover up the human scent and discourage bees from investigating you. Control the bees with as little smoke as can be used, a puff now and again.



Working a very 'hot' hive in full protective clothing. The small box under the frame is a nucleus box in which a queen will be reared.

Kitsets

Hives are bought as kits and are assembled at home. It is illegal to keep bees in kerosene cases. Anyway, when was the last time you saw a kero case? For the first season three boxes (also called supers) are needed. For the second season, up to five, all filled with frames and foundation as in figure 1. Bees draw the foundation into cells in which honey is stored.

Hive tools can be done without but it is no fun. Substitutes are inefficient and usually damage the hives.

Simple cotton gardening gloves can be used for the first year; after that you may use bare hands except when the bees are 'hot'.

A white boiler suit is an ideal and standard protection but a lab coat works well. Why not wear a white T-shirt over a thin pullover, tucked into the trousers. It does not need long sleeves, but these could be sewn on, with an elastic wristband.

Half length gumboots protect the ankles against bees. Ordinary shoes can be worn with two pairs of sox, the trouser cuffs being tucked in the outer socks and clipped with bicycle clips for a surer job. Bees investigate ankles, become annoyed with wool and sting through it. Two pairs of sox prevent the stinging.

Although I have talked so far in terms of full-depth boxes I strongly advise, for various reasons that don't concern us yet, that you get HALF-DEPTH boxes ONLY. Get a package of 10 in knocked down form together with nails, glue, frames, wire foundation and tacks to put them together. These 10 half-depth boxes are equal to 5 full-depth boxes and will be needed in the second year, but when each box is full of honey it weighs only half as much as a full depth. They are so much easier to handle that it is a wonder that any home beekeeper ever uses full-depth and more.

TWO half depth boxes are needed for the brood chamber and queen below the queen

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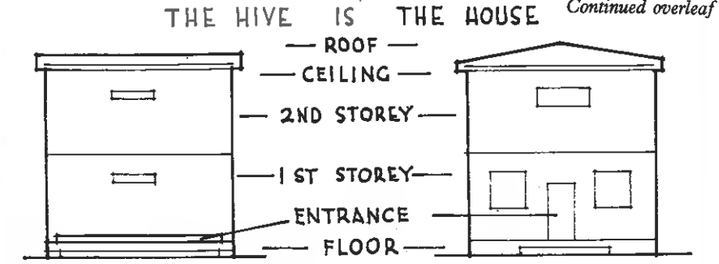
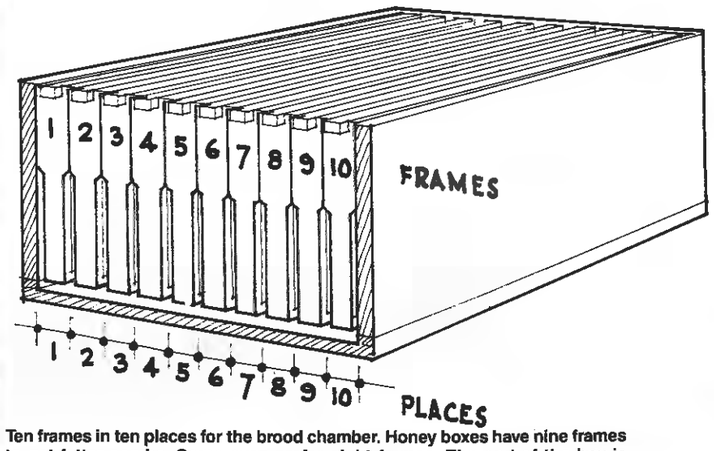
What is possible for a skilled beekeeper to do. The hive has two entrances and has been heavily reinforced with a swarm and also brood from another hive, more than doubling the natural number of workers.



How the hive resembles a house. For simplicity the queen excluder on top of the bottom box has been omitted.



Ten frames in ten places for the brood chamber. Honey boxes have nine frames to get fatter combs. Some even prefer eight frames. The end of the box is removed to show how the frames fit inside.

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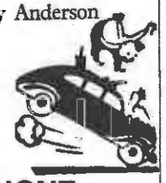

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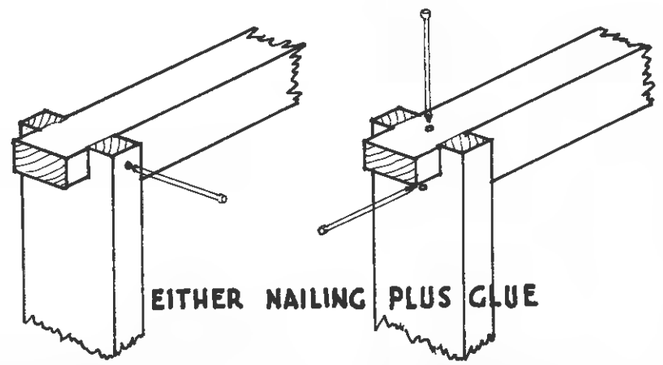
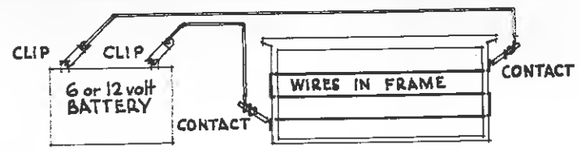
excluder. All boxes above the excluder are for honey. Two will be kept as winter stores for the hive. The remainder are for you. In the second year a strong hive may fill the whole 10 if the season is good and you are in a good honey area.

Before assembling the boxes get a copy of *"Beekeeping for Fun"* by Ray Chapman-Taylor and Ivo Davey, and read the relevant parts. Gluenail everything for strength and soak the assembled job briefly in Metalex to preserve it against decay and paint the outside with a light coloured paint. These boxes will last up to 25 years so the capital cost is not so bad after all.

Gluenail the frames square and dip the lugs in Metalex. String the wire under slight tension, fit and embed the foundation.



How to assemble the frames by gluenailing with PVA glue and galvanised nails.



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Wires are embedded with the help of two prods and a 6 volt dry battery or carefully, with a 12 volt car battery. I use an old electric blanket transformer but that is a bit hot for a beginner.

Beekeeping for Fun tells you exactly how to go about setting up, opening, examining and handling your hive, and it also tells you what to expect, what to look for, what to do, and WHY. Follow its advice implicitly for the first two years and nothing is likely to go seriously wrong.

Nevertheless, it is a good plan to join the local beekeepers' club and attend their field days at the club apiary. Here you will see hives opened and handled from very close up with explanations. Any questions you have will be answered by experienced beekeepers.

Stings

Stings are not a major part of the beekeepers' existence. A few stings are needed to build immunity to bee venom. The first sting of the season may cause some swelling because immunity is low. After that, there may be little or no reaction. If you do get stung, scrape the sting out immediately using a finger nail.

Disregard the noisy buzzers. They are drones, which do not sting. Working bees, with a quiet flight do sting. Open the hive between 1000 and 1500 hours on warm sunny days when most of the workers are out foraging. That helps enormously to spread the chances against being stung.

Now let's look at the negative side of beekeeping.

You need to be able to lift weights of about 12kg if you use half-depth boxes. You need some patience to handle the colony quietly and without fuss or rushing. You need a place to site it where it will not annoy neighbours or your own family. Bees should have a short clear flightpath to their hive. The hive should get as much sun as possible, especially in winter, but be protected from strong wind. Bees should not annoy neighbours; a camouflaged hive is a good idea.

Camouflage in this sense, is simply siting the hive out of direct sight of neighbours by using a suitable shrub or position against a fence or similar.

How much work and time is needed? Surprisingly little. In spring, from August to November, regular inspection of every frame in the brood box is needed to prevent swarming. In October and November also, boxes of new foundation are put directly on top of the excluder for the bees to draw the comb. In November the boxes are 'supered up', that is, several are put on the hive to take the expected honey crop. In February, the honey is taken and processed in the kitchen, the empty combs are returned to the hives for the bees to clean out, and about May the bees are bedded down for the winter. Spring and early summer are the busy seasons.



Of course there's space for a hive. These three, plus a solar wax melter, are on the roof of a car port in a suburban garden and trouble nobody.

But stores in winter must be watched and if they are low the bees are fed with dry raw sugar placed on brown paper above the brood chamber with a space at the back end for the bees to get at the sugar. Also, in early spring to late November feeding may be needed in a lean year.

With one or two hives an extractor is a luxury. Combs can be put in the deep-freeze as taken from the hive after wad and propolis on the wood has been scraped off. Honey does not freeze or granulate in the deep-freeze. Or it may be cut up into chunk honey and stored in jars, the space between the chunks filled with liquid honey and also deep frozen. Or, with a sharpened spoon, scrape the honey without damaging the foundation, crush it with a potato masher, and strain it for liquid honey. Use a jelly bag to strain it, either of nylon bolting cloth that can be got from a bee supplies shop or double thickness muslin that has been dampened and wrung out before the honey is put in. Wash wax out with cold water.

Honey left in the wax after straining is fed back to the bees in a container inside an empty box on top of the hive AFTER DARK. When the honey is cleared, remove the wax and melt it to a block.

Two Hives Better

One hive will produce enough honey for an average family but for safety, in case of an accident to the queen, two hives are better. 'Hot' hives may be requeened by buying a queen from a bee shop or direct from a breeder who will send it by post. In six weeks, as the original bees die off naturally, the hives will become as docile as kittens. To learn requeening, watch it being done at a bee club and then do your own. Beekeeping with a couple of hives is a good and profitable hobby. From the one swarm that flew over your fence, or a neighbour's, you may in time graduate to several hives placed in different locations to get a variety of honeys, all with different flavours and all immeasurably superior to the 'icing sugary' honey of white clover.

GOOD BEEKEEPING TO YOU!

(The author is willing to answer questions from readers about beekeeping. Please send any inquiries to the editor and include a s.a.e. for the reply. **EDITOR**). ■

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The History of Coehorn Mortars & Shrapnel Shells

Their use by Police Forces in New Zealand 1846-1886

by John C. Osborne

The "Great General"

Dutch born Baron Menno van Coehorn (1641-1704) was a talented engineer who served as a Lt. General under William of Orange, who later became William III. He also served as a General under Marlborough, and designed and built many fortifications, including "NAMUR". One of Coehorn's most noteable inventions in the 1670's was the small mortar named after him which could be carried by one or two men.

