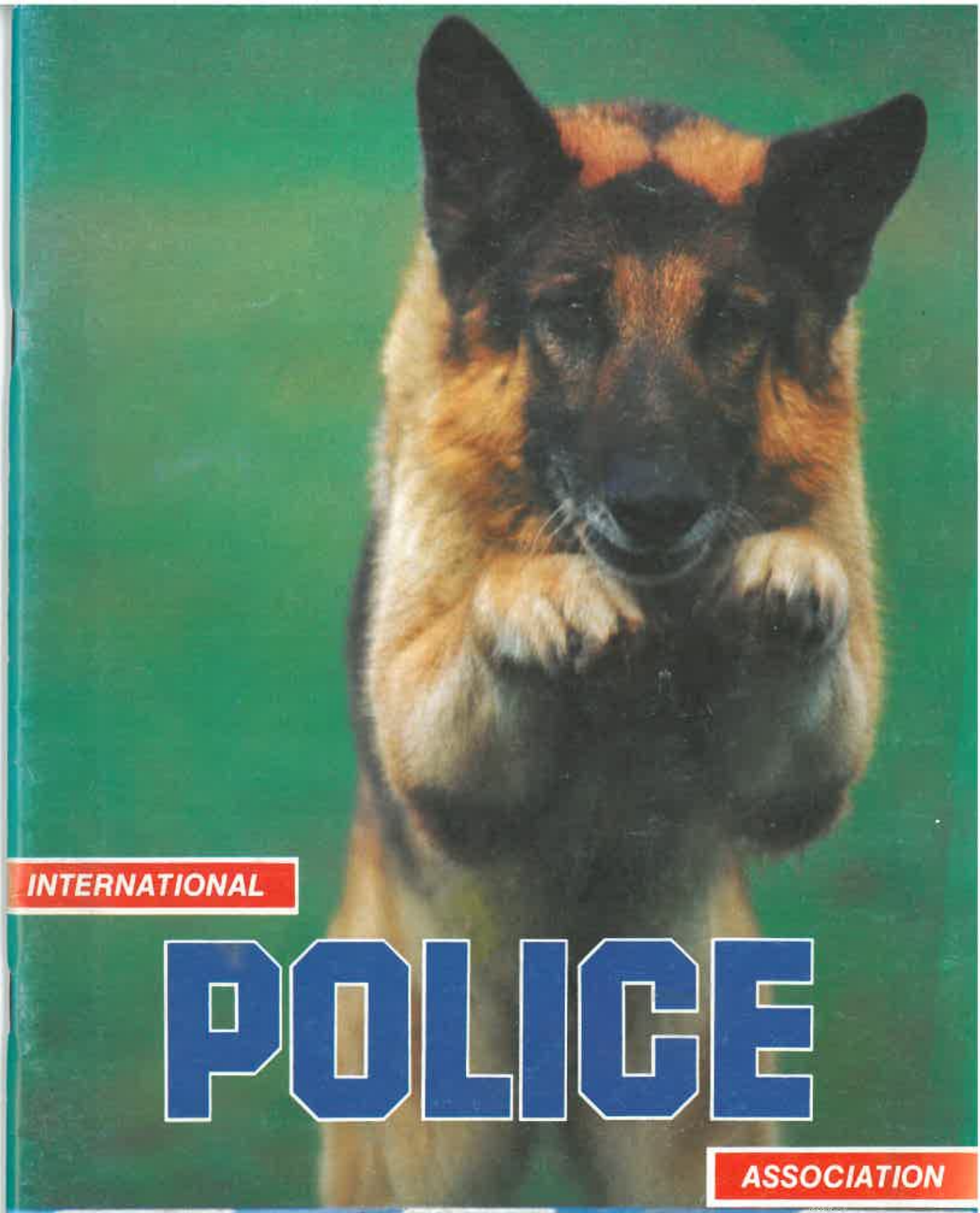

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CLOSING DATE
June Issue — 23 April 1985

Cover Photo
Retired Police Dog "Brett". Handler Gary Hardgrave, Wellington Police Dog Section. Photograph taken by Police Photographer, Graham Morrell who tells me the exercise was a hazardous one as Brett kept stopping to lick his face; his hand; his camera lens! Thank you, Brett.

From the Editor to You . . .

WELL, I'VE DONE IT! The Journal has finally "gone to the Dogs!" When I mumbled a couple of years ago about taking on this job, there were those who muttered (tongue in cheek, I hope) things about the Journal becoming a Dog Magazine plus other uncomplimentary comments! Despite what this issue seems, this is not the case. You must admit that the cover photograph taken by Graham Morrell is really quite magnificent.

This cover, in fact, is dedicated to previous Editor, Derek Cantelo. Let me explain. One day he happened to tell me of his fond wish during his time as Editor of having a cover depicting, say, a Police Dog (definitely NOT a Boxer) in the act of leaping out of the page at readers. So, with the assistance of Gary Hardgrave, "Brett" and tame Police Photographer, Graham, I have managed to fulfill this wish for him. There you are, Derek, this one is for you! Over there on the right is a photograph of a REAL DOG just so you aren't all misled about these matters.

Now I shall go before I really get into trouble — and I'm not even eligible for early retirement . . . yet!

Be careful out there

Carole.



A Real Dog

Rogaiya, one of the Editor's pride & joys.

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Letters to the Editor

Congratulations

Dear Editor,

I would like to extend my congratulations and gratitude to you and your associates for the hard work you have done in producing the new look IPA magazine which I think is of first class quality.

I would also like to congratulate Des Hall on his excellent, tongue in cheek, December '84 article 'Nineteen Eighty What'. It is, I feel, very thoughtful, an epitome of the average thinking person's feelings. I liked the way it questioned the soothsayers and minority pressure groups' priorities as well as the forgetfulness of people without thought of past lessons of history. Truly we live in a mad world from which the essence of sane behaviour seems to be fleeing. One ponders on our educational priorities and standards, the direction in which the human race is travelling and if sanity, reason and peaceful behaviour will survive. Hopefully they will.

Graeme Muggeridge
IPA No. 1080

Editor Boobed Again

Dear Carole,

"How to Tell the Tale", Volume 18 No. 4, December 1984 p. 44.

Someone's editing of Russell Lovegrove's report to his District Commander has really fouled up the tale. Right in the middle of the report at the paragraph commencing "Today 6 June 1984 is exactly 35 years . . .". It was in fact **39 years**, four years after his date of entitlement.

Having corrected that "Tale", yes the Star was finally presented to Russell on the occasion of Senior Constable Noel Kenneth Edward Smith's official retirement function when Senior Constable Russell Lovegrove became New Zealand's No. 1 Constable.

Now Russell was in Wellington Central Barracks on 4 April 1947 when I joined this august service and he was one of the old men of the barracks. It was the late John Stevenson who instructed and guided me in the meticulous duties of barrack fatigues, he no doubt having been instructed by Hambone.

These stars do not of course come easily. I too had trouble getting my 35 year Star, but it only took two years.

Yours sincerely,

(Kevin Ford) District Commander

Dear Carole,

I have two letters here from overseas policemen, both of whom are collectors of police caps. Can any of our collectors help them? (I already have hats from both countries concerned in my collection).

1. Mr I. LIFSHITZ
18 Stephen Wise Street
Haifa
ISRAEL
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2. Mr Kristian OPOSICH
Keinergasse 31-1-10
A-1030 Wien
AUSTRIA
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If anyone wishes to correspond with either or both of these chaps, they could write directly to them.

Regards,

Roly Hermans

Dear Editor,

The following wish to correspond with New Zealand police officers for the reasons shown —

Gerd HUTSCHENREUTHER,
Weissenburger Strasse 26,
8000 Munich 80,
West Germany

Gerd is a 28 year old police officer in Munich and wishes to correspond with police officers. He also collects and exchanges police badges. He corresponds in English.

Udo HOMANN,
St Georgstrasse 4,
7895 Klettgau 1,
West Germany

Udo is a technician with the Federal Post Office but his wife is a police officer with the Border Police and works on the border between West Germany and Switzerland. He wishes to correspond with someone from New Zealand either in English or German. His interests are stamp collecting, travel, music and photography.

Paul SCHNEELE,
Polizeikommisar,
Oskar-Mayer-Strasse 3,
8860 Noerdlingen,
West Germany

Paul wishes to contact a New Zealand police officer to exchange police caps and badges.

Garry Lambert
Associate Secretary
for Germany.

Can you Assist this Young Lady of Sweden?

"My name is Elizabeth Ljung and I am 21 years old. I live in Vånersborg, a small town in the south of Sweden. My father, Sven, is an I.P.A. member. I work here in Sweden in Scandie Hotel as a Receptionist. I have also worked in the cafeteria, kitchen and as a breakfast hostess. I'm writing to you because I wonder is it possible to get a job in New Zealand for about six months. I love to travel, to learn and see new things and meet new people. Before I study for a profession I would like to see and learn about the world, different countries and different people. Last year I went to France to study French. Do you think there is a possibility for me to get a job in an hotel, restaurant or in a family as an au pair? The time I would be coming to New Zealand would be about August or September."

If you can help Elizabeth, please let me know or write to her yourself — her present address is:

Elizabeth LJUNG
Kappenvagen 3
46200 Vånersborg
SWEDEN

If you write direct to her, please let be know that you have.

Lawrie Philpott
Sec. Gen.

Dear Carole,

Recently I have received some letters from Dutch IPA members who collect vehicle numberplates. They are willing to exchange numberplates or anything else members might be interested in.

Any person interested could either contact me and I will forward their name to Holland, or contact them direct.

Their names are:

Wim STEENBAKKERS,
Dorpsstraat
5708 GC Helmond,
NEDERLAND.

Toon ROOVERS,
Noorderweide 1,
4714 HE Sprundel,
NEDERLAND.

Both these collectors write in English.

Regards,

Alex de KORT
Associate Secretary
for Holland

P.S. I like the new format of the journal.

Thanks from Sweden

Greetings from Maria and Maggie to ALL of you who made our holiday in New Zealand so memorable.

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Dunedin: Bill Carr, Peter Hanlin and all the others we have met.

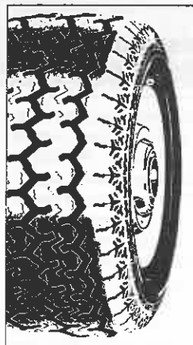
Thank you for everything you have done for us. We have had two lovely months. See you in 1986. One mushroom tra la la la la. **Maggie Karlsson and Maria Gadzic Swedish IPA members**

Dear Carole,

I have received the attached programme for International Police Association celebrations at Helsinborg, Sweden, next year and also notification of an IPA house in Sweden.

If you have not already received notification of these matters, you may consider having them brought to notice of members, in the magazine.

Yours faithfully, **Howard Ireland**



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Further information and booking through IPA Swedish Section, Region 3, Box 429, S - 401 26 Goteborg 1, Sweden.

WELCOME TO REGION 1 OF THE SWEDISH SECTION 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN

IPA, Region 1 of the Swedish section was founded the 31:st May 1960. The region is celebrating its 25 years anniversary 1985. This anniversary will take place in Helsingborg 29 May - 2 June 1985. The city of Helsingborg celebrates at the same time its 900-th anniversary and during 27 May - 2 June a police-week with many police-activities will be arranged.

1985 PROGRAM

Wednesday 29 May	IPA-guests arrive in the afternoon. Application in the reception, Police Headquarters of Helsingborg, Carl Krooks gata 24. At night, OPEN HOUSE with refreshments at the Police Headquarters cafeteria.
Thursday 30 May	
09.00 - 10.30 pm	Opening ceremony at the Town Hall, uniform desirable.
10.30 pm -	Common walk to the Olympia with a visite at the Police Exhibiton etc.
13.00 - 14.30 am	Lunch at restaurang LEO. Afternoon free.
Evening	Dinner on the ferry Helsingborg - Helsingör - Helsingborg. Pea soup with hot swedish punch.
Friday 31 May	
09.00 - 17.00 am	Excursion by coach to the Bjäre Peninsula, visiting the Höganäs pottery. Lunch and show at the Barkåkra Air Force Wing, F 10. Coffee break in the afternoon. Evening free.
Saturday 1 June	
10.00 - 11.00 pm	IPA traffic regulating and patrolling on foot in central Helsingborg. Match with the corps orchestra to the Olympia. Police activities. Uniform desirable.
12.30 am	Lunch at Hantverksföreningen. Afternoon free. Consert in Helsingborgs Consert Hall. Free tickets can be reserved.
19.00 - 02.00 am	Anniversary Dinner at Ramlösa Brunn. Presentation of gifts etc. Dancing to 2 o'clock.
Sunday 2 June	
09.00 - 11.00 pm	The IPA farewell party at the Police Headquarters cafeteria.

Costs: All activities including bus tours Skr 455:- (excluding Hotel costs).

Part of the activites: Thursday 110:- Skr
Friday 125:- Skr
Saturday 220:- Skr

Accomodation will be at Scandic Hotel. Doubleroom including breakfast costs 180:- Skr/day each. Singelroom - extra fee 100:- Skr/day.

Hotelcosts must be payed in advance. Last date 15 March 1985. By not payment in time the booking will be not valid.

Advance payment by sending a check to IPA, Region 1, c/o Sture Jangered
Blåregnsgränd 6
S 230 40 BARA
Sweden

Bank: Sparbanken Malmöhus, Malmö.

We reserve the right to change the program.

WELCOME to Helsingborg and IPA Region 1.

Committee of IPA Region 1

Sture Jangered
Chairman

Åke Eriksson
Vice chairman

30 Years of the International Police Association in Nordrhein-Westfalen

In celebration of the Thirtieth Anniversary, the Regional Group proposes to publicise the Federal State of Northrine-Westfalia and the IPA in a Festival Week to be held from 25 August to 1 September 1985.

Friends of the IPA from Germany and abroad are cordially invited. Guests will be accommodated in the IBZ Schlob Gimborn or in Hotels or Guesthouses in the Neighbourhood of the IBZ, from whence coaches will leave daily for the various outings.

Guests will arrive at IBZ Schlob Gimborn on Sunday, 25 August 1985. The evening meal taken all together, with the social evening to follow, should establish the mood for a full and eventful week. From Monday, 26 August to Saturday, 31 August, there is a Festival in the State Capital, Dusseldorf, and there will be a visit here and, on another day, to Munster, the Metropolis of Munsterland. There will also be a visit to Cologne and from there a trip on the Rhine in a ship, complete with music. You will get to know something of Europe's greatest inland port, Duisburg, and will be able to have a look at Germany's largest steelworks, or, if you prefer, the centre of the chemical production.

The fountain display in Altenberg should be a special experience, and there will be some surprises in the programme. Also included is a visit to a Sport and Music Show. The guests will be brought back each day to the Castle of Gimborn in its idyllic setting, where they will be able to relax, or enjoy further surprises, in congenial company.

When the guests leave after breakfast on Sunday, 1 September, it is hoped that they will take with them pleasant memories of the International Police Association in Nordrhein-Westfalen and of IBZ Schlob Gimborn.

Further details will be available in January 1985, and the total cost per person will be about DM 380,-- (approximately L 105, at December 84 rate of exchange). This includes accommodation, full board and the cost of all excursions, including any entrance fees.

Enquiries and bookings must be made not later than 1 April 1985, addressed to:

IPA — Landesgruppe Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V.
Gimbachquelle 4
5277 Marienheide
Germany.

As there is a limit on the number of guests which can be accepted, all applications will be dealt with in the order in which they are received.

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Here we are, nearly two months of the New Year gone! I trust you are all benefiting from those New Year resolutions you made. We in Auckland can not complain about the weather, it has been marvellous, our visitors to the province will vouch for that. I have managed to glean from our local members the fact that we had a number of overseas visitors here to benefit from our weather and hospitality. Breck and Carole Stewart of the Newmarket Police hosted two policewomen, Maria Gadzic and Maggie Karlsson from Gothenburg, Sweden. They are both visiting New Zealand, Cook Islands and Australia. Another couple of Swedish police women, Anita Weine and Birgetta Jansson from the same city were also in Auckland and were hosted by Jill Chester and her husband.

David Carter, a retired police officer, and his wife, Celia, from Huddersfield U.K. were here on a visit being looked after by Nora Crawford.

A member of the German Police, Alfred Satler, from Mainz, West Germany has been in New Zealand on a five week caravan tour finishing the tour at Auckland. Alfred is employed on Telecoms in the police so Graeme Muggeridge, our man in Telecoms, was able to converse with him in their own particular technical jargon.

John O'Ferrell advises that Erling Sen Jacobsen, a retired Police Officer from Norway, is at present in Auckland and has been on a tour of New Zealand. He is staying in Auckland at Titirangi. He is going on a short tour again in the South Island during February to return to Auckland before leaving New Zealand in April. John tells me that while in New Zealand our visitor has even been up ballooning and that he is keen on tramping and New Zealand history. John O'Ferrall, while on leave recently, had a day spare so he decided to soak up some New Zealand history and get some exercise at the same time. He went on a Coast to Coast walk. Yes it does sound quite a marathon effort until you realise Auckland straddles an isthmus of land, just about the narrowest part of New Zealand. A mere 9 kilometres separates the Pacific Ocean from the Tasman Sea. The walkway John went on was from Onehunga Beach to Elizabeth Square (Ferry Buildings, Auckland Wharves), a total of 13 kilometres. According to the brochure it should take about 4 hours at a normal walking pace. Well, visitors, there is one challenge for you when you are in Auckland.

Auckland members enjoyed a number of social functions prior to Xmas, namely an evening at the Mercury Theatre to attend a reproduction of the Broadway musical "Sweet Charity".

A Christmas functions was held at the "Fisherman's Table" a floating restaurant in the old passenger ferry "Ngoiro" berthed alongside the Lighten Basin Wharf. The function was held in the evening and well attended by over 50 in number. A few salty yarns were told but a bit lengthy to repeat here. Seating was in short supply and reminiscent of a crowded naval mess deck typical of small ships. I saw some guests seated on the stairway eating their meal. Just as well we were not under way otherwise a few would have lost meal and perch. I will say the meal was better than dished up on naval ships of my day. Anyhow a very pleasant evening and meal was enjoyed together with the enjoyable company of many retired members to name a few; Ray Burrowes and his wife; Nora Crawford, Paddy Murphy and his wife.

My apologies. I have not had my ear to the ground as I know of no recent marriages or births among members.

News from John O'Ferrell

During the twelve months of 1984, Auckland must have had a record number of overseas IPA visitors. Some were here for a day or two, others longer. Some came in accordance with their long planned visit, others had plans changed at short notice. Letters telling us of the arrival of some arrived late or went astray. We were pleased to see them and hope the trend will continue. We know that the floodgates will be opened in 1986.

One of the most interesting visitors we have had is: Erling Sem-Jacobsen; retired Police Superintendent. His little card, which tells us he is retired from the Police in Norway, also has printed on it 'Aeronaut.' No doubt this is an unusual piece of information. It tells us of his hobby or perhaps lifetime interest, which is really in Ballooning. In the time that he has spent in New Zealand he has been to Napier, where he was given accommodation by the Officer in Charge of the District (Kevin Ford) and has spent a week in Taupo, taking part in a meeting of local gliding enthusiasts. He lived part of his time in Auckland (with the help of Inspector Ritchie Donald) at the Auckland Hospital nurses home; but with assistance from other friends, he was able to obtain the use of a cottage situated at a delightful spot looking through mature kowhai trees, over the punga just a little way up from Titirangi Beach. One evening John and Francis O'Ferrall visited him there. He entertained us in true Norwegian style with many different types of cakes and foods from his home country. He particularly wished to be told if there were any Kiwi IPA members who may be planning a visit to Norway; if this should be the case they are welcome to use his cottage high up in the mountains from Bergen and above Geilo.

Some of the most interesting stories of his background, which takes time to be coaxed from him, involve his work during the war with the British Strategic Services. After

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Norway was occupied he was 'undercover' in then not-too-friendly Sweden; he was arrested three times there, escaped with the help of contacts in the right places, to Moscow and finally to UK. From there, with other Norwegians, he went on several expeditions into occupied Norway, where he undermined German activities and sent back vital information to the Allies.

Erling is very proud of having won a coveted silver trophy in Ballooning; this had much more than the immediate significance, as the same trophy had been won some 20 years previously by his father.

Erling is off to the South Island in February, back to Auckland in March and off to a re-union in London of ex-members of the Strategic Services . . .

John

Recent Visitors to New Zealand

Two recent visitors to our country were Ewald Bock, who works with the Bavarian State Police in Tirschenreuth near the Czechoslovakian border, and Johann Ott, a friend, working in a State Department, similar to our Social Welfare Department, also in Tirschenreuth. During their stay they travelled from Auckland to the Bay of Islands and back and then flew to Christchurch. They spent time at Mount Cook and Queenstown and also walked the Routeburn and Abel Tasman Coastal tracks. They would like to thank the two police officers in Wellington who found them accommodation there at short notice and also others who assisted them during their holiday.



Johann Ott (left) and Ewald Bock

As Ewald and Johann flew out of Auckland on the 21st December two others of their countrymen flew in to also spend some six weeks travelling New Zealand. They were Ulf Frielinghaus and Karl Gilhaus, both from the State of North Rhein Westphalia and Schloss Holte-Stukenbrock in particular. Ulf is an instructor at the Police College and Karl is an Architect. Ulf and Karl started their holiday with a boat trip to Kawau Island the then hitch-hiked to the North before also travelling to the South Island where they walked the Milford track as part of their sightseeing. So taken were they with their South Island visit they missed the ferry from Picton to Wellington but were lucky enough to get a berth the following day. Ulf can, with sufficient notice, arrange for short term accommodation at the Police College for visiting New Zealand police officers.

Gary Lambert



Karl Gilhaus (left) and Ulf Frielinghaus

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Hutt Valley



Bob Fleming
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Lower Hutt

RETIREMENT: Lower Hutt has lost Chief Inspector Kevin Egan who retired just before Christmas. All the very best for a long and happy retirement, Kevin. Transferred into Lower Hutt is Chief Inspector Lindsay Hunter ex-Christchurch. Welcome to the Hutt Valley, Sir, and we have quite a few active members in this Division, including our Secretary General. We have a new member in our Lower Hutt Station. She is in every other organisation within the police; now the IPA is included. Welcome to our fold, Marion Hamill. I'm sure you will benefit from joining and that you will enjoy being a member. Maybe after that trip to the UK and Europe you will be able to contribute in some small way towards filling our journal by putting pen to paper. A most sincere welcome, Marion, nice to have you aboard.

VISITORS: Frank and Ruth Hoeter from Wide Bay, Queensland, stayed with Lawrie P. Frank is a past district Governor of Rotary as well as being one of the main organisers of the next A.G.M. of the Australian Section. He assures us that there will be a week long programme of entertainment for visitors. This by the way is a lovely area of the State of Queensland, at Hervey Bay.

Two Swedish Policewomen Maria Gadzic (28 years) and Margareta Karlsson (27) from the Uniform Branch of the Gotenburg Police stayed for a few days in Lower Hutt and environs and Wellington. They were hosted by Lawrie and Rita Philpott and Steve and Karen Goggin. They were very impressed with the Wellington area and want to return. Let's hope they do. "Margareta" — I always thought that was a Mexican drink.

Our weather has been perfect in the Hutt Valley over the past few months. Of course, you have to add on about 4-5 degrees to the temperature of Wellington. What? — I hear Capital-ites screaming — Rubbish! It's perfectly true. It has been ideal though.

Carole, may I say how impressive the new Journal is, no complaints from down here. The dark blue background colour gives it an official look.

Not a lot happening here in the Valley at this time of the year as a lot are or have been away at time of typing this up. Again well done on the new look journal. Until next issue.

Sincere regards,

Bob Fleming

> Since receiving this I hear through the grapevine that Dianne and Brian Barker are now proud parents of a daughter, Sarah. Well done indeed. Sorry, Bob — I've gone and stolen your thunder!
>
> **Ed.**

Northern Division



Bob O'Hara
C- Police Station
Box 1040
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untamed natural scenery. This year we noted a greater responsibility on the roads, an increased awareness of the dangers of drink-drive, and a lower road toll resulted. Staffwise, we welcome Peter Stokes from Auckland, while we were sad to see "Muzz" Horn go South to fill Peter's vacant shoes at Otahuhu. We congratulate C.D. member, George Radich, who has slipped an engagement ring on the finger of Marion Gommans, one of our newer Police women. John and Marge Rahui have recently added to their family, and John is also looking at Sergeant vacancies now. We now have a Dog Section that is up to strength with Kevin Plaisted becoming fully operational, and Paul Henderson likewise. They will need to get their act together quickly before Charlie Payne yields to the temptation to accept a Sergeant position after having his exams for so long, and remaining loyal to the Dogs.

It was with sadness and pride that many of us attended the burial service for Neil Notton at the Kauri cemetery. The crowd was so large that the church could have been filled 6 times over, and this perhaps was a measure of the man. His RSA and Bowling Club mates were there in full force, and Uniformed staff formed a Guard of Honour from the Church door. The pall-bearers were led to the graveside by a lone piper (Tony Pickett's son). A moving graveside ceremony was conducted by Rev. Charlie Taka with a Maori hymn, followed by a superbly played trumpet retreat.

