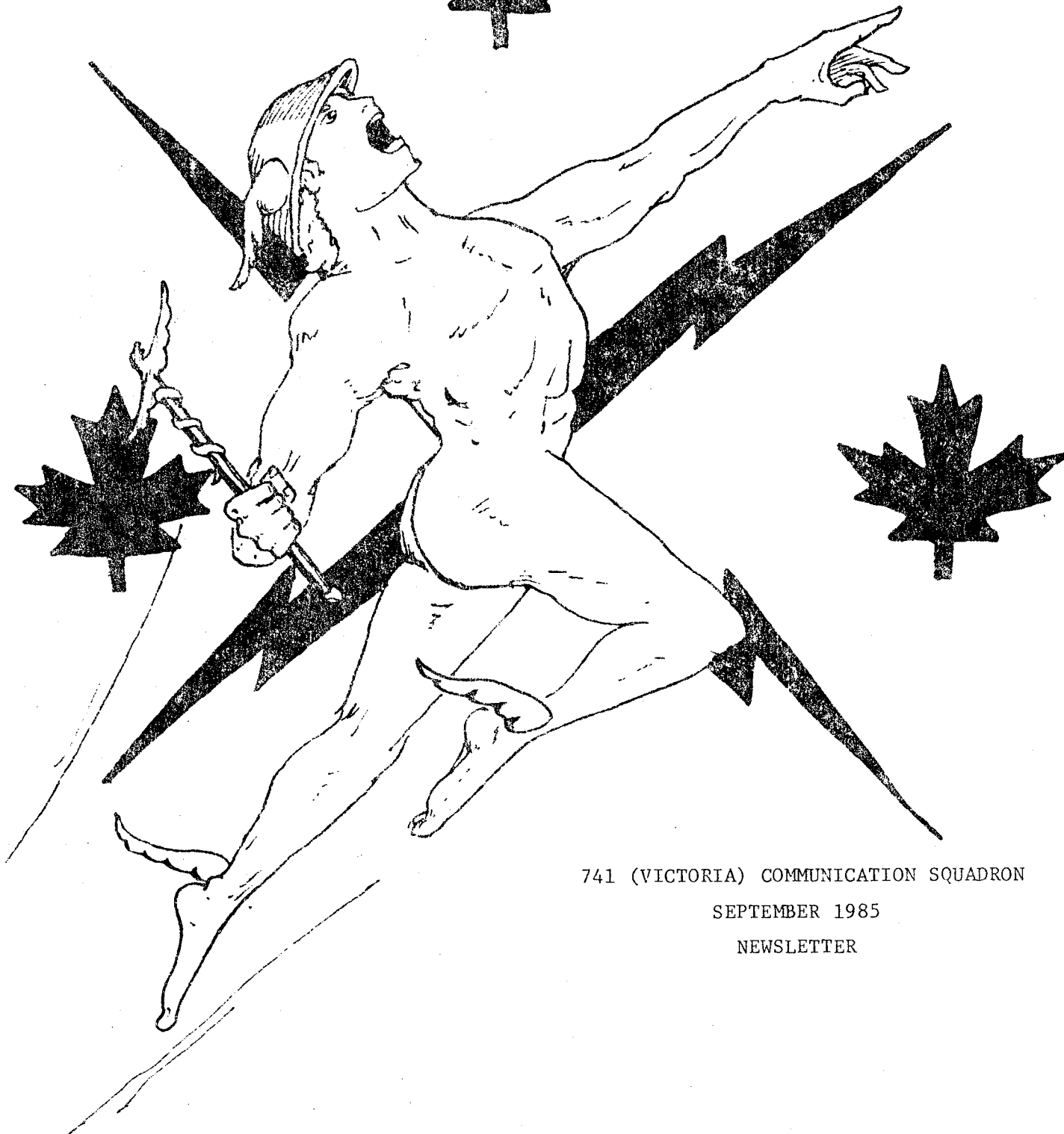


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741 (VICTORIA) COMMUNICATION SQUADRON
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NEWSLETTER

SUNRAY SPEAKS

First a warm welcome back. Our unit training line-up looks like it will be an active and interesting year. During the summer break many of you were involved in callouts, courses and the Milcon exercise. Reports flowing across my desk confirm that 741 is still the best in the West, a fact recognized in the formal assessments written on our people wherever they were participating. For my part I am very proud of the high standards you set for yourself and our unit.

In Ottawa at the Commander CFCC conference I was told of the excellent work 741 produced during RV 85, reports from the school in Wainwright were no less impressive. In Europe I was told that Regular force were "astonished" to find our people so well trained. There is no question that we shone in Milcon and contributed on a unit basis more than an equal share. This week I attend the C&E conference in Kingston and receive on your behalf the "Jimmy Trophy" award for top unit in the Western Region. This last year has been a hectic one. Our communicators and support staff at all levels have met that challenge and produced a reputation for excellence which will be the signature of 741 for many years to come.