Coehorn's Original Mortar

These original Coehorn bomb-throwing mortars (with calibres ranging from 2½" to 4½") were cast from bronze (gunmetal). They were mounted on a simple solid block of wood, fitted with carrying handles and hollowed out to accept the breech. Straps of forged wrought iron were secured over the trunnions. The 4½" calibre mortar weighed approximately 77 lbs and the base about 50 lbs. When set to shoot at 45° and charged with ½ lb of black powder it would throw an 8 pound explosive bomb shell 750 yards.

A major problem with Coehorn's lightweight mortars was that when they were fired the recoil would cause the mortar and base to rebound and jump into the air, necessitating constant re-positioning. Nevertheless, they were effective as siege artillery, being used to great advantage by utilising the curved trajectory to drop explosive bombs within enemy defences. They were first used successfully by Coehorn against the French in 1673.

Adoption by the British

Sixty years after Coehorn's death and following further development (which included increasing the length and weight of the mortar barrel and base assembly) the Coehorn mortar (spelt Cohorn by the British and Colonial Arms returns) was adopted for British service in 1764, and used successfully in the Americas and later extensively throughout the world. A larger 5½" mortar was also developed and used.

Coehorn Mortar Bombs

The first bombs were hollow cast-iron spheres approximately ¾" thick, filled with explosive powder. A tapered wooden plug was driven into the filler hole. When the bomb struck hard ground or defences the shock caused the powder to explode. This system proved unsatisfactory and a fuse was fitted in through the plug. The bomb was redesigned so that the wall was thicker opposite the plug, in an attempt to ensure that the fuse landed uppermost, to avoid it being extinguished when striking the ground or landing in mud. Several instances are recorded during battles where the recipients quickly hurled the unexploded bomb back from whence it came, or withdrew the burning fuse, rendering the bomb harmless.

Clearance (windage) between the mortar bore and bomb shell of about 1/10" allowed the flames from the expanding propellant to wash around the whole shell and light the fuse.



These early bomb shells were unreliable and unsafe to handle, frequently failing to explode when required, or conversely would occasionally explode whilst being handled.

Shrapnel's Shell

Lieutenant Henry Shrapnel (1761-1842), whilst stationed at Gibraltar under siege by the Spaniards, devised a new method of defence by filling an 8" mortar bomb shell with 200 lead musket balls and a small charge of powder.

On 21st December 1787 Shrapnel demonstrated before General O'Hara, Commander of the Fortress, that with the fuse accurately cut and the shell, when loaded into the mortar, positioned so that the fuse was in contact with the propellant powder would, when fired, ignite the shell fuse and burst open the shell some few feet above the surface of the water, releasing the musket balls to devastate a 30 ft circle. Shrapnel's idea was to lob the shell over the enemy and then to burst it. The shell contained only sufficient explosive powder to open it and release the balls which had the same forward direction and velocity as the unexploded shell.

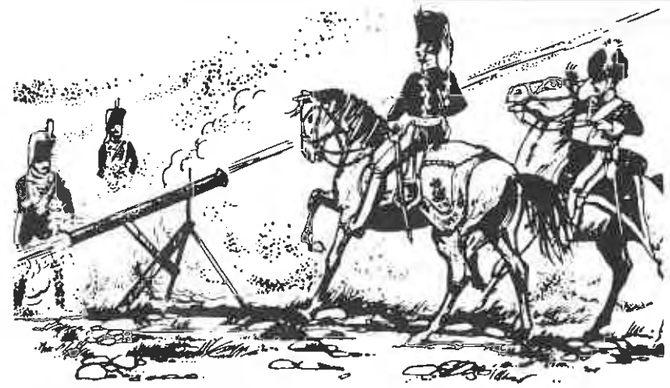
"Spherical Case Shot"

Shrapnel made a formal suggestion to the Master General of Ordinance in 1972 and in August 1803 Shrapnel was ordered to the Carron Foundry in Falkirk, Scotland, to supervise production of his officially-named "Spherical Case Shot". By the end of the year 74,442 shells had been manufactured.

On 11th June 1852 the British Army directed that henceforth the "Spherical Case Shot" be named "Shrapnel Shell" in honour of its inventor.

Congreve Rockets

An alternative to the Coehorn mortar and Shrapnel shell was the War Rocket system invented by Colonel Sir William Congreve and first used by the British Navy in 1805. Rockets were made in various weights and sizes in incendiary and explosive shell types which had a range of about 2,000 yards.



R.H.A. rocket practice, Woolwich 1841.

Coehorn Mortars in British Service From 1840, Including New Zealand

The British further developed the Coehorn mortar. A quoin allowing fine elevating adjustment was fitted to the base. The barrel could now be positioned to fire from 45-89° and by removal of the quoin altogether low angles could be attained for direct aim. Therefore, to assist New Zealand Government Forces faced with war in 1844/5, an eleven-man detachment of Artillery recruited from ex-Royal Artillery men residing in Australia commanded by Lieutenant Wilmot and Sergeant Kerr arrived in New Zealand in July 1845. They had two 4½" Coehorn mortars, and Shrapnel shells; two 6 pounder light brass guns and 200 6-pounder Congreve War Rockets and 2 launching tubes with them.

The Congreve Rockets proved virtually useless because of their inaccuracy and were removed from British Naval Service during the 1850's.

Value of the Small Mortar

It was soon realised that the Coehorn mortar and Shrapnel shell were invaluable as the most manoeuvrable and effective pieces of seige artillery in New Zealand. The British Army had long favoured the 5½" Coehorn mortar and Shrapnel shell for seige attack use. The 5½" Shrapnel shell was twice the weight of the 4½" and correspondingly inflicted more damage. The problem was that the 5½" Coehorn mortar and base was too heavy to be man-handled over the difficult New Zealand terrain and through the dense forests. Therefore the 4½" Coehorn was all that could practically be deployed in New Zealand.

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Mann's Mortar 1845

Appreciating the problem Mr Gother N. Mann, a retired Officer of the Bombay Artillery Regiment, living in Australia, designed specifically for service in New Zealand and supervised the manufacture of seven 5½'' brass mortars on cast-iron beds at a total cost of 200 Pounds, which was paid for by the British Board of Ordnance. They were cast from bronze (gunmetal) by the New South Wales Ordnance Foundry in Clarence Street, Sydney in October 1845.

Mann's mortar re-introduced and accentuated the problem that Coehorn had experienced in that the combined mass of barrel and base was inadequate to absorb the recoil, and the associated rebound jump performed by the whole assembly necessitated continual re-positioning. This slowed considerably the rate of accurate fire. Nevertheless, Mann's mortars were used successfully in action in New Zealand in the engagements of the later 1940s.

Ruapekapeka 1845/6

In the attack on Ruapekapeka Pa in the Bay of Islands, in December 1845-January 1846, the ordnance used comprised three 32-pounders, one 18-pounder, two 12-pounders and one 6-pounder cannon, four 5½'' Mann's mortars, two 4½'' Coehorn mortars, and two 6-pounder rocket tubes with Congreve's shell and incendiary rockets.

Approximately 1,500 Government troops included a Rocket Brigade, Colonial Artillery, Royal Marines, officers and seamen from the four British Warships (H.M.S. *Castor, North Star, Racehorse, Calliope* and the Honourable East India Company's warship *Elphinstone*, soldiers from the 58th and 99th Regiments and several hundred well-armed friendly Maori warriors under Waka Nene.

The battle started on the 31st December 1845 with a general all-day firing from all guns. However, it was not until the 10th January 1846, after the guns had been placed in batteries at different distances, and after an all-day bombardment, that two small breaches were made in the strongly constructed out-walls of the Pa, forcing the rebels to evacuate. So impressed were the British of the design that a model of the Ruapekapeka Pa was exhibited in the Great Exhibition in London in 1851.

Horokiri — 1846/7

On 8th August 1846 two 4½'' Calibre Coehorn Mortars were used to bombard Chief Te Rangihaeata's Stockade at Horokiri (Porirua). The 250-man Government Force involved in this attack included some of the recently established Armed Police Force, commanded by Inspector David Stark Durie (which comprised Sub-Inspector Strode, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals and 50 Constables, of whom a quarter were Maoris). Governor George Grey had instructed that the Maori Police Constables were to be treated as Europeans in every respect, including pay. They were permitted to use their own arms (''Tupora'' and Tomahawks)' as they were not provided with Government arms.

Te Rangihaeata's stronghold at Horokiri was situated in a densely wooded ravine. The height and thickness of the surrounding trees prevented the bursting Coehorn shrapnel shells fired by Lieutenant Wilmot's detachment from having full effect. Nevertheless they were successful and the encounter proved that the small mortars and shells were able to be transported and put to good use in a most difficult and inaccessible forest environment.

Evaluation of New Zealand's First Encounters

During New Zealand's first war (1845-1847) some valuable lessons had been learned. It took large powerful 32-pounder ship's cannon using solid cast iron shot to penetrate, smash through and destroy the strong wooden palisade fences of the fortified Pas, but it took 50 to 60 men with the aid of bullocks, to transport each gun over New Zealand's rough terrain to get there.

The small 4½'' Coehorn mortars, using common and Shrapnel shell had, however, proved invaluable. The common shell was filled with gunpowder and used for demolishing defences by force of explosion, while Shrapnel shells were effective anti-personnel devices.

On the 19th January 1846 the first official detachment of Royal Artillery had arrived from England via Sydney. It was commanded by Captain Henderson with Lieutenant Yelverton, 4 N.C.O's, 25 Gunners and a Drummer. Reports dated 29th July 1846 show that the following mortar and rocket pieces were in New Zealand by then:

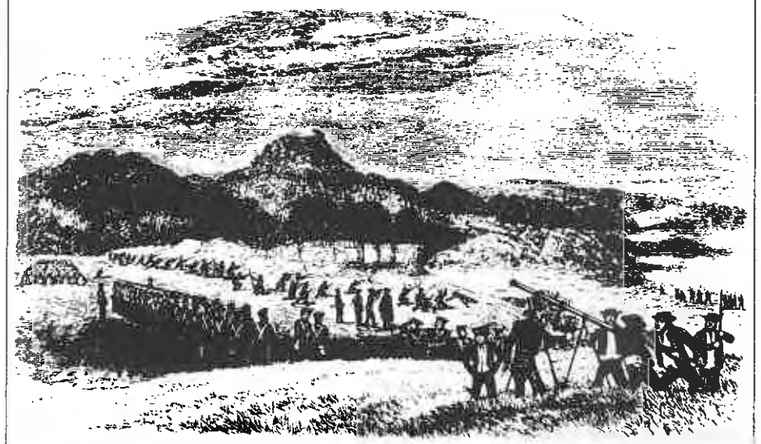
Two x 4½'' Coehorn mortars, arrived July 1845. Seven x 5½'' Manns mortars arrived November 1845. Two x 6 pounder Congreve rocket tubes arrived July 1845.