The New Year festivities this year meant more work for staff, but the Waitangi celebration will hopefully see a smaller Police input. At a recent Pop concert, our O/C showed a certain flair when he demonstrated a novel way of cutting off a group of "bikies" who were trying to gate-crash proceedings. He has since been unofficially fined 7 jugs (one for each of the fence wires he severed with the Nissan Patrol).

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In the sporting field, we were very proud of our 3 Whangarei Police representatives at the Arizona Police Olympics for all of them brought back medals: Ian Klinac (silver — discus & bronze — javelin) — Kerry Clements (silver in ½ marathon) and Colin Sterling (bronze — golf pairs).

Northland still keeps us busy and we have the highest serious crime rate per head of population of any district in New Zealand (not something to boast about), but maybe it will be an eye-opener for those of you who think we have an "armchair" ride work-wise.

I recently joined other Centennial Liaison Officers for a three day seminar at the Police College, and the programme both in Districts and Nationally promises to be very exciting. I hope that all staff will take a constructive and supportive interest in the programme, and to help willingly where they can. Items of Historic interest will be welcomed by your local history writer, and wherever you go, keep an eye out for such items, or articles, and let him know about them.. Haere ra.

Sincere congratulations go to Bob (Ace) O'Hara (who is too shy to mention it) recently presented with a "Community Service Award" by Whangarei District Commander. A tangible recognition of all the excellent community work that Bob has been working so hard on and which is much deserved. Two civilians, Lil Brittain (local prisoners Aid Field Officer and Court Aid work) and Kahu Sutherland (Director of the Whangarei Youth Centre) were also presented with similar awards. Congraulations to you all.

Ed





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Marilyn Stobie
Police Station
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Hi Carole,

Firstly congratulations on the 'new look' journal. It's great and the comments have been flowing in from members. I am sure you will receive many such compliments and they will be well deserved.

Well the Xmas season is over and things are returning to normal. It is also the time to remind members that the 'subs' are due for this year. I know it's an old hardy annual, but please make an effort and get your subs in early, as it's a tiring job chasing people. Some of our members have slipped behind again and I would love to have my books up to date for 1985. So how about making a special effort.

We have a new member to welcome to the region and that's Tony Bates from Tokoroa. Welcome to the fold, Tony, and I do hope you enjoy your membership with us. I also understand that you have a planned trip overseas, so will be looking for a bit of news from you.

Congratulations to Phil and Sue Marshall. Yes, a baby girl has arrived and all are doing extremely well. I know Phil has been folding bits of paper in the office, so I guess it was practice for those nappy changes. Make him do it Sue!

Had a nice letter from Roa Morrissey in Rotorua and pleased to learn of an impending trip to the States. I understand that it is an 'Opera' tour, so do hope your plans go well, Roa.

Also welcome back to two members, Mike Campbell and Jim Burrows. We thought we had lost you two but are very pleased to have you remain with us.

Brian Husband was in a bit of a flap, as he gave his daughter away on the 2nd February. First daughter to get married and things had to go right. Even to the point of him having to have a new hair-do. Don't think he forgave his wife or daughter for that!! Never mind Brian, your second daughters' wedding will be easier as you will have had the practice. Don't forget the hire centre have tons of long ladders, so maybe you could have held the ladder while she eloped — saved you all the planning. If not for this daughter, remember it for the next. Hope all went well for the 2nd.

Well no overseas visitors of late but may have a few golfers arrive from Hong Kong in Feb /March. Be an interesting trip and I am sure I will find plenty of willing members to show them the local courses. Received a welcome letter from Dave Bauer, Whakatane, but unfortunately it was too late for the December journal. So here is the news from him.

Whakatane:

Hi there,

Not very often, if at all, I can send off any news for the journal.

I have enclosed an article from our local paper, "The Beacon", published in November. You may find it interesting to read plus have it published in the magazine. Snr-Const. Barry McPhee from Opotiki went off on the same trip together with the writer of the article D-Sgt Ian Robson, Whakatane.

Over the past two months we have lost staff from Taneatua (Const. Webb transferred to Hamilton), Snr-Const. Ted Thurgood from Edgecumbe to Hamilton, Const. Baty transferred from Te Teko to Mongonui, Sgt Killen from Whakatane to Howick. Our new replacements are Const. Roly Williams to Taneatua, Const. Peter Beckman from Takapuna to Edgecumbe, Const. Orr from Rotorua to Te Teko and Sgt Pennefather from Gisborne to Whakatane.

All the staff at Whakatane wish the members that have transferred, all the best in their new stations and a big welcome to our newcomers.

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Dave Bauer

Thanks, Dave, for the contribution and I have forwarded the article from "The Beacon", so that it can be featured further on in the journal. It certainly makes interesting reading. Thanks again and keep us with the newsy items for me.

Marilyn

Tauranga

From our spy comes the following report.

Barbara Dickinson now has a bonnie daughter, giving her a pidgeon pair but getting back to work at the end of February will be hard going for her. Congratulations, Barbara.

Jane McQuilkan recently resigned to become a mother full time. We all miss Jane's quiet efficiency but wish her the best for the future.

Max Llewelyn was farewelled from Whakatane in mid-January on the eve of leaving to take up duty in Auckland. Hope Auckland treats you well, Max.

Howard Ireland was sidelined for most of December after surgery on the right arm. However back to normal again after starting work on New Year's eve. Boy, what a day to start back at work, not as long this year though, only 1600 hrs to 0330 hrs.

Like some other areas, we had a visit from the Swedish girls from Gothenburg, Maggies and Maria. However, as the Ireland's already had 9 staying, Fi Brown came to the rescue with beds. The girls were no doubt good ambassadors for their country, as they enjoyed our Kiwifruit wine and then recommended the wine to a Company Principal, suggesting it should be exported to Sweden. It had been hoped they would have been able to visit more areas than they did, but, as always, time is the problem and the main tourist places form the major attractions to our overseas visitors.

Frank and Ruth Hoeter had a whistle stop in Tauranga during their recent visit. It was very nice to receive a card from them on their return to Queensland, stating how much they enjoyed New Zealand and that they hope to come back.

Howard Ireland

Thanks Howard, do hope that arm of yours is back to normal and swinging the golf club with ease.

Now to Rotorua . . .

Right from Rotorua . . .

Harry Figgest has again returned from his 2nd tour to America. Theo Bolstad has settled down to married life after 'snatching' Bronwyn Parsons away from the walls of the C.R.B. Office in Wellington. The station extended their greatest sympathy to Phil Seaman in the passing of his son as a result of a motor vehicle accident late last year. Phil at the time was touring around England and Europe and consequently had to cut the tour short. Alan was 20 years of age and a keen rugby player. Pete Dunlop was married in October and the station ground to a halt when the wedding dance night developed. Over the past few months we saw the retirement of Dick Petherick, Ray Clarke, Don Rowe, Gary Garvey has just returned from a trip to Vanuatu telling them about drugs . . . or something? Greg and Lyn Martin are now proud parents to a healthy baby boy.

Staff in: Det. Sgt Jim Dunseath from Wairoa.

Well, Rotorua is still busy with heaps just calling from the street. Jack and Irene Collins played brilliant hosts to Margareta and Maria and later Anita and Birgitta — all from Sweden. After the spas and swimming in the thermal plus drinking all that hooch that Irene makes so very well plus the sightseeing, I do not think the Swedish Delegation wanted to leave.

A letter from ex-Sgt Skull McMullin, now Melbourne as a Senior Constable, resulted in a call from one of his workmates. Many kilometres, kids and kiwi houses later they left for parts up north.

I took or attempted to take a team of 32 to Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore.

We played two games of cricket, one at

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Hong Kong and Singapore, and won both. Jan and I plus eight others went through to China and Macau for three days. Ch. Superintendent John MacDonald did his usual P.R. work with his wife Paddy and excelled their hospitality. Our stay in Hong Kong was brilliant. John put a trip on up to the Chinese border with the Marine boats. Trouble is that Inspector Charlie Fisher knows more New Zealand Policemen than we did.

Sandy McAlistair who was in Wellington and now a Chief Inspector with the Diplomatic Protection Squad in H.K. also made us welcome. One of our local Solicitors — Warner Banks, now a Magistrate in H.K., called to see our game and arranged a few drinks with the Senior Magistrate Pat O'Donnell who was ex-Inspector N.Z. Legal Section. However, time was our enemy and we missed out.

Phil and Jeanette Berryman were wonderful liaison hosts with a gigantic party in Bangkok. Brilliant couple that made everyone welcome — even when we emptied their fridge several times. Phil and Jeanette had only been there some weeks and Phil was awaiting his Mercedes car . . . Everyone loved Bangkok. A must when travelling.

Paul Fitzharris looked after us when we arrived in Singapore but his busy schedule and end of his term of duty meant that we did not spend much on getting the social drink away. Reggie Da Silva and heaps of cricketing personnel turned up for the match which we only just won. Great function after.

Well, that's it from here . . . Basil said he would send something in.

Thanks, Evan. Well that's all for now. Regards,

Marilyn Stobie

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I MENTIONED last time that we would be having a visit from Fred ROCHA of the Oaklands Police Department (U.S.A.), and that our Christmas function would be held to fit in with his schedule. By all accounts, Fred had a fine time here. Rex Aubrey (our man in Telecoms) put him up and looked after him. Both being single men, they had similar interests (!), and it sounds as if several heavy nights on the town were had.

The Christmas function was a toss-up between a night at the Abel Tasman Hotel. In the end, the latter was chosen. It was a very enjoyable evening, although, as usual I fear, the turnout was disappointing. Fred was guest of honour, and appeared to have a good time.

We had four more overseas visitors during January. Earlier in the month, Margareta Karlsson and Maria Gadzic, two police-women from Sweden, called through. They were kindly put up by Steve



IPA Children's Xmas Party 1984

and Karen Goggin. Later in the month, we had a visit from a further two Swedish police-women, Anita Weine and Birgitta Jansson. Peter Hunter provided some accommodation. A small function was also held at the Wellington Police Club in their honour.

We were all relieved when the

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Notes from the Travel Secretary

Dear members,

I hope everybody had a pleasant Christmas /New Year and enjoyed the sunshine as Aucklanders did. A very busy time overseas visitor-wise in the past few months, but not so for our members travelling overseas, (and we all know why, don't we??) A few were lucky and made it before devaluation but others were not quite so lucky. Never mind, I assure you I will be keeping an eye out for any good looking travel deals and advising you of same in this section of your Journal. It came to my notice recently that there are members just itching to entertain our overseas visitors and in fact some felt quite "put out" that they had never been asked. Let me assure you I have been unaware of these 'little gems' and will be eternally grateful for any assistance along these lines, so please make sure that I know who you are and it should not happen again.

Overseas IPA Visitors

Paul Wilson & John Knowlton — This visit to New Zealand was a 'lively' one to say the least. Both from the Regional Parks Police, Castro Valley, San Francisco, they arrived in Christchurch on 11.10.84 and were on a 'fly-drive' package which they put to good use. You could say they received value for money (with a big "V") covering from the bottom of the South Island to the top of the North Island in 15 days. Where they get their energy from, I will never know. One of the boys mentioned this incredible road they had driven on in the South Island where they didn't sight another vehicle. It was suggested by one of the party after hearing a description of it that it may have been the "Skippers" Road. This was confirmed and the visitors advised to check contract. This was the wrong thing to do as it then became a challenge to seek, find & drive on all the others mentioned in the fine print.

In Auckland Paul and John were taken for a meal on board the S.S. "Ngoiro" prior to their departure for North Auckland and the Bay of Islands. On the 26.10.84 they were met once again at the Airport prior to their departure to the USA and once again were in fine form despite having had driven from Cape Reinga that day. They still managed to arrive at the Auckland Airport to check in in a very dirty car by 7p.m. Yours truly, due in hospital for a knee operation at 7a.m. the next morning, felt rather alarmed when we found their 8.30p.m. departure was delayed until midnight, and that another raucous night was ahead of us. My only comment is that I was pleased to go back to bed on arrival at the hospital at 6.45a.m. Two very nice chaps who have promised another not-so-rushed visit to New Zealand in the future.



John and Paul "dining out" with Jill and Robin Chester.

David and Celia Carter arrived in Auckland on the 4.12.84 to stay with their son, Glinn in Papakura, until March 1985. David has retired from the West Yorks Metro and was in New Zealand previously in the early 1970s. Arthur Burns and Nora Crawford have been arranging the IPA contact/entertainment for them in Auckland and assisting with other downline contacts when they start touring through New Zealand.

Doreen and Rolf Hansen from Derby, England visited Auckland for just 12 hours on the 18th December 1984 on board the 'Canberra'. Rolf is a retired Inspector after 27 years in the Derbyshire Constabulary. While in Auckland he was able to meet up with a retired colleague, Stan England and his wife Margaret, now living in Auckland and they managed to have time to visit the Englands' Titirangi home. At 5p.m. Jill & Robin Chester joined the foursome on the ship for a tour of the facilities and a cocktail hour. Rolf and Doreen had been cruising for 5 weeks on the 'Canberra' and were a little disappointed that due to bad weather en-route twice and an engine problem once, ports of call were missed to catch up time. This caused them to miss pre-arranged IPA contacts in the various countries. However, bigger disappointments were received by families with small children on board who had taken that specific cruise because of the Los Angeles stopover enabling them to take the children to Disneyland. Sadly, this was one of the ports of call which was missed out. Petitions and sandwichboard protesting was not unknown around the decks. Apart from that aspect of the cruise the food (7 course lunches and dinners), weather and activities were all A1. Rolf presented a plaque from the No. 5 Region, Derbyshire Branch to IPA New Zealand, unusual in that it is made from slate from that area. A truly delightful couple we look forward to meeting again in the future.



A group photo on board the 'Canberra'. Stan and Margaret England on the left and Rolf and Doreen Hanson on the right.

Maria Gadzic and Margaretha (Maggie) Karlsson arrived in New Zealand on 3.12.84 which turned out to be 4.12.84 due to an International Dateline confusion. They were met and hosted by Breck and Carole Stewart of Auckland. Both girls are from the Gottenburg Police, Sweden, and are enjoying 6 months leave. They departed for the Bay of Islands after a few days and many Police Christmas parties later, only to return on the 15.12.84 to yet another Christmas barbecue at the Chesters for Dads Army Prison Escort section. The girls stayed overnight and were taken for an 'ae-

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rial jolly' over Auckland City and surrounding Bays the following day. Due to a strong crosswind, quite a sporty arrival was made into Dairy Flat airfield: the reason for this becoming obvious when 2 hours later Auckland had a huge electrical storm. Maria and Maggie returned to the Stewarts who took them to Thames and the Coromandel Peninsula for a few days before the girls headed off through the rest of the North and South Islands.

Anita Weine and Birgitta Jansson, two work colleagues of Maria and Maggie, arrived in New Zealand on New Years Day. They were hosted in Auckland for 2 days before heading off through the North and South Islands meeting up with the other two in Queenstown on the 10th January. Unfortunately Anita and Birgitta had only 3 months leave so on the 22nd January 1985 they left New Zealand for Noumea, Australia and home.

Maria and Maggie departed for Rarotonga on the 24th January to meet up with a friend on a cargo ship which will enable them to cruise around different Pacific islands for 6 weeks before returning briefly to New Zealand on 1.3.85. They will then depart for Noumea, Australia and home on 5th March 1985.



From left to right: Anita Weine, Maria Gadzic and Birgitta Jansson. Front: Margareta (Maggie) Karlson.



Rolf presents the plaque to IPA N.Z. with a photo of the 'Canberra' in the background as she was when she returned from the Falklands. A magnificent photograph with the troops lined along the decks being greeted by a flotilla of small craft as she sails into Portsmouth.

Pending Visits of Overseas Visitors

4.5.85 to 15.6.85 — Cyril Davies from Cornwall, England (retired member). No date as yet — P. D. Arsenault serving member from the Vancouver Police who is a black belt in Karate, has a certificate in Fitness Leadership and is at present studying Martial Arts /Weaponry. He is interested in contacting any of our members with similar interests.

Paul and Dorothy Moore (no date as yet) from Middlesex, England who will be taking an extended holiday in New Zealand when Paul retires after 30 years with the Metropolitan Police.

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Sid Vanderwalt from Wellington — 27.2.85 to April 1985 U.K. & Europe.

Ian and Michelle Brown from Auckland 28.2.85 to 6.5.85 visiting U.S.A., Britain and Japan.

Paul & Helen Mackay from Gisborne 12.4.85 to September 1986 on an extended working holiday.

Miscellaneous

IPA N.Z. TRACES AUNTY — This item of interest appeared in the Autumn 1984 issue of the British Section of *"Police World"* and once again shows the good work done by one of our Associate Secretaries.

"Leicestershire member Brian Morris is very grateful to IPA member John Lardner in Christchurch, New Zealand, for helping him to trace an aunt whom had not been heard of for thirty years. Brian's uncle had run away to sea at the age of 15 and eventually married and settled in New Zealand. Food parcels were received from him and his wife during the war years, then nothing more was heard of them. After thinking about the long lost uncle and aunt for many years and wondering what had happened to them, Brian decided to try and trace them. The only information he had about them was a thirty year old address in Waihi, New Zealand. He contacted John Lardner of the Christchurch IPA to see if he was able to help. John replied very quickly, explaining that he would do what he could to help, but that he lived in the South Island and Waihi was in the North Island. One advantage was that both John and his wife were members of the New Zealand Genealogy Society. Less than 6 weeks later a letter arrived from Waihi, N.Z. from the long lost aunt. Unfortunately the uncle had died some years ago. Brian was delighted to hear from his aunt and now corresponds with her regularly. He is now hoping that one day he will be able to visit N.Z. to meet his aunt and also several new-found cousins."

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Hervey Bay, Australia

AUSTRALIAN A.G.M. — As you will have read previously the Australian A.G.M. is being held in Hervey Bay, Queensland from 14-21 October 1985. Australian members have shown interest in attending our A.G.M. in April and some of

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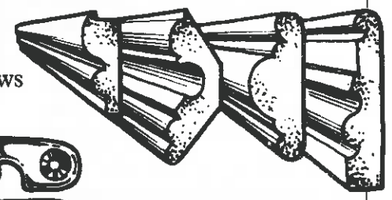

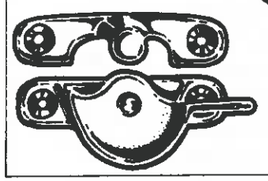

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our members have shown an interest in returning the visit in October. With 1986 looming closer and closer I feel it is an excellent idea to be having this contact and can only help us to have a smooth running "Friendship Week" in the Centenary Year of the N.Z. Police. With this in mind I have been seeking out alternatives for members on different budgets — the first of which are as follows:—

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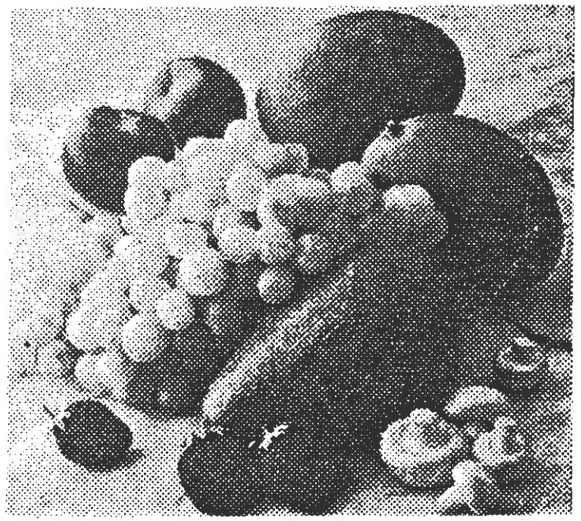
All inquiries regarding any of the above-mentioned travel deals to: National Travel Secretary, 43 Jacaranda Ave., AUCKLAND 10.

Well, that is it for this edition, I hope this column will prove to be of some help to members who may be thinking of travelling overseas.

Jill Chester
National Travel Secretary

Seasonal Menu



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Another option for Hervey Bay

14 October-21 October 1985 inclusive

By Darrell Shields

THE 21st National Australian IPA Convention will be held at Hervey bay on the 18, 19 and 20 October 1985, in conjunction with a "Friendship week" commencing on the 14th October 1985.

The agenda outlined may be subject to minor changes but a full and friendly week is guaranteed by the Australians to their friends in New Zealand.

It is important to realise that Policemen, wives, Rotarians, and friends are all welcome to take advantage of the tour opportunities presented hereunder and there is NO requirement for a Policeman or others to take part in the tours that are arranged or in any of the meetings. In short, although a very interesting programme has been arranged for both Police members and non Police members, persons wishing to take advantage of the cheap tour costs may travel to Brisbane at the same rate and do their own thing if they wish. Any queries on this point are very welcome.

ITINERARY

Monday, 14 October
Arrival. Reception, accommodation arranged at Melanesian Village — a free night.

Tuesday, 15 October
Visit to surrounding Maryborough, (a banana growing district) and for Police members a pistol shoot for those interested.

Wednesday, 16 October
A coach trip to Bundaberg. Tour of sugar mill, the famous Bundaberg Rum Distillery and the port facilities.

Thursday, 17 October
Fishing trip aboard the "Frazer Princess" out on Hervey Bay.

Friday, 18 October
Registration /Reception of members who wish to attend the Convention. House of Friendship open all day. Drinks etc. Civil reception by Mayor, a big barbecue welcome.

Saturday, 19 October
8.30a.m. Australian IPA Annual General Meeting.
10.00a.m. Morning tea.
11.00a.m. N.E.C. meeting.
12.30p.m. Lunch.
7.00p.m. Big banquet.

Important Note

Bus trips to points of interest in the district for those not wishing to attend meetings. Still welcome to go to banquet and luncheon, however.

Sunday, 20 goctober
Launch trip aboard the M.V. "Islander" to Frazer Island, plus four-wheeled drive bus tour of Frazer Island and farewell get together at "Nobody Inn". Frazer Island is well known as a very large island with peculiar flora and fauna not found in other places of Australia. Wild dingos and all sorts of oddities abound there. Everybody's consensus is that Frazer Island is a must.

Monday, 21 October
Depart for Auckland.

Costs

At this stage bookings have been made on British Airways, departing Auckland at around 5p.m. 14 October for Brisbane, returning 8a.m. Monday, Brisbane-Auckland, 21 October. The airfare return on the basis of 20 people is $499 New Zealand dollars, plus tax of $40. If more members go this price may reduce even further. This fare is well below the group price and you will never get a cheaper return trip to Brisbane. Members or friends are welcome to take this trip and do their own thing in the intervening week.

Accommodation

Will be at the Melanesian village at a cost of approximately $35 a night. Again this may reduce if more members are interested. Brisbane to Hervey Bay — will be by coach and would be in the vicinity of about $30 each way. These costs are subject to final confirmation but it is hoped at this stage that the round trip could be done for less than $700.

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New Zealand Police

Dog Section

By Sgt. Colin Guppy
Dog Training Centre, Wellington

In 1955, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the late Sir Sidney Holland, while in Britain studying the latest methods of crime detection and prevention, visited Police Dog Kennels and watched Police Dog displays.

The late Inspector Frank Riley from the Surrey Constabulary was selected to set up a New Zealand Police Dog Section. Inspector Riley was the Handler of Police Dog, Miska, and it was that year that the working pair won the Cartacana Trophy for a top working Police Dog pair in Britain.



From left to right: Sgt. Guppy, Insp. Riley, Sgt. Symes.
First 3 officers (instructors) who started the Police Dog Training Centre at Trentham, N.Z.

First Puppies

Before he left England, he selected two bitches, Karen and Silver, for breeding purposes and a dog, Dante. These three dogs and his own dog, Miska, travelled on the cargo ship Hinakura which berthed at Auckland. On the way over both brood bitches whelped.

The New Zealand Police Kennels were built at Trentham, in the Hutt Valley, 24 km from the Capital city, Wellington. All training for different types of dogs such as general purpose Police Dogs, Narcotic or Explosive Detector Dogs is done at these Kennels. It is also the breeding centre for replacements.

Dante and Miska

To date, there are just on 100 working Police Dogs around the country. Dante, the dog that Inspector Riley brought out from England with him, was the first New Zealand-trained Police Dog and was handled by Sergeant Colin Guppy. Both Sergeant Guppy and Dante, and Inspector Riley with Miska, became legendary names throughout New Zealand for the great work that these two dogs did in tracking down criminals, finding lost children, and escaped prisoners. It was not until about 18 months later that the pups born on the ship on the way to New Zealand became operational Police Dogs.

The impression these dogs made resulted in the establishment of the New Zealand Police Dog Training Centre at Trentham. Dog Sections are now established throughout the country with 14 centres from Whangarei to Invercargill.

Home Life Important

German Shepherds have been accepted as the most suitable breed for conditions in New Zealand and have proved to be the best all-purpose dog for the climate. During whelping, the bitches and their puppies are cared for at the Dog Training Centre, Trentham. From the age of six months the puppies live at the homes of their handlers, getting used to rural and urban surroundings. This "home" life is important for a dog conditioned only to kennel and the show ring will generally fall short of Police requirements. When a handler is selected, he uplifts his pup from the Training Centre and takes it home where the pup becomes used to his wife and family, and then when the dog is about 12 months of age both return to the Training School for the first month course. The dog must have three one-month courses over a period of time plus a series of tests to see that it is up to operational standard before it can become an efficient working Police dog.



