

# Commissioner's Commendations Presented to Assistant Commissioner J. J. R. Quintal and Superintendent I. W. Taylor

On April 14, 1977, Commissioner's Commendations for Outstanding Service were presented to Assistant Commissioner J. J. R. Quintal and Superintendent I. W. Taylor in recognition of their contributions to the successful completion of Olympic security operations.

Commissioner's Commendations, as the citation read, are given only rarely, and then usually to mark some clearly defined incident which reflects great credit on the individual and the Force. In this case it is not for one isolated action though, but involves the accumulation of merit over a long period of time. In Commr. Nadon's words:

"In the more than two years leading up to, and during, the 1976 Olympic Games, Assistant Commissioner Quintal and Superintendent Taylor played indispensable and leading roles in the successful planning, co-ordination and implementation of a very complex

security operation.... They exhibited such outstanding leadership that I want to officially recognize their effort with a Commissioner's Commendation."

Following the retirement of Chief Superintendent Ouimet, Assistant Commissioner Quintal was appointed Federal Security Co-Ordinator for the Olympics in August, 1974. He was responsible for the overall planning and co-ordination of Olympic-related security operations within the RCMP, as well as those of other police forces and government departments, such as D.N.D., Customs and Immigration, External Affairs, etc. Olympic security arrangements also needed to be closely coordinated with those developed for the security of the Royal Family during their visit to Canada, handled by Assistant Commissioner Giroux.

One important but little known facet of his task was to prepare the public for the

**L-R Commissioner Nadon presents Commendations to A/Commr. Quintal and Supt. Taylor.**