Besides the above there were Congreve rockets carried by British Warships stationed in New Zealand waters.

Boxer's Improved Shrapnel Shell — 1860

Colonel Boxer, Superintendent of the Royal Laboratory at the British Government Ammunition Factory at Woolwich, Arsenal, was tasked to improve Shrapnel's original design, which mixed musket balls and powder (a combination liable to accidental explosion).

Boxer separated the two by a thin steel diaphragm, improving both safety and functioning. He also improved the wooden plug and time fuse and riveted a sabot (wooden block) on top of the shell which when loaded would ensure fuse contact with the propellant.



Attack on Okaihaupa (Kororareka) Pa 8 May 1845 — 6 pdr Congreve War Rocket Tube (from an old woodcut).

New Zealand's Second War 1860-1872

With the outbreak of fresh hostilities in 1860 British Forces were able to utilise the lessons learned during the earlier war. The greatest lesson was not to under-estimate the fighting skills of the Maori.

By the close of 1864 the major Kingite opposition had been defeated, but no large tribe which had been engaged in the war had submitted, or laid down its arms. Hauhau rebellion moreover continued in a number of areas, provoking a crisis.

The rebelling Maoris seemed just as far from recognising the authority of the Queen and British law as ever they had been. The British Government was pressing for the payment of an accumulated debt (of ½ million pounds sterling), and it was estimated that it would cost a further 3 million pounds sterling to suppress the rebellion. The Colony of New Zealand was nearly ruined. Disputes between Governor Grey and General Cameron regarding war tactics added to the problems. The British Government demanded that the New Zealand Colonial Government pay for the cost of the war after 1st January 1865. New Zealand raised a loan, adopted a self-reliance policy and using Colonial Forces, continued the war.

New Zealand Armed Constabulary Force

With the formation of the New Zealand Armed Constabulary Force in October 1867, whose basic duty was akin to an Army (involving the putting down of rebellion and quelling disturbances) George Whitmore was appointed Commandant, raising his No. 1 Division Armed Constabulary Force in Hawkes Bay Province.

George Stoddart Whitmore

Major G. Whitmore came to New Zealand as Secretary to General Sir Duncan Cameron, Commander of the British Imperial Forces in 1861. Whitmore took up land and settled in Rissington, Hawkes Bay, early in 1863 and was appointed Colonel to command the Hawkes Bay Volunteer Colonial Forces in 1866.

In 1867 Whitmore was appointed Commandant of the New Zealand Armed Constabulary Forces and took a very active part in the operations against Te Kooti and the Hau Haus until the war's end in February 1872.

Whitmore went to great lengths to make sure his new Armed Constabulary Force was properly trained in all aspects of guerilla bush warfare and skirmishing and in the use of 6 and 12 pounder Armstrong field guns and 4½'' Coehorn mortars, all of which later proved invaluable. Coehorn mortars were used by the A.C.F. whenever possible to bring a swift end to all engagements. Whitmore's policy was to pursue the Hau Hau into the bush and destroy hostile pas.

Savage Wars

Under Whitmore's command the A.C.F. suffered considerable losses during the campaigns in Taranaki, Bay of Plenty, Poverty Bay and Hawkes Bay. In November 1868, 70 European settlers were massacred near Gisborne in Poverty Bay.

Te Kooti and his warriors established themselves in Ngatapa Pa, a hill top fortess. The first attack on Ngatapa on 5th December 1868 was unsuccessful, but on

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the recommendation of Whitmore two officers, Inspector Ropata and Sub-Inspector Reece, were awarded the New Zealand Cross for exceptional bravery.

Seige on Ngatapa

Commandant Whitmore had four divisions of Armed Constabulary — about 400 men — and a Maori force of about 350 men led by Inspector Ropata. On the 31st December 1868 a 4½'' Coehorn Mortar was used by No. 1 Division A.C.F. to lob Shrapnel and Common shells into the rebel fortress. Many casualties were inflicted by the bursting projectiles. The seige continued for four days and nights. A.C.F. Constables Benjamin Biddle and Solomon Black were later awarded the New Zealand Cross for conspicuous bravery at the seige of Ngatapa on the 5th January 1869. These two men, under Inspector Fraser commanding No. 1 Division A.C.F. were stationed to prevent the rebels from escaping down a precipituous ridge. Together, under intense enemy fire, they climbed a spur and gained a position which enabled them to shoot down into the Pa, making every shot count. Te Kooti lost half his fighting force at Ngatapa and in the relentless forest chase and skirmishing that followed.

Recruits for the Armed Constabulary came pouring in from the South Island and Australia. All went through a comprehensive training programme in bush fighting. In the meantime, Chief Titokowaru was strengthening and training his force and erecting strong fortifications on the West Coast.

Attacks on Tauranga — Ika Pa

Commandant Whitmore arrived on the West Coast on 18th January 1869 following his successful East Coast campaign. His West Coast force consisted of about 800 Armed Constabulary and 200 Maori troops. The Governor authorised a 1,000 Pound reward for the capture of Titokowaru and lesser amounts for other rebels captured. On the evening of 1st February 1869 two 6 pounder Armstrong guns commenced shelling the Pa from 500 yards but did little damage. On the morning of 2nd February two Coehorn mortars commenced shelling the Pa, but overnight Titokowaru and his men decided to abandon the position and retreat north.

Return of Ordnance

On the 26th August 1869 a Comprehensive Return of Arms and Ammunition on issue and in store in the Colony of New Zealand was submitted by Edward Gorton, Inspector of Stores. This showed that there were 11 4½'' Coehorn mortars in the colony, apart from those aboard Naval vessels.

The war continued for three more years, with the last shots being fired on 14th February 1872. There was an uneasy peace for many years to follow, frequent war-rumours and the constant threat of another war breaking out, caused by the continuing objection by some Maoris to land purchase and settlement by Pakeha settlers. The Armed Constabulary Force was garrisoned strategically throughout the troubled areas with fortified blockhouses, redoubts or forts every few miles. Frontier protection and the maintenance of peace, law and order and road building were their main tasks.

Report on Forces in New Zealand — 1885

On the 30th June 1885 the Commander of the Colonial Forces, Commissioner (Major General) Whitmore, reported to the Colonial Government as follows:

"There are now about 8,000 men of all ranks in the Colony serving in the various Corps. The apparent imminence of hostilities with Russia produced throughout New Zealand a demonstration of military enthusiasm.

The Field Artillery Volunteers have for many years been organised as a Regiment, with best results.

The permanent Artillery Force is being created chiefly from the ranks of the Armed Constabulary Reserve. A Corps which needs no comment of mine to increase its reputation.

The Naval Artillery Volunteers at every port are a credit to the Colony. Henceforward I think the Naval Artillery will prove very valuable in carrying out our coast defences and can be used to reinforce the Permanent Force Batteries.

Machine guns, Torpedoes, Torpedo-boats and big guns of the permanent fortifications will soon be available for training Naval Artillery Volunteers."

Police Force Act/ Defence Force Act 1886

With the Russian Scare and a general upgrading of equipment the Coehorn mortar and Shrapnel shell had come to the end of active service. They were placed in store, being eventually distributed to various New Zealand Museums, the surplus being acquired by collectors.

Dog-Tax Rebellion 1898

In 1898 some Maoris objected to the Dog Tax Levy imposed by the Hokianga County Council and to the Native Land Legislation. As a result the Government despatched a 120 strong force, mainly Police, with two Nordenfeldt Field Guns and two Maxim Machine Guns. A Gunboat *Torch* was sent in support.

On 5th May the resisting Maoris, armed with double-barrelled guns, ("Tupara") loaded with ball lay in wait to ambush the Government force. Fortunately a mounted Maori messenger from Chief Hone Toia galloped in, calling off the ambush. The Government Forces marched into the Waima Valley without further incident. The Maoris surrendered, and were later convicted and imprisoned for taking up arms against the Government.

Now, the machine-gun had replaced the Coehorn mortar, which had played such an important role in New Zealand's early history before 1885. However, the 4½'' Coehorn mortar continued to render service in other parts of the world and was recorded as being on issue and in use in Gambia (Africa) and British Honduras in 1924.

Continued Use of Coehorn Mortars in New Zealand

In June 1985 fourteen replica 1814 pattern "GR3" Coehorn mortars mounted on 1840 pattern wrought iron mounted solid wooden bases as used in New Zealand between 1845 and 1885 were manufactured by members of the New Zealand Armed Constabulary Force Re-Enactment Society from Auckland, Hawkes Bay and Wellington.

These will be used in displays and to fire salutes on special occasions. They can also be used in target shooting to international rules, (using solid balls) under the auspices of the New Zealand Skirmish Association.

This is an exciting sport which is growing in popularity. National and international championships are staged to cater for the needs of the sport. This should ensure that the name Coehorn, as related to mortars, will live on for many years to come. ■

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Return Showing Distribution of Ordnance —30th June 1885

Distribution	Armstrong			21-pr Howitzers	7-ton Guns	61-pr Guns	4½'' Mortars (Coehorn)	Iron Guns, various
	40-pr	12-pr	6-pr					
N.Z. Artillery, Auckland	—	—	—	—	3	8	—	—
N.Z. Artillery, Wellington	—	—	—	—	3	6	—	—
N.Z. Artillery, Lyttelton	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
N.Z. Artillery, Dunedin	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—
Armed Const. Force, Taranaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Auckland	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	1
Thames	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Napier	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	—
Wellington	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
Gisborne	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Christchurch	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
Timaru	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Nelson	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Dunedin	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	4
Invercargill	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Oamaru	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Queenstown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
On issue	1	6	10	10	11	19	4	13
In store	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	1
Totals	1	6	10	10	11	19	11	14



"Wiremu", with his Coehorn. Wiremu is a member of the N.Z. Armed Constabulary Force Arawa Division, which chased Te Kooti in the Ureweras 1869-72. He would have been in a Unit present when the Coehorns were used.

