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NO NEUTRAL STAND, SAYS MINISTER

FORCES' ROLE CALLS FOR COOPERATION

Probably the most important and far-reaching decision by the defence department during the past year was the rejection of any suggestion that Canada should adopt a non-aligned or neutral role in world affairs.

This statement was made by Defence Minister Cadieux on March 3 to the government's Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.

The minister told the committee the government had completed a searching review of Canada's defence policies. "As a direct result of this review we have made changes in the specified roles for the armed forces and, more important, readjusted the priorities assigned these roles, *vis-à-vis* one another."

Collective Security

Dealing with the question of Canada's relationship with other countries, Mr. Cadieux said the idea of neutrality has been examined from every angle, and that it was obvious that non-alignment was not in this country's best interests. "Let me state simply that in the government's judgement it is clearly more in keeping with Canada's national ideals and objectives, and more



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will be achieved in striving toward our goals if we work closely with those other nations of the world community with whom we share common values.

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Sovereign Rights

The minister said that the government, in formulating the defence policy announced last year by the Prime Minister, had included as one of the four major roles of the armed forces "the surveillance of our own territory and coastlines, that is, the protection of our own sovereignty."

"The armed forces are no strangers in the North. Much of the initial development there was the result of defence department interest and initiative. We have now embarked... on a new series of exercises for the land forces in the Arctic and sub-Arctic. We have stepped up the frequency of our surveillance flights in this region and we have established small detachments to work with the territorial officials at Yellowknife and Whitehorse; we will be establishing a

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SUBMERSIBLE FOR MARINE USE

The Department of National Defence has obtained approval from Treasury Board for the purchase of a commercial-type submersible for use by the Canadian Forces in marine operations. Delivery is scheduled for the fall of 1970 at a price reported to be "in the order of \$760,000."

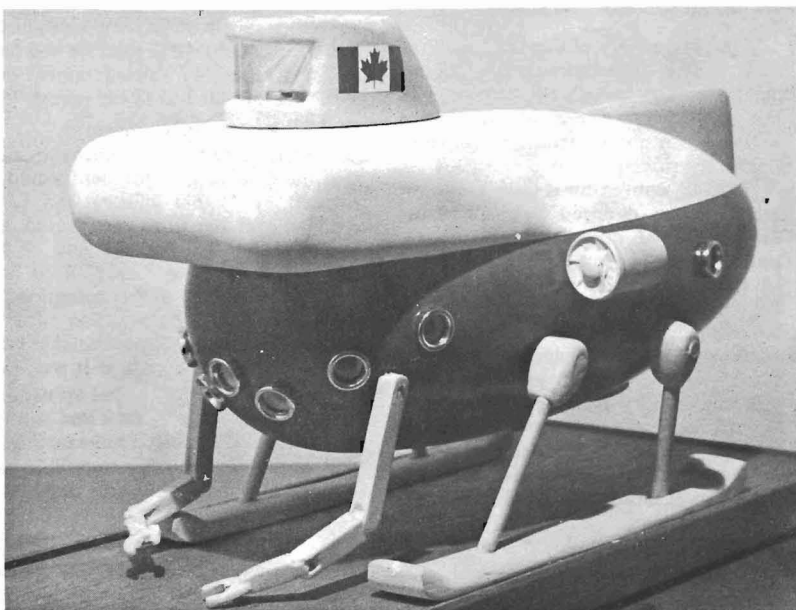
An interim version of the submersible was accepted for trials on 31 March at DND's underwater range near Nanaimo, B.C. This equipment will be exchanged for the new submersible now under construction by International Hydro Dynamics, Vancouver, in the fall.

The need for this equipment has developed because of the department's additional responsibilities for the safeguarding of activities on Canada's continental shelf.

In addition to the general requirement for Canadian Forces divers' to operate below the present 200-foot limit, following are some of the tasks for which the submersible is ideally suited:

- Surveillance of the continental shelf area.

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A model constructed from an artist's conception of the submersible approved for purchase by DND. It will be used by the Canadian Forces in marine operations.

SUBMERSIBLE

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- Search for, and recovery of, costly materiel in depths as low as 2,000 feet. For example, research equipment with a total value in excess of \$100,000 has been lost in Halifax Harbour and Bedford Basin alone. This might have been recovered if a submersible had been available.

- Inspection of military communication cables susceptible to damage or interference in waters over the continental shelf.

- Survey, repair and up-date naval sound, degaussing and other underwater ranges.

- Assist the Defence Research Board with research associated with underwater systems.

- Locate commercial or military submarines in distress and assist in rescue operations.

The submersible being considered for purchase is approximately 25 feet long, 10 feet wide and nine feet high. Air transportable, it can be operated by a two-man crew and contains a lock-out compartment with recompression chamber, which permits divers to leave and re-enter the submersible during underwater operations.

UNITS ARE REMINDED OF RECEIPT DATES FOR SERVICEMEN'S REPORTS

Dates for receipt by CFHQ of the 1970 Performance Evaluation Reports (PERs) for officers, corporals and acting sergeants have been issued by CFHQ.

