

leaving the Force. On Monday morning, we were joined by ex-S/Sgts Pat Dunleavy and Don Humphrey (Ottawa) and Des Cunnin (Crofton, B.C.). When Des got into the van, his first comment was, "This must be the right bus, *you guys look like the Geritol gang!*" The combined experience of these ex-members was over 200 years of fingerprint expertise.

Sgt. Pierre Lemieux, Training and Development Branch, who picked us up at the Chimo, was to be our constant companion for the next few days. He had been involved in arranging for the 100 regular members to go to Namibia, so it now became his job to handle most of our arrangements. What a super job he did!

Monday and Tuesday went by in a flash! Our first stop was the Pickering Building, where we were briefed, and then taken to "L" Directorate for passport photos. We were then whisked downtown for inoculations and back to Headquarters for more briefings. Then we had to return

to Audio Visual to be rephotographed, because the first set of photos hadn't turned out!

After getting our passports in order, and more inoculations at Headquarters, it was back to the Pickering Building for additional briefings. We had been told we would be leaving on Wednesday for Africa, but at noon Tuesday, we found out we would be leaving at 16:00 for Mirabel airport to catch our flight. We also found out that we would not be employed by the Force, but by External Affairs, which meant we had to negotiate a contract. When negotiations were completed, we were on our way.

We left Mirabel at 21:30 Tuesday night on British Airways and arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, England, at 07:30 (Ottawa time) Wednesday. Bob Paradis and Gene McLean of the RCMP Liaison Office at the Canadian High



UN bus for transporting fingerprint examiners to the Showground.