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By David Brady

Animals have always been a source of some confusion to me. I could never understand how something as large as a horse could allow itself to be dominated by a mere man. The sight of a large Alsation dog grovelling around its master doesn't fill me with ecstasy at all. Frankly I am quite afraid of large animals who have the propensity, at the slightest provocation, to change character and bite large lumps out of your arse! For this reason I always treated with the greatest respect any call to which I responded that entailed dealing with any animal, large or small.

It was for this reason that I was far from happy to receive such a call on a Sunday morning. The call indicated that a large Alsatian was in a very unpleasant frame of mind outside a nearby garage and was letting every passer-by know about it. The one saving grace in the whole situation was that my crew member was a relatively inexperienced copper, who could, with little guide from me, be induced to deal with the situation while I skulked inside the police car as a very uninterested observer, in complete safety!

As we sped through the quiet streets I was already formulating a little plan to enable my nefarious ideas to bear fruit. What I would do, I thought to myself, was, as we pulled up, throw open my car door and make as though to leap from the vehicle, hoping that my mate would do the same. As soon as he was completely out of the car I would regain my seat and firmly shut my door. I would then play the situation by ear. Good, I thought! I then relaxed and accelerated towards the bloody dog's location.

We turned into the forecourt of the garage which was at the end of a cul-de-sac. There it was. Christ, it was a large sod! It was leaping about and barking; with each bark I saw the long, yellow fangs and felt a little pang of guilt regarding my intended manoeuvre. Looking over nearby garden fences were various members of the public, agog with the possibility of seeing the local filth not only humiliated, but perhaps even, joy, bitten! I thrust open my door and started out of the police car. My mate did exactly the same in a reflex action and turned to face the dog. I slipped back into my seat and closed the car door. I do believe I may even have grinned while doing so!

The Alsatian turned to face my mate. It growled and then, while it did not paw at the ground like a Spanish fighting bull, it certainly did, without warning, launch itself towards him. You could almost see the poor young copper melting. His whole body shook with fear as he half-turned to regain the safety of the car. I was making bets as to whether he would be able to make it to safety when a thought crossed my mind. Why can I see everything so clearly?

With a start of absolute horror, I realised two things simultaneously. I could see clearly because the bloody copper had destroyed my plan by leaving his door wide open when he disembarked. Secondly, my plan had placed me in considerable jeopardy, not him, because the blasted Alsatian roared past my mate and jumped straight into the car, and on to the seat beside me. To compound the terror the devious bastard whom I had thought to be a pal, immediately slammed his door shut, so that the dog and I were encased in what I thought would soon be my tomb!

The bloody Alsatian sat there, looking directly at me, its warm, foul breath pulsing against my face, tongue lolling and red eyes staring. I was transfixed with fear. Beyond the dog and out of the window, I could see my mate's laughing face. He had been joined by a fairly large crowd of locals who had moved closer, full of anticipation. For them, now, the situation had unlimited possibilities beyond their wildest dreams. The radio suddenly broadcast a message, the unaccustomed noise caused the dog to snarl, and as, I reached towards the radio the sudden movement caused the Alsatian to snap at my arm. I felt that a heart attack was not too far away. The glee from outside the car was obvious, as more and more people joined the small band of spectators.

Various experiments

I pondered on my problem; if I could remove my carcase from the car and at the same time leave the dog inside, the problem would be resolved.

I tried various experiements. A tentative movement towards the door handle caused a gentle snarling sound, with some teeth bared. It tolerated conversation with response.

"There's a good boy then' was met with a complete absence of response. I noticed that the microphone for our radio was situated on the seat between myself and the volatile bundle of fur. Vey, very slowly I eased my hand nearer to it until eventually, with extreme care I had the mike to my lips.

'MP from Yankee One, I have a little problem here.' I sounded like the commander of a space ship whose oxygen is running short. I continued. 'The Wild Alsatian you sent us to deal with, is still wild, but is at this moment, sitting in the operator's seat like a time bomb. I cannot move, have you any suggestions please?' As the radio hummed the Alsatian growled and barked which must have added weight to my snivelling plea over the radio waves.

Disastrous response

I should really have known better. Every operator in every car in the Met had heard my sad tale. Lots of them were known personally to me and the response over the radio was disastrous. Barks and roars rent the airwaves. Almost everyone can imitate the bark or growl of a dog in anger, and almost everyone did. The dog became extremely agitated and my bottle began to disintegrate.

The radio operator at Scotland Yard called for order and to my delight asked for any police dog handler listening to acknowledge. There was an immediate response from a dog van, and I became aware than within minutes I would have specialised help. My morale improved, and to demonstrate this improvement I smiled in a devil-may-care attitude at the small crowd around the car, hoping that they would interpret this as amazing cool under terrible stress.

I told the Yard that I was switching off my radio in view of the animal imitators who were auditioning over the police radio frequency and distressing the dog. We settled down together to wait. The window gradually became steamed over in the warmth of the tension. I slowly wiped the window, to see a small blue van arrive at the garage. Out sauntered a dog handler, smiling sardonically at the inability of non-specialists to deal with what was his particular forte. He opened the rear door of his van and out leapt a large Alsatian, superbly trained and ready for anything.

As my companion, the Alsatian, saw the police dog his attitude became rather strange; what I took for agression was, as I was to discover, a different emotion altogether. His tail swished and his concentration on my behaviour diminished. The dog handler, meanwhile, had placed a lesh on his dog and was strolling towards my car. He was swaggering just a little and almost nodding at the assembled crowd in a slightly condescending way. I sat there helpless and felt just a teeny bit humiliated by the whole affair. Still, honour was about to be restored to the tarnished image of the Metropolitan Police by the cool, confident dog handler and his magnificent Alsatian. I then noticed that, clutched in the dog handler's right hand, was a long, hollow pole with a loop of rope at the end. Obviously it was a dog catcher of some sort. Relief! My ordeal was almost over.

All attention was now focused on the approaching copper and his canine companion so I thought that about now was 'piss off time for David. I threw open my door and flew out, closely followed by the hostile Alastian, barking like mad. In my panic, for there is no other word for what I was doing, I tripped and did a forward roll; this inadvertent acrobatic manoeuvre I described later as a deliberate and cunning change of direction to fool the dog.

I needn't have bothered. The dog shot past me and headed for the police Alsatian. The dog handler's smirk flowed from his face to be replaced by mild alarm. I sat on the ground and watched transfixed as my dilemma galloped into some other copper's sphere of influence and responsibility. My various apertures gradually reassumed their normal shape and function. I felt relieved and well.

The crowd, which had scattered as I poured from my car, slowed, stopped and turned to see the next episode. I heard the slam of doors and saw that my young companion had re-established himself in our car with all doors firmly secure. Already I had forgotten that it was originally my intention to leave him in the lurch, but I felt a certain pride in his rapid assessment of the situation. He had the makings of a good copper.

What before had been controlled panic now deteriorated to obscene disaster. The dog handler suddenly realised the intentions of my Alsatian, and waving his dog catcher endeavoured to save the virtue of the police dog. For, without any ado, my dog had mounted the rear of the police dog in what could only be described as a canine sex act without any preliminaries whatsoever. The police dog snarled and ran round and round, but to no avail.

Now, my problem was that I didn't know the sex of the police dog, so was I witnessing the apex of sexual endeavour by a homeosexual Alsatian? The attitude of the dog handler had degenerated now to hysteria. He was shouting and leaping about. He was striking the homosexual Alsatian across the buttocks with his dog catcher. We now established that not only was the Alsatian a homosexual, but he was also a sado-masochist because the blows from the dog catcher seemed to spur him to greater activity than before.

I, in my new role as a witness as opposed to participant, joined in the boisterous applause of the spectators. Howls of joy emanated from the swelling crowd. Then suddenly, from the crowd, one voice, louder than the others, 'Rex, down boy, heel, heel!

A man, recently arrived, detached himself from the crowd, ran towards the Alsatians, and grasping my old companion dog, pulled it clear. The dog handler, red-faced and angry, examined the rear portions of the police dog with much concern.

I wandered across to the handler. 'Thanks, mate,' I said. 'I was in some bother there. Is your dog a dog or a bitch?

I thought the question was reasonable at the time. The dog handler swung around, glared at me and said, 'Why don't you f... off?'

I was quite hurt by his attitude and strolled back to my car. All was peaceful now. The dog owner had apologised for the fact that his Alsatian has escaped from his back garden, offered profuse apologies for the trouble caused. The beast of some little while ago was now completely docile, wagging his tail and licking his master's hand. Since then I have never really trusted domestic animals. That cute family pet of yours may have, deeply enshrined in its character, both homosexual and sado-masochistic tendencies . . . you never know. ■

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International Youth Gathering 1985 in the Netherlands

From 6th till 20th July 1985 more than 50 juveniles from sixteen sections (and three continents) met on the occasion of this year's International Youth Gathering of the IPA at Sittard in the Netherlands. The meeting took place at the new Youth Education Centre "Wormdaal", and it was marked by the UN Year of the Youth, which had been proclaimed for 1985.

The meeting had been well prepared by Hans Stoop, a member of the National Executive Bureau of the Dutch Section, and his young team, who were supported by the former's young wife and the paedagogical assistants and staff of the Youth Education Centre, so that the gathering could be held under excellent conditions.

The international surfing day at the Zuider Zee, which had been organised by the 't Gooi District, was one of the highlights of the event, during which the IPA flags were brought down to the earth by parachutists. This performance was witnessed by many spectators. Apart from the great experience enjoyed by those present this performance made also propaganda for the IPA.

In the presence of the 1st International vice president Roy Stragner, who attended the youth meeting also in his capacity as chairman of the International Cultural Commission, an IPA tree was planted near the IPA house Mheer Castle. More than 100 spectators witnessed this event and could watch the juveniles planting "their" trees



with great zeal. They were assisted by the burgomaster of Margraten, Baron Michiel van Keesenich, and together they managed to plant the red beech properly.

Vice president Stragner conveyed the greetings of the Permanent Executive Bureau and made particular mention of the bonds of the IPA and the UNO with the youth. The President and the Dutch Section, Theo Leenders, who is also the International Secretary General, endorsed these statements and thanked all those who had supported and organised the youth meeting. The IPA tree is supposed to symbolise the growth of the IPA as well as the commitment of the youth of the future. A plaque bearing the inscripton "A tree alive in '85 I.P.A. International Youth Gathering 11/7/85 — International Youth Year UN" will commemorate this memorable day.