VIGOR PER COMMUNICATIONEM

SUNRAY MINOR SPEAKS

I thought that this time I would write a column that more than one person (i.e. myself) would read.

EDITORS CORNER

Welcome back 741! Its so nice to see all your happy and smiling faces. Well after the two month vacation its time to get back to work. As long as you had fun at the great summer resorts the Canadian Forces offer. I hope you didn't forget to take pictures.

But seriously folks, its time to bid farewell to some people and welcome others into our happy family. Gone is MWO Wilf Lynch, our much beloved RFTA. His work with the unit was and always will be appreciated. But what will probably be missed the most about him, will be the famous "Lynch briefing". Now Wilf, don't be a stranger. Gone is another old hand, Sgt Karen McKay, to live in Wainwright. Love does strange things to a person. Transport section won't be the same without her. Cpl Darren Berg is also gone, transferred to 744. In his case its not for the sake of love, its to further his education at SFU. Radio Stores just won't be the same without him, to have his smiling face greet you at the door. Going is Lt McFarland and WO Gibson, also to 744. Both of whom will be missed. But in return, we're getting Cpl Brian Homuth (formerly of 749), Cpl Diana Deblois (formerly of MilArea) and Cpl Dave George (still in the midst of transferring from 744). Plus, our new RFTA has arrived, so welcome if you will, WO Bateman. No doubt he will find us interesting to work with for the first few months.

Before you good people forget, the ones who were promoted in recent months (since June), are you forgetting something?

Oh, before I forget, lets wish the following people a "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"!!!

SEPTEMBER

Cpl White Sept 6
Cpl Harris Sept 6
Mcpl Turlock Sept 14
Sgt Brooks Sept 17
Cpl Berg Sept 28
Mcpl Sambrooke Sept 29
WO Gibson Sept 30

OCTOBER

Cpl Way Oct 3
Sgt Hough Oct 7
WO Rennie J Oct 9
Pte Elrington Oct 19
WO Bateman Oct 21

So until next time enjoy! If you have something that might interest others, see Mcpl Hall and it appear in the Newsletter.

RFTA NOTES

During the short time that I have been one of your Regular Force Advisors, I have had the pleasure of meeting many new individuals. Mcpl Hall has hinted more than once that it was time to put pen to paper and reveal something of myself. The good news is that I can pick and choose and the bad news is that a writer I ain't...

To begin, I was born and raised in the predominately French speaking asbestos town of Thetford Mines Quebec. Yep, I still speak some French.

My military career began in 1960 with the RCAF at St Jean Que. Basic Rad/Tel operator training was at 1 R&CS Clinton Ont and my first real posting was to Edmonton as a MACS operator. This was only a short stop over however, because 8 months later I was on my way up the ALCAN highway in the dead of winter to Whitehorse, where I carried out "special radio duties" for the next three years. From the Yukon I did a voluntary 6 month tour to CFS Alert NWT. Musk ox country.

The Commcen at RCAF Chatham looked a little brighter after the land of the Midnight sun and I soon met Velma my wife to be. It was 1966 and shortly after being married, we moved to CFS Chibougamau Que where Wendy was born. Another message center and a promotion to Cpl compliments of Paul Hellyer rounded off that semi-isolated tour.

Steven was born in 1967 and from then until 1973 the Batemans were located at Mynarski Park, better known as 743 Comm Sqn. A lot of experience in many different jobs was gained at Penhold but I particularly remember CFCC's initial foray into the North to attempt Mobile HF exercises. As a member of an ANGRG 26 det we pushed our way to Yellowknife, braving the cold weather, driving snow storms and icy rivers, only to stop at night in one of the warm cozy inns to be found along the Mackenzie highway. Could this have been the grand -pappy of our present day Nanook Lark series?

In June 73 during a fit of temporary insanity I waived my good old security blanket known as vested rights. Someone at NDHQ must have been waiting, because the very next month, Lo and behold I went to Petawawa as a Mcpl in 2 Cbt Gp HQ & Sig Sqn. "Training" during the next 10 years included courses such as Basic Winter Warfare, Parachutist, Dvr Tracked, Rappel Master, Combat Small Arms, SIT 1, CLC, NBCW and on and on. Tours to the M.E., Cyprus, Resolute, Churchill and Australia were fringe benefits. I might add that I also became intimately acquainted with the training areas at Petawawa, Gagetown and Wainwright. The smoke didn't settle until the last forest fire was dampened in Saskatchewan and RV 81 petered out. Velma backed me all the way and in the good tradition of some military wives she often assumed the responsibility of both parents. It worked.

