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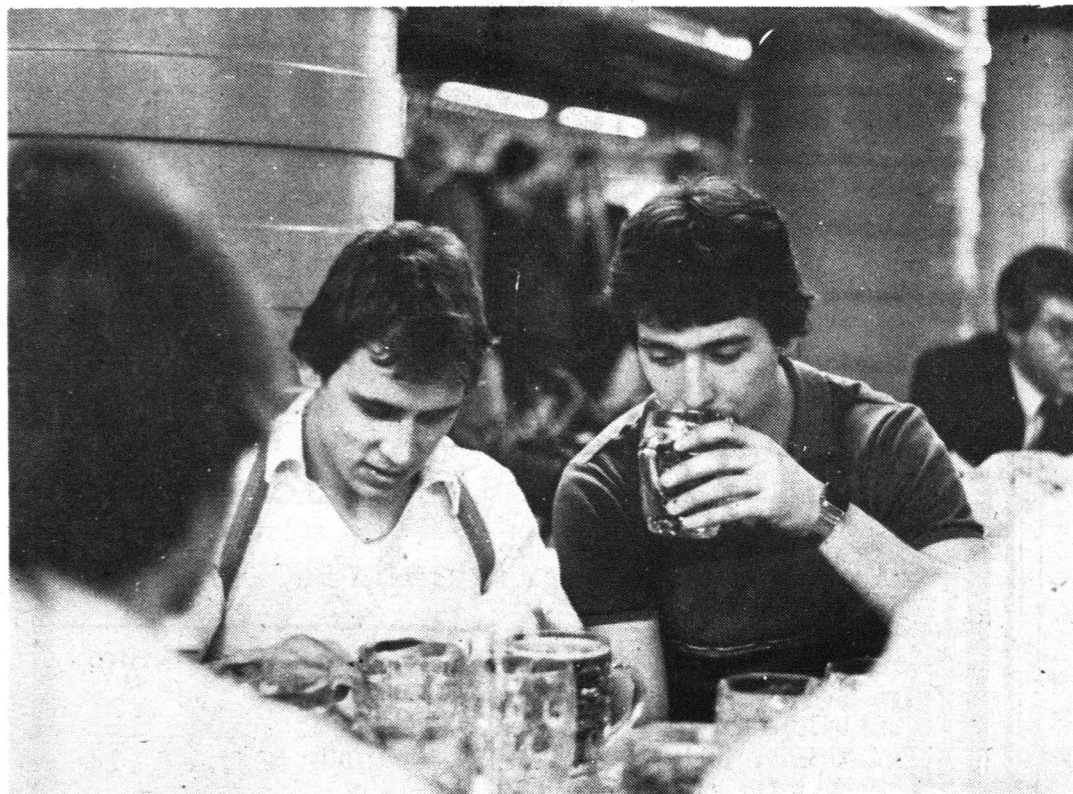
Korea's goalie and some teammates make the trek to the rink from their hotel prior to playing Canada. They never changed at the rink, always in their hotel.



Captain Mike Broadfoot receives his gold medal after his final performance as a Golden Bear. Jim Lomas and some of the silver medallists from Finland look on.

Hockey Night in Spain

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Perry Zapernick (left) and Bruce Rolin quaff a few English ales during a stopover at London's Heathrow airport. Zap has his ever-present calculator out trying to compute just how many pounds are in a dollar...or is that dollars in a pound?

For the thirty Canadians who travelled to Spain to be a part of the 1981 World Student Winter Games, the trip was both an educational and an entertaining experience.

Ever since Hockey Canada designated the University of Alberta Golden Bears, with a few roster additions, as this country's representatives, many people, those going as well as those staying at home, wondered just what to expect as far as hockey in Spain went.

All that was known was that five countries, Spain, Japan, Korea, Finland and Canada, would travel to the northern town of Jaca to take part in the hockey competition. Other than Canada, only Finland and Japan were recognized as having some background in the sport.