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International Youth Seminar

The international youth seminar which had been planned for this year at the Information and Education Centre at Gimborn Castle had to be cancelled, because of the number of prospective participants was too small. Only eleven participants from the German Section, from Denmark and Norway had notified the organisers of their participation. The Permanent Executive Bureau and the Information and Education Centre at Gimborn Castle have again scheduled a Youth Seminar for 1986, which is to take place from August 27th till September 6th, 1986. The programme will be published in the near future.

The international youth seminars are supposed to appeal to young members of the police force as well as to the sons and daughters of IPA members who are from 19 to 27 years old. Moreover, these seminars are supposed to supplement the IPA youth gatherings which are intended for juveniles aged between 15 and 18. The International IPA youth gathering 1986 will take place in Great Britain. The exact date will be announced later on. ■



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Having reached the golden age of three score which meant automatic elevation from Policeman to Pensioner (surtax on super-annuation included) and having been a slave for 43 years, 32½ of which were subject to Police General Instructions, I decided to get away from it all and take a trip. I said 'get away from it all' but in five weeks I visited seven Police stations and one Court house — none were planned but none required bail to exit.

The Lure of Waikiki

With a son resident in New Jersey for three years and the ever present lure of Waikiki, San Francisco and Los Angeles there was no difficulty choosing where to go. The next choice was ports-of-call and how to get there. A little shopping around produced a Continental Kiwifare — maximum time away, 35 days (fair enough) — maximum stops in the United States, five (would have liked two more) but overall a good deal, good service, good meals, baggage claims a little slow in places but, and a big BUT too, when travelling between two stops in the United States, you have to go via the airlines two hubs, Denver or Houston. Now that's not too bad between San Francisco and Detroit or Newark to Los Angeles but to go from Detroit to Newark (New Jersey) via Denver is a little too much and waste of almost a day. Imagine going from Auckland to Whangarei via Invercargill. Anyway we saw Denver airport in triplicate.



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First stop, Honolulu, a swim at Waikiki Beach, a visit to the magnificent Ali Moana shopping centre (without credit cards!), a tour of the city and *U.S.S. Arizona* memorial, nearly involved in a husband/wife dispute on a sidewalk cafe but 'melted' away



Region 9 chairman, Ken Foss and family International Philpotts.

when Police arrived, and two nights on the 32nd floor of a nice hotel which had fast lifts stating 'In case of fire — use stairs.' Never found the stairs!

No I.P.A. members listed in Hawaii, but that is not the case in San Francisco because, Ken Foss, chairman of the region, makes sure his visitors are well looked after.



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Fisherman's wharf, an afternoon on the harbour under those mighty bridges and lunch on Treasure Island with Capt. Diurmet Philpott, Chief of San Francisco C.I.B. — yes, I had to go all the way to San Francisco to meet another Policeman named PHILPOTT. Treasure Island is an Armed Forces base on land reclaimed during World War II and has an extremely nice restaurant.



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco.

From above to below

Our stay in Detroit (who wants to visit Detroit???) of two nights and a day was actioned packed from start to finish, the reason being we were hosted by Ed and Alice Thebo. An audience with Chief of Police, Hart, then 700 feet up in a helicopter, followed by a visit to a salt mine 1,300 feet underground — very interesting. It was in Detroit that I visited a Court room. Security at the entrance to the building was very tight with 'ping' arches and the searching of bags, purses, etc. The equivalent of a District Jury trial was in progress. The Defendant, his Attorney and 13 of the 14 Jurors were black.. When the Court adjourned for the day, everyone stood while the Jurors filed out,



With Ed and Alice Thebo before helicopter ride.



A retirement job for Laurie?

then the remainder, including the Judge, all had a friendly chat. The last to leave the Court room, before the cleaners swept us out, were the Judge and Yours Truly. The 14 Jurors sit through the case but only 12 decide the verdict. If the 14 survive till the

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bitter end, two are ballotted out. This no doubt saves a few retrials. I heard later that the verdict was 'guilty'. While at Ed's house I had the pleasure of meeting David Ennest, chairman of Region 20.

Policing in the U.S.A.

So onto New Jersey, which as you know is just across the Hudson River from



Leroy andMarian Eide, Mrs. P. Doris and Richard Grace, Anaheim.

Manhattan which is just across the East River from Long Island, but to drive from Fair Haven in New Jersey to Garden City, Long Island will cost you US$5 in tolls alone. New Jersey is fast taking over from Manhattan as the industrial centre for the area. My three weeks in and about New



Supper with Region 10 left to right: James Moran, John and Ruth Geraghty, Jacqui and Pat McGuckin, Rita and Greg P

Jersey gave me a good idea of Policing in the U.S. Although not being interested in talking 'shop', mixing with I.P.A. friends gives one a brief idea of what goes on in general. First there are the State Police who patrol the Highways, etc, do all the diplomatic work, cover small areas who cannot afford their own Police and, when requested, help smaller towns who do have their own Police. Jersey City has its own well organised Police Dept. and their own Police Academy of which John Geraghty, chairman of that IPA region, is Commandant, while IPA member James Moran is in charge of C.R.B. — both very good members.

Fair Haven

On the other hand, the town of Fair Haven, where I stayed, has its own Police Dept of 13 sworn members and one civilian despatcher; one small station; three marked



Fair Haven's Police headquarters and only Police Station.

cars; two plain cars; a teleprinter but no computer terminal (yet!!). Louis De Vito, not an IPA member (yet!), is a very popular Chief. He has two Captains, one of whom is the only Detective; two Lieutenants, one of whom assists with Youth Aid; a Sergeant and the remaining seven are Patrolmen. Mary Monica, the despatcher (who incidently wears a uniform) answers the phones and radio, does all the paperwork including records and anything else you can think of. There's not much crime in Fair Haven, Chief De Vito sees to that. In fact the major event while I was there was the rounding up



Fair Haven Police chiefs, left: the sole Detective, centre; Chief De Vito.

of approximately a dozen wild cats!

While based in New Jersey, we made two excursions, one to Boston where we went through the magnificent memorial to the late Pres. J. F. Kennedy and having a reputation of avid tea drinkers, we simply had to visit the venue of the most famous tea party of all times.

The other excursion was to Washington, D.C. where Theodore Haverchack made sure we saw the White House. Also on the agenda were the mangificent Smithsonian Institute and the Navy museum. In the course of a drive through the Capital's park area, we came across three Rugby grounds with a game of Rugby union in progress on each.

Final stop on this most enjoyable holiday was Los Angeles and thanks to Richard and Doris Grace, we saw as much of Los Angeles as one possibly could in three days. Universal studios, Disneyland, the *Queen Mary* and the beaches — all absolutely wonderful.

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Mrs. P. meets Michael Knight


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Unleaded or De-caffeinated?

So, after all that, what of U.S.A. '85? The American is always pleased to meet a New Zealander and is very interested in our country, even if he/she is not quite sure where it is. There is a lot of interest in our Friendship week so we hope to see a good representation from all over the U.S.A. Vehicles run on three types of petrol, standard, super and unleaded and you can drink ordinary coffee or de-caffeinated — do not get confused and ask for unleaded coffee or de-caffeinated petrol.

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Recently retired Chief of Little Silver Police Dept., Dave Kennedy — he collects anything.

esting. At the hotel in L.A. we asked for tea at breakfast. On the first morning we received a cup and saucer, a small jug of hot water and, separately, a tea bag. The second morning the cup was produced and the jug of hot water but with the tea bag immersed in the hot water. On the third day, no jug but the cup had the hot water and tea bag in it. As a self confessesd connoisseur of tea, I am happy to say that Mrs Foss of San Francisco, Mrs Thebo in Detroit, Mrs Geraghty and Mrs Kennedy in New Jersey, Mrs Kelly on Long Island and Mrs Grace in Santa Ana have all passed the crucial tea-making test with top marks and flying colours.

Finally, with all due respect to Mr Budweiser and Mr Michelob, I think I would prefer our own brew of amber liquid refreshment! ■


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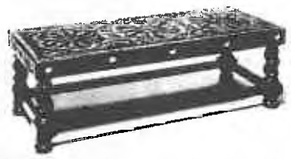

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Wine Chat with 'Ace'

Boutique is Beautiful

The term 'boutique' immediately conjures up thoughts of a shop that is small, and sells stock that is fashionable, exclusive and expensive. When applied to wineries one would expect these same characteristics to apply. Exclusive many of the smaller ones undoubtedly are, and some of them expensive, but not all. Many of them are trying hard to promote the 'fashionable' image too, and some are succeeding. Many of the people who set themselves up in these "boutique wineries" may have had these factors in mind, and they probably cherished the hope that they would make a pile from their venture. While they may not be finding the going as tough as a good many sheep farmers, there would not be many who are "waxing fat" on the proceeds of their labours. Anyone going into the small producer area of wine making these days is really choosing a life style rather than a big money spinner.

Many Requirements Needed

The ever improving standard of New Zealand wine at all levels ensures that the small producer can never be content to merely make a good product, win a few medals at either the Easter or National Wine Competitions and then sit back and rest on his or her laurels. For making fashionable and exclusive wine takes not only knowledge, technique, expensive equipment, etc. it also needs grapes that have been grown in the right soil, the right climate and harvested in optimum condition. It also needs to be promoted and marketed with flair and imagination. It also requires considerable capital backing, to maintain reputation and standards, particularly in the red wine field. The entire wine production for that reason may have to be held back from release to the buying (and drinking) public until it has reached a certain stage of development.

We now have quite a choice of product from an ever increasing number of these small producers. In many instances the wine-maker is a graduate of an established University or Wine College with degrees in oenology and viticulture. He or she (for we now have quite a number of female wine makers) will have proven practical experience over several years with a large established wine making company either in New Zealand or overseas.

Ngatarawa Wine

Typical of this new breed of boutique wine makers is Alwyn Corban, the man behind the wines that are produced and sold under the Ngatarawa label. The son of the New Zealand Wine Institute's founder chairman, Alex Corban, Alwyn is a graduate of Davis University, California with a master's degree in oenology and viticulture. The wines are produced in a picturesque building of native timbers that was formerly a racing stable. The original use of the building has been incorporated in an imaginative way in the distinctive label which features a stylised horse's head. This theme is carried through in the name (Stables Red) given to the company's standard dry red wine. The 1984 Sauvignon Blanc from Ngatarawa has a beautiful varietal capsicum bouquet, crisp acid, and with some oak aging for added interest. It has a higher than average alcohol content to ensure stability for several years aging. The Rhine Riesling is of the dry style and promises to develop further in the bottle. For a winery with less than 5 years production under its belt, Ngatarawa Wine is going places.