Left to right: Sgt Symes, Const. Graham, Const. Styles, Const. Surgenor, Const. Gyde, Mr Meltzer (Ass.), Comm. Spencer, Brig. Goss, Const. Parkes, Const. Stilkings, Const. Peterson, Sgt. Guppy, Insp. Kiley.
First Operational Group Dog Handlers 1958. (Sgt. Guppy, 2nd from right, 1st NZ Operational Dog Handler 1957).

Gift Dogs

A few dogs are obtained from the public, either as a gift or by purchase. These dogs, which are preferably between the ages of 10 and 18 months, are kept at the training centre for approximately one to three weeks to assess their health and working capabilities. If found satisfactory, they are allocated to a handler who, after a short course of instruction, takes the dog to his home to begin a period of familiarisation. This period is essential to create a feeling of trust and understanding between dog and handler before serious training is undertaken. Bitches are not generally accepted unless they are of exceptionally good stock and their blood lines show that they will help with the selective breeding programme.

Since New Zealand is a hilly country, handlers must be fit and active, especially when called upon to follow a dog who is tracking or chasing over difficult terrain.

The dog's agility and special qualities would be wasted if the handler were unable to keep up with him.

To Deter and Detect

Dogs normally patrol for at least seven hours a day, on a system of shifts. Another hour a day is allowed for feeding, grooming and exercising. A dog's real value is as a deterrent and to detect crime, but this is only achieved when on patrol and not while held in reserve awaiting èmergencies. The way dogs are used necessarily depends on the area to be policed — urban or rural. In the former, dogs patrol near vulnerable premises, while in rural areas, they patrol near a strategic point where they can be quickly contacted. In recent years this system has been extended and greater use is now made of groups of dogs and handlers on special patrols to cover a particular policing problem. The issue of personal radios to officers has meant a more efficient use of Police Dogs and the increased use of radio equipped vans to patrol and transport dogs and handlers has added to their operational efficiency. Dogs can be conveyed quickly to the scenes of crimes, to places where disorder is likely, or to any place where there is need for their services.

In addition to patrolling, searching, chasing and tracking criminals, dogs are used for recovering stolen property which has been abandoned, and for finding missing persons. The scope of properly trained and handled Police Dogs is likely to be extended with further experience based on continuing experiments in new methods of deployment.

First Instructors

Inspector Riley, Sergeant Guppy and Sergeant Symes were the first Instructors and laid the foundation for the efficient manner in which the Dog Section is working today throughout the country.

As well as training handlers from this country, they have trained handlers from as far away as Singapore, New Guinea, Australia, Fiji and Hong Kong. The Police Dog Kennels at Trentham is the largest Police Dog Training Centre in the South Pacific.

The following are some bits and pieces about the canine members (and others) of the Dog Section in New Zealand dating from 1958.

Courtesy of **The New Zealand Police Bulletin.**

Police Dogs Start to Get Results

Successful Operations in Auckland, Wellington

Police dogs gave striking examples of their worth to the force last month.

At Mangere, Constable S. Styles and his dog, Alex, captured two men at a shop that had been entered in Coronation

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The dog attacked one man who assaulted Constable Styles, and the man surrendered instantly. The second man shouted "All right. I give in, I give in,." and stood with his hands in his pockets till the constable called the dog off.

At Johnsonville, near Wellington, Constables C. Guppy, with Dante, W. Stickings, with Ace, L. Peterson, with Buck, tracked and captured three men who had allegedly assaulted a taxi-driver and fled into the bush. The men surrendered immediately they realised the dogs were tracking them.

Use of Dogs

In a memorandum for districts, Headquarters has laid down the following rules for the use of dogs, seven of which have now gone on duty throughout the country:

(a) On street patrol, not to exceed two hours' duration. The dog is to be given one hour's spell between patrols, during which time the handler should be directed to other duties.
(b) On duty with night radio patrol car.
(c) At the scene of freshly committed crimes for the purpose of tracking the offender.
(d) To track escapees or missing persons. All available dogs should be used on this work.
(e) To guard persons or buildings, also in the search of buildings.
(f) For car patrol with the handler in place of an observer, if the handler is a driver, and a staff shortage exists.
(g) To gain control, with his handler, riots, fights, or an unruly crowd in an hotel bar.
(h) To apprehend an armed person who ensconces himself in bush or a building.
(i) To be left in premises nightly and to apprehend the offender when he returns, where premises are consistently broken into; similarly with vandalism in schools, churches, and public buildings.
(j) To be used as in (i) on large housing projects which are subjected to extensive pilfering.

Seven dogs have completed their training and are available for full duties in the following centres: Auckland, 1; Hamilton, 1; Taumarunui, 1; Christchurch, 2; Invercargill, 2. Dante, the Wellington dog, has been on duty since late last year.

(June 1958)

Police Dogs Have repeatedly Demonstrated Their Worth

By Chief Inspector C. L. Spencer

It is now just on a year since the first trained police dogs began operating in districts. During this time they have achieved excellent results and repeatedly demonstrated their value.

An indication of their worth is their high success rate. Of the 60 calls — mainly crime, lost persons, and escapee — successes were obtained in nearly a third. This is an excellent success rate. Overseas, a 10 per cent success rate is considered exceptional, though it is pertinent to mention that greater population per square mile, more traffic, and more and larger built-up areas cause a great deal more scent interference than in New Zealand. Even so, the New Zealand rate is still above average.

Important Rule

An analysis of operations in which dogs took part shows that the success rate could have been much higher had the most important rule for dog tracking been observed. This is that the dogs must be brought to the scene *without delay*. This is vital for two reasons:

To enable the dog to have a reasonably fresh scent to work on.

To enable the dog to start tracking before the scent has been fouled by police or civilians moving around in the area.

Unless a dog can be brought to the scene of possible duty within five hours of the tracks being laid, the chances of its picking up the scent are about ten to one. Five hours is the maximum time: the optimum is right away. Some districts have not achieved the results they might have by not observing the above rule, though fortunately most appear to be making prompt decisions to use the dogs and are getting them quickly to the scene.

Another point worth noting is that it is not always good policy for police following a dog to anticipate the direction in which the person tracked is going and move on ahead to try to intercept the person for a quick arrest. This often leads to confusion of the escapee's scent, and, as against a number of failures, has been successful only once to date.

Unknown Factors

Surprisingly enough, not a great deal is known about scent and the kind of trail a dog follows. A dog may be rushed to the scene within minutes of the scent being laid and yet be unable to run any sort of track, while a dog arriving after the five hours may still achieve creditable results. Results are not predictable and can be influenced by a variety of factors.

At present there are 13 fully trained police dogs in New Zealand. This is not really sufficient either for the emergency work mentioned or for preventive work which is actually the dogs' main function. There are limited numbers or members with dogs available and as they are on call 24 hours a day their private time is frequently broken into. It is hoped that additional staff will eventually improve this situation, and also bring the strength up to the point where more regular patrols with dogs can be made.

Psychological Effect

It has been adequately proved that the mere presence of a trained police dog has great preventive powers. Last year at least three escapees gave themselves up when they realised the dogs were on their trail, and their presence has proved equally effective on patrol.

Partial Successes

The successes achieved by the dogs in the last 12 months do not include partial successes where the dog's action assisted the police even though it did not result in the person sought being tracked down. Quite a few tracks run for prison escapees and abscondees have ended at a roadway or railway station, indicating that transport was used at this point. The information yielded in this way often narrows the field of possibilities, enables a fresh start to be made in inquiries, and if the suspect is later brought in, can prove a valuable talking point.

This type of result does, of course, emphasise more than ever that the dogs are only a small if integral part in the machinery of crime prevention and detection. They have their part to play, and naturally the better the conditions, the greater the service they can render. Like the parts of a machine that need oil to run effectively, tracking dogs need a fresh, unfouled scent if they are to run in the right direction.

Value of Dogs Not Fully Realised

Discussing the use of police dogs, the Commissioner, Mr W. S. Brown, said: "It is apparent that in some districts the value of the dogs is not fully realised as there are many cases in which the dogs should have been used, but were either not employed or else brought in too late. Dogs are an aid in police work to be used wherever the situation warrants, in just the same way as a patrol car or the intercommunication system is used. It is stressed that when any crime or other incident occurs that is reasonably fresh, consideration should be given at the outset to using the dogs. There is nothing to be lost by doing this — and there is often a lot to be gained.

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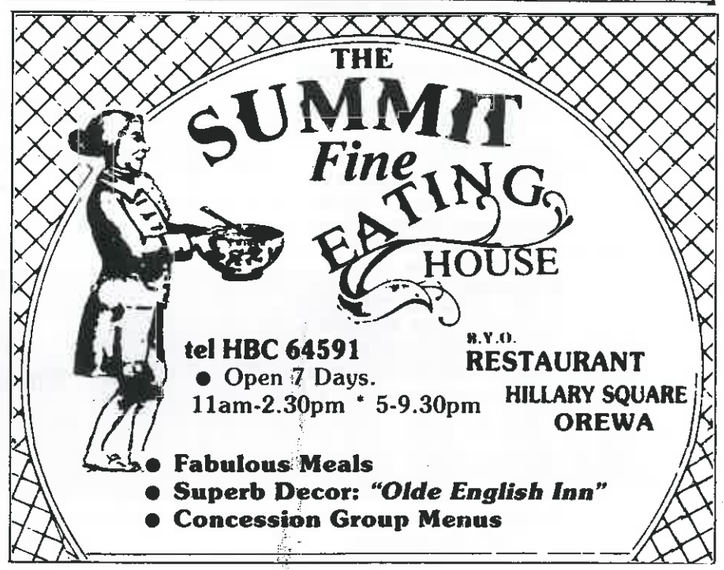

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Cross Section of Successes

The following is a cross section of some of the successes achieved by New Zealand's police dogs:

- A man in emaciated condition was seen in a hut and thought to be dead, but on arrival of the police had disappeared. Although it was raining heavily the police dog managed to track the man down in the bush. He was a mental escapee who had been out for 19 days. His quick finding by the dog probably saved his live.
- Three men attempted to attack a taxi driver, the alarm was given and they ran off. The police dogs ran a good track, the wanted men giving themselves up before the dogs had reached them.
- A young girl lost in the bush was located in a general search by the dogs, who were snuggled down beside her and kept her warm until transport arrived.
- In one case a dog was used to verify a suspect's story, the dog backtracking exactly the path the man said he had taken.
- Two men were disturbed shopbreaking; one was arrested and the other escaped. A quick search failed to locate him, the police dog was sent for and tracked the man down to where he was hiding between a hedge and the back of a fowlhouse.
- Evidence was required for an assault case. The police dog searched the area and found the weapon — a chain.
- A borstal escapee took refuge in some sheep pens, took of his clothes, donned others, and swung from rafter to rafter for some distance to a hiding place. His ruse was unsuccessful, the dog having no difficulty in finding him.

(June 1959)

Hamilton:

Constable Barker and Jon assisted in the apprehension of an armed, mentally disturbed youth who was in a farm shed. He had a loaded .22 rifle pointed at the Police who were faced with the problem of covering 100 yards of open ground. Shortly after the arrival of Constable Barker and Jon the youth, carrying his rifle, broke from the shed. The dog was sent after the youth who dropped the rifle in flight. When the Police caught up, Jon was found guarding the youth who offered no resistance. He was later remanded to a mental hospital.

Auckland:

Constable J. Beatson and Adam were called to an abandoned car which had been unlawfully taken and it was believed that the offenders may have committed a burglary at a neighbouring dairy. The dog picked up a track, travelling through gorse and swamp until he came upon a biscuit tin stolen from the dairy.

Further along the track other items from the dairy were found. The dog continued the track until one offender appeared some 50 yards ahead and gave himself up. He had heard the handler commanding the dog and said that he did not want to get bitten.

Invercargill:

Constable P. Rosewarne and Anka attended an assault by two youths on a taxi driver. A house where it was thought the offenders lived was pointed out but inquiries showed that this was not the case. However, while at the back door the dog became excited and commenced scenting the air. Released, the dog immediately picked up the offenders' track leading to bush at the rear of the property. He located the offenders in the bush and stood guard over them until the handler arrived.

Wanganui:

Constable H. Surgenor and Axel and Constable Meiklen and Liki assisted in the search for prison escaper, Gerald Ross. The two dogs were working a paddock for a track when the prisoner was seen to break from cover a short distance ahead. He was soon apprehended. The prisoner said he had been in hiding for three hours. He had seen the Police on the road and had no intention of moving — until he sighted the Police dogs.

Christchurch:

Constable K. M. Gallagher and Gem investigated a 2a.m. report from a woman in Opawa who saw two men pushing her Vauxhall car out on the roadway. When she called out the men made off. Fifteen minutes later Constable Gallagher and Gem commenced a track along the street, into a driveway, across some lawns, and eventually saw the two men ahead. They turned and ran with the handler and dog in pursuit. On reaching the corner a uniform patrol travelling to the scene apprehended the two offenders, whose guilt was established beyond any doubt.

Constable A. F. Leslie and Maro helped to establish after a track of a mile through streets, a park, and private residences that two men who had attacked a householder and his son with a knife in St. Albans were the same pair who participated in a burglary and serious assault on an elderly resident in Barbadoes Street. The dog's track established that the burglary and assault were committed first, and that the second offence took place during their flight from the scene of the crime.

Palmerston North:

Constable P. J. Allen and Nero attended a report that an eight months pregnant woman had been attacked with a stick by an intruder, in her bedroom at 7.25a.m. The intruder had been wearing a cloth over his head. Nero picked up a track and followed it for about a quarter of a mile to a house in another street. Inquiries established that a youth had arrived at the house at 7.35a.m. and asked for a taxi to be called. The taxi driver later identified the youth and further inquiries established that he was responsible for a number of burglaries.

New Plymouth:

Constable Burr and Echo tracked two girls through thick bush, scrub, and swamp for more than a mile. Both had been involved in a burglary. The dog worked for 25 minutes. The success of this operation was greatly enhanced because the dog was called out immediately the offence was reported.

Christchurch:

Constable Leslie and Maro were called when a woman patient at a Christchurch hospital disappeared. About two hours elapsed before the dog went to work and Maro was set on a free search of the river banks and garden. The search extended to the basement, and eventually under the building, where the patient was found wedged beneath the flooring in a state of collapse. She had been missing for three hours.

Auckland:

Constable Dowdle and Abbo were called to a jewellery shop where a window had been smashed with a beer bottle and the shop burgled. The offender had last been seen running along a beach. The dog tracked along the beach through a schoolground, along Gibbons Road and then back on to the beach again for approximately half a mile. Abbo then tracked through the rear sections of two houses, then once more back on to the beach for a further 200 yards, and finally through six streets. The offender was located standing in a gateway. Abbo had tracked the offender for approximately 2 miles and it was shown later that the offender had not only committed a similar burglary a week earlier, but also had a list of 47 previous convictions.

Dunedin:

At 2.10a.m. last New Year's Eve, Constable Barber and Dale attended a complaint of wilful damage to headstones at the Southern Cemetery, Dunedin. On arrival of the Police the offenders were heard to be making their escape from a distant corner of the cemetery. Dale was released and immediately located and rounded up three offenders. At first they denied all implication in the wilful damage, but the dog was put to track and retraced the offenders direction of travel amongst the headstones to where they were located. In the course of tracking Dale located an iron bar which had been used by one of the offenders. The damaged to the headstones amounted to 2,230 pounds.

Wellington:

Constable M. J. Cooke and Alec assisted a Police party executing a search warrant on sly grog premises. There were some 30 people present. Five or six of the men

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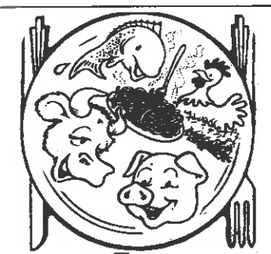

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attacked the Police, but Alec soon restrained them and two arrests were made. Alec's presence throughout enabled a nasty situation to be controlled with little effort.

Constables J. McLean and Cooke, with Jeff and Alec, assisted in the search of a large department store when the firm's burglar alarm sounded. No sign of forced entry could be found and the two dogs were able to establish that no intruder was in the building, taking less than 30 minutes to do so.

In another case Constable McLean and Jeff were called to assist the CIB at midnight after a man had been apprehended for stealing 500 pounds worth of jewellery from a car, some of which was recovered. Jeff searched an area of thick bush and shrubs in the vicinity, and recovered all the missing jewellery as well as the offender's coat. An inventory later showed that all the property, consisting of over 100 items, was accounted for. This operation took the dog 25 minutes.

Invercargill:

Constable S. C. Dixon and Prince assisted in the search for a missing man. When the man's car was found at 6p.m., a track was run for some one and a half miles until it disappeared into the river. His hat was found about a mile from the car. In this case the track was possibly 24 hours old.

Lower Hutt:

Constable A. Gregory and Argus tracked an absconder from a boys' home who was found within 20 minutes of the dog commencing work, after a track of a mile.

Hamilton:

Constable Barker and Jon went to the assistance of police and traffic officers involved in a serious fracas with about 30 youths. A police officer and traffic officer were both admitted to hospital. Jon gave yeoman assistance and was kicked many times. Six offenders were apprehended and Jon's courage and persistence no doubt minimised a very serious situation.

Auckland:

On 2 February this year, an inmate of the maximum security ward at the Oakley Hospital escaped. He was extremely agitated and was armed with a length of 3in by 2in timber with which he was threatening violence. Constable Beatson and Adam were called to the area. The patient was sighted in some mud flats some 50 yards from the dog still armed with the timber and making threats of violence. Constable Beatson told the patient to drop the timber or the dog would be released. He obeyed and stated that he had only done so because of the presence of the Police dog.

Christchurch:

On 2 February this year, Constable Cumming with Glen attended the scene of a burglary at Christchurch where the cash register had been stolen from a shop. Glen commenced to track and located different parts of the cash register. The track took the Police to the rear of a boardinghouse. A considerable amount of the stolen money was found inside the boardinghouse and the cash register was located on a vacant section nearby.

Palmerston North:

A resident whose care was parked at the rear of his residence heard his vehicle start up at about 9.30p.m. It crashed into the side of the house causing some damage and the offender ran away. A mobile patrol found a suspect about half a mile from the scene, but he denied any knowledge of the happening. Constable Allen and Nero were called and ran a back track to the passenger's side door of complainant's car, from which the offender had been seen to leave. Offender admitted the offence and confirmed the dog's track.

Dunedin:

An 80-year-old man disappeared from an old peoples home, and a search by the Police had not brought results and Constable Harrison and Earl and Constable Aughterlony and Anna commenced a free search through thick undergrowth and heavy bush. Eventually Earl got a scent and found the missing man with his throat cut, concealed in bush at the bottom of a small valley in such a way that search parties would have been unlikely to have found him.

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Evidence as to Behaviour and Actions of Police Dogs

R. v Te Whiu and Buckton, 1964 N.Z.L.R. 748 (Woodhouse, J.)

Circumstances

Te Whiu and Buckton were charged with breaking and entering. Evidence was called that the offenders after the breaking made off in a car and that the car was followed by Police. Eventually the car crashed and one man escaped from it. Te Whiu was arrested a short time afterwards and some distance away. As evidence of identification of Te Whiu as the person who had escaped from the car, it was sought to call evidence as the the actions of a Police dog which followed a scent from the car and after doing so for some miles came upon Te Whiu, and grabbed his clothing thereby indicating that he had been following Te Whiu's scent from the crashed car.

This evidence was objected to.

Summary of Judgment

The conditions for the admission of this evidence have been satisfied.

First, Constable Bracey has given evidence, which is accepted, that he is an experienced dog handler and trainer, having since 1958 been very much concerned with the training of Police dogs. He has shown that a trained Police dog can under reasonable conditions follow a scent from a certain place, and when he comes upon the person whose scent he has been following he will indicate that that is the person whose scent he has been following.

Secondly, Constable Bracey has given evidence that he has been training the dog "Duke" for some years, and that the dog is a fully trained tracking dog, and in particular that he has been trained to follow scents and has passed tests in this work.

These conditions having been satisfied Constable Bracey can give evidence of the actions of the Police dog "Duke" on this particular occasion. He cannot say what the dog was intending. But he can say what the dog actually did, and based upon his general experience of these dogs and his particular experience of "Duke", he can explain what inferences can be drawn from the dog's actions.

"Dogs are only Aids to Police Work . . ."

(A New Zealand Record Track)

Sunday, 21 April, turned out to be an eventful day for Constable Endicott-Davies and his dog "Fritz". An early morning call-out saw the start of a New Zealand record track which took more than 6 hours, covered 16 miles through rivers, mangrove swamps, mud, blackberry, gorse, and thick bush and culminated in the capture of two youthful fugitives, less than ¾ mile from where they began their attempt to escape!

Shortly after 6a.m. two young men in a car stolen from Takapuna rammed a following patrol car and decamped on foot over a steep bank with a policeman in pursuit. Unfortunately the officer broke his ankle while negotiating the bank and was reduced to watching the offenders disappear into the thick bush.

Assistance was called for and Constable Endicott-Davies and Fritz were shortly on the scene. The handler and his biscuit-coloured German Shepherd dog were already a highly respected combination, having achieved the honour of being New Zealand's top dog and handler the previous year.

Armed

Fritz cast about and located a scent within seconds. Handler and dog moved off into the bush at 6.25a.m., the dog tracking strongly. Two constables accompanied the pair as it was thought the offenders could be armed with a knife.

The dog led his handler at vigorous pace through the bush quickly outdistancing the two constables. The track halted abruptly on the edge of a wide river and it became obvious from the dog's actions that the offenders had crossed over. Returning to the road, the dog and handler were driven across the bridge. The track was relocated amongst the mangroves on the opposite side of the river and the pair moved off along the bank towards Whangaparaoa Heads. Once again the track led to the river's edge forcing the pair to return to the vehicle. After being driven back across the bridge, the dog was again able to locate the

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original track.

Fritz led his handler through bush and over land contours for some time when Constable Endicott-Davies noticed a police party ahead of him. They had entered the area from a different point and had been searching some bush. The handler became concerned, lest the party had obscured the track. He instructed them to stand fast. His fears were unfounded; Fritz tracked straight on through, hardly giving the party a glance. He was obviously still "hot on the trail".

The trail once again led to the river's edge and fingerprints in the mud confirmed the dog's line. This time the dog and handler plunged into the river and not without difficulty, gained the opposite bank. Footprints were readily visible in the mud and after a ¾-mile trek through mangrove swamp and thick black mud they emerged "like a pair of minstrels", only to plunge immediately into thick native bush.

The track snaked through the bush, on to open ground, along gorse lines, followed various inlets and gradually curved back towards the East Coast Bays. The dog's unflagging enthusiasm led the handler across open ground, back into heavy bush and to a scum-covered culvert containing 12 inches of water.

Great Skill

Incredibly the dog began to track along residual scent clinging to the scum floating on the surface of the water. Constable Endicott-Davies felt some misgivings but an inspection of the silt below water level clearly showed recent footmarks and confirmed the dog's great skill.

Fritz led his handler along through the culvert, across open farm land, along a road, through a pig farm and paddocks and once again back into thick bush. By now it was 11.05a.m.

Constable Endicott-Davies came upon a police patrol crew searching independently and they were seconded to assist him. The track led the group into particularly thick bush into which the party was required to physically "bulldoze" their way. Fritz indicated the offenders had stopped in a small clearing and had searched in several directions for a way out.

With some difficulty the dog located the exit path and tracked out of the bush into an area of blackberry and gorse in which progress was both slow and painful. Then the way cleared a little and the pace quickened. The handler sensed Frit's growing excitement as he began to pull against the harness. Some distance ahead the sounds of someone crashing through the scrub were heard and the dog's eagerness forced the constable into a run.

By now it was 11.40a.m. After more than 5 hours of sustained effort Constable Endicott-Davies pulled a thigh muscle and had to stop. Frustrated, he was forced to rest for a few moments while his assistants massaged his leg. He was able to continue with his impatient but understanding dog leading him once again at a run. They crossed ploughed fields, forded a creek, and had to stop again for further leg treatment.

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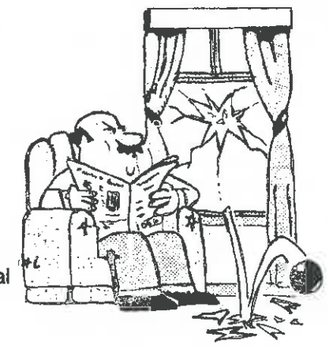

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Dance all Around the World

Part I

By Owen Dance

IN THE FOURTEEN or so years that I've been an IPA member, I have never read all of anyone's travel article in any Journal. Probably a combination of laziness and envy that they could afford it and I couldn't I suppose. Now that my wife Pat and I have finally made a big trip I feel duty bound to contribute an account of it to the Journal, since that's what it's all about after all, so I start with an apology to all those who've gone before, and in the hope that at least some of you will read this.