As it turned out the opposition on the ice was the least of Canada's worries. They had a ridiculously easy time skating to four wins and the gold medals. Altogether Canada scored 47 goals - and allowed just four. No other team had more than 15 shots on goal while Canada averaged over 70. In the game against Korea the

Canadians never allowed a scoring chance from inside the blueline while embarrassing them 31-0. With 14 goals in as many minutes in the first period, Canada could have easily hit 50 if they hadn't stopped taking slapshots and started to pass the puck at least three times before shooting on net.

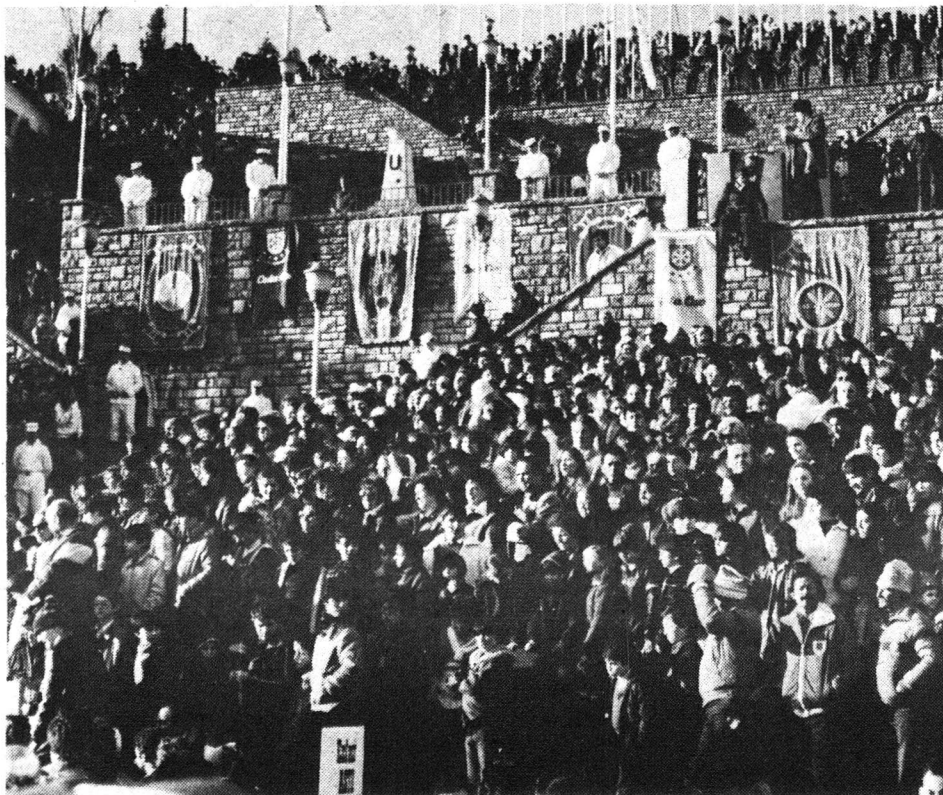
The biggest adjustment the Canadians had to undergo was to that of a whole different lifestyle. Landing in Madrid airport on February 23 and finding soldiers standing guard with machine guns on their hips. No one, at the time, realized an attempted military coup was underway at that very moment in the Spanish parliament.

Besides getting accustomed to seeing armed guards everywhere, there was also the different Spanish eating schedule (lunch around 2:30 p.m. and dinner about 10:00 p.m.), the easy going manner of most Spaniards (plans and schedules are often changed three times before anything gets done) and the less than luxurious accommodations.

More on these and other topics next week.



Flag bearer Bill Holowaty (from the University of British Columbia) leads the Canadian team through the narrow streets of Jaca during the opening ceremonies' parade. Notice the Pepsi sign on the right.



Townpeople turned out in full force for the opening ceremonies. Members of the military (in white) stand guard over the proceedings.