Eskdale

Eskdale Winegrowers is another Bay vineyard with limited but classy output. Its wine-maker Kim Salonius hails from Canada but has established himself as a maker of wines with individuality. His Cabernet Sauvignon, particularly the 1981, is a sound wine with lots of oak character and fine earthy nose. His 1982 Chardonnay was flavoursome with true character, and the 1984 was light in style but a pleasant wine. He has excelled himself with his 1985 botritised late pick Gewurztraminer. A superb desert wine with lots of complex honey-like spice that promises to get better and better.

Neudorf

Tim Finn the owner and wine-maker of Neudorf wines at Upper Moutere is not unlike Ngatarawa situation for his first wine was made in an old barn. A M.Sc Graduate who was formerly advisory officer with the Ministry of Agriculture and fisheries, his Cabernet Sauvignon is an exciting wine with intense ruby colour, loads of fruit and balanced by a sound tannin grip. It promises to age well with careful cellaring. He has developed his winery as a show place where people can not only sample the product in pleasant surroundings, they can enjoy good food to complement the wine in the alfresco situation. The premises he is at present using as a winery was built from timber grown on the property and milled locally. The grape vines planted nearby to enclose part of the outdoor setting also add atmosphere and a practical example of viticulture for 'on the spot' inspection by interested visitors.

Morton Estate

Morton Estate is a new winery that has made a very real impact on the boutique scene in the short span of its existence. The winery building set on the main road near Katikati is almost surrounded by Kiwifruit horticulturists, and is the first winery to have established itself in this region. John Hancock the wine-maker, is an Australian with extensive experience in that country, who also made an impact when he joined the New Zealand firm of Delegats in 1979. Morton Estate's success has been mainly in the white wine area, with the 1983 Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc particularly good. Both wines have high alcohol content, plenty of varietal fruit, yet well balanced by acid. I visited the winery in 1983 and was then so taken with the Sauvignon Blanc that I brought a case home. I have enjoyed studying the development of the wine over this period by opening a bottle at intervals and checking the tasting notes of previous tastings. Morton Estate also made some excellent Gewurztraminer in a lighter style together with a fine Gewurz/Muller Thurgau blend that goes well with seafood or Chinese meals.

Matawhero

No article on boutique wine growers would be complete without mention of Matawhero, the Gisborne winery located in Riverpoint Road. The wine-maker, Denis Irwin looks rather like an aging "hippy" but what he doesn't know about wine making, particularly the Gewurztraminers and Chardonnays, must not be worth knowing, for I have never tasted an "ordinary" Matawhero wine of either of these varieties. His Gewurztraminers are exceptional, and world class, with the Chardonnays not far behind. Only available by mail order, Matawhero wines are packed with care, and promoted with flare. The restrained label displays an old historic church that is located not far from the vineyard.

Millton Wines

A newcomer to the scene is Millton Wines. Located in Papatu Road, Manutuke, Gisborne this family concern had their first wines on the market with the 1984 season. Their range of wines concentrated on the classic white varieties of Chardonnay, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Chenic Blanc. Their barrell-fermented 1984 Chardonnay is a most interesting wine that shows considerable promise for the future. Winemaker James Millton has had extensive experience in wine-making in France and Germany and has also worked in the Wine Industry in South Australia. His experience and flare shows in the treatment of some of his wines. He would I suspect be one of the first to blend Chenic Blanc with Semillon and the resulting wine is quite exciting. It has a bouquet that is rich and complex; almost cheese-like in character; and the wine has a delicate dryness that balances the acid of the Chenin Blanc with the herbaceous character of the Semillon. Truly an exclusive wine. Will it become "fashionable"? To soon to say, but I will certainly look forward with interest to the progress of this infant winery in the future.

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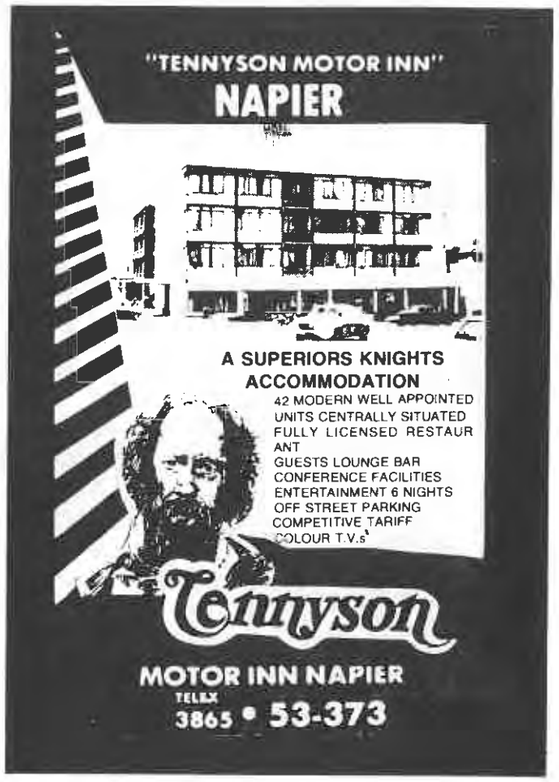

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I said "What is the deadline?"

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Well Carole here it is and you needn't worry it has been proof-read by my sternest critic . . . my wife.

I have recently been away for the weekend. Sue and I had decided that we needed a couple of days to recharge the batteries and arranged to spend a weekend at the Manly holiday homes with friends of ours, Dick and Raewyn.

After work on Friday I arrived home and it was all go packing up clothes and provisions. One suitcase for Sue and I for the weekend and one each for the girls, Sarah and Debbie. I'm not saying that the girls took a lot but there weren't any 'favourite' toys left behind.

The plan was to rendezvous with Dick and Raewyn and then drive up to Manly in mini convoy. However the best laid plans etc. Five minutes after leaving home it started raining. Seven minutes after leaving home the windscreen wipers went on their own private holiday. Result . . . luggage transfer to Dick's trusty Holden and away we went.

We arrived at Manly and off loaded all the supplies then off to the local hostilliary for some refreshments, liquid and solid. The Whangaparoa local is very nicely furnished and there was a hugh smorgasbord laid out. All the usual goodies, mussells, chicken, ham etc. The chef stood proudly behind the spread and carved the ham for the eight people present (and that included us). It seems the smorgasbord was a new idea and the locals didn't know about it? The food was however excellent and the price was reasonable. Then back to the unit and a leisurely evening spent just chewing the fat. Laid to bed after several "last nightcaps".

For some bizzare reason we were all awake early on Saturday morning and we couldn't even blame it on the children. After a hearty breakfast, (the condemned?) we made the short journey to the Orewa shops.

Sue and Reawyn and our money went in one direction and Dick and I sought refuge in the local sports shop.

Two hours later we were re-united with the girls and most of our money. Some had been spent on a couple of small presents to take back for the children.

The next stop proved to be much more expensive as I acquired a new two piece surfcasting rod and reel. After all you can't go fishing without one.

After a lazy afternoon in front of the television watching the Australians playing two different kinds of football, (neither of which was the real thing) it was decided that the new fishing gear should be tested. The locals had told us where all the good fishing spots were and none of them had included Manly Beach on the list. So where did we go? Manly Beach!

In between heavy rain showers and by the light of the car headlamps, the slippery nylon and little hooks etc. were eventually connected and a piece of Trevallie bait was thrown into the water. Several casts and several pieces of bait later, a fish was caught. Great fresh fish fillets for Sunday breakfast. But steady on, first we have to get the little beasty out of the water.

When landed, little was the right word! It was legal, but only just! Maybe enough fillet for a sandwich or maybe a McDonald's Fishburger. Anyway it was fresh and the new reel worked!

Sunday was another quiet day. A quiet spot of fishing on the other side of the peninsula. Dick's turn this time and a much more respectably-sized fish landed.

After the fish stopped biting, another short drive to Waiwera and the local hot pools complex. As we were on holiday we decided to spend the extra and hire the private "Paradise Room". The price is 150% over the usual private pool but then so is the quality. (complete with en-suite)!

Then it was time to turn homewards with us all having that peculiarly nice feeling of being very tired but totally rested at the same time.

Well there you are Carole. A bit different to your usual exotic travelogue but I can assure you that for just plain relaxation the 'Gone fishing' sign and the local accommodation just cannot be beaten. I recommend all our members to take advantage of the holiday homes. The standard is very good and they are right on your doorstep.

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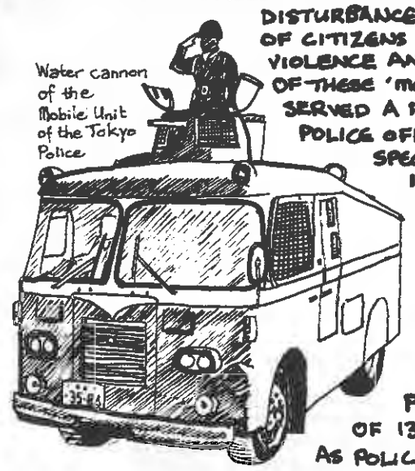

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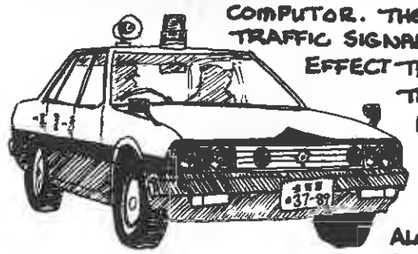

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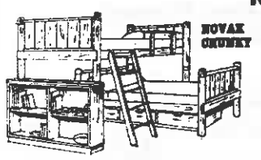

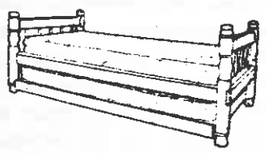

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The Rise and Fall of the First New Zealand Police Superannuation Scheme

by Police Historian Richard Hill

Part II

The Tunbridge Influence

The government's image had been tarnished by a series of public exposures about police inefficiencies and irregularities, both before and during the sittings of the Commission: its way out was through Tunbridge. With its new head of police so determined not to be rebuffed on the police pensions issue the Seddon regime had quickly to come to terms with him. It had acknowledged by August 1898 that its previous reticence in the matter had been prompted by a desire not to create a precedent, and it now agreed in principle to implement a police pensions scheme and requested that the Government Actuary do a costing on Tunbridge's proposals. That functionary's conclusions were pessimistic: the funds could be made viable only if the government supplemented the 5% pay deductions by an equal amount, if the proposed age of retirement were raised from 55 to 60, and if the rate of pension for long-serving men were lowered from a fiftieth of the annual average amount of pay received in the last seven years of service to a sixtieth. Tunbridge thundered that the actuarial report was 'not only absolutely valueless, but also misleading', although he had meanwhile independently assessed that his scheme was in fact 'too liberal' and therefore conceded the retiring age of 60 and the lower pension amount.

