

### Cyprus peacekeepers switch

The 3rd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment will replace the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on United Nations peacekeeping duties in Cyprus in mid-October.

The Cyprus rotation, the twenty-fifth to take place since Canadian troops began serving in the Mediterranean in March 1964, will be carried out from October 11 to 17.

Canada's 513-member contingent is the second largest of the seven-nation 2,825-member UN force on Cyprus.

In international participation in UN peacekeeping duties, Canada is the largest contributor, with about 1,500 men and women stationed in Egypt, Cyprus, the Golan Heights, India and Pakistan, and Korea, where one officer and one non-commissioned officer serve.

Other countries represented in the Cyprus force are Britain (833), Sweden (421), Denmark (369), Austria (311), Finland (305), and Ireland (5). In addition, 68 civilian police are assigned from several countries.

### Toronto's old ferry back in harness

After a "retirement" of 19 years, the *Trillium*, last of the once-numerous side-paddle ferry boats, is once again in service in Toronto.

Christened in 1910, by the granddaughter of the president of the Toronto

Ferry Company, owners, *Trillium* used to carry passengers to and from the bustle of downtown Toronto to the tranquility of the islands in Toronto Harbour. But, in 1957, old age caught up with her and she was retired to a mooring in a nearby lagoon to await conversion to a garbage scow. The degradation just never materialized.

Several times over the ensuing years, ideas were put forward to restore the once-proud steam ferry but it wasn't until 1973, at the instigation of the Toronto Historical Board, that a feasibility study requested by the Metro Parks Department subsequently received approval by Metro Council. Approval for restoration was eventually given by the Council and she went back into service in May this year.

The two side paddlewheels that propel the 150-foot vessel are once again powered by steam. With a capacity of 1,000 passengers and a speed of 10 knots, the *Trillium* operates as a charter boat from Monday to Saturday. Sundays are reserved for carrying the public to Hanlan's Point, the westernmost part of Toronto Island, her usual destination before "retirement".

An unusual feature of the paddlewheels is that their boards can be "feathered", allowing them to enter the water at an angle. Fixed boards would slap the water on entry and scoop it up on leaving.

Now dancing and refreshments can be arranged for charter runs, and a typical cruise takes passengers through the harbour, past Ontario Place up to Toronto's exhibition grounds.

### Skate Canada '76

Canada's capital will welcome international amateur figure skaters in October when the fourth Skate Canada opens at Ottawa's Civic Centre.

Skate Canada '76 will attract skaters from 12 countries besides Canada: Austria, Britain, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland, the Soviet Union, the United States and West Germany.

The success of the Skate Canada competitions, previously held at Calgary, Kitchener and Edmonton, has made them the third in importance in the world, after the World and European Championships.

Skate Canada is the only annual international invitational figure-skating competition in North America.

### Metric kitchen in braille

A guide to "thinking metric" in the kitchen now is available in braille.

*Come on into the Metric Kitchen*, Agriculture Canada's publication on metric measurement in cooking, has been published in braille as a supplement to *The Braille Courier*, a magazine printed by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB).

"Cooks will probably continue to use their old utensils for their present recipes, but when metric recipes appear, they will need a guide to the new measures and temperature instructions," says Cathy Nessner, a rehabilitation teacher with the CNIB in Ottawa.

*Come on into the Metric Kitchen*, prepared by Agriculture Canada's Food Advisory Services, describes the new measures soon to be introduced — five measuring spoons in millilitres, for instance, instead of the four used in the ounce system.

The publication also indicates the weight and volume of everyday items to help in starting to "think metric". A glass of milk is about 250 ml, an egg weighs about 50 g and a large Christmas turkey tips the scales to about 10 kg.

The metric supplement will have world-wide distribution. *The Braille Courier* is read in every province and territory of Canada, half the United States and in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America.