Credit Union Help

Pat and I decided some time late in '82 that, if we waited until we could afford a trip and it was a sensible thing to do, we'd be too old to go on it, so to hell with common sense — it was on! Some quick revisions to the family budget enabled us to get a savings programme under way, and as soon as bookings opened, a year before the planned departure date, a loan from the Credit Union meant that we could buy the tickets in plenty of time to beat any sudden price rises. (This backfired slightly in our case, because the interest on the loan was more than the small rise that **did** occur, but that was our bad luck, and I would still recommend that course to anyone planning a trip, since it will usually pay off, particularly now that the price freeze is off.) 1984 would be our son's School Certificate year, and he could ill afford time out from school, so after a great deal of negotiation within the family it was agreed that he would forgo the trip on the understanding that, at some time in the not-too-distant future we would let him go on his own to Rarotonga, which we had previously visited as a family, and which he had loved, being a diving enthusiast. Pat and I would go, taking our daughter, Laura, aged eleven, as she was at an age where we felt that she would benefit from the experience without suffering from the interruption to her school year. Fortunately her teacher agreed enthusiastically, but not without drilling into me the necessity to spend a little time each day doing elementary maths with Laura, who she said should also keep a detailed diary each day, partly for the sake of her literary skills, but mainly to enhance the learning experiences she would hopefully have. (Excellent advice as it turned out, and the diary-cum-scrapbook that Laura kept is now a source of great pride and pleasure to her.)

To Meet Counterparts Overseas

The Police came to the party handsomely too. Agreeing that this was too good an opportunity to miss, since I, as O /C Technical Support Unit was the only person in NZ doing my kind of work and there was obvious benefit in my meeting counterparts overseas, the department undertook to pay travel allowance at the rate of whichever country I was in, plus that night's accommodation, for each day I spent on authorised visits to technical units en route. Being a cunning public servant of some years experience, I had already made informal approaches to the units I thought I would like to see, and had been able to put a firm proposal up at the same time as I raised the idea, so the department's blessing put the seal on a whole week in Los Angeles with the US Drug Enforcement Administration, two day with the London Metropolitan Police, a day each with the West Midlands Police and the Home Office Police Scientific establishment, and a day with both Police and Central Narcotics Bureau in Singapore on the way home. In the event of course, the whole thing snowballed, and I ended up spending much more time than that on work-related activity here and there, but who's complaining? Apart from the interest factor, the hospitality was in all cases magnificent, so work and pleasure merged into each other, and the fact that I wasn't getting reimbursed for the extra days was of no consequence. After all, whatever I had been doing on those days I would have had to eat, and to sleep somewhere that night, and Pat's enthusiasm for dog shows meant that she often had things to do that didn't particularly interest me, so the fact that I was occupied elsewhere caused no problems.

To Los Angeles

Departure date for me was 19 May 1984, and on that date I duly flew out of Auckland for Los Angeles. During our early planning Pat and I decided that we couldn't afford a stopover there, so I had arranged to go ahead of her by seven days, spending all of that time in LA visiting police technical units, and joining her and Laura as their flight passed through en route to London the following week. My LA contact was Gilbert Mora, a DEA special agent who was the agency's training coordinator for California and the Pacific, and who had visited Christchurch a couple of years earlier to run a course for US Navy personnel involved in Operation Deep Freeze. After the sort of cock-up that always happens when two people who don't know each other try to meet at a busy airport, he and I managed to meet up, just as he was leaving in the belief that I hadn't been on the flight after all.

As we drove to downtown LA where Gil had arranged hotel accommodation for me, I discovered that he knew more of the Christchurch CIB staff than I did (he sends his regards to all of them) and that he and his wife Judi had been so impressed with what they saw of NZ during his visit that they had seriously contemplated coming here to live.

Uncertainty about employment prospects for Gil, coupled with the success of a business venture which Judi had just started finally decided them against the idea, but they are determined to come again, even if only as visitors. As a South Islander, and native of Christchurch, I was suitably pleased to meet someone who thought so highly of the old home town, but managed to shake off the parochialism long enough to admit that they would have liked the North Island too, had they seen it, which they intend to do when they return.

Black Top Hat

The hotel was the Biltmore, a splendidly elegant 1920's establishment of the sort that I thought only existed in the black and white movies they put on TV sometimes. As we pulled up outside a uniformed doorman strode across the pavement, resplendent in grey topcoat with tails, opened my door for me, and raised his black top hat. With dollar signs flashing before my eyes and a growing feeling of panic I muttered to Gil, "What does this place cost?" I could relax, he assured me. It was the contract hotel for US federal employees visiting



The Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

LA, and I was only paying the government rate. That turned out to be $69 a night, room only, so I resolved to live on takeaways, and silently thanked God that I had obtained an advance from the department instead of waiting to claim later. The Biltmore was magnificent though, a tourist attraction in its own right once you get inside, which is surprisingly easy, since it borders a pretty unsavoury area, and one would expect tighter security than there is. I suggest that anyone in LA with some time to kill in the central city area wanders in for a look. The lobby is like a cathedral, with marble floors and an ornate ceiling, the ballroom is even grander, and the main downstairs corridors are splendid reminders of a bygone age.

It was still Saturday, because I had crossed the date line en route from Auckland, and Gil excused himself after making sure I was established, as he had commitments at home. When I visited his home later in the week and realised how far it was from both the airport and from LA's centre I realised that just meeting me must have cost him most of Saturday, and I was humbled by such generosity towards a total stranger. The realisation brought home to me just was an international fraternity we cops really are.

Reunion After 8 Years

Once Gil had left I grappled with the strange telephone system and managed to contact someone I had met eight years before, in Dunedin. I had been newly promoted to Sergeant, and was out on the beat with Geoff Tappenden (then a constable, last heard of as an inspector in Hong Kong) when three carloads of local yobboes who had been searching unsuccessfully for some territorial soldiers with whom they had had some agro earlier decided that we would do instead. They screeched to a halt, baled out, and got stuck into us. I was felled by a full beer bottle over the head, and went down with a circle of the attackers putting the boot in, and while my noble fellow citizens and countrymen looked on passively or hurried away, only two people came to our aid. One was a Traffic Officer named Peter Tapsell, and the other was an American medical student who was then on some sort of scholarship to Dunedin hospital, named Patrick Chambers. Between them, they saved our bacon, and I subsequently arranged for then Commissioner Burnside to send a letter of thanks to Pat, who had returned to the States shortly afterwards. He wrote back expressing his thanks, and saying that he had since graduated, had applied for a job with the LA County Medical Examiner's Office, and that the commissioner's letter had clinched it for him, securing the job in the face of applications from more experienced doctors.

I had long since lost the letter, but had remembered his name, and the US Embassy in Wellington had been able to tell me which hospital he now worked at, so I had written to tell him I was coming. He was waiting for my call, and said that he would be right in to see me, along with a couple who were staying at his place. They were from San Diego, he said, a lawyer and his wife. It had been so long since my brief meeting with Pat that I couldn't remember what he looked like, and of course I had never met his friends, so I settled down to wait, not knowing what to expect. Whatever I expected, what eventuated was not it.

Shorts, T-Shirt & Jandals

The reception girl rang my room to say that I had a visitor in the lobby, and so I made my way down, half expecting to find Pat formally dressed, as he had said on the 'phone that he would go to a symphony concert that evening, and it was now very late in the afternoon. He was in shorts and tee shirt however, complete with jandals, and was getting some very haughty looks from the uniformed hotel staff. Bruce's car had broken down a couple of blocks away, he told me, and we would have to walk back to it to await the arrival of the tow truck. In the meantime, why didn't I check out and spend the weekend at his place? A good idea, I agreed, and shortly afterwards I departed the Biltmore, after a ninety minute stay and a shower, lugging all my gear the two blocks to where a new and very swept-up looking Oldsmobile was pulled in at an odd angle to the kerb.

Protruding from beneath the car was a pair of bare legs, once again with jandals on the feet, and a string of language which I guessed — rightly as it turned out — could only come from an ex-serviceman was issuing from beneath the vehicle, informing all and sundry of the precise antecedents of everyone involvd in the manufacture and sale of Oldsmobiles. Nearby, a young Japanese lady was trying desperately to look as though she was not connected with anyone in the vicinity, and looking on from a few metres away was a very bleary-eyed and disreputable looking black wino, so drunk he could barely stand. The legs, I learned, belonged to Bruce, the young lady was his wife Yoko, and just as the introductions were complete the wino decided he should be in on the act as well, and stumbled forward demanding the cost of a meal. By this time the pre-conceived notions of Doctor Kildare or Perry Mason type characters were well and truly shattered, and I could see that it was going to be a good weekend.

Eventually the tow truck arrived and hauled the Oldsmobile the twenty-five or so kilometres out to Palos Verdes, where Pat lived, while the four of us somehow squeezed into the cab with the disapproving driver, who muttered darkly in Spanish and fractured English about company rules and maximum passenger numbers all the way. Palos Verdes turned out to be LA's answer to Remuera, and I soon saw that for all his casual demeanour, my host was actually living up to the stereotype of an American doctor in at least one respect. His home, which I later learned was worth about six hundred thousand dollars, was a beautiful Spanish-style four bedroom split-level job, with a double garage beneath and a swimming pool at the rear, set on the uphill side of a street full of similar homes, with a view out over the rooftops to the sea about a kilometre away. (He had another place nearby, actually overlooking Redondo Beach Pier, as well as two properties in Hawaii.)

We got to the concert late, but still in time for most of the programme. Being the kind of area it is, Palos Verdes tends to contain a fairly couth and cultured type of resident, and the local orchestra — all amateurs — looked and sounded as good as the NZSO or any professional one I've heard. Afterwards we returned to Pat's place, where Bruce and I sat up until the small hours of the following morning comparing notes about Viet Nam where he had been serving in the US Marines the same year I was there with the NZ Army. I learnt that he had gained a law degree after leaving the Marines, and then studied at Sofia University in Japan, where he had met Yoko, and that he was now employed as a specialist in immigration law by an international law firm with offices in San Diego, Los Angeles, Tokyo and Hong Kong. As the only European employee of the firm who could also speak Japanese, he spent a great deal of time either in Japan, or dealing with the American offices of Japanese companies.

Incredible Perving

The next day was a Sunday, and after sleeping late I rose to find Pat about to depart on a run along the cycle trail that winds for twenty or more kilometres along the coast, on the beach all the way. I had read about this track, by coincidence, in the airline magazine during the flight up. According to the magazine you could hire bikes and could meander for miles taking in the sights and sounds of the California Beach Community which, I gathered, was a sub-culture in its own right. Could Pat tell me where to hire a bike? No problem, there were two ten-speeds in the garage, so before long Pat was pounding along the beach with me and Bruce setting the pace. (At least at first. Then the sun got to us, and Pat disappeared into the heat haze ahead of us.) My diary for the day includes the comment . . . "the perving was utterly incredible" . . ., which just about says it all. We hear a lot about the sexual freedom that prevails in California. My reaction, after just that one cycle ride, would be to believe it all. (Not for me of course. It soon became obvious that old codgers like me — at 35 that is — are regarded as geriatrics by the beautiful people. The only people that old who are active in the scene are dope dealers and dirty old men, and I'm certainly not a dope dealer.)

A couple of illustrations: at one stage a very attractive young blonde lady in a sort

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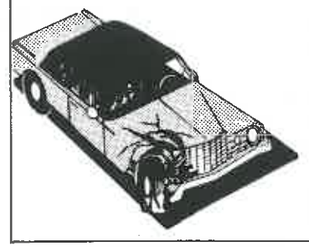

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of bandage in lieu of a swimsuit yelled out to a guy about her age who was cycling in front of me that she liked the look of him and wouldn't mind getting to know him. He stopped so quickly I ran into his back wheel. When we passed the same place on our return journey about an hour later she had obviously got to know him fairly well judging from the body language, and it was apparent that the relationship was just starting. At about the same time, a couple of lovlies on bikes overtook me and Bruce, talking as they passed about catching up with "that guy running up ahead" (Pat.) He keeps himself in pretty good shape, and from the back at a hundred metres or so they seemed to think that he was interesting. They drew level with him, spoke to him briefly, and then dropped back. As Bruce and I passed them again one said to the other, "Oh God, I never dreamed he'd be so OLD!" Pat is about 37. By this time it was obvious that I was in California as a spectator only.

Beach Patrol

An interesting observation at the Redondo Pier, where we stopped for a beer; the Redondo Beach PD showed up, in the form of a standard black-and-white patrol car with the usual shotgun rack visible inside and two armed officers, but then they met up with two of their colleagues, who were wearing different uniforms, and no weapons. The new arrivals were smartly clad in khaki shorts, short sleeved shirts, and no hats, while the officers on routine patrol were in black trousers with open necked shirts, hats, and full equipment belts including revolver, mace, and PR24. I was told that the two lightly dressed officers, one of whom was a WD, were the beach patrol, and that they never carried any equipment on their belts except radios. They patrol either on foot, as these two were, or in dune buggies. Bruce remarked that everyone supposed they carried guns somewhere, but for the life of me I couldn't see where. The uniforms were obviously tailored, fitted beautifully, and left no room for any concealed weapon.

Down to Work

The following day was the start of a week of what turned out to be very hard work. I went back into LA with Bruce when he drove to his office in the morning, checked back in to the Biltmore, and was picked up by Gil who took me to the DEA office, which reminded me so much of NZ Police National Headquarters that it was almost like being home again. Like National HQ, DEA occupies a number of floors in an office building which the department does not own, in their case the World Trade Centre in South Figueroa Street. They have all the security worries we have, and a steady stream of unauthorised visitors wanders in and out. The lifts open into ordinary corridors, not into foyers. If you happen to turn one way, you have to pass a reception desk just around the first corner, where you will be challenged if not wearing ID, but if you turn the other way, you walk around a large square route, which takes you past every office on the floor before you come upon the reception desk from the other side. Everyone who works in the building has developed the knack of keeping one eye on the door, whatever they are doing, just in case. (We do that at National HQ too, but it's because we're worried about the boss coming in, rather than some loony with a gun.)

I was introduced to my counterpart in the DEA Technical Support Group, as they call it, and throughout the rest of the week I was a real nuisance to this very hospitable and helpful gentleman, who gave up many hours of his valuable time to show me their operation and answer my questions. During the week I also spent considerable time with the LA County Sheriff's Department and the LAPD, where I was shown the same open welcome and professional courtesy. Contrary to the secrecy I had expected, being a stranger delving into a sensitive area of police work, I was briefed very fully on every area in which I expressed an interest, and was shown anything I asked to see.

One thing that struck me about work patterns in the agencies I visited was that everyone started work punctually but then didn't bother to consult their watches again all day. There were no tea breaks; every

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office had a coffee maker and/or little refrigerator full of soft drink (usually some sort of artificially sweetened diet-type beverage), and people simply helped themselves when they felt like it, and continued working while they consumed the drink. I had the impression that more work got done that way than is done under our system, and the total amount of coffee drunk seemed no greater. There were no lunch hours as such. You ate when you felt like it, any time between about 1100 and 1400. Once again, work tended not to stop. Even if we ate away from the office, the conversation would carry on uninterrupted, so that the meal was all spent talking 'shop.' Finally, knock-off time was whenever you finished whatever you were doing. Nobody seemed to leave before about 1700, and I typically got away about 1930.

Back at the hotel I would write up my notes for the day, tape that day's events for the report I was to submit on my return, have a drink in one of the four bars, and then walk half a block to the takeaway Mexican food joint, where I initiated myself to the spicy delights of Spanish-American food, as prepared by the Lebanese proprietor. Simple as my evening routine was, it took all evening — especially the reciting into the dictaphone, when I tried to get everything down in the right sequence, and it was usually midnight or later when I got to bed. The walk back to the hotel was always an education in itself, taking me as it did along a street in which everything and anything was going on, from groups of kids smoking dope to prostitutes prowling up and down. One night a crazy old lady with all her worldly goods in a couple of huge paper bags latched on to me as I left the Mexican food place and walked silently alongside me all the way back to the hotel, staring intently into my face. At the hotel entrance she tried to come in with me, but the doorman intercepted her. So much for 'California girls.' She was the only one who even noticed me. Oh well, perhaps that says something.

Hilarious Evening

On the Friday afternoon Gil took me to his home out in Orange County, where I met Judi, his wife, and the three of us went to a restaurant at Long Beach called Bobby McGee's. This was the most hilarious place I have ever eaten in, a sort of Mad Hatter's Cobb and Co. The staff all run around in zany costumes, which they change periodically, so that Batman might take your order, but would have changed into Father Christmas by the time it arrives. Periodically the manager would charge through on his unicycle to see that everyone was happy, or to coordinate the singing of 'Happy Birthday' by the massed staff, around the table of some person who friends had set them up. It all looks a little pathetic on paper I realise as I write this, but they carry it off so well that it's an absolute break-up when you're actually there.

How to Set up a Bank

Before we went to Bobby McGee's we had a drink in the lounge of Gil and Judi's place, where I was pleased to see a familiar nobbly helmet in pride of place on a bookshelf, with a NZ Police Plaque on the wall, and I learnt a little more about my host and hostess. Gil's background was in conventional police work, which he began after serving in the USAF, and he had joined the DEA sixteen years ago. In between all of this, he had managed to gain a Master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration, starting by going to night school to get his School Certificate equivalent, since he didn't even have that at the beginning, and now as well as his DEA responsibilities, he is a part-time member of the staff of the University of Southern California. Judi is an American success story too. Having started out working in a clerical capacity for a financial consultant, she is now in business on her own, specialising in setting up banks. Under California law, anyone who can put up $200,000 cash can set up a bank. Interested? See Judi. She will put you in touch with others who have similar loose change lying around, and will assist you to combine and form a company, in return for a fee and a seat on the board for the first five years you're in business. They are both very fine people, and I look forward to the day that they return to NZ, so that I can return the kindness and hospitality they showed me.

After dinner, Judi and Gil drove me back to Pat's place, where we said our farewells, since they were not to see me again, as I expected to fly out the following day. In the event however, there was a 24-hour delay caused by a breakdown of the flight from Auckland, so I was able to see Disneyland, to which Yoko took me, since Pat and Bruce were both working. It was all old hat to Yoko, who took relatives from Japan there each time some visited, usually three or four times a year, but I reverted to childhood for a few hours and loved it.

Pat and Laura Arrive

Late that night I met Pat and Laura off the flight from Auckland, very jaded and tired after all the delays and messing around. Travelling with them was Joce Morten, a friend of ours who had been planning a UK trip at the same time as we were, and who had decided to travel to and from Britain with us. She was also to join us in Scotland for a week. We returned to Palos Verdes in Bruce's Oldsmobile (repaired by now) and bedded down in what was by now a very crowded house, as the other Pat's father and brother had arrived from Utah the previous day, and were also stopping over.

In the morning Pat (my wife) and Laura were not feeling a hundred per cent so they stayed at home taking it easy while the rest of us went to brunch at Pat (the host's) country club. Need I say more? South Fork and Falcon Crest rolled into one. Pat (the host) is an accomplished golfer, holding a number of university and state amateur titles, and is considering turning professional when he retires, which he expects to do in a couple of years, when he's forty. The country club has a magnificent course, where he spends most of his leisure time. After brunch, sorrowful farewells, a quick look around Redondo Pier, en route to LAX, and then a British Airways flight to London.

Heathrow provided a warm but drizzly day to welcome us. For Pat, who is English it was her first time on English soil in thirteen years, and an appropriately emotional moment, so I was pleased for her sake about the light rain, which she had often said was

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exactly the way she remembered Heathrow, and was how she had hoped it would be when she first saw it. I was less cheerful, suffering from a monumental hangover due to the two Mogadon tablets I had taken during the flight to try to help me sleep. (No, honestly!) They had had no effect at all at the time, but fouled my brain up for about eighteen hours afterwards. Suggestion to other travellers — don't, unless you've had the stuff before and know what it will do to you.

Very impressive Customs and Immigration set-up at Heathrow. There are two lanes in the concourse, one for people with something to declare, and one for the others. If you go through the 'others', Customs officers look on but do not check anyone, except for randomly selected individuals, who really get the works. Most people are able to flow straight through into the Immigration area, where there are multiple lanes, clearly sign-posted according to nationality, passport status and so on, with ample staff available seated at desks at the end of each lane. What a change from LAX, which I had decided was the worst, slowest, and most unwelcoming airport in the world. Mind you, that was before I experienced Auckland airport as an incoming international traveller.

Gosport

Joce departed with the people she had come to see, and Pat, Laura, and I were driven to Gosport, about 1½ hours away on the south coast, by Pat's Uncle George, at whose place we were to stay on and off throughout the whole of our time in England. For me, it was a strange experience to see countryside so different from NZ, and yet so familiar because of books and TV. It was exactly as I had imagined, with lovely little villages dotted here and there amidst neat fields and hedgerows. The good old number eight wire fence surfaced once in a while, but half way through the journey I realised something that actually amazed me — there was not a single sheep in sight, anywhere. Once I had noticed that I made a point of looking for them, but was to see very few during the whole trip.

One of the many myths about Britain which New Zealanders put about is the idea that it is all urban sprawl and pollution, but it was not long before the contrary was well and truly demonstrated. There are huge urban areas, for sure, and if you happen to get lost on the fringes of a big city like London or Birmingham it is possible to just about lose your mind in the belief that they go on forever, but there are also many expanses of beautiful unspoiled countryside, much of it surprisingly near big towns. If you drive around the fringes of the New Forest in Hampshire for instance, it is possible to see warning signs about the danger of deer crossing the road when you are literally within sight of cities nearby. What are your chances in NZ of having a ten-pointer amble across the road on the Bombay Hill as you approach Auckland?

Our first full day in England was spent recovering from the trip and, in my case, the Mogadon, which was still affecting me. We went to a local garage which operated a modest car hire business on the side (as many do) and signed up a Vauxhall Nova, which is a little hatchback job not unlike a more robust and generally improved Chevette, for two hundred and sixty pounds a month, with unlimited milage. It is worth remembering, if you are planning a UK visit, that small firms such as these can almost invariably undercut the big firms, even with the various packages available to tourists, or the discount that Avis offers IPA members. Get a friend or relative to check out some small firms for you in advance or, if you're going to the south, contact me and I'll put you in touch with the one we used.

HMS Victory

An early priority was of course a visit to HMS Victory, in dry dock in nearby Portsmouth. I was surprised at the size of the ship, considerably larger than a modern steel frigate, and although not an engineer by any stretch of the imagination, recognized the tremendous skill that must have gone into designing and building such a vessel, all before Cook set eyes on New Zealand. Our guide was a bantam-like little Royal Marine with an incoherent accent, who spoke so rapidly that it was difficult to make out what he was saying, which turned out to be just as well, as most of it was his personal view of the French people, who were represented (although he didn't know it) among our group, and who would have re-started The Battle of Trafalgar had they comprehended his opinion of their country's part in it.

Next we drove up to Pat's home town, the ancient city of Winchester, once capital of England, way back in the days of King Alfred and the burnt cakes. Many eople — including Englishmen abroad — bemoan the fact that changes are allegedly ruining their country, but if this is true at all, it is certainly not true of Winchester. Apart from some modern buildings on the perimeter and a little tinkering with the traffic flow in the city centre it looks as I imagine it must have looked for years. Certainly Pat remarked that it was as though she had only left it the day before.

For those who are fascinated by history, a visit to Winchester Cathedral is a must. The present building is over nine hundred years old, and is built on the site of an earlier Saxon cathedral, which was itself ancient at a time when Moas still roamed New Zealand. Once again I found myself marvelling at the imagination and skill of the engineers and craftsmen of old, who could conceive and execute such massive projects during such 'simple' times.

We returned to the present by dropping in to a Winchester pub called 'The Green Man,' run by a retired Hampshire Constabulary Inspector, John Snelgrove. The pub itself is well over a century old, and had in recent times had a chequered career. Pat remembered it as the local bikies' pub, shunned by respectable society, but John was making a retirement project out of cleaning it up, which he was doing well.

A Drop of Ale

Although this was our third day in England, I had still not sampled any English beer, a discovery which shocked John, who promptly placed a pint of what the locals call 'traditional ale' in my hand. An explanation: the major breweries in Britain are buying up pubs as fast as they can, just as their New Zealand counterparts do, and are installing salaried staff, dispensing the owners' products. There is a growing body of resentment at this amongst the beer drink-

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ing fraternity, and a sort of counter-revolution is under way. Privately owned pubs advertise the fact that they are independent by proclaiming on their signs that they are 'free houses', and many small concerns are brewing 'traditional ales', using their own recipes and methods, which are supposed to be more natural and wholesome that the commercial brews. Needless to say, the breweries are cashing in too, and some of the big ones also market 'traditional' brews which they claim are made differently from their major lines. Anyway, to cut a long story short, it was awful. I am a lager drinker anyway, and soon found, with all due respect to the grand reputation of English beer, that most of it was not to my taste, the amber exports of Holland, Germany, and Denmark being much more my line. (The Scottish breweries produce a nice drop though, but more of that later.)