The Premier now asked Government Actuary Morris Fox for a far more detailed appraisal, in view of the Commissioner's acceptance of two of his key actuarial recommendations, and a cautious green light was received. Tunbridge however kept up the pressure of sniping at and ridiculing aspects of the Fox reports, such as those which suggested that the fund might become overstrained by dint of retired policemen living to a ripe old age. Figures were not available for ex-policemen, he noted, since most had been forced into other occupations upon retiring. But the fact that 'police are not noted for longevity' could be seen from the 57 deaths of serving constables over the preceding two decades, their average age having been 41 years and 9 months. At the end of all the skirmishing, and with Tunbridge's reformation of the New Zealand police well under way, Seddon (moving the second reading of the Police Provident Fund Bill on 16 October 1899) was frank in reiterating what had happened: financial considerations had precluded the introduction of a measure whose necessity had 'been admitted for years'. The high enrolment figures of the goldfields era of the 1860s had meant that, despite the ephemerality of force membership at the time, its later structure had become increasingly aged: already, quite apart from the number of constables over the age of 60, most of them past active work, there were another 70 between the ages of 50 and 60. Therefore 'the evil will grow' unless the bill were accepted certainly the policy of parliament in recent years had been to shy away from civil service pension schemes, but as the Royal Commissioners had pointed out the policing service was different. Not only were there endemic dangers to policemen's health, they were also disadvantaged by the necessity for regular transfer, not to mention their propensity to have large families. Preventing their becoming paupers at the end of their useful policing life would therefore have no flow-on effect for the rest of the civil service, nor would it overstretch the Treasury — indeed, Seddon States, there were compensatory savings, citing for example the money no longer paid out in compassionate allowances.

Provident Fund Act passed

After a procedural wrangle between the two Houses as to the date from which the Bill would operate, the new Police Provident Fund Act established from 1 December 1899 a pension scheme whose outlines adhered to the Tunbridge/Royal Commission proposals, although the contributions required from policemen were higher: they varied, according to the age of the constable when the first contribution became payable, from 5% for those 30 and under to 6.5% for men of 30 to 40, 8% for those between 40 and 50 years, and 10% for those between 50 and 60. The scheme was optional for constables already in the force; compulsory for those joining after the Act came into effect. Members retiring early on grounds of medical unfitness for duty after less than 5 years' service would receive a refund of their contributions; those with 5-15 years' service a month's pay for each such year to a limit of 12 months' equivalent pay; those with more than 15 years' service behind them a pension of a sixtieth of their annual salary (averaged over 7 years in cases of promotion within the previous 5 years) for each year served, not to exceed the total of three-fifths of that salary.

Those who had served for 25 years could retire at 60 on the one-sixtieth formula, while policemen becoming medically unfit through injuries received on duty could be given a pension greater than that allowed under the formula, but no more than three-fifths of a year's pay. The dependents of men killed on duty could receive up to 18 pounds per annum for widows (until they re-married) and 5 shillings per week per child up till 14 years. Men who voluntarily resigned after 10 to 25 years' service could receive back three-quarters of their contributions — or, 'if entitled to a pension, the option of receiving on retirement a return of total contributions in lieu thereof'. Many of the benefits were payable at the discretion of the Board, and there were other discretionary options available to it to fit different circumstances. This factor made forward projections difficult, and any deficiences in the Police Provident Fund were to be met from the Consolidated Fund of the colony.

Many police were far from happy about the scheme — they had hoped for a lower retiring age and, as Inspector R. J. Gillies reported of the constables in his district, 'the large percentage which has to be paid comes heavy on the men'. Even the Chairman of the Fund's Board of Administration, Minister in Charge of Police, James McGowan, admitted that 'many members feel that the contribution they are called upon to make is rather heavy'. But conversely the men of affairs in the state were concerned that the policemen's contributions might in actuality be inadequate. Despite Tunbridge's breezy assurances that the scheme was healthy and viable, there was widespread apprehension that in future the Provident Fund would require large injections of government funding. Most of the colony's policemen moreover sensed that they had got the best possible deal for the times, and appreciated the superiority of the new scheme vis-a-vis the system which had hitherto prevailed; 212 out of the 220 eligible to transfer from the compulsory life insurance scheme did so.

Compulsory Retirement at 65

The police pension had been viewed as a prerequisite for a revitalised police force, and after it had been given a year's initial trial the next logical step in the process was taken: as of 1 January 1902, the government announced, all policemen were to be retired compulsorily at age 65. By now the pressure from the rank and file for a decrease in their contributions was building up. All could see that the Fund 'was in a much happier state than its most sanguine supporters could have anticipated at the time of its conception' and many demanded — as future Commissioner John Cullen, currently in charge of the Auckland District, reported — that the sum the government had saved in compassionate

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allowances should be placed to the credit of the Fund, thereby enabling the lowering of the contribution rate. There was also a feeling that widows of policemen received a raw deal. By 1903 such sentiments were being reported from police stations all around New Zealand, as Tunbridge noted in his final annual report; opposition parliamentarians hammered the government on this issue.

Fund's Viability Questioned

Yet at that very time the first of the stipulated triennial actuarial reports on the implemented Fund made pessimistic reading: for the scheme to be self-supporting the contributions would need to be much higher, almost double in fact. To be sure, Acting-Actuary P. Muter acknowledged, current income far exceeded outflow and therefore his report would be received 'with a certain amount of incredulity'. But, he continued, once a pension fund were established the 'aged and medically unfit members receiving pensions must increase from year to year until they bear much the same proportion to the staff on active service as the infirm and old in the colony bear to the remaining adult population. Even a rough examination of the accounts shows that before many years are over the pensions and allowances will exceed the contributions'. Within, say, half a dozen years "the government will be called upon to pay the differences between expenditure and receipts', and that would be an ongoing problem. Despite the oft-expressed sentiments of policemen that their scheme — whose funds had reached £18,418/5/3 at 31 March 1903 — was from their point of view illiberal, in the longer term any government was likely to perceive it only as too liberal, even an interventionist government of the ilk of the ruling Liberals. McGowan was wont to refer publicly to the shaky actuarial basis of the Fund.

Like Tunbridge before him new Commissioner Dinnie annually emphasised the aggregated amount saved in compassionate allowances since the inception of the scheme, almost £15,000 by 1906, and he stressed the steady build-up of the Fund, to more than £27,000 by then. His enthusiasm was not echoed by Morris Fox, Actuary to the Government Insurance Department, who that year presented the second triennial Provident Fund report. By 31 March 1906 there were 57 pensioners, 651 contributors, and it was stressed that the 'income' from contributors increases very slowly while the outgo for pensions and allowances increases very rapidly'. Thus the 'accumulated funds will still continue to increase slowly for two or three years longer, they will then attain their maximum, and afterwards will diminish year by year, in an increasing ratio, until they cease to exist'.

What had been foreshadowed in 1903 was now crystal clear. 'Having concluded a rather unpalatable task I may be permitted to say that I have no fault whatever to find with the form of the Provident Fund itself, which I look upon as suitable and satisfactory in every way, and very similar to what is provided for in many other bodies of employees in other parts of the world. It is, however, seldom possible for the employees themselves to pay the whole of the heavy contributions necessary to purchase the benefits provided by such funds. That the contributions in this particular case are insufficient for the purpose is plainly evident from the fact that the whole of the accrued funds are not nearly enough to meet the well-understood liability connected with the few pensioners who have already come upon the Fund. . . . Unfortunately I have been compelled to report a deficiency in the accumulated funds, thus showing that the contributions are not in themselves sufficient, and that assistance will be required from the Government at some future date.'

The Public Service Superannuation Fund

The police and railways superannuation schemes had established a momentum which culminated in November 1907 with the passing of legislation establishing the Public Service Superannuation Fund, and the government regularised the schemes by alering the two previous funds' contribution rates for new members to coincide with those of the new scheme. Policemen who now joined the Police Provident Fund aged 30-35 and 45-50 a slightly worse one than in the past. But the government's aim was actually to integrate policemen into the more general scheme, in order to obviate the actuarial problems implicit in the Police Provident Fund. Within six months of the first operation of the Public Service Superannuation Fund, section 40 of the legislation decreed, the police were to be balloted on their views on the absorption of their Provident Fund by the general scheme. Should a majority be in favour of this, amalgamation would proceed, with contributions for existing members remaining at the same rates payable by the men under the 1899 Police Provident Fund Act.

When, however, Dinnie arranged to poll the force as to whether it wished for the Police Provident Fund to be superseded, the ballot papers were quickly withdrawn — for it was discovered that the 'new Act did not definitely provide for the previous service of members of the Police Force being counted towards pension'. Plans were then set in motion to amend the Superannuation Act in order to allow police and other excluded branches of state to participate. An annual subsidy of £3,000 would be granted by the state to the already subsidised Public Service Superannuation Fund should the Police Fund be absorbed by it. The government was doing all it could to foster the removal of a separate police superannuation scheme. Rank and file constables were now of the opinion that, although their pension contributions were hard for them to meet, the Police Provident Fund was the best deal that they were likely to get; they were suspicious of any alterations to the status quo, feeling that such suggestions were motivated by a government desire to save itself from large future subsidisation of police pensions. Prime Minister Joseph Ward, in response to such pressure, in 1908 dropped the police clauses from projected public service amendment legislation and instead set out to convince constables that the very unsoundness of their Fund, and therefore its uncertain future, meant that they would be wiser to transfer en masse to the general voluntary scheme being offered.