Dates for officers are listed in CANFORGEN 037 dated 20 February. Rank, date for receipt of reports by CFHQ and the establishment to which they must be forwarded follow, in that order:

Colonel and above, 30 April, RPA/CP.

Lt.-Colonel, 29 May, A/DCP (MIL).

Major, 29 May, A/DCP (MIL).

Captain, 30 June, DPI.

Lieutenant, 30 November, DPI.

CFAO 26-6 deals with the reports on officers.

More than one report on an officer may be required in one year. For example, if a PER was written on "Posting" or "Change of Reporting Officer" more than four months before the annual due date, an additional report marked "Annual" must be submitted by the date shown above. For calculating purposes, the time elapsed since the last report date is defined in CFAO 26-6.

Units were reminded in CANFORGEN 036, 18 February, that the annual PERs on corporals and acting sergeants are due at CFHQ not later than 1 May, attention DPI/BMM.

Submission of reports on corporals and acting sergeants posted after 1 Nov. 1969 (less than six months prior to submission date) is the responsibility of the losing unit. →

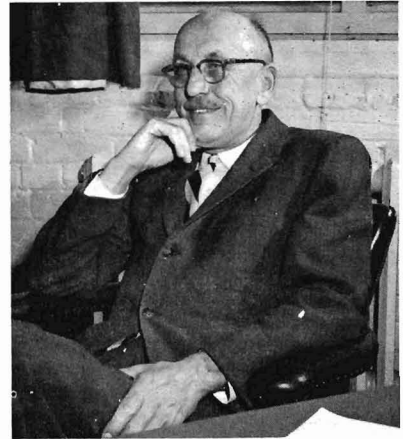
FORMER OFFICER RETIRES AFTER LONG SERVICE

From lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel in four years—1942-46— and to the rank of colonel in 1951 is part of the military record of Col. William M. Thomson (Ret.), Toronto and Kingston, who retired from the public service recently as Director General Quality Assurance in the Chief of Technical Services Branch.

Col. Thomson, a member of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps who retired from the army in 1958, received a plaque as a memento of his service at a farewell gathering attended by several senior military and civilian personnel, including Deputy Minister Elgin B. Armstrong, defence department.

The presentation was made by Maj.-Gen. Donald A.G. Waldo, Deputy Chief Engineering, who is to be promoted to lieutenant-general and appointed CTS in May.

Seconded to the Inspection Services as Deputy Controller General in 1951, Col. Thomson served in that appointment until 1958 when he retired from the army but continued in his position until 1960. He was Controller



Col. Thomson

General Inspection Services, 1960-65; Deputy Chief Staff Quality Assurance, Materiel Command, 1965-68; and Director General Quality Assurance in CTS Branch, 1968-70.

COMMANDERS ADVISED OF SAFETY INSPECTIONS

The Director of General Safety (DSAFE), CFHQ, is negotiating with Treasury Board and the Dept. of Labour regarding acceptable arrangements for inspections by that department of DND establishments specified in the occupational safety policy for the public service.

The policy concerns on-the-job safety for civilian employees, and does not apply to military personnel, aircraft, ships or materiel used in military operations.

Inspectors would not have access to classified areas or information unless cleared through CFHQ security channels.

CANFORGEN 044 dated 27 February and repeated 23 March requests base or unit commanders to advise CFHQ (Attention DSAFE) of all Dept. of Labour requests for safety inspections, giving the name and appointment of the person making the request, the proposed date of the inspection and whether the request has been granted.

1970 APPLICATIONS IN CFR PLAN COMPETITION WILL CLOSE ON 22 MAY

The 1970 Commissioning from the Ranks Plan Competition closes for entries on 22 May, according to CANFORGEN 054 dated 12 March.

Applications will be accepted at CFHQ for the following trades:

- Maritime Surface and Sub-surface
- Communications/Electronic Engineering
- Land Ordnance Engineering
- Military Engineering
- Dental Associate
- Medical Associate
- Security

Those interested should read CFAO 11-9, amended in AL 9/70 dated 27 February 1970, for all the details.

Only those qualified in certain trades closely aligned to those open to competition will be considered. Commanding officers will decide if the applicant has the necessary training, experience and education to qualify.

Complete information on reports for these ranks is contained in CFAO 26-15, CFPD 488031 (Guide) and CFP 228 (Supervisor's Handbook).

FORCES ADVISED OF VOTING PROCEDURES IN QUEBEC ELECTION

Information on voting procedures in the Quebec general election, 29 April, for members of the Canadian Forces on active service is contained in CANFORGEN 057 dated 17 March.

Members of the Regular and Reserve Forces on full-time paid service with a Regular unit, whether living in or outside Quebec, may vote through civilian procedure providing they have lived in that province for at least one year. Their names must also be entered on the electoral list for the division in which they will be voting.

In the case of personnel living outside Quebec, they must make sure their names are included on the electoral lists. They will have to do this personally at their provincial polls.

Col. G.A.M. Nantel, Assistant Judge Advocate General for the Quebec Region, Mobile Command HQ, CFB St. Hubert, Que., has been authorized to liaise with Quebec's chief returning officer regarding balloting by the forces. He will answer any questions forces' personnel may have.