Corfe Castle

Day four found us at Corfe Castle, in Dorset, where once again the scale of what I saw blew my mind. Although now ruined, thanks to the Parliamentary forces during the English Civil War, who blew it up when it finally fell after a three-year seige in 1646, it is absolutely huge. In the lovely little village nearby stands a scale model of the intact castle, and the model itself is about six metres long. The hill on which the ruins stand was originally fortified by means of a wooden pallisade in about the third century AD, since it commanded a strategically important valley through which invaders landing on the south coast could advance on Hampshire, and therefore on Winchester. Edward I was murdered there by his stepmother, Queen Elfrida, in 949, and at various times such famous historical figures as Ethelred The Unready and William the Conqueror ruled from the castle. At the



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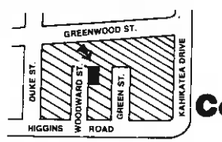

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time of the Civil War the castle was owned and occupied by the Bankes family. Sir William Bankes, in London when the war started, was unable to return, and his wife, Lady Bankes, commanded the Royalist forces of the region during a three-year seige of the castle, during which the Parliamentary forces slowly whittled it down with artillery. They were still a long way from success, but were able to prevail in the third year because of the treachery of one of the defenders, who let them in through a small gate in one wall, in return for a promise of safe passage out of England.

The next few days were spent in Oxfordshire, where once again we stayed with some of Pat's relatives, this time in a little place called Thame, about an hour's drive from the city of Oxford itself. Pat had spent a couple of years here during her childhood, so considerable time was spent on various sentimental journeys here and there, and it was on one such trip that we stumbled across another historical gem, in the form of Rycote Chapel, a tiny and ancient church that was once the private chapel for the owners of Rycote Estate, long since sold off as individual farms. Elizabeth I was incarcerated at the Estate for a time, during her childhood, and often returned there later, when she was queen, as she had formed an affection for the place. We sat in her private pew in the church, within a royal enclosure specially built inside, and saw the hiding place in the ceiling where the priests had been able to hide during The Reformation.

American Tour Guide

In Oxford itself I took part in a walking tour of the heart of the city, visiting each of the university colleges in turn, and taking in the history of the place. One little thing I noticed that struck me as being typically British was a war memorial in one of the halls of New College, dedicated to the memory of German ex-students of the college who had died in the Kaiser's forces during World War I. It was opposite a larger memorial to those who died in the British Forces. I wonder whether there is any other country in the world where the bonds formed in 'the old school' would be recognised to that extent? I was also a little amused by the fact that the tour guide was an American. (Later in the trip I encountered tour guides who were South Africans, Australians, and Kiwis, and afterwards I worked out that of all the guides I saw, in England, only the Marine on 'Victory' and the Yeoman Warder in the Tower of London were actually English. No so in Scotland, where they were all the genuine article.)

June 6th was the fortieth anniversary of the D-Day landings, and the commemoration activities were given very high profile by the media. I had already noticed how much more visible the armed forces are in Britain, compared to New Zealand, where the sight of a fighter aircraft or an armoured vehicle is something of a novelty, and the anniversary itself really brought home to me that right where I was standing, in the middle of beautiful, peaceful Oxfordshire, was part of the battleground for World War Two. There had hardly been a day go by during our visit when we had not seen at least a military helicopter clattering about somewhere, if not a flight of fighter-bombers, a laden tank transporter, or some similar reminder of the reality of what NATO is all about. For the first time it occurred to me how self-righteous people on both sides of the war and peace argument are in New Zealand, to pontificate about what they think the Europeans should or should not do about defence. It's very easy to form an opinion, and then to sound off about it, when it's not yourself and your country that's likely to be turned into a crisp in the first exchange.

The following day we drove to Hinckley, in the Midlands, where another preconception bit the dust. Both of us, including Pat, who had never been to that area herself, arrived full of ideas about 'The Black Country' and expecting something pretty dull and grimy. Instead we were reminded that Leicestershire is one of England's prime fox-hunting areas, with all that entails in terms of open countryside and stands of forest dotted about. True, some parts of Hinckley, Rugby, Nuneaton, and Leicester City itself are pretty grim, but it is never far to some more pleasant scene.

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"Crimewatch U.K."

On the first evening there I was interested to see on television a programme called 'Crimewatch UK', which is a very expanded form of 'Police Five', and which runs for over half an hour. It is a sort of crime current affairs programme, in which, among other things, they feature particular unsolved crimes, doing in-depth studies of the scene, the evidence, theories about it, and including re-enactments of the known parts of it, with actors playing offenders and victims, but the police parts taken by the actual police personnel involved. Some of the police's acting ability leaves a little to be desired, but the programme serves its purpose. Flashed on the screen every so often would be a phone number to call if the re-enactment prompted anyone's memory, and apparently just about every programme would produce a rash of people who had read about the crime, or had seen the TV news without realising that it was the particular stretch of road they now recognised, or that the house was in that particular area.

That very night an eighteen month old rape-murder which the police had given up investigating was cracked. A woman realised that the particular car involved belonged to someone she knew, who also fitted the description of the suspect. She had read the papers at the time without recognising the description of the car or the person, but when the programme presented the whole story to her, she connected various little bits of information in her mind, and called the police.

They sent a team straight to the house of the person she named. He had seen the programme too, told the police he wasn't surprised to see them, and coughed on the spot. The whole thing happened so quickly that his arrest was reported in the late news later the same night the programme had been shown.

From Hinckley it was not too far to Stratford-on-Avon, so we headed for there to see The Immortal Bard's birthplace, which was very interesting and worth seeing, but sadly commercialised. It made me feel a little like the way I feel driving in to Rotorua past all those hotels and motels along The Strip, as though a place that deserves better has been screwed up, for the sake of the almighty dollar. The entry prices to places of interest such as Anne Hathaway's Cottage were pretty dreadful too — three pounds fifty per adult.

MOT Under Our Wing

Our hosts in Hinckley were dog showing enthusiasts whom we knew because we had imported two dogs from them into New Zealand, and their son, Brian Shuttleworth, who lived with his wife and children in Leicester, was a sergeant in the traffic branch of the Leicestershire Constabulary. I spent a very interesting day on duty with him, having a look at what is of course, for a New Zealand policeman, a strange activity. By the end of the day I was converted, and I came away convinced of something I had long suspected — that the sooner we incorporate the MOT into the Police and bring traffic enforcement under our wing, the better.

The day began with my being introduced to Superintendent Tony Greenwood, OC of the traffic branch. I discovered that he was a former Detective Chief Inspector, who had transferred to traffic on promotion after 14 years in the CID. When I told him that such a move would be considered a fate worse than death by a New Zealand officer, he was amazed. Surely traffic enforcement was one of the central parts of police work, he maintained. If we are in the business of protecting life and property, how better to do it than by preventing traffic accidents, supervising the safe passage of dangerous goods, and so on, to say nothing of the ability it gave the police to monitor the movements of criminals? I had to agree that what he was saying made sense, but told him that most NZ police members would prefer to leave it to the Traffic Officers. After Brian and I had had morning tea with him and he had very kindly presented me with a plaque and paperweight, each bearing the constabulary's insignia, Brian and I hit the road.

First he showed me through their garage and control room, both of which were exactly like the ones here, and then we did the rounds of Brian's staff, visiting each car and motorcycle patrol in turn. By then it was lunchtime, so we drove to Coalville, one of a number of small mining centres in the area. The miners' strike was in about its fourth month by this time, and although there had been major trouble elsewhere, Leicestershire had had none at this point. Nevertheless a large operation was under way to protect working miners from the flying pickets, who could show up anywhere, and the local force was being supplemented by extra staff from the West Midlands Police, whose area adjoins Leicestershire.

Doggie Bag

It was all very familiar. Operation Rugby revisited. I went in to the logistics centre, which could have been transplanted from anywhere in NZ in '81, and joined the troops for a meal. The catering was Army-style, from portable field cookers set up in a tent, but was actually done by civilian contractors. As well as being served a hot meal to eat there, each man was also issued a cut lunch, known as a 'doggie bag.' I was told that this was insurance against anything coming up to interfere with the individual's ability to get to the next meal. Since they were not needed as long as things stayed quiet I gathered that many of the staff took them home, popped them in the fridge or freezer overnight, and gave them to their kids for school lunches the next day.

Up until then, the miners' strike was no big deal for staff in the Midlands generally, most of the real trouble having taken place in the North, or in Wales and Scotland. The staff were all on ten-hour shifts, and expected to go onto twelve-hour ones shortly, but they seemed unconcerned. The English police system of paying for overtime actually worked meant that their salaries were being handsomely inflated, so they — and their wives — weren't complaining. Brian's wife had bought a new lounge suite with the overtime he had earned already, and had great plans for the rest. The Leicestershire Police Club had even produced a rather cleverly designed plaque with a design on it incorporating a pound sign intertwined with the big wheel of a mine pithead's winding gear, all with '1984' beneath it. It was known as 'the Arthur Scargill Award" and they had been on sale for a couple of pounds each, to raise funds for the social club. Unfortunately there were none left by the time I visited.

After lunch we went in to Leicester city itself, which is notable for the fact that, although it is not a large city by UK standards, it has the largest proportion of coloured migrants per head of white population of any city in Britain. There had been large-scale rioting and disorder in the city during the nationwide series of riots that had begun in Brixton, and Brian and his traffic staff had been rounded up along with all other available personnel for duty on the streets at that time. We went first to Highfields, the part of the city in which the immigrant population is concentrated.

Pakistanis and West Indians make up the two largest groups, with significant smaller concentrations of Indians and Sikhs. The hostility of the West Indians towards the police was evident from the reactions the sight of our marked car produced, but the members of other groups went quietly about their business. At one stage we drove slowly past a West Indian youth club, which virtually emptied as we approached, so that by the time we were level with the front door, everyone who had been inside was grouped on the steps, staring silently at us. Many of them were carrying 'sporting equipment' such as cricket bats, and we had no doubts about our prospects of being invited in for a chat if we stopped. I had read and been told about the anti-police attitude of the West Indians, who, even in their homeland, have little time for anyone in a police uniform. It is a pity that the generation born and raised in UK has carried the feeling on, and events have hardened, rather than reduced it.

The Leicestershire Constabulary are making sincere efforts to recruit minority group members into the force, but with virtually no success. "Tally Ho," a giveaway newspaper produced by the constabulary and distributed free through police stations and booksellers, contains articles in Hindi, Urdu, and Garujandi, the three main languages of he Indian continent, and in English, attempting to explain police policies and methods, and inviting recruiting enquiries, but the response has not been encouraging.

From Highfields we went to Hand Road, the centre of what we would call a state housing area. The population here was all white, and the whole area was badly depressed. It was in fact worse, in places, than the depressed parts of Highfields had been.

To restore my perspective Brian then showed me the rest of the city, or at least a representative sampling of its various parts, and I saw that it was in fact a pleasant place to be, its sore points notwithstanding. On reflection I concluded that nothing I had seen was actually any worse than I could see any day in parts of some New Zealand cities. The different nature of the housing in older parts of British cities creates a greater concentration of people in any given area, but the actual extent of depression and social deprivation was, I felt, pretty similar. (After subsequently visiting similar areas in Birmingham and Glasgow I became sure that this impression was correct. We are not as well off, relative to UK, as we like to think we are; it's just that the problem is spread more thinly here, and those affected haven't drawn attention to themselves by anything like the Brixton business — yet.)

Courteous Drivers

Next day we picked up Joce from the farm where she had been staying, at Solihull, near Birmingham, left Laura there, and set off along the M6 motorway for Scotland. The British motorway system is impressive, enabling quite rapid travel over great distances. One of the most noticeable things I found was the discipline of the driving public generally, at least as far as use of traffic lanes went. They all speed like there's no tomorrow, and follow so close that nose-to-tail pileups are a dime a dozen, but everyone carefully observes the rule that the slower vehicles use the left lanes. The extreme right-hand lane is for car only, and the one in between is a sort of no man's land, with the faster heavy traffic and cars mixed. It also must be said that drivers in Britain are generally much more courteous than their counterparts here.

At the border we turned off the motorway and actually drove into Scotland through Gretna Green, which is right alongside the M6, just so that we could say we'd been there. Immediately we entered Scotland it was like being in Otago. The scenery either side of the motorway for quite a distance north of the border is a straight copy of what you see on the early stages of the drive from Dunedin into Central Otago (less the kiwi-style farm buildings of course.) There are even more sheep than in England, but still not as many as in NZ, and not the same breeds.

'Home' for the week in Scotland was a large residential caravan on a permanent site in the garden of the home of Harry and Mary Arbuckle, in Stenhousemuir, not far from Stirling. Harry is secretary of the local IPA, and a real association activist. He and Mary have two sons, Paul aged 15, and Ivan aged 13, and Harry is a dog handler working out of Police Headquarters in Stirling.



Harry Arbuckle and police dog 'Jacko'.

The caravan turned out to be the ideal arrangement, enabling us to be guests and neighbours both at once, so everyone involved had the best of both worlds. We were able to come and go at will without disrupting the Arbuckle household, nd yet we still felt part of it, since we were living almost literally on their back doorstep. That week turned out to be the high spot of the whole UK trip, and we left with deep regrets that we had not made provision for more time in Scotland. (Intending tourists note: Scotland deserves equal time with England, and should not be regarded as a diversion or an afterthought. If you treat it as such — which we did — you will regret it, and will come away feeling short-changed.)





Pat's father had been a regular army officer, and had been stationed at Stirling for two years during Pat's childhood, so the first visit was of course to the house in which they had lived, now occupied by the daughter and son-in-law of the Indian Army colonel from whom the Army had leased it at the time. Then, back into the history, this time by visiting the Wallace Memorial, which commemorates the life of Sir William Wallace, Scottish patriot, who was executed by the English in 1305 for sundry anti-English activities, including having led a Scottish army which defeated a much larger English force on the monument's very site, at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297. On display inside the monument is Wallace's sword, a huge thing as long as Wallace was tall, and yet so well balanced that it could — allegedly anyway — be wielded with one hand. Its handle is bound in human skin cut from the back of the English second-in-command after the battle at the bridge. (The OC got away.)

On returning to Harry and Mary's we found that there were more IPA visitors, this time John and Jean Geraghty. John is a former member of the Devon and Cornwall Police who had been medically discharged suffering from multiple sclerosis. He had just finished a cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise funds for the MS Society, and I heard later that through various sponsorships and donations he and Jean had raised over nine hundred pounds. They were on their way back home when we met them, and were keen to try cycling the length of New Zealand, so we talked about that for some time. (At the time of writing (Jan '85) John and Jean are in New Zealand, but the cycling idea has had to be shelved, so they are touring by camper van, and loving it.)

The week in Scotland passed all too quickly, and we managed to fit so much into it that writing about it all would require a book. We visited the castles at Stirling and Edinburgh, made a day trip to The Isle of Skye and back, toured the cluster of lovely little lochs within a day's drive of Stirling, paddled in Loch Lomond, and I managed to spend a day 'talking shop' again, this time in Glasgow.

Although the Scottish police, unlike the English, all wear identical uniforms and badges, there are in fact six different forces in the country. Harry was in the Central Scotland Police, but in order to arrange to take me to Glasgow he had to deal with the Strathclyde Police, whose jurisdiction includes the city. On the final day of our Scottish visit Harry and I duly headed off into the back streets of Glasgow, while the wives stayed in Stirling shopping (what else?)

Glasgow's reputation for toughness is well known, even on this side of the world, and I looked forward to having a look at some of it's seamier side. I was not disappointed. The once-notorious Gorbals are now relatively respectable as improved housing, population changes, and so on have eroded the old way of life, but the Gorbals tradition is being continued in a group of run-down suburbs in the part of the city known generally as Eastergarden. It had been arranged to take us to a police office — a sort of community policing base — in one of these suburbs, known as Blackhill.

Not Safe for Stationary Cars

As we drove into Blackhill in a uniform patrol car driven by Constables Joe McGallaghy and Scott Cross, from Baird Street station, from which the area's motor patrols operate, I thought we had somehow crossed the Irish Sea, and that we were in Belfast. Apart from the absence of British Army patrols, what I saw looked for all the world like something off a newsreel from Ulster, even down to the pro IRA or UDA (depending on the local religious persuasion) graffiti. The patrol car crew told us that we would be dropped at the police office for about an hour, and that they would come back for us, since it was not safe for a police car to be stationary in the Blackhill area. I thought they were joking, but then realised that there were no cars anywhere, except in isolated little parking areas overlooked by flats from which the owners presumably kept watch. It was unsafe for **any** car to be stationary on a Blackhill street.

Blackhill Police Office was unlike anything I had ever seen before. It was on the ground floor of a three-storey building, beside a takeaway food shop and a small supermarket, both of which had steel roller doors instead of windows, permanently lowered. The only way it was possible to see that the shops were open for business was because the smallest roller door in each (which was actually the door) was three-quarters raised. The police office itself had a concrete block frontage, with no windows, but only a double row of glass bricks at ceiling height to let a little light in. Entry was gained through an open door which gave entry to a tiny foyer about the size of a telephone booth, where there was a small public counter. It was a small fortress, with only room for two or three people to enter from the street at a time, and they would be squeezed into the foyer and at a serious tactical disadvantage if they tried to cut up rough. The foyer was charred from a petrol bomb attack three nights earlier, the fifth such attack in eighteen months we were told.

Joe and Scott dropped me and Harry off, arranged to come back in an hour, and left. We entered the tiny foyer, found that we were expected, and were let in to the main office, which was surprisingly normal. It could have been in any New Zealand police station, apart from the lack of windows.



Blackhill Police Office, Glasgow: Constable Scott Cross walking to the car.

They're Not Tough Cookies

Because of the impressions I had formed on the way to the office, I expected the staff to be pretty tough cookies, hardened and cynical, but I could not have been more wrong. The three men on duty inside were the OC of the office, Inspector George Moran, a sergeant whose name I regret that I have forgotten, and the local community constable, John McDonald. John, with six years service, was the most junior member, but the other two were veterans in anyone's language. In spite of that, their attitudes were as open minded and as optimistic as those of any younger cop.

The people of Blackhill were not all bad, they hastened to assure us. True it was a rough area, and they didn't mind admitting that they wouldn't want to live there, but they were all volunteers for the office, and they were perfectly happy working there. They talked about the various community policing schemes they had under way. George Moran would take groups of local kids away on camping holidays, in his own time, and showed me photographs of himself with large numbers of children, tramping through remote hill country, and in campsites beside mountain streams. Some of the kids had parents or other kin doing time, or on probation, but the police staff at the office would target particular children they thought they could still influence, and would approach them, inviting them to take part in the programmes. The response was apparently excellent.

The office also functioned as a sort of juvenile employment agency, finding holiday jobs in the country for local children who wanted them. Many farmers around the area, reluctant to become involved at first, now regularly offered holiday labouring jobs to Blackhill children, and thanks to the police, a lot of kids who might otherwise have never been exposed to a way of life other than that offered in Blackhill were able to sample something better.

John summed it all up when he reviewed the progress he had made in his six months as community constable. When he first came to the area, people would ignore him as he walked down the street, to the point of looking away if he tried to speak to them. (The police office staff walk everywhere — no car.) Now people are willing to stop and exchange small talk with him. They still won't actually tell him anything, and the conversation is pretty strained, but after six months he had achieved that much, and he was encouraged. The previous Saturday night he had looked in on a disco in the area, and not only had nobody assaulted him, but he had been received in a generally friendly manner.

Office Firebombed

Just a minute though, wasn't that the very night the office was fire-bombed I asked? Yes, it was. John had just got back from the disco and he and the sergeant were having a cup of coffee, when they had heard a thump against the back door of the office. A moment later, a molotov cocktail had sailed into the foyer and burst. When they ran to the back door to escape, they discovered what the thump had been — a stout pole was propped against it, jamming it shut. They had to leap out through the flaming foyer, fearing a reception committee in the street, but the street was deserted, fortunately.

How did they feel about that? They more or less shrugged it off. The area was full of hopeless cases, they reminded us, people who were beyond the reach of any sort of police approach other than arrest and prosecution, which only made them worse when they got out anyway. It was necessary for them to work around the lost causes as best they could, doing something construc-

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Photo-Gallery of Police Cars of the World

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1. The Dutch "Rijkspolitie" (or National Police) use Porsche 911's for motorway patrols. (White with day-glo orange door and bonnet).



2. Switzerland has separate police forces in each canton (or province). This is a BMW as used by the Berne canton police. (White with orange stripe around car).



3. The Renault Alpine A310 is used by the French Gendarmerie for high speed auto-route patrol. (Dark blue overall).



4. A patrol car for city work: the Nissan Prarie. This one is used by the Belgian police in the town of Schoten. (White with blue stripe across bonnet and roof).



5. It looks almost like one of ours! This is an Opel Senator of the Swiss police in Geneva. (White overall).



6. The Austrian police use a Mercedes 280GE cross-country van. (White with day-glo stripe around bodywork).

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8. You won't stop this one in a hurry! A Saracen armoured car of the Royal Hong Kong Police. (Dark blue overall).



9. The Belgian Gendarmerie have equipped this Range Rover especially for motorway and accident work. Note the telescopic blue light and the mobile accident warning sign. (White with orange stripe across bonnet and roof; orange trailer).

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THERE I WAS, working away quietly in my office, when the telephone rings: "There's a call from London, England, for you" the Operator tells me. Having plenty of "family" in England, I did rather panic a little, so thinking the worse I esconsed myself in a vacant office and waited. But, no panic. Here was an IPA member seeking the spirit of our organisation.

Inspector Trevor Brine, a retired Metropolitan Police Officer, told me about his daughter here in New Zealand. Trudie Moorehead had left England three years ago after marrying a Kiwi and worked in Auckland for Gustells Hairdressing. It seems she had won two top Hairdressing Awards at a course she attended at the Manukau Technical Institute and a presentation was to be made to her and other graduates on the forthcoming Tuesday. Trevor, so wishing to be able to be there, but because of distance and short notice unable to do so, asked could IPA represent him at the Graduation and present his daughter flowers and a telegram that he would send to the Institute.

Well, here was a great friendship exercise and Auckland IPA certainly entered into the spirit of things. With the valued co-operation of Mr Peter Fisher, Head of General Studies at Manukau Technical Institute, arrangements were made for Auckland Chairman, Breck Stewart to attend the graduation to make the presentation and NEC Delegate, Greg McManus to capture it all on film. A word was whispered in Press Officer, Trevor Tozer's ear, and a Herald Reporter became involved.

Meanwhile, Trudie knew nothing. The evening arrived, and the following item taken from the **New Zealand Herald** (5.12.84) describes the event together with the photographs taken by Greg.



A Surprise Visit To Celebrate Success

A surprise awaited 20-year-old hairdresser Trudie Moorhead on the night she collected the award for top third-year apprentice at Manukau Technical Institute.

Her father, Inspector Trevor Brine of the London Metropolitan Police, could not be there in person.

But he asked Auckland members of the International Police Association to go along to last week's presentation, taking with them a congratulatory telegram and flowers.

The young hairdresser says she could not have been more surprised.

Trudie Moorhead, who won the Mary Pohlen Memorial Award and the Pivot Point Award, arrived in New Zealand three years ago after marrying a New Zealander.

Although she had begun her hairdressing apprenticeship in England, she started afresh at a Remuera salon.

She has now completed all her exams and has 1000 hours practical work left to do.

The salon manager, Rosemary Currie, says the young hairdresser is an outstanding apprentice.



Third year hairdressing apprentice Trudie Moorhead receives some flowers from Constable Breck Stewart, the chairman of the Auckland region of the International Police Association.

There is no end of the story. Here is an excerpt from Trevor's letter written on the night of the presentation.

"We have just received a marvellous telephone call from our daughter Trudie Moorehead, who has just got home after an incredible evening, made so memorable by your arrangements. Please convey to the Officer who went to the Technical Institute and who took our place, what an unforgettable memory he has left, not only with Trudie and her husband, Steve, but also with all the people present. I am sure that it was a most successful public relations exercise, and from an IPA member, it was truly an international relations' success story. It is true to say, that both my wife and I and Trudie, were all in tears on the telephone. It was so nice that we all can help in time of need. My deepest thanks again."

New Zealand has gained another friend and we all had a most enjoyable time fulfilling Trevor's special wish.

Carole



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We Live in Stirring Times

By Des Hall

THE PAST FEW MONTHS have seen a number of events of police interest although of course one could say the same of almost any like period.

For example there has been a fresh outburst of discussion about the regular carrying of long batons. The subject remains as a burr under the saddle to those whose behaviour caused the police to even consider buying long batons in the first place.

A constable so equipped might for instance be able to hold, at better than arm's length some miscreant who would thenceforth have to learn to spit a lot further to decorate faces and uniforms.

Protesters personally struggling through endless battles with whatever displeases them for the moment would have to bear the additional weight of staves and clubs a metre longer than standard issue, before being able to joust with constabulary features.

Breweries may be asked to provide beer bottles which would still measure a handy metre long with the bottoms smashed off.

You see from these few samples where this sort of exercise may lead. All done in good faith but with little thought for those brave spirits to whom the sight of a police uniform is as raw meat to a hungry tiger.

Another area of concern surfaced with renewed demands for an independent authority to oversee complaints against the police. That there is merit in this many will agree. It would possibly help eliminate some of the more ludicrous and fanciful complaints we receive and are obliged to examine with the solemnity normally afforded an international arms agreement draft.

