



Admiral Robert H. Falls, Acting Chief of the Defence Staff, presents an authentic totem pole to Dr. Phillip Bröker, Oberbürgermeister of Lahr, Federal Republic of Germany. The 32-foot totem pole was a gift to the citizens of Lahr from the members of Canadian Forces Europe to mark the tenth anniversary of Canadian Forces presence in Lahr and to thank the citizens for their generous hospitality.

### A totem pole in Lahr

A 32-foot (76 m) Indian totem pole, given by the Canadian Forces to the city of Lahr in the Federal Republic of Germany, marks the Forces' appreciation of the warm hospitality of the residents of Lahr over the past decade.

At a ceremony in Lahr Park on Canada Day, July 1, the 100-year-old, authentic pole was officially donated by Admiral Robert H. Falls, who will become Canada's Chief of Defence Staff in September.

Canadian servicemen and women of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces and their families, first moved to Lahr in 1967, when 1 Wing, Royal Canadian Air Force relocated from Marville France. In 1970, Canada's contribution to the NATO forces in Europe underwent a change. Lahr became the headquarters for Canadian Forces Europe, with its two major formations, 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group and 1 Canadian Air Group.

The red cedar pole, carved from a tree that grew near the Jordan River, north of Victoria, British Columbia, weighs about 3,000 pounds (1,359 kg). It is carved of one piece, except for the wings of the thunderbird, symbol of great power and strength, and the arms of the welcoming figure, which denotes peace and goodwill. Two other main figures of Indian folklore appear on the pole — a double-headed serpent, depicting good luck and wealth, and a raven, symbolic of one of the creators of mankind and of daylight.

The Spouse's Allowance is paid to persons aged 60 to 65 years who are married to Old Age Security pensioners and meet residence requirements. Entitlement to a Spouse's Allowance, and amount paid, is based on yearly income.

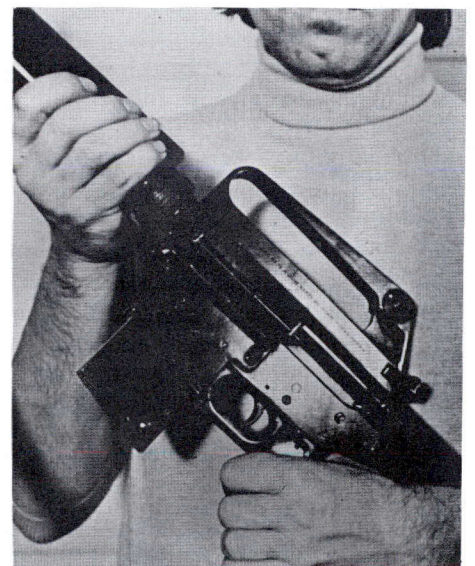
The maximum Spouse's Allowance increased to \$238.63 from \$232.81. The maximum Spouse's Allowance is made up of an amount equivalent to the basic Old Age Security pension and the maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement at the married rate.

Increase in Old Age Security pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement payments represent the fifteenth quarterly escalation based on the cost of living, as provided for in the Old Age Security Act.

### Gun control bill reintroduced

"The Criminal Code Amendments Bill", which is a revamped version of last year's Peace and Security Bill, has been introduced into the House of Commons. A joint effort by the Solicitor General, Francis Fox, and the Minister of Justice, Ron Basford, it covers gun control, electronic surveillance, dangerous offenders and the custody and release of inmates.

Gun control, the most controversial section of the bill, includes a firearms-acquisition certificate system, by which all persons 16 or over would have to acquire a certificate from a firearms officer (usually a police officer) if they wished to acquire a firearm. The certificate would have to be shown



### Pension payments rise in July

Increases in the Old Age Security pension, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance went into effect this month.

The new monthly total for single persons receiving both the basic Old Age Security pension and maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement is \$250.19.

For a married couple, both pensioners, the combination of the basic pension and maximum supplement now totals \$477.26 for the couple monthly.

The basic Old Age Security pension has risen to \$147.05 from \$143.46.

The Guaranteed Income Supplement

is paid to pensioners whose income, apart from the Old Age Security pension, is limited. The amount of the supplement varies in relation to the amount of income.

The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement for a single person, or a married person whose spouse is not a pensioner and is not receiving a Spouse's Allowance, rose in July to \$103.14 from \$100.62. The maximum supplement for a married couple, both pensioners, increased to \$91.58 each, from \$89.35. Added to the basic pension this gives each married pensioner \$238.63 monthly, or a total of \$477.26 for the couple.