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RCMP Commissioner Attends Interpol Conference



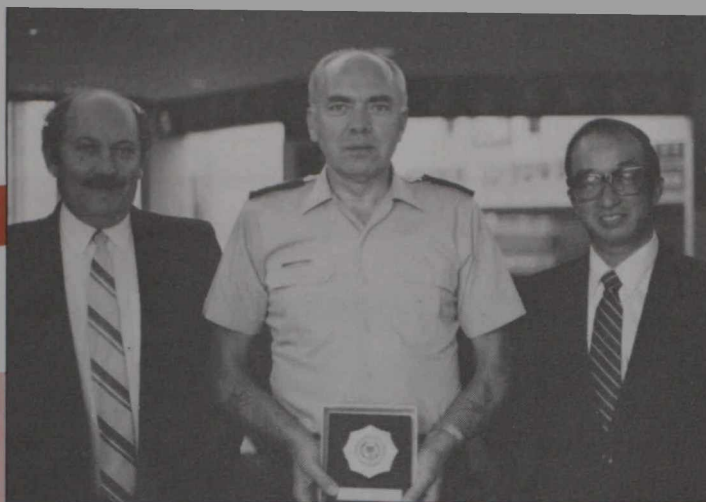
Commissioner Norman Inkster.

Mr Norman Inkster, Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, attended the 57th Interpol General Assembly in Bangkok from November 17-23, 1988. Commissioner Inkster was accompanied by a representative from the Department of the Solicitor General, Deputy Commissioner Jensen, and a five-person delegation.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has always been an undivided member of Interpol; a recent Chairman was past Commissioner Robert Simmons. This time around, Commissioner Inkster was a candidate for the Executive Committee as Vice-President for the Americas.

Following the conference, Commissioner Inkster visits Thailand as a guest of the Director-General of the Royal Thai Police, General Pow Sarasin. The purpose of his extended visit: to study Thailand's efforts in narcotics enforcement eradication and crop substitution programs, and international cooperation to curtail the outward flow of narcotics from Thailand and the Golden Triangle area.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police offers financial and training assistance to ASEAN countries and has Liaison Officers posted in Bangkok and Singapore.



During his visit to the Toronto RCMP Headquarters, Mr Poh presented a plaque to RCMP Supt Larry Proke. From left: Mr Ripley, Supt Proke and Mr Poh.

Cooperating Against the Drug Trade

Cooperation between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Singapore Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) continues to grow in efforts toward international suppression of the illicit trade of narcotics.

During the latter part of August, the Director of CNB, Mr Poh Geok Ek, was taken on a tour of Canada by the RCMP Liaison Officer, G.A. Ripley, who is based at the Canadian High Commission in Singapore.

The tour gave Mr Poh the opportunity to meet with senior narcotics investigators in the major cities of Canada and to study the investigative techniques used by the RCMP. Visits were made to the RCMP Headquarters in Ottawa and to the Drug Sections in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

Tours of this type are one of the many facets in the on-going efforts of the RCMP in the curtailment of the trade of illegal narcotics.

CFA OFFICE OPENS IN ASEAN

After an absence of nearly 14 years, a Canadian Forces presence has been re-established in ASEAN. In August 1988, a Canadian Forces Adviser, Colonel John Bremner, and an Administrative Assistant, Sergeant Bill Wickson, arrived in Malaysia from National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa to staff a CFA Office at the High Commission in Kuala Lumpur. They will be responsible for conducting a Defence Relations program covering Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

Colonel Bremner, an Infantry officer with previous CFA experience, having served at the Canadian Embassy in Cairo from 1985 to 1987, is on his fifth overseas tour. He spent the past year as a course member at Canada's National Defence College. Sergeant Wickson has an administrative background, with previous overseas service with the United Nations forces in Cyprus and Syria. He served most recently in Brampton, Ontario.

The re-establishment of the CFA Office in Kuala Lumpur reflects both a strengthening of the close ties between the Armed Forces of

Canada and those of ASEAN members, and Canada's growing interests in the region. The CFA will work for expanded defence relations between Canada and the countries of accreditation within a cooperative framework of consultations, exchanges and visits. It is also hoped that the presence of the CFA Office will assist in making the Armed Forces of ASEAN members aware of the excellence of Canadian defence technology and of the broad range of defence products and services available from Canada.

Colonel Bremner has made introductory calls in Malaysia and Thailand, and is preparing for visits to Brunei, Indonesia and the Philippines early in the new year.

Colonel John Bremner.