There are doubtless members of the service who may suffer some reactionary pangs, when they reflect that clamourings for this supervision come from representatives (we are earnestly assured) of the non-police 599 / 600ths of the population which commits in New Zealand 50,000 burglaries a year, rapes old ladies and swipes more than 20,000 cars. Not, some members may feel a character reference likely to overwhelm us with confidence.

That such a procedure will come about eventually can however no longer be doubted. How comforting to know it will contain a few stunning, eye-watering provisions to rebound upon those who complain for frivolous or malicious reasons. If a constable can lose his or her income, career prospects and pension on the outcome of such a complaint, why should not . . . You may fill in the details as you wish.

During the period we are reviewing there occured (and you hoped I wasn't going to mention it?) what is going down, very far down in history as the Aotea Square Riot. As this will be the source of a meaningful, ongoing public dialogue for many jargons to come there is little to gain from boring you much more.

I believe though we are seeing in full bloom decades of effort by sections of the community to teach young people contempt if not hatred, for anything that looks or seems remotely like normal, civilised behaviour.

Hating cops has become a conditioned reflex in those seeking any excuse to explode into violence and Aotea Square was only another barrage of sociological excrement from the same catapult which hurled the debris of Marlborough Street 1981.

As to where the young might learn their behaviour, you can all of you recall your own personal version of a night back in 1958, when I was one of a number assisting to round up a mob of destructive hooligans busy smashing up a suburban rail station.

The 15 years old sample of femininity who sat cursing and snivelling in the back of our car sullenly directed us to a house — forgive me, I nearly said 'home' — where a boozed and slatternly creature came to the door. Before any of us had time to say "Gid-day", the apparition looked our little party up and down and remarked uninterestedly, "Oh yeh, s'pose she's bin droppin' 'er tweeds fer the bodgies agin." (For younger readers: a bodgie was the 1950s version of Low Life.)

We can only guess wildly as to how many of the 15 years old's offspring have performed in Aotea Square, Western Springs, Pukekohe, Mount Maunganui . . . It requires a power of twisted 'reasoning' to lay upon the police the blame for such a downbringing but harken to the words of some today and decide for yourself whether or not it is being done.

Enough of the Square, batons, street hoons and complaints. On the sunny side they, and other spikes in the policeman's crown of thorns could eventually bring benefits to our service. Benefits brought in to attract and hold more staff.

You may think this a fanciful exercise but consider that today, whatever the problem in our streets and why ever it arises, so often is the same answer chanted like a devil-chasing litany.

"We want more police." "Urgent need to strengthen the police." Or "Police numbers need immediate boost." Always the demand arises for a bigger poultice to draw the poison from our social sores. More men on the beat, faster (yet) responses by patrols, more community constables — a 1980s way of saying 'local cop.' More, more, more . . .

The reason? The less able (and you may quote me confidently on this one: I invented it) a community is to police itself by its own internal restraints and rules, the more necessary it becomes to impose external policing upon it. Which leads us to the month's most interesting thought, that is the shortest and most certain route to a totalitarian police state is via the unfettered commandments of civil libertarianism.

And as a lighthearted aside with which to close, a look at that other ancient and unfancied hack, the arming of the police. (No — I don't want it either.) I mention this to remind you "we mustn't ever arm the police, it will only encourage criminals to carry arms."

Whence, to the daily press of 12 February in which we read, "A shot was fired at police (in Dunedin) as they approached the headquarters. In a simultaneous raid a sentry with a sawn-off .22 was found . . . Police found 12 rifles and pistols, several loaded or with ammunition, a loaded shotgun was found in a hall, and several weapons were found in two cars . . . including an air pistol and a .303 calibre rifle."

From that highly edited and condensed version of the reports there was one loaded sentence I forgot to mention.

"Other police carried long batons."

If you seek a tidier and more satisfying ending to this month's contribution you'll have to find it yourself.

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The Passing of Mrs Cook



PERHAPS THE BEST KNOWN supporter of IPA in its early days in New Zealand was the mother of our Past President, Trevor 'Sport' Cook, Mrs Frances Ethel Cook. Known affectionately as 'Nana' Cook she was always very popular with our members and I am sure that she herself would have become a member had she been eligible to join. Nana enjoyed good health until a few years ago when she had a fall. After the fall her health deteriorated and she spent the last 18 months in hospital. She died peacefully on 27 December 1984 at the wonderful age of 94.

She was buried in Havelock North on 3 January 85 following a funeral service at Lower Hutt which was attended by Superintendent McGuire of the Lower Hutt Police, Lawrie Philpott representing the IPA. Also present were Mrs Mooney and daughter Elaine, George and Mrs Spicer and Morrie and Mrs Murray.

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Hervey Bay

By Lawrie P.

YOU WILL PROBABLY have seen the *'Stop Press'* item on page 71 of the last edition of our journal or a notice elsewhere in this edition that the 1985 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Section of I.P.A. will be held in Hervey Bay, Queensland.

If you haven't noticed that so far, then I am telling you now that you are invited to a week long package of entertainment, sightseeing, pineapple eating, Amikeco etc at Hervey Bay, 300 Kms north of Brisbane, Queensland in October this year. A good chance to gt an early season tan for next summer and to thaw out after our winter.

To give you some idea of the fast growing city of Hervey Bay, I have filched the following article by the host sub-region Chairman, Lindsay Jervis from the magazine *Enarin,* which is the publication for the northern regions of IPA Australia. The title *Enarin,* by the way comes from N (en) for Northern R (ar) for region and I think the IN sounds like the last letters of region. That's my story, and I'm sticking to it. Here is the article — with a comment or two!

"The first recorded sighting of Hervey Bay was on Monday 21st May 1770, by Captain James Cook in the ship *Endeavour.* He sailed into a wide bay which he named Hervey Bay after the Honourable Augustus Herver the 3rd Earl of Bristol. On Wednesday 23rd, Captain Cook, Mr Banks and some other gentlemen landed on the southern part of the bay. This was their first landing since Botany Bay.

On 2nd August 1799, Mathew Flinders sailed the ship *Norfolk* around Breakseas Spit into Hervey Bay but due to lack of time he spent only seven days in the area; mainly on the western coast of Fraser Island and around Woody Island. The area was left to the three tribes of Aborigines who roamed the area. One tribe was from the present Urangan area, one from the Scarness-Torquay area and one from the Pialbo area. These tribes were often raided by the fierce Fraser Island tribe. (My spies report this location is now safe for IPA visitors, or will be by October next!)

The first selection was taken up by a Mr Edward T. Aldridge in 1850. He was a resident of Maryborough and he ran cattle between the Mary River and Toogoom, an area of approximately 50,000 acres. The first settler was Boyle Martin who came from Maryborough by boat in 1863. This trip took about 8 hours.

The first town settlement took place at Urangan in 1863 and sites cost one pound ten shillings per acre. The first apartment house named Sea View House was opened in 1869. In 1870, Polsen Township, now 'Point Vernon', was surveyed into allotments. In 1874 the first Mail coach service between Urangan, Polsen and Maryborough was opened. The trip of about 25 miles took a full day and seats cost five shillings for a one way trip. In 1880 the first land at Torquay was sold and the area named after Torquay in England.

Timber cutting, cattle and coffee growing were the main industries of the area. Timber being hauled to the beach by bullocks and then rafted to Maryborough. Cattle took two days to be driven overland to Maryborough.

The coffee grown in the area reached world acclaim and was sold under the brand name of 'Mocca'. This industry died out with the eventual clearing of the scrub around the plantation which allowed the strong sea winds to kill the plants. The area eventually developed into five small seaside villages, Urangan, Torquay, Scarness, Pialba and Point Vernon.

Over the years these have gradually spread over the nine miles of coast to form the town of Hervey Bay. The main primary

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One Capital A.G.M. to Another

IN APRIL 1984, Wellington, our capital, hosted the A.G.M. for the NZ Section for the first time in 11 years. At that meeting we were privileged to have as guests, and we warmly welcomed, the Australian President, Val Doherty and Vice President Elke Phau. We learnt from these ladies that Canberra, Capital of Australia, was to host for the first time the A.G.M. of the Australian section. The brochure duly arrived and the programme looked very attravtive indeed. It coincided with our long holiday weekend and the fares hadn't gone up at that time so, why not? After all Val Doherty had travelled more than 3,000 miles to come to ours and to get to Canberra Val would be travelling further than us (yes, Perth is further from Canberra than NZ is as the crow (or seagull) flies, anyway). Rita and I decided on a nine day holiday in Oz and it did not take much coaxing to get Nora Crawford to join us.

I can assure you that the Friday was a very long (26 hours) but exciting and enjoyable day. To be at Auckland airport at 0715 hours was a bit of a struggle but things went smoothly, Nora knowing two members on duty at the airport, and it was Sydney on time. Minimum delay clearing Sydney International terminal (Wellington immigration people please note!) but fortunately I had an Australian dollar for the bus trip to the domestic terminal — baggage travels free (no comment!)

A DC9 aircraft is quite different and much smaller than a DC10 but it was a pleasant, comfortable flight to Canberra



Canberra Lake with monument to H.M.A.S. Canberra in foreground and Black Mountain with communication and observation tower in background.

even though we were not aware that two lovely IPA members from Brisbane were two rows behind us. A.C.T. region Chairman, Gary Tuckwood himself was on hand to greet us at the airport, a quick check in at our motel and then around to the Canberra Workers Club for registration, plenty of handshaking, plenty of chatter and some refreshments. We three were the only non-Australians attending the A.G.M. so we were included in the party invited to the official reception given by Mr Hird, Speaker of the A.C.T. House of Assembly who included us, humorously in his welcoming speech. On to the official opening banquet where Rita and I were invited to sit at the top table in between Mrs Hird and the retiring Chief District Judge of Canberra.



The RIOT ACT read by gold commissioner Griffin at Young, N.S.W.

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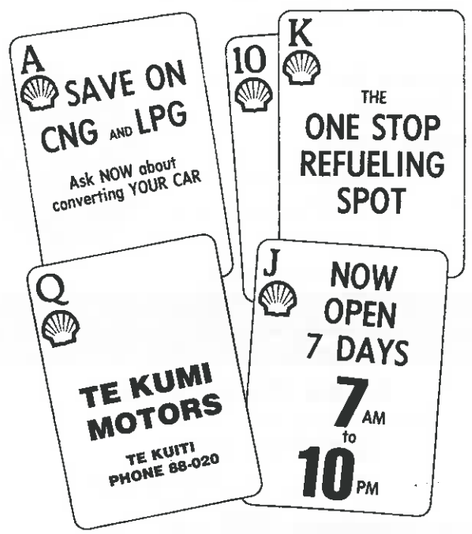

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The NZ flag was paraded while our national anthem was played, and then the Australian flag and anthem likewise.

That 26 hour but very enjoyable day was catching up with me so I was very pleased to see my bed. Saturday was very different. We opted to do the whole day sightseeing rather than attend the N.E.C. meeting or the two forums which were open to us. Here is one point from one of the forums, for our 'legal-eagles': the Chief District Judge suggested that any motorist having been convicted of intoxicated driving and disqualified from driving, who is caught driving during his disqualification period, should have his vehicle impounded — the mind boggles at the storage problems alone.



The War Memorial, Canberra with remains of Japanese midget submarine. Rita and our guide-chauffeur, Shirley McKenzie are in good hands.

Pause now to look at Canberra. This city, especially designed in 1912 as a capital city and carved out of virgin country-side to accommodate the Federal House of Parliament with all that goes with it including a population of about 5,000 people. It now has a man-made lake, a population of 25,000 (still increasing, too) and Parliament still sits in its 50 year old temporary building while the more permanent House will (hopefully?) be opened in 1988 but don't ask any Australian taxpayer what the price tag will be. Quite noticeable are; how easy it is to get lost in the streets, no advertising in the streets, and how small the motel rooms



Downtown Speros Motel Canberra.

are — they must surely have been designed by a dwarf or a very thin person! Canberra, well worth a visit if you can manage it and there are a few Kiwis there, too, Fran James, ex Lower Hutt runs Funtastic Travel Centre and a Southlander seems to have control of one of the lake ferries.



Little old church on the hill at Binalong.

On Tuesday it was goodbye to a wonderful Canberra weekend, off on a three day drive back to Sydney by rental car calling at Yass (yes, derived from 'yes'), the 'Little old Church on the Hill' at Binalong of "Around the Boree Log" fame, my old school at Galong — very different after 40 years, the Japanese gardens and cemetery at Cowra, the blue mountains at Katoomba with overnight stops at lovely country towns of Young and Bathurst — all steeped in interesting history of early Australia and of course a drive around the Bathurst motor racing circuit is an experience with a magnificent view from the top. Giving a town the name, Young, can have complications, for example 'Young Old Folks Club', 'Young Police Youth Centre', 'Young Pensioners Association' etc. The roads out-back were all good tar-sealed surfaces and directions clear. The contrast between the almost deserted country roads and the mad fast scramble along Parramatta Road into Sydney is unreal but my expert back seat drivers were expert navigators and say that I 'did well'.



Lawrie — back to school, Galong, Aust.

Finally a very pleasant two nights and Friday with our hosts in Sydney, June and Colin Joyce, including a day exploring "The Rocks" and Pier One Shopping Centre under Sydney Bridge, a very enjoyable evening at the Drummoyne Sailing gclub with Olga and Herb North, Heather and Pat Medway, Narelle Henderson and a couple from Victoria who had just spent a holiday in Kiwiland.



Rita, Lawrie, Elke, Nora on the cruise.

An excellent trip and holiday across the Tasman spoilt only by having to stand in a queue for a ridiculous 50 minutes at Wellington Airport for Agriculture and Customs clearance.



The Japanese gardens at Cowra.

The Auckland Region

By Trevor Cook

IT IS MY PLEASURE to write about the Auckland Region — the Region covers that part of the North Island from the Bombay Hills in the South to the most Northern tip of New Zealand at Cape Reinga in the North.

In distance roughly some 260 miles or 415 kilometres in length, and that area from Coast to Coast — and that is from the Tasman Sea on the West Coast to the Pacific Ocean on the East Coast.

Weather: Basically warmer than most of New Zealand — a temperate climate with no snow or ice. Christmas /New Year (time of writing) is quite warm averaging 20 to 24 degrees Celcius and time for most of us in casual clothing and participation in summer sports pursuits.



Auckland

Auckland is known as the "City of Sails" on account of the well known large and sheltered Harbour called the Waitemata which in Maori translates to "Sea of sparkling waters". On a fine sunny day the Harbour becomes just that. This leads to a wide participation in sea pursuits such as sailing, boating, surfing, swimming, fishing and just sunbathing.

It sometimes looks like Auckland comes to a standstill between the school holiday dates of 14 December and 30 January. But the truth, if you scratch the surface of this big metropolis, is that there is an enormous number of things to do and you've got time on your hands. Here's just a taste:

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RACE A CAN-AM CAR:

Rainbow's End Amusement Park off the Manukau turn-off on the Southern Motorway has Can-Am cars, three quarter size Formula 1 race cars, bumper boats and a whole range of other rides.

SWIM:

Auckland has lots of public swimming pools. Short of shopping in air-conditioned stores, they are the best way of keeping cool on hot summer days. They are at Parnell, Glen Innes City, Birkenhead, Mt Eden, Mt Roskill, St Mary's Bay, Takapuna, Newmarket, Panmure, Papatoetoe, Pukekohe, Papakura. At all of these there is a small charge for admission. There are of course, many beaches where swimming is free.

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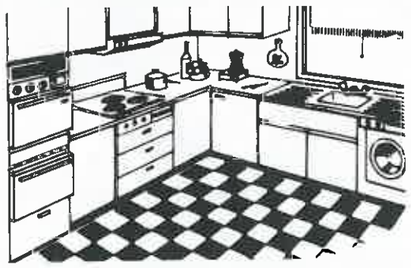

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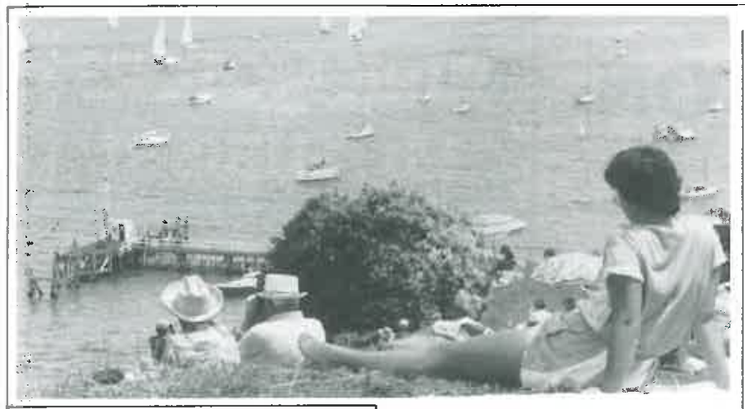

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There are eight different walks to choose from, including a waterfront and Markets walk, Private Art Galleries walk, Historic Parnell walk, and a Theatre walk.

TALK TO THE ANIMALS:

The Auckland Zoo at Western Springs has 300 mammals, 100 reptiles, 500 birds, and 600 fish.

The Zoo is open every day from 9.30a.m. to 5.30p.m. except on Christmas Day.

WATCH THE SPEEDWAY:

Saturday night and there's nothing decent on at the movies or TV? You could join the crowds at the Western Springs Stadium for a night of speedway racing. It's not a sport for those who like their peace and quiet. You see motorcycles, sidecars and all manner of racing cars ripping around the dirt bowl at speeds that are positively insane. There are lots of spills. Speedway freaks turn up every Saturday night during the summer months.

MOTAT:

MOTAT is one of Auckland's special institutions, and a must for visitors. It's the Museum of Transport and Technology and you'll find it on the Great North Road at Western Springs next to the Zoo. MOTAT itself is a huge range of things. As well as all sorts of exhibits you can ride on horse drawn carts, a fire engine, a double decker bus and a train. You can watch a glass blower, a jeweller, a blacksmith, and a bread maker working on an open fire; there's a computer /audio visual, a souvenir shop, a "lolly shop" with some exclusive recipes, there are takeaway bars and the Colonial Arms Restaurant. Like we say, MOTAT is a place you must see.

It's open 9a.m. - 5p.m. daily on weekdays and 10a.m. - 5p.m. at weekends and statutory holidays.

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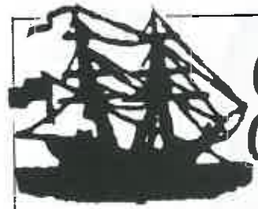

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which has the distinction of being Auckland's oldest park. Next a visit to a wealthier lifestyle in Highwie House and wander through the rooms of the beautifully restored home and link up with the lifestyle of yesteryear. From there to the enchanting Eden Gardens with its exotic plants and ferns. For the final highlight a drive up to the summit of Mt Eden which was once a mighty impregnable Maori fortress. From this vantage point enjoy the panoramic views of the City and its suburbs and harbours.

AUCKLAND WAR MEMORIAL MUSUEM:

Not everyone knows it is free and open from 10a.m. to 5p.m. Monday to Saturday, and on Sunday from 11a.m. to 5p.m. It's in the Domain, surrounded by some of the most expansive lawns in the City. New Zealand's history is laid out for you and there is something of interest for everyone. Inside the Museum you can see a real live mummy and check out a WW. II Japanese fighter plane. One can hear native birds and forest sounds at the press of a button in the 'Bird's Section'.

A very pleasant way to spend an afternoon — Morning and afternoon teas are available.

One further place to catch the eye is

THE AUCKLAND HARBOUR BRIDGE:

This was first opened in May 1959, when traffic volumes were around 20,000 vehicles a day. A toll fee was paid but this was abolished in 1984. Now the traffic volume climbs to over 100,000 a day.

The biggest job on the Bridge is the painting programme. This employs 14 painters and one painting foreman, 3 fitters and 5 riggers. It consumes about 18 tonnes of sand (for sandblasting) and nearly 7000 litres of paint a year. The annual budget is in the region of $720,000.

The most noticeable thing as far as the painters are concerned, is the vibration. It shakes everything and worst when a heavily laden cattle truck grinds its way across the bridge. One of these vehicles make the 'clip-ons' flex by a foot or more.

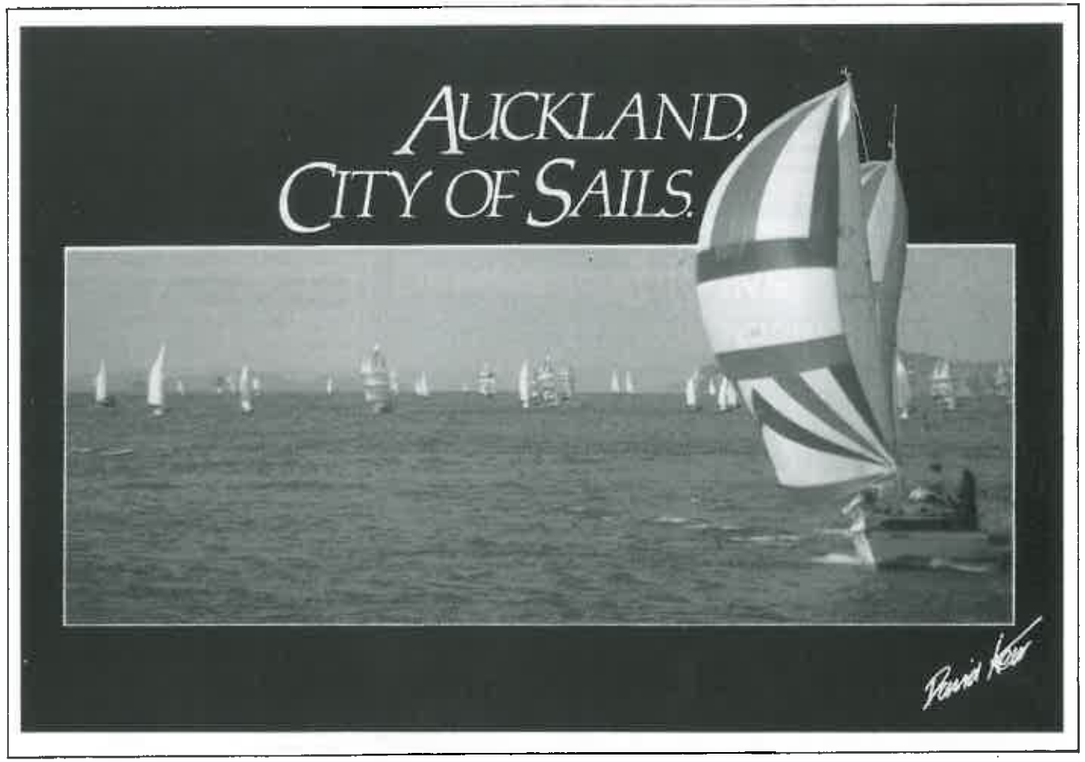
These are just some of Auckland City entertainments, the biggest city in New Zealand with a population of some 800,000, including the largest number of Polynesians in a city in the world.



Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland Domain.



The Auckland Harbour Bridge. (Police Launch Deodar in foreground).



Northland

Other writers have written on historical features of the areas around New Zealand, but surely no other area can compare with the "Winterless North" for history, for beauty and for geographical miracles. The people who visit this delightful region could start at Auckland and travel on good sealed roads the whole way round the region, or "rough it" on unsealed, metal roads through forests and by lakes.

Those who think the Hotel /Motel mode of travel too expensive, will be happy to know there are ample excellent camping grounds available at very reasonable rates, but intending travellers are advised to make an itinerary, select and book their camping sites, allowing sufficient days at each stop to take in the multiplicity of 'things to do'.

A typical tour starting from Auckland could proceed over the Harbour Bridge, through Albany and along the Hibiscus Coast stopping occasionally to glimpse the beautiful views available from higher ground. The continuing drive to Whangarei allows further rural features to be viewed, and if desired, one can step outside one's car and commune with nature face to face.

A few days in any of the numerous Camps or Motels around Whangarei will give visitors the chance to swim or surf to their heart's content or to take a day tour exploring historical delights, returning to "headquarters" in time for evening dinner.

For example a worthwhile trip is a drive to Waitangi. Before viewing the Treaty House, the Williams Memorial Church, or picnicking on the slopes of Mt Bledisloe taking in the gorgeous seascapes, you can inspect the new complex in beautiful bushland, and learn something of New Zealand's heritage, from the professionally produced audio-visual in the theatrette.

From Waitangi come back the few kilometres to Paihia and cross over to Russell on the car ferry ($3.70 per car); these ferries run on demand and the most time you'd have to wait is about an hour. At Russell, there is Pompallier House, Captain Cook's Memorial Museum, the oldest Church in New Zealand and, of course, the really quaint and historic Police Station, a 'must' for any visitor.



Pompallier House, Bay of Islands.

Going this way means that the dusty road through Opua Forest must be taken to get back to Whangarei, but never fear, the experience is rewarding. (If you've got travel weary or stroppy kids, do this trip in reverse, so the more comfortable part comes last.)



"CREAM BOAT" PAIHIA: A world famous cruise on the "Cream boat" can be taken from Paihia for those who enjoy launch excursions round beautiful islands. The Bay of Islands cannot be bettered anywhere for such trips.