The Demise of the Police Provident Fund

The triennial actuarial report of 1909, prepared by Muter, overtook this process of persuasion. It admitted the previous projections had been too pessimistic: the Fund had reached £31,813, a greater increase than anticipated, 'partly owing to the large increase in staff in recent years, the improvement of the rate of interest, and also to the pensions being less than expected'. But the message was the same as before, that 'the margin between the receipts and expenditure has continuously diminished' and the funds would shortly 'continuously decline in the absence of any subsidy'. Muter acknowledged that compared to other public servants and to police elsewhere the 'benefits given to the police of this Dominion are not excessive, but nevertheless the scheme is not self-supporting and in fact it cannot be made so without robbing it of all its utility'. The government had subsidised the Public Superannuation Fund by £20,000 per annum, the Teachers' Superannuation scheme by £7,000 — at very least it should now donate to the Police Fund the £3,000 per annum that it had already agreed to add to the Public Service Fund should the police join it, though it was a figure which would need to be augmented from time to time.

Such recommendations were of course posited on the Fund continuing in existence but the tenor of the report clinched matters so far as the government was concerned. The Liberals made the decision that from 1 April 1910 'the members of the Police Force will become contributors to the Public Service Superannuation Fund'. By then there were three ex-inspectors, a former sergeant-major, 21 ex-sergeants, 55 ex-constables, five former detectives and two widows on the Fund, their aggregate annual allowance amounting to £8,231.8.0. The balance of the Fund, which had reached £32,204.7.1 was transferred to the Public Service Superannuation Fund. This absorption was one of a number of steps by which the Police, still operating under the Police Force Act of 1886 which specifically excluded them from being deemed to be part of the 'Civil Service', became less separated from other arms of state in New Zealand. ■



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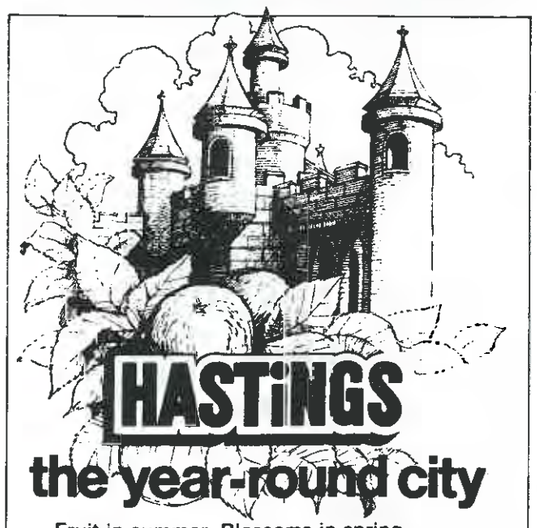

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It Must Have Been New Zealand's Turn

by Peter Burridge

Part II

You will recall that in the conclusion of Part 1, I had just arrived at London's Heathrow Airport having spent sometime in the U.S.A. en route to the United Kingdom. The reason being, a study programme with the Australasian Police Study Grant Scheme, to look into various aspects of fingerprint work, especially in Europe.

Now we take up the story. The weather was clear and quite mild for England in late November 1984. I was met upon my arrival by my brother-in-law and his wife and wisked away to a small village in Bedfordshire about a hour's run north of London.

Harlington is one of those villages that you read about in the travel magazines. Small (in the traditional sense) but with a newer portion attached. Well positioned on both the M1 motorway and Midland Railway Line, which, as it turned out, was ideal for me to be able to spend weekends away from London — for a break from work.

New Scotland Yard

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Enjoyed London

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Life in the Great City

Although I spent a number of weekends away from London, with relatives in the countryside, infact I managed to get to see a considerable part of the "life" of the great City. Visited just about every Art Gallery, old buildings (ever spent an evening in the House of Commons and the House of Lords — Listening to the debates — great) churches (went to a Sunday service at St Pauls) and of course looked at the various Palaces.



Typical winters day at St. James Park, London. A pleasant route to and from New Scotland Yard.

Even went jogging around the West End and through St James's Park. The various museums are the greatest (especially the Imperial War Museum — completely modernised since I had last been inside in 1967). I even managed to attend one or two plays (all the theatres were very handy to Trenchard House) and even ended up one wet Sunday afternoon (after having been to Petticoat Lane) walking along the Embankment and driving (hope that's the right description) one of the numerous Police launches up and down the Thames.

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The British hospitality was great and very much appreciated by this "colonial" visitor. Mind you it was the Christmas Season, and no doubt this made things even better. Regent Street was well decorated with Christmas lights and maybe the only aspect that made me think (and possibly others) was the possibility of a terrorist bombing taking place in the crowded shopping areas. It is no joke and the Public are well warned about the threat. Signs in the Underground, and any abandoned cars treated with great caution by Police and Public alike.

The period between a very pleasant Christmas Day (with many friends and relatives in Harlington) and the New Year was taken wp with both work and pleasure. Managed to get over to Suffolk and spend the day with my wife's cousin. She and her husband have a small pub in a village not far from Bury St Edmunds. An attractive little place. Even the weather stayed relatively good. Spent a day with the Fingerprint Bureau of the Hertfordshire Constabulary — great people — and then by the time New Year's Day had passed, it started to snow.



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Snow in Regent's Street London, with Christmas decorated in the background.

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Snow . . . attractive?

Snow is of course very attractive to look at in postcards. Boy, was I pleased to have thought ahead and arranged a BritRail Pass for my various journeys around England. Saved a fortune and also meant that I was cocooned from the worst of the weather.



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I spent several days in the West of England with the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary (a most helpful and friendly bunch) and looked at a super piece of equipment which would be just great here in the Auckland Fingerprint Section (if we had about $40,000 to spend) and even went up for a ride in the Devon and Cornwall helicopter. One of the most advanced Provincial Police Forces in the United Kingdom. Well worth the visit — and the weather down there was pretty good. Very cold, but clear and no snow.

Africa and it's problems

Before travelling across to stage three (and Part III of this article) on the European continent, I spent a short time with the West Midlands Police (Birmingham region) and was again very well received. My host, Detective Chief Inspector Peter Fleming, had, like this writer, spent some time in Africa. So, quite apart from the question of fingerprints and scenes of crime work, we could discuss Africa and its problems. Of course it snowed again, but I did manage to get up to York for an afternoon (it cost nothing more to use the BritRail Pass) and get to see the British Railway Museum.

Yes folks, Railways again! And you will get to hear more about them and my winter travelling through Western Europe and Scandinavia in Part III. So all the best and Happy Travelling to you all.



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Golfing Corner

By Marilyn Stobie

Well, like most golfers, I love this time of the year. The weather is fine and hot plus we have the extra hours in the day either to get out after work and practice or play in twilight tourneys. Nothing like the fresh cooler air in the late afternoon, to get rid of the stress and strains of the day's work. May not be brilliant golf but very enjoyable.

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On the 3rd October I was priviledged to billet three top Auckland Golfers and met many others during this 82nd New Zealand Ladies' Golf Championships which was held at the Hamilton Golf Club or St Andrews as some know it. I spent lots of hours watching or cadding and regretted the time when I had to leave for work. One can certainly learn heaps by just watching and I am convinced that amongst the top players, it becomes more like a game of chess, in other words a tactical game. However, they have the ability whereas us average golfers can only concentrate on one thing at a time, usually our swing plane.

For those sceptical Male golfers, who pooh womens' golf, let me give you an example of one competitor. Her name is Edwina Kennedy who hails from Australia and who is a plus two handicapper. Her golf swing was pure magic and reaching par 4 greens was an easy one shot. She would be the longest hitter I have ever seen and daunting to both female and male golfer alike. In the final between Kennedy and our local girl Joanne Green, the golf was superb but the edge was Kennedy's. If our girl had a par, Kennedy responded with a birdie; if she had a birdie, the reponse was an eagle and so it went on with Kennedy being just that much superior. However, when you consider the handicap difference between Green's four and Kennedy's plus two, then you can understand the final outcome!

My billet Polly King, who should be known to many of you as a top Russell Grace golfer and New Zealand Maori Champion of many years, came through to win the Waddell Trophy. I had the honour of cadding her through to the final and it was more exciting for me to caddy the winner than to be playing. In fact, I was more tired than she was, as I am sure I mentally played every shot as well as pulling the trundler. It was certainly a pleasure to billet Polly and apart from watching her lovely golf style, she kept me entertained with her fun filled personality.

The Six Commandments

So, what have I learnt from all this:

1. To be good at golf you must be dedicated.
2. Thou must practice 2-3 hours a day before a tournament.
3. Thou must be on the practice fairway, 2 hours before each round.
4. Thou must be able to putt and chip in your sleep.
5. Thou must know all the rules of golf — or thou will get done!
6. Thou must have heaps of money — just in case you win, as the cups hold gallons of champagne!

Finally, my friends have changed my entire golf attitude and rebuilt my golf swing. The only thing remaining the same is my golf shoes, so one wonders how I ever achieved the low handicap I am on? However, I know they are right and I guess it's just up to me now, to get that basic sweet swing going in order that one day, I too, can play in big tourneys and have a caddy! Next year, this prestige tournament is in Nelson, so with hard work, who knows!!

Unusual Feats

Who said golf was a non-contact sport? As we all know the golf ball does not always fly in the direction intended and hence the often-heard scream of 'fore'.

Here are a few funnies I found.

1. Wilson was playing a shot from a difficult lie atop a lava rock, at the Maui Course in Hawaii. After playing his shot, he held his follow-through while trying to locate the flight of the ball. His companions didn't see the ball either and then Wilson felt the ball — securely lodged under this right armpit.
2. Then there was Mrs Navy. She figured she could pop the ball out of a divot hole with her pitching wedge. The ball popped up all right — and lodged itself under her chin. Her comment, "Gee I felt goofy."
3. Finally there was Baron. He had big yardage in mind when he took a big swing on an uphill lie. Trouble was he hit behind the ball. The result, it simulated a Coloumbia lift off, then bounced off his back.

If any readers have any funnies, please let me know, as there are some humerous, unusual feats around our New Zealand courses. I know of plenty but because they are personal, I am not saying.

OK, that's it for this issue. As it will be the Christmas Journal, I wish you well in all the Club tourneys and do hope you manage to win a turkey or some wine for your Christmas dinner.

Good golfing to all. ■

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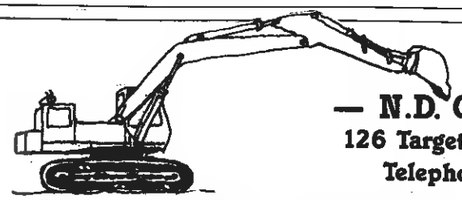

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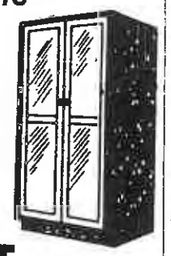

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