Other things to see in Whangarei include Clapham's Clocks, about 400 of them, the oldest of which was made in 1636, The Forum (a splendidly designed City Council building complex), Mair Park, a delightfully situated picnic and recreation area (where the more energetic members of your family can climb Parahaki Mountain) and the Northland Regional Museum complex. This Museum includes the lovely old home of Dr Alexander Clark built in 1885 and remains virtually "as is". This complex also has the steam railway, a display of early Northland origins and a bush walk.

In between there are waterfalls, lovely beaches and countryside and the Marsden Point Oil Refinery to look at. Plenty of good fishing all round too.

Why not then make Kaitaia your next port of call? If you enjoy things historical, be certain to branch off the No. 1 Highway around Ohaeawai to view the splendidly preserved Mission House and Church at Waimate North, then through to Kerikeri (stopping to get your supply of citrus fruits) to view the old Stone Store and Kemp House.

And now for the Piece de resistance; the trip to Cape Reinga Lighthouse. Where else in the world could you travel more than 60 miles down a beach by ordinary vehicle? Four-wheeled drive vehicles are NOT required, though this writer still thinks you'd be better to leave the car behind. Buses are available to do the whole trip for around $20 with an extra $5 for the trip that throws in a first class barbecue meal (cooked on the beach while you wait). Most of the journey to the Lighthouse is done on metal roads but is made easy by a heavyweight bus; the driver picks you up from your Camp about 9a.m. and drops you back at 5.30p.m.

After viewing the Lighthouse and partaking of a meal or barbecue lunch, the bus goes through a stretch of quicksands (doing "wheelies" to try and fool car owners who may follow too closely), then on to the 90 Mile Beach for its long run down to "The Bluff" and beyond. This trip is splendid value, and the driver /commentator keeps everyone enlightened and amused every step of the way.



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The trip back to Auckland can be done fairly easily in a day, and another really interesting day at that. From Kaitaia get on the road that will take you to Rawene car ferry. This operates on the hour, every hour, from the northern side and the trip to Rawene, takes just a quarter of an hour. Cost $4 per car for the ferry but well worth it. From here there are some quite spectacular views until you come to the metal road which takes you through the extensive Waipoua Forest Sanctuary — THE LARGEST REMNANT of the once extensive Kauri forests of Northern New Zealand. It was declared a sanctuary to protect and preserve the flora and fauna in their natural state and this protection can now only be revoked by Act of Parliament.

There are 9000 hectares in the forest though only 2630 hectares bears mature kauri. Fully grown kauris between 24-36 metres high with a trunk of 3m or more are not uncommon but the king kauri tree of them all in Waipoua is "Tanemahuta." It is estimated to be 1200 years old with a height of 51.5 metres, a girth of 13.7m. and its crown spreads over 1000 square metres. Well formulated paths lead one directly to old Tanemahuta, and a cleared space allows one to take photos of this forest giant.

Trounson Kauri Park, a few kilometres from Waipoua, has walking tracks to another giant four-stemmed kauri, a most unusual tree. Until 1905 kauri trees were "bled" by gum collectors to produce a very valuable product, used as a vehicle in varnishes and printing inks, and other industrial uses. The early Dalmation settlers in North Auckland were the pioneers in this, then, valuable industry and interest is again being focussed on the tonnes of kauri gum that lie buried in this region.

DARGAVILLE:

An old established town, is passed through and good roads are now evidenced, right through to Auckland, via Tokatoka, Tuawai, Paparoa and Maungaturoto. One worthwhile stop on the way for the historically inclined traveller is at the Otamatea Kauri and Pioneer Museum. Here, the static displays of kauri felling, sawing and finishing are expertly arranged, while the pioneer rooms provide a flash-back to early days. The kauri gum room has an amazing display of large, small, polished and shaped masses of gum unsurpassed anywhere in New Zealand. **DO** drop in to view this magnificent museum.

And so back to Auckland. There are so many things to see in Northland that we couldn't possibly hope to mention them all in this short article. But one thing is certain. If you tour this part of New Zealand, it's certain you'll be able, after your trip, to say: "A Policeman's lot is sure a happy one".



IPA Holiday Homes in West Germany

THERE ARE a number of IPA homes in the Federal Republic of Germany, 32 in fact, which are available to IPA members holidaying three but reservations need to be made.

For example the home in Hamburg-Volksdorf is in a former police station and still has a small station attached to it. Centrally heated it has four bedrooms; there being a four-bed room, a three-bed room and two two-bed rooms. Except for the four-bed room they have hot and cold running water. There is a day room with television and radio and a kitchen with electric range and sufficient utensils. There is also a washing machine, a shower room and two toilets.

The charge per person per night is currently 15 DM with a weekly charge of 7 DM for linen. If a single room is required the charge rises to 20 DM a night plus linen charge. These rates are far cheaper than for alternative accommodation in the Federal Republik. One Mark is currently worth about 68 cents New Zealand.

Handy to the accommodation is a station for rail travel to downtown Hamburg (20 kilometres away), a post office, an indoor swimming pool and many shops and restaurants. Nearby is the Volksdorf Forest. The Baltic Sea and the city of Luebeck are within 50 kilometres.

Reservations for and enquiries about the home in Hamburg-Volksdorf can be made with:

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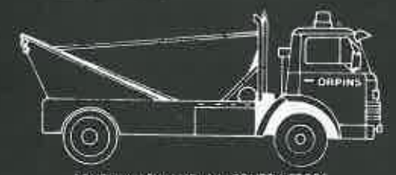

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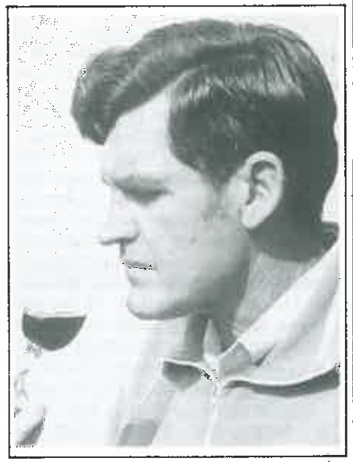
Wine Chat with Ace

Local versus Imported?

THERE WAS A TIME when New Zealanders bought imported wine because it was so much better than the local product. Times have changed, as has the overall standard of New Zealand wine, but even today many people buying imported wine fondly imagine that they are buying a superior product. In truth the difference in quality will be more in their minds (and pockets) than in reality. One has only to spend a few sessions blind tasting local wines beside their imported counter-parts to appreciate just how well they stand up in comparison to the imported wine. New Zealand has lifted the over-all standard of it's table wines to the stage where it's best Sauvignon Blanc; Gewurztraminer, Chardonnay and even some Rhine Reislings compare very favourably with the acknowledged leaders in the world market. Price wise they are extremely good value, and it is possible to purchase world class wines of local vineyards for under $8 per bottle. For an imported wine that would compare for flavour, balance, fruit and complexity you may find that you have to pay from 100 to 300% more. At a recent blind tasting of experienced wine buffs, a 1983 Morton Estate Sauvignon Blanc, (which could be bought for $72 per dozen ex winery) was rated ahead of a Baron De Ladoucette, a prestigious wine from Pouilly area of the Upper Loire valley in France. The Baron De L. retails for about $28 to $30 per bottle in New Zealand. There was no doubt about the result and the superiority in taste and bouquet of the local wine was clear.

This is not to say that you should always buy the local product. Obviously there are a number of imported wine types that New Zealand will never come within a Bull's roar of emulating. Sweet wine of the Sauternes and Barsac type is but one striking example. Sure, we make several very acceptable sweet wines, and Delegat's Auslese; Weingut Seifried 1982 Gewurztraminer Ice wine; McWilliams 1978 Reisling Ice wine, and more commonly available, Corbans Montel are good examples. I doubt, however, that we will ever make wines that capture that magical luscious lava flow of nectar that one experiences when tasting a good French Sauterne or Barsac. This richness is the result of the grapes being attacked by Botrytis cinerea (or "Noble rot") which the French call "Pourriture noble" and the Germans call "Edelfaule". This is actually a mould that affects the bunches of grapes in the warm misty weather of the Autumn causing them to shrivel and the water content of the grape to evaporate through the skin, leaving behind an ultra-sweet juice that is then crushed and made into a sweet wine of unusually complex flavour and bouquet. This particular situation only arises in certain seasons where the weather conditions are suited to the formation and growth of the mould, and even then the volume of juice that is produced is reduced by up to 80% It is no wonder then that good French Sauternes are so expensive. (Chateau D'Yquem retails for $108-plus per bottle in New Zealand, but you can buy quite acceptable French Sauternes for $15.) In New Zealand we have concentrated the juice by freezing the water content and removing the frozen solid leaving behind the super-sweet juice from which sweet wine is made. It does not however have the complexity of taste and bouquet achieved by the wine made from nobly rotten grapes. If you have the opportinity to try a German Torckenbeerenauslese, a Hungarian Tokay Aszu or a South African Edelkeur, then take it, for they are exciting and exclusive wines the like of which you will probably never see made in New Zealand.



"Ace" assessing the bouquet of a wine using a judging glass.

Red Wines

Red wine drinkers will appreciate the well balanced, soft and usually well aged Spanish wines that are available here. Try the widely available Sangre De Toro (Bull's Blood): Torres Grand Coronas or Siglo Black Label. They are not expensive, and the quality is uniformly high. On the other hand if you enjoy a gutsy red wine with a hefty flavour and lots of tannin, then go no further than Australia. Dollar for dollar you will get better value for money buying Aussie reds than those from other countries. I would suggest you try a Taltarni Shiraz, or a Penfolds Kalimna Dry Red Bin 28 (any of the Penfolds Reds with bin numbers are usually very good wines) but be warned, these are real "He-mens" wines, and you would be well advised to drink them with a steak, or barbecue meal, because they can be aggressive wines drunk on their own. Always try and buy the oldest red wine that you can (unless you are buying it to cellar) because in my experience there is no substitute for age where most good red wines are concerned. Barrel and bottle age allows the tannin, acids, wood flavour, esters phenols and fruit to marry and meld together to form a smoothly integrated whole wine, rather than a wine composed of a number of separate and discrete components. A wine with a few years (5 plus) under it's belt will be so much softer, smoother and more mellow and indeed it won't "knock you about" as much as a young red wine if you drink not wisely but too well! Of course there are young red wines on the market made in the "drink now" style, (Kaiser Stuhl Bin 33 claret; Tyrrell's long flat red; and Hardy's Nottage Hill are good examples of that style) while wine made by the "Carbonic Maceration" technique is also best drunk young. (Rothbury Estate; and Anakie CabMac are fine examples of this type). Grapes are fermented under a pressurised cloud of carbon dioxide gas (C.O.2) often in whole bunches, without crushing and the resulting internal fermentation creates a low acid and particularly fruity wine that is best drunk early. Most Beaujolais is now made by this method.

Champagne

Of course if you are a "Champers" fan, then you will only be satisfied with true champagne made by the "methode Champenoise", the technique discovered by a Benedictine monk named Dom Perignon some 200 years ago. If you have not tried the New Zealand example that is widely available, (Montana Lindauer) then I suggest you try it. It takes a fairly experienced person to pick it from several French Champagnes that will cost you twice as much. (Moet & Chandon and .Pol Roger both retail for about $17 per bottle, while the Lindauer costs about $9.50c). Similarly if you prefer the sweeter fruitier asti-style sparkling wines, you will find that Montana Bernadino at $4.95 compares very favourably with the Italian Ricca Donna or German Sekt Henkel Trocken which sells for about $10.50 - $11 per bottle. I have yet to find a New Zealand made wine that compares with the Portugese Mateus Rose (the biggest selling rose in the world) or with the amabile version of Italy's Lambrusco (Riunite) both of which are slightly sweet fruity "spritzig" or "crackling" wines which have a mini-sparkle. These are easy to drink wines and are a pleasant introduction to people who are unused to drinking table wine.

To sum up, it makes good sense to buy New Zealand wine where it can compare favourably with the imported version, and to confine purchase of imports only to those types of wine that we just cannot match here, or to Special Occasions. Make sure that you keep a good N.Z. wine to serve your IPA visitors from overseas.



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Golfing Corner

By Marilyn Stobie

WELL GOLFERS, the big event for 1985 must be the NZ Police Golf Champs which will be held at the Mt Maunganui Course, between the 24-26 March. The programme has been sent out and I guess those intending to participate, have already been digging up the practice fairways in readiness. The programme is daunting and one will have to be match fit to survive. On the Sunday, there is a free round of golf, so as to break you in gently and to find the nasty lakes, bumps, rough and demoralizing bunkers. Then early Monday morning the field is off. After the first 18 holes, one receives a short lunch break and then its back to the fairways for another 18 holes. How many of you have played 36 holes recently? See what I mean about match fit!! However that's not the end. One is then expected to socialise after Mondays two rounds and then . . . get up early on Tuesday and play another 36 holes. So that's 72 holes of golf in two days and a final social function to stay awake for and enjoy. As I said, it's a daunting programme but believe me, the champs are most enjoyable and it's amazing how one survives.

It will also be a good time, to collect those humerous golf incidents and to store them up, in readiness for the next issue. To all those participating, the very best of luck and may the golf ball fly in the right direction for you.

It's amazing what one finds when reading golf magazines! In the *Australian Golf Journal*, dated September 1983, I found this interesting article:

> THINGS really happened when golfing policeman Davie McTainish, playing at the Cromwell course in New Zealand's South Island, sliced his tee-shot out of bounds.
>
> A passing car stopped and reversed to where the ball lay. A passenger jumped out, pocketed the ball and the car sped off, ignoring the golfers' shouts.
>
> Constable McTainish reached into his golf bag for a two-way radio and relayed a description of the car and its number plate to the local police station.
>
> The car was pulled up at the next town, 30km down the road, and the ball recovered from a passenger's sock. An 18-year-old youth was charged with theft.
>
> In a happy sequel, Constable McTainish and his partner recovered from a two-stroke penalty to win their match.

I am sure congratulations must go to Davie, for his initiative but wonder what his 'boss' had to say. A secret round of golf was it Davie? Or was your 'boss' your un-named partner??

Last issue I told you that a 'hole in one', was a stroke of genius. It surely is and not seen very often on a golf course. For those non-golfers, this term refers to **one** brilliant shot which after having been hit from the tee, runs onto the putting green and disappears into the hole. Most hole-in-ones are usually on a par three hole which means the ball can be struck three times, so imagine the great thrill of holing out, after only one shot. Achieving a hole-in-one must be the greatest thrill for any golfer.

However just to demoralize us golfers, here are a few hole-in-one records:—

Longest — 447 yards.
Longest by a Woman — 393 yards.
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Oldest Man — 93 years of age.
Oldest Woman — 81 years of age.
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Talking of hole-in-ones, this story really got to me and I am sure would break most golfers' hearts.



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Must be a lesson in that story for all of us — but wouldn't it knock your socks off!!

Well that's it for this issue. Have some more interesting records and stories lined up for the future but hopefully will witness some real live dramas at the Golf Champs. Will have pen and paper poised.

Must be off and get some practice in for myself, or I may end up in the embarassing position of having to write about my own golfing misfortunes!! I must confess to having a few of those lately but I am keeping them secret.

So until next time, happy golfing to all.

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Wasps tour memories and friendships last for ever

Article from Dave Bauer

A DREAM CAME TRUE for 81 Wasps Rugby Club members on Wednesday, September 21 as they boarded an Air New Zealand 747 bound for Los Angeles — 18 months of planning, hard work and fund-raising had finally come to life for the group, drawn from all parts of the Bay of Plenty.

There was little sleep to be had on the plane as the exciting itinerary was discussed and it was a tired group that arrived in Los Angeles.

The days there passed all too quickly with Disneyland, Universal Studios and Knotts Berry Farm being the three main attractions.

Some of us travelled to Tijuana to barter with the Mexican shopkeepers and in general made bargain purchases. On the return journey we took in the amazing Sea World at San Diego which features the almost-human killer whales.

The next day a weary but excited group made the long flight to London and after an hour stopover caught the British Caledonian flight to Paris.

Our hotel accommodation was of a high standard and it was with amusement that we saw people taking dogs to their rooms. The extra charge for a dog was $NZ8 a night.

The nights in Paris passed quickly with most attending either the Folies Bergere or the Moulin Rouge shows at between $NZ30 and $NZ60 a head. Sightseeing trips and a visit to the top of the Eiffel Tower were other popular attractions.

The language — and food — barriers provided lots of laughs and the very efficient Metro underground was the way to travel.

All too soon it was on to a smooth-running train for a relaxing eight-hour trip to Biarritz in the south of France. As we arrived in this beautiful seaside resort we realised we were in rugby country.



Ian Robson of Whakatane, a member of the 81-strong Wasps tour party, writes for the Beacon about their rugby and sightseeing trip that saw them visit 10 countries and come home unbeaten.

Billboards displayed posters announcing the arrival of Le All Blacks and Le Maori Concert. We were met by Brian Hefferty, ex-Wellington, now a tennis coach in Biarritz and Jeff Bradburn, ex-Whakatane.

Brian will be remembered as being a reserve for the All Blacks a few years ago when they were hit by injuries in France.

Our magnificent castle-like hotel overlooking the Bay of Biscay made us feel like royalty — but then again so did some of the prices — $NZ3 was cheap for a glass of beer and at nightclubs it was a standard $NZ10 a glass.

The next day we were accorded a mayoral reception along with a Spanish rugby team who had travelled to Biarritz to play us.

We met the Spanish team in the early game that evening and coasted to a 30-6 victory. Two hours later our team was back on the field to play the local Archiball club, which was a different story. The over-35 golden oldies rule seemed to have been ignored, either that or Frenchmen hold their age well.

The game was close to provincial standard with Hefferty and ex-English halfback Jeremy Spencer, aged 45, the danger men. In spite of torrential rain, thunder and lightning which blew the lights out, our team won the match 28-14.

The after-match function was another experience. Two French teams, one Spanish, 81 New Zealanders and numerous local officials combined in a banquet-type meal. Wine flowed freely and a brass band drowned out the language difficulties. The last official speech was given at 1a.m. which was certainly not the end of the evening.

While at Biarritz, we crossed the Spanish border and enjoyed a massive Spanish meal in a huge cave. Fighting six kilometres inside the border prevented us from travelling any further.

The next morning we joined our tour guides and travelled by bus to Beziers. We stopped off at Lourdes and the medieval village of Carcassone. Cameras worked overtime at these two impressive tourist attractions.

An 8a.m. start the following morning saw us on our way to Nice. The first stop was Avignon with a visit to the medieval village and pictures of the famous Avignon bridge.

We were beginning to realise how huge France is with its population of more than 50,000,000 and wondered how the Germans could ever have occupied the country.

The next stop at Cannes brought gasps of amazement as we took in the huge marinas which featured Rod Stewart's "Maggie May" with the Rolling Stones boat alongside.

Among the impressive villas we saw one recently purchased by an Arab for $NZ70,000,000.

Again our accommodation at Nice was top class and it was a really busy city. A stroll along the topless beach right in town proved popular with the menfolk.

That evening we went by bus to Monte Carlo with a visit to Prince Rainier's castle on the rock and Monaco, and, of course, to the casino. Monaco was a beautiful place with no litter, no disorder and obviously very strictly controlled.

Next morning we crossed the Italian border, passing through the port of Genoa and then into Lucerne, Switzerland. This journey saw us pass through 95 tunnels, including one 16 kilometres long.

Switzerland was just like the postcards — fantastic scenery, clean and fresh and the people very friendly. A trip to the Alps was well received and our two-day stay in beautiful Lucerne was all too short.

It was then on the Heidelberg and the serious business of rugby again. We played a German selection team that night and did not have things all our own way, finally winning 28-12.

The after-match function was another banquet with strong German beer and wine at every elbow. The inevitable brass band added to the noise and our concert party put on their best performance of the tour.

A day's sightseeing rounded off our Heidelberg visit with perhaps too long a stay at the Student Prince Hotel where the beer is drunk from huge glass boots.

We interrupted our bus trip to Holland

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the next day for a one and a half hour boat cruise down the river Rhine. Fortified by German wine and music, it was a jovial group that rejoined the buses for our destination, Nijmegen. En route we passed through Bonn, the new capital of West Germany, and stopped at Remagen.

The Remagen bridge was the one the Germans tried to blow up during the war to halt the Allied invasion. The bridge stood up to the dynamite and then collapsed 22 days later.

No touble was experienced crossing the Dutch border and our hotel at Nijmegen was five star.

Less than two hours later our team was on the field playing an "All Holland" team of mainly ex-Dutch internationals. Once again our players came to light in the second half and won a hard game 32-4.

The Nijmegen clubrooms were a real hive of industry — hamburger stands, souvenir stalls, outside bars and, of course, a brass band.

Several of the Dutch players had played against the Wasps in the 1982 tournament at Los Angeles and the after-match function was prolonged.

We were away the next morning for a leisurely trip to Amsterdam. On arrival we found our hotel accommodation was not so good this time but the excitement of the city compensated.

A visit to the red light area (accompanied by wives) was an eye-opener. The obvious crime and disorder was in sharp contrast to other cities visited.

A boat trip through the numerous canals gave us a better indication of the size of Amsterdam. Dogs were readily accepted into restaurants and left their mark in the streets.

A trip to the seaside town of Volendam was a pleasant contrast.

Two days later we were back on the buses and on our way to Calais to catch the hovercraft to London. Crossing the Belgium border was no problem and there were many sobering thoughts as we passed through Dunkirk. We crossed the English Channel in 28 minutes and left the white cliffs of Dover behind us as we motored to London.

Our London hotel was excellent and four days of leisure were appreciated. Our game against London Wasps was regarded by us as "The Test" of the tour and in spite of flagging fitness, the players were raring to go.

We were met by Mark Taylor, ex-Bay of Plenty rep and ex-All Black, himself a former captain of the Wasps senior side.

This game was the hardest of the tour with the English backs running the ball at every opportunity. Our forwards slowly took control and we won 20-10 although the score probably flattered us.

The after-match function was confined to players only but the rest of the group was catered for in the impressive clubrooms.

The playing side of the tour was over with five wins from five games and with numerous presentations to take back to our Rotorua clubrooms.

Two days later a tired but happy group were on an Air New Zealand flight to Singapore for the last three days of our trip.

A double booking at our original hotel saw us installed in the plush Singapore Hilton Hotel. The Hilton lavishes every luxury and a beautiful orchid-surrounded swimming pool on the 24th floor was well patronised.

With beer at $NZ6.50 a glass and spirits at $NZ9 a nip, our duty free purchases came out of the suitcases. Since devaluation Singapore is no longer a bargain hunter's paradise, although some good purchases were made.

A 10-hour flight to Auckland, four hours in the bus to Rotorua and then a car trip home for the Eastern Bay members of the party saw us arrive home weary souls.

However it was all well worth it and the memories and friendships will last for ever.

The tour was a credit to the organisers and in particular the tour leader and main fundraiser, Russell McCullough of Rotorua.

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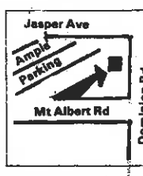

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News from the Office of the International Secretary General

H.V.D. Hallett, November 1984

THE TIME HAS COME to issue another Newsletter, primarily to convey the seasonal greetings of the International President, the members of the Permanent Executive Bureau and, of course, myself.

Life never gets any easier for police officers and the past year has seen a regrettable increase in terrorism and violence generally.

All I can do is to wish that one day this imperfect world of ours will follow a little more closely the teachings of the man, whose birth we celebrate.

1985 brings the World Congress in Paris and will be a time to take stock of our progress and to decide in which direction we want our Association to proceed for the next three years.

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The Hellenic Section celebrate their 20th anniversary in 1985 and are organising a "Friendship Week" in Athens from 7-14 September, 1985. This is an important celebration and all members of IPA and their families are invited to participate along with their Greek colleagues. The participation fee will be U.S. Dollars 150 per person in a double room and 180 U.S. Dollars for a single room. This fee includes hotel accommodation, half pension, and all activities arranged in the programme — details of which can be obtained from:
Mr Antony Demestichas,
President,
Greek Section — IPA,
13, Veranzerou Street,
Athens (P.O.C. 106 77),
Greece.

Applications should be sent to the Hellenic Section by 1st May 1985.

Irish Section

The Irish Section is holding a Friendship Week from 5th to 12th May, 1985 in conjunction with their 30th Anniversary Celebrations. The itinerary has been circulated to all Sections. Cost of the Programme — 100 Pounds Sterling.

Any further details can be obtained from Mr Tom Healey at Cutbush, Curragh, Co. Kildare.

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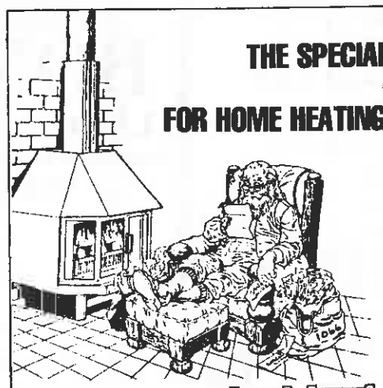

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International Secretary General.

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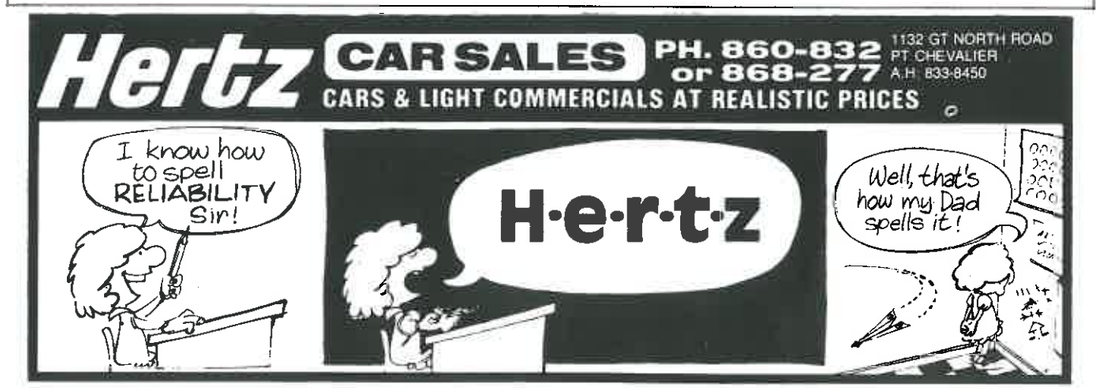

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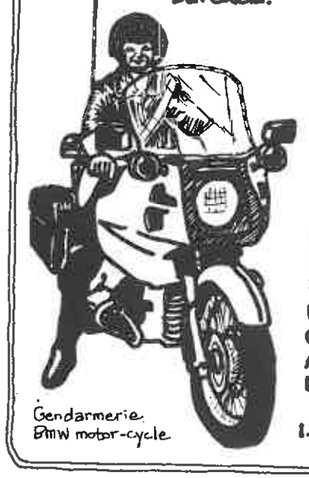

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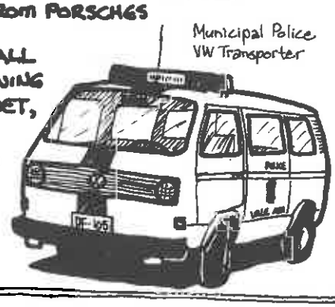

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Public Order in the United States of America

By Fred Ashmore
Inspector of Thames Valley Police — 1982 Winner, No. 7 Region

Fred Ashmore is an Inspector stationed at Burnham, Thames Valley. His award allowed him to study in the U.S.A. and in the report (to be given in three parts) he outlines some of his findings on this interesting subject.

Part 2

I believe the Miami Police Department would be the first to agree that they were not completely prepared to deal with the riot of 1980, and one of the lessons learned resulted in the setting up of the EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CIVIL DISTURBANCE CONTINGENCY PLAN.

The speed and efficiency with which Police personnel respond at the outset of a disturbance or major incident has a direct bearing on the loss of life and property, as well as the overall severity of the incident. This plan has evolved as a result of the cumulative knowledge and experience of those involved in previous disturbances. It provides for an organised, systematic response to emergency situations. It is designed with officer safety as a paramount concern with concurrent goals of protecting civilian life and property.

The plan is designed to function in conjunction with the other department procedures regarding civil disturbances. For example, it establishes procedures for the period of time between routine patrol and the implementation of the Emergency Operation and Mobilization Plan.

Previous experience has shown that during a civil disturbance the Emergency Operation Centre had difficulty monitoring, controlling and assigning police officers on the street. In most cases these problems came about because of the lack of a unified street effort. Individual officers, no matter how well intentioned, were acting on their own priorities, not knowing how their activities were received on the overall field of operation. In addition, these individual activities placed increased stress on communications. Therefore to eliminate past problems and to increase the effectiveness of street operations during civil disturbances, the following plan of action would be utilised in the event that further disturbances should occur.

Field Force Concept

The field force concept emphasises group activities and group deployment. The basic field unit in this concept is the *squad* comprised of a supervisor and seven officers. The squad will be deployed in two four man police vehicles and equipped with a minimum of two portable radios, two shotguns, and 24 tear gas grenades. Individual officers will be furnished with a 'riot bag' containing gas mask and holder, riot baton, flex cuffs, helmet and face shield. The street deployment of the squad will be at the discretion of the Field Force Commander. A Field Force will be comprised of a minimum of two squads to a maximum of six squads. The Field Force Commander will be responsible for carrying out instructions designed by the Emergency Operations Centre. Under no circumstances will any officers be on the streets without direct supervision or allocation to a field force. The intention is to eliminate individual activities.

Operation Plan

The tactical plan consists of a field force of squad units available for immediate deployment by the Field Force Commander. In order to remain readily available to handle any disturbance, segments of the Force must be able to move immediately to the problem before it reaches major proportions.

A. BASIC FUNCTIONS OF FIELD FORCE

1) To provide visible patrol of areas in which intelligence reports indicate the likelihood that disturbances will occur.
2) To remain available for deployment to major disturbances or to incidents which require immediate action to inhibit escalations.
3) To effectively restore order in an area where personnel have been committed because of the need for police action in protecting lives and property.
4) To respond for the protection of threatened critical facilities such as water and power supplies.
5) To assist in crime suppression by providing visible patrol in high crime areas when appropriate.
6) Normal departmental policies and regulations concerning the use of firearms and(or deadly force will be in effect and adhered to.

B. PATROLLING PROCEDURES

1) Squads will remain within their assigned areas unless otherwise directed. Squad Sergeants will control voluntary response of undespatched units.
2) All Squads will patrol with both vehicles together to maintain squad integrity.
3) Squads will patrol high crime areas and business districts within their assignments.
4) Patrolling in view of non-violent crowds by uniformed units should not take place unless done for a specific purpose.
5) All Squads will use the assigned radio frequency while patrolling.
6) Radio transmissions on the tactical frequencies must be held to an *absolute minimum*. Messages must be kept short and concise as *air time will be at a premium*.
7) *There will be no* three signals run within hearing of crowds or group formations.
8) Potential false calls (police or fire) will be checked out by a dispatched unit (preferably one Squad); needed assistance will be called.
   a. WARNING — Second call to a location where nothing was found the first time may indicate a setup.

C. CROWD CONTROL AND CIVIL DISTURBANCE ENFORCEMENT

It is extremely important that crowd dispersal and arrest tactics are not employed unless sufficient manpower is available and present to insure successful conclusion of these activities. In the event that a crowd control situation develops that requires a Crowd Control formation (two or more Squads) for control and(or dispersal, the following procedures will be followed:

1) Prior to moving personnel into formation, the Commander (lieutenant or higher) will, if possible, secure rooftops on high ground areas to protect against sniper fire and thrown objects and to provide vantage points.
2) When deployed in a tactical formation at the scene of a demonstration, officers may expect to encounter two types of law violations:
   a. Isolated crimes committed within the ranks of demonstrators.
   b. 'Group or Crowd' violations of civil disorder laws, such as unlawful assembly, riot or rout.

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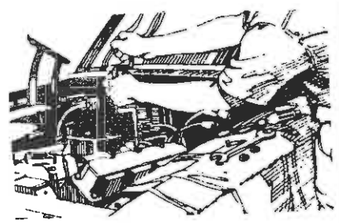
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3) It is imperative that each type of incident be handled in a manner that will prevent sporadic clashes between individual officers and demonstrators. This can be insured by the preservation of squad integrity.
4) Arrests: Isolated violators must be apprehended by a Squad, or designated 'Arrest Team'. Individual officers shall now pursue a suspect.

Two officers on each Squad will be designated as the 'Arrest Team'. They will:

a. Perform technical functions of arrest, i.e., verbally place under arrest; advise of rights, etc.
b. Be photographed with the prisoner
c. Complete the necessary reports
d. Prosecute.

5) It is essential to differentiate apprehension and the act of placing a suspect in custody. A suspect may be pursued or otherwise apprehended by a Squad. He will then be placed in the custody of the 'Arrest Team' of a Squad for removal to a booking or holding facility.
6) Apprehension of large numbers of violators will be affected by a Squad or a larger tactical unit.
7) Dispersals: Upon completion of a sweep or dispersal operation, the concerned Commander must immediately institute patrol operations which will prevent recurrence of the unlawful assembly. Alert, effective patrol will prevent people from returning to lawless conduct after order has been restored. Post assignments of a full Squad may be necessary to secure order.
8) Patrol operation shall begin as early as possible after order has been restored to perform the following functions:

a. Provide timely intelligence of problem areas, movements of disorderly groups, and damage within the affected area(s).
b. Act as an effective show of force to deter more disorderly conduct.
c. These patrol operations must employ the principle of squad integrity. Actions may then be both safe and effective.
d. Squads shall not attempt to handle a disturbance or other situation when there is insufficient manpower to effectively solve a problem. Squads should request assistance and take action only when adequate assistance has arrived.
e. Squads should make verbal periodic situation reports which will be relayed to the Field Commander. Written daily summary activity reports will be made by Squad Leaders and submitted to the E.O.C. prior to their end of tour of duty.
f. Whenever practical, anti-sniper operations will be assigned to S.W.A.T. Teams.

D. USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS

Chemical control agents will be used at the discretion of the Squad Leader or higher command officer. Chemical control agents are to be used only when other means have been tried and have failed, such as:

a. Crowd control formations
b. Show of strength
c. Order to disperse, etc.

Where practical, a warning that a chemical agent is to be used should be given. Examples of where chemical agents can be utilized are: a group throwing rocks; a crowd that fails to disperse after command. Care should be taken in areas where persons not involved would be affected by the use of control agents.

(i) Each Squad Leader will be responsible for all chemical supplies that he draws. Either supply he draws is turned in, or a report is to be made to account for the expended supplies.
(ii) S.W.A.T. Petter Fogger Teams will be available. These teams will be dispatched to needed locations by the E.O.C. In the event a mobile force is assigned to handle a preplanned operation, a Petter Fogger Team should be assigned and on location. This Petter Fogger Team will be used as needed and directed by the Field Commander.

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If it becomes necessary to broadcast a dispersal order, the Field Commander shall first advise the E.O.C. of his intent to declare an unlawful assembly. The Field Commander should do the following.

(i) A public address system should be used to broadcast a dispersal order. A bull horn may be used if necessary.
(ii) The Field Commander at the scene will determine appropriate dispersal tactics and will select dispersal routes before the order is given.

Usually riots spring to mind when public order is mentioned, but this is not always the case. The Los Angeles area suffers a tremendous public order problem from street gangs, so much in fact that they have a Unit consisting of 32 onficers, who do nothing else other than investigate the street gangs and their involvement with crime. In England we have had our problems in the past with skinheads, mods, rockers, etc. but compared to the Los Angeles street gangs they pale into insignificance.

In the past decade gang violence has escalated at an alarming rate. Wherein the past, gang fights involved fists, feet, chains, some knives, and very few guns, today's gangs are well armed. Once a death due to a gang was rare, today hardly a week goes by without one or more deaths occurring due to gang violence. Today brutal, senseless, wanton acts of violence are becoming a daily occurrence rather than the exception. Gangs are becoming a criminal phenomenon.

Where did gangs come from, who joins a gang, and what do gangs do?

History

A look back into history reveals that between 1910 and 1925, there was a great influx of immigrants from Mexico due to revolution and the political instability in that country. These immigrants tended to live in, and around other people from their native areas in Mexico. Rivalries developed between the different areas which eventually evolved into our first gangs. Gangs such as Bunker Hill, North Broadway, Boyle Heights, Mara Villa, and San Fernando, became well known.

The depression of the 1930's and the pre-World War II era attracted families from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. These newcomers, as well as those in the geographical areas already mentioned, fragmented into several groups, each claiming its own territory or turf. This brought about gangs with names like Avenues, Happy Valley, Hoyo Soto, Alpine, Hazard, El Hoyo Mara, Little Valley, White Fence, and numerous others.

Freeway displacement in the 1960's, created a movement of families from the central city areas. Most moved eastward, and the urge of some parents to escape this type of environment in the 60's and early 70's created new gang territories in the so-called suburbs. Gangs formed with names like El Monte Flores, Varrio Norwalk, Peaceful Valley, Dogpatch, etc. This brief overview of gang history brings us to where we are today.

In the area policed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, there are over 180 gangs with an excess of 14,000 members and associates. What is a street gang as opposed to a social club or even a car club? There are many definitions but the most generally accepted by experts in the field is that a street gang is a group of persons joining together to commit acts of violence or other anti-social behaviour.

The Gang Structure

Before proceeding, perhaps an explanation of the typical street gang structure is in order to more clearly define the components of a gang.

The structure or involvement by members is generally broken into three areas:

THE HARD CORE — Those few who need and thrive on the totality of the gang activity. The gang's level of violence is determined by the hard core, and their ability to orchestrate the gang as a vehicle to manifest their own violence. The hard core are generally the leaders, the most violent, streetwise, and knowledgeable in legal matters. They may participate in the violent act or encourage others to commit the violence. They are usually liked and respected by outsiders as well as gang members.

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sociate with the group for status and recognition, (they wear club jackets, attend social functions, and may even have tattoos): this essentially fulfills the emotional need of belonging.

THE PERIPHERAL —Those who move 'in and out' on the basis of interest in the activity or activities.

CLIQUES — The gang is further broken into 'cliques' or groups usually determined by ages or geographical areas.

Who Joins a Gang and Why?

In the Southern California area, the majority of street gang members are of latin or black descent. Anglos normally gravitate to motorcycle gangs, which is a culture separate from the street gang culture. Street gang members are often from broken homes or homes without a strong male authority figure. More often than not, they are underachievers with a poor self-image and low self-esteem. Many have physical defects which were not corrected as children due to the economic situation of the families, i.e. problems with teeth, eyesight, vitamin deficiencies, etc.

The primary age group of street gang members is from 14 to 20. The average is generally around 18. Recruiting can be done as young as nine with veteranos oeing as old as forty years.

The reasons for joining are varied and many times not understood by the gang member himself. The most common reasons usually fall somewhere into several of the following categories:

IDENTITY OR RECOGNITION — This allows the gang member to achieve a level or status he feels impossible outside the gang culture.

Most gang members visualize themselves as warriors or soldiers protecting their varrio or neighbourhood from what they perceive to be a hostile outside world.

PROTECTION — Many members join because they live in the gang area and are, therefore, subject to violence by rival gangs. Joining guarantees support in case of attack and retaliation for transgressions.

FELLOWSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD — To the majority of gang members, the gang is a substitute for a family cohesiveness lacking in the gang member's home environment. Many older brothers and relatives belong to or have belonged to the gang.

INTIMIDATION — Some members are forced into joining by their peer group. Intimidation ranges from extorting lunch money to beatings. If a particularly violent war is in progress, the recruitment tactics used by the gang can be extremely violent; even to the point of murdering one to cause others to conform.

Gang Violence

Many have asked why gang violence occurs. The usual responses cover such areas as revenge for a wrong doing, sometimes imagined, territorial encroachment by a rival gang which cannot be tolerated or the gang will lose face, and eventually power.

Long term rivalries now generate violence at such events as weddings, baptisms, and on occasion, funerals. Rival gang members went so far as to invade the funeral of a rival gang member whom they had killed, held the mourners at bay with shotguns, turned the casket over and dumped the body on the floor. This is gang violence at its highest level.

The Gang Members' Appearance

The Latin street gang member will usually adopt the following mode of dress. Although the 'uniform' will not identify the member's particular gang it will assist the officer in recognizing a street gang member or affiliate.

HEADGEAR

WATCH CAP — The cap is worn by the member primarily in the winter but may be worn in the summer. It is pulled down to cover the ears with a small roll at the bottom. It is blue in colour and made of a knit material.

BANDANA — The bandana or 'moco rag' is worn just over the forehead and tied in the back. It can be various colours and may have the member's gang name embroidered on the front. It is usually folded lengthwise, two inches wide. Some gangs have black bandanas for funerals. It is meant to intimidate as well as identify the wearer as a gang member.

HAT — The 'stingy' brim is favoured by the gang members but recently the baseball cap is being utilized. Gang members will write their nickname and gang on the turned-up bill.

TRENCH COAT — During the winter dark trench coats are worn not only for protection against the weather elements, but to allow the gang members to easily conceal weapons. The dark trench coat makes the gang member look more intimidating.

SHIRTS

PENDLETON — The pendleton shirt has long been a favourite of the gang member. It is usually buttoned at the collar button and cuffs. By leaving the remaining front buttons unfastened the gang member may easily retrieve weapons concealed by the bulky shirt.

T-SHIRT — The round or V-neck T-shirt is worn during the summer. The shirt is usually several sizes too large with the bottom outside the trousers. The extra size allows the member to conceal a weapon in the waistband.

UNDERSHIRT —The over shoulder strap undershirt is commonly worn during the summer. It is tucked into the trousers. The gang member who is 'buffed-up' (muscular) favours this shirt.

PANTS

KHAKI PANTS — Standard khaki work pants, highly starched with a crease, baggy and too long, usually slit up the side 6 to 8 inches above the ankle.

BLUE JEANS — Also known as 'counties', are highly starched, baggy, and rolled in small rolls at the cuff and slit up the side.

SHOES — Shoes may range from tennis shoes to French-toed shoes. If the shoes are leather, they will be highly shined.

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TATTOOS — Tattoos can be used to identify the member's gang, clique, and nickname. The tattoo can appear any place on the member's body such as the neck, arms, wrists, hands, chest and legs.

The Black Gang Member's Appearance

HEADGEAR — Black gang members wear 'stingy' brims, leather pork pies, and floppy type hats with jewellery attached. Some will wear handkerchiefs.

JACKETS — The bomber and tanker type are preferred.

SHIRTS — T-shirts; the black gang member likes to wear the black T-shirt rather than the white T-shirt. They also wear the black over the shoulder strap undershirt.

PANTS — The pants are usually jeans with rolled-up cuffs. Suspenders are commonly worn with the pants.

SHOES — The shoes range from canvas Crocker Sacks to shiny leather shoes.

MISCELLANEOUS — Black gang members may wear earrings and carry a cane or umbrella (walking type). Many carry handkerchiefs, railroad type (blue or red), hanging from the rear pocket.

Weapons

The street gang member has access to a wide variety of weaponry. Unlike ten to fifteen years ago, the gang members now favour shotguns, large calibre rifles, handguns, and occasional gasoline bombs. Most guns are either taken in burglaries or purchased through a 'fence'. Some gangs are said to possess automatic weapons, but they have not used them.

Vehicles

Street gang members favour Chevrolets of the mid-1960s vintage. They are lowered and may have a very small chrome or vinyl covered steering wheel, fur on the dashboard and chrome or mag wheels. They are indeed 'low-riders'. Black gang members also utilize 'air-shocks' to get the right look. When stopping gang vehicles be alert for holes in the floorboard; gang members drop their weapons through the holes onto the street. This makes identifying the owner practically impossible.

Attitudes

In dealing with gang members you will find a study in opposites. On his own 'turf' he may be cooperative and even joke with the officer. The gang member has his own code and sense of fairness. When this fairness is violated he may respond with hostility and even violence against the officer.

Most gang members will not report crimes against them, but instead, 'take care of it themselves'. If a report is made, the gang sometimes uses the police to identify the suspect so the victim gang can retaliate. Gang members will seldom testify in court, as they see it as being a 'rata' or 'ratting' on someone.

To be concluded in Next Issue

Slapstick Crime

NZPA, Maimi.

Two bumbling burglars who accidentally drove on to a United States Air Force base while fleeing the scene of a botched crime have been convicted of armed robbery, theft, burglary and false imprisonment.

The two men and two others terrorised an elderly couple and two of their friends for several hours after breaking into the wrong house.

They had meant to invade the residence where they knew drug deals had been transacted, hoping to steal drugs and money, police said.

Once in the house, the mistakes began to snowball.

The men cut the coiled cord from an electric can opener, thinking it was a telephone line, and when one of the robbers pulled a gun on the elderly couple, the bullets fell out.

The only drugs the robbers stole were some nitroglycerine pills the elderly man was taking for a heart condition. When they fled the house with cash, jewellery and liquor, they dropped the diamond ring they had slipped off the woman's finger.

The climax came when the driver of the getaway car drove past a guard house at the entrance to the Homstead United States Air Force base, apparently mistaking it for a toll booth on the nearby turnpike. They were captured shortly after they entered the base.

Enumberable Vaillant and Jose Moreno, both aged 32, face maximum sentences of life in prison for the July 25 incident. They will be sentenced on March 23.

Courtesy of the **NZ Herald.**

I.P.A. Proposed Itinerary

National A.G.M.

To be held in Auckland
19-20th April, 1985

19 April, 1985

1030hrs N.E.C. Delegates Arrive. Meeting 4th Floor Barracks.
OTHERS: Sightseeing or Shopping Trips to be arranged on request.
1530hrs A.G.M. Assembly. Conference Room, 7th Floor Central.
1600hrs Offical Opening — Guests(Distinguished.
1630hrs Afternoon Tea.
1650hrs A.G.M. Serious Business Continues.
1800hrs (Approximately). Adjourn to Freshen Up or to the Bar.
2000hrs Dinner — Restaurant.

20 April, 1985

0900hrs N.E.C. Meeting Continues.
1030hrs Mystery Bus Tour for those not attending N.E.C.
1600hrs Barbecue at Central Police Station Bar & Patio Area.

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"Dogs are only Aids to Police Work ..."

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The party continued along the road when Fritz suddenly dived to the side, into thick reeds. For the first time their quarry was sighted, as both fugitives abandoned their cover and made off across the grass. They ignored a shout to stop. Fritz was released and like an arrow from a bow he soon overhauled the fleeing pair. One flung himself to the ground while the other picked up a large branch and swung it at the dog.

After a third warning, discretion prevailed and the offender joined his colleague on the ground, closely supervised by the big pale dog.

Record

The time was 12.20p.m. The chase had occupied 6 hours and covered something like 16 miles. A New Zealand record operational track was created. While the narrative gives some indication of the difficulties overcome, it cannot do real justice to the skills of the handler and his dog. It does however give some indication of the training and patience required to perfect joint operational efficiency.

Many people not familiar with police dogs would not realise that not only is the dog required to follow the scent but the handler must learn to "read" the dog and interpret his every act. Such rapport is developed only after months or even years of being together. An experienced dog suddenly placed in the hands of an equally experienced handler would be doomed to operational failure until they had learned to understand each other.

This feature carried the heading "Dogs are only Aids to Police Work!" This is certainly so, but as one handler was recently overheard to say, "I've stopped teaching my dog to type — I've come to realise that as soon as he can put in his own reports, the department will give me the axe!"

Dance all around the World

Office Fire Bomb

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tive where they were able, and not letting the failures get them down.

It was particularly interesting for me to compare their attitudes with those of staff at the main station, Baird Street. The Baird Street staff expressed exactly the same opinions and attitudes I would have expected from staff in the same sort of position in New Zealand. They knew the area well, but from the point of view of centralised, mobile policing. Some of their members had been driving patrol cars in and around Blackhill for three or four years, and they regarded it as a rough Godforsaken area populated by people of little merit, who were — in the main anyway — hopeless. The difference between their views and those of the members who actually dealt with the population on a personal basis was amazing. I came away converted to the cause of community policing, and on returning to New Zealand I wrote to the editor of the 'Strathclyde Guardian', their equivalent of The Bulletin, expressing my admiration for the Blackhill staff.

That night the local IPA members, some of them resplendent in kilts, descended on Harry and Mary's lounge and farewelled us in style. When we left the following morning to drive back to England, it was with a sense of real regret that we had not allowed ourselves more time with such friendly folk. Next time, Scotland will get considerably more than a week.

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Regional Roar

Wellington Region

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Supersports Raffle was finished. We managed to sell our allocation of tickets. Special thanks must go to Andrew Kennedy-Good, who, besides organising the raffle in this region, was out there on the streets most days assisting with the selling. I hear that one of the major prizes went to a policeman down this way. Unfortunately, it wasn't me!

A bit short of gossip this month. Perhaps everyone is keeping their heads down.

I must say I am very impressed with the new lay-out of the magazine. It looks very professional. Congratulations, Carole, on a job well done. I think our magazine must compare very favourable with ones from other countries.

Well, that about rounds it up from the Harbour Capital (note: we are **not** known as Windy Wellington anymore! . . . not that that stops the wind one little bit!). Look forward to seeing you all again in the next issue!

P.S. All Wellington members: if you have any gossip or tit-bits that would be of interest in this column, please, PLEASE, send them to me.

PLEASE NOTE: The Wellington Region's A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday evening of the 25th June, 1985 at Police National Headquarters. Further details will be advised later but, in the meantime, please keep this date free if you can.

Hervey Bay

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industries of modern times are Sugar and Pineapple growing. The town of Hervey Bay celebrated its centennary in 1963 and was proclaimed a City in 1984 with a population of about 22,000. It is a holiday area with numerous Caravan Parks, Motels and Flats and is known as the Caravan Capital of Australia. With Fraser Island forming the eastern side of the bay it forms a safe boating and swimming area with glorious beaches and no surf.

In 1911 the Australian Government proposed that an Australian Naval Base be established in the area but the Naval Board vetoed the idea. The area has an average temperature of 24 to 32 degrees and sixty per cent of the population are retired people. During holiday times the population explodes to around 60,000.

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