Our family agrees that our preceding four years in Germany has been a highlight in our hopscotch across the land. What a beautiful country. What a golden opportunity to see first hand the history of civilization and, the military experience is more real than any exercise you can ever experience. If you get the chance JUMP at it!

I am anticipating a good tour at 741 and so far, everything points that way. I'm here to "advise" you through my experience and knowledge and if I can't help, then I can sure as heck find someone who can! CUL

O.R. NOTES

Welcome back to a new training year! As you can see we have 3 new regular force personnel; WO Bateman - RFTA, Sgt Brooks - A/RFTA, and Cpl Mayo - RFAA. I know you people aren't use to a male as an RFAA, but we have to get use to it. He's friendly and won't bite. (If you believe that, I've got some land down in Florida for sale - ed. note) Welcome Danny!

Remember the following points: Don't forget to report a change of address/ telephone number and undate your "Next of Kin" forms when required, and don't forget to call the unit if you can't parade, and don't forget to brush your teeth after every meal. (Just like a mother eh? - ed. note)

Sp Tp Offerings

We're back! Minus a few people, Support Troop is still ready to answer any call, anytime, anywhere, anyway! (Remember where you heard it folks. - ed. note)

WO Rennie has left the Tech Shop after three years to brave the wilds of Operations (not to mention Lt Reilly). And Sgt "Machine-Gun-Mama" MacKay is braving the wilds of Wainwright. Hope Wainwright survives the experience!

So that leaves the Tech Shop & Tpt in the capable hands of the Mcpls White & White. Not to mention Mcpl Harper in his newly revamped QM Stores. If you call ahead, group tours can be arranged.

Welcome back to Sgt Snider, our new Troop WO, who is purportedly growing his own mask for Hallowe'en.

And welcome back also to all of 741. Let's have a great year!

RADIOWAVES & RIPPLES

In order to keep Mcpl Hall off my back for another month, here is the submission for Radio Troop!

This year we hope to gear up to lots of activities, and fun to prevent coffee drinking and homework doing Thursday nights and Saturdays!

We welcome the new comers to the unit and we give a special welcome home to Mcpl Irish, who has been in the "middle east" (Ottawa) for the past year and a half or so!

THE SQUADRON IN WAITING - 3005 RCACC

The cadet corps is off to what should be a good year.

Close to 20 cadets attended various summer camps and our admin officer, Captain Mcleod was "D" Company Commander at Vernon Army Cadet Camp.

Three new staff have been added. Mr. David Richardson will run an archery program and Mr Greg Gent will run the range.

Our new training officer, 2Lt Rick Rutherford is a computer programmer from Brantford Ontario. He has a collection of German WWII small arms and uniforms, which he is willing to display to unit members.

Lt C Collins is our supply officer and is in charge of our communications training.

With the team we have and the unit interest shown it will be a good year.

OPERATING ? TROOP

So, Dennis. You found me again and you want a submission for the newsletter, eh? Well, let me think of something newsworthy first. TQIA. Is that newsworthy? Just as soon as Mcpl Yuill gets it organized we'll be ready to run it. Oh, wait - here's something. Cpl Snider says that someday we'll be able to hook up one of these model 40's to the new Harris HF radio and transmit teletype (just as soon as we figure out who will receive it).

Other than the above, not much is going on other than the odd exercise here and there. But rest assured, we are keeping busy down here. Really, there's no need to check up on us. Honest. That clear up everything for you? Good. Now I can get back to hooking up this Harris and Model 40 to receive MTV.

By the way, welcome back everyone and greetings to the new slaves....uh, I mean recruits. I think you'll enjoy this year. One more thing - there seems to be a lot of people missing from the troop. Has anyone checked the weapons lock-up lately?

BT for now!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs,

How many members of the 741 Combat Communications Squadron Mission Impossible Team does it take to change a lightbulb? Give up? Five. Cpl Thomas wearing a skimpy dress creates a diversion while Sgt Ellis, using a powerful narcotic dart, knocks out the fascist dictator. Lt McFarland, wearing a mask, masquerades as the evil dictator just long enough for Mcpl White to drill through the roof and replace the burnt-out bulb with a new high wattage model of his own design. Just before Lt McFarland's identity is revealed Mcpl Hall, driving a laundry truck, backs up to the rear entrance and we all escape.

Jay Harper, Mcpl
741 Combat Comm Team

Dear Sirs,

If Col. Khadaffi is the leader of an entire country, how come he's still just a colonel? Is he just not ambitious or what? Anyway, I just thought someone ought to point that out.

Craig Yuill, Mcpl
Somewhere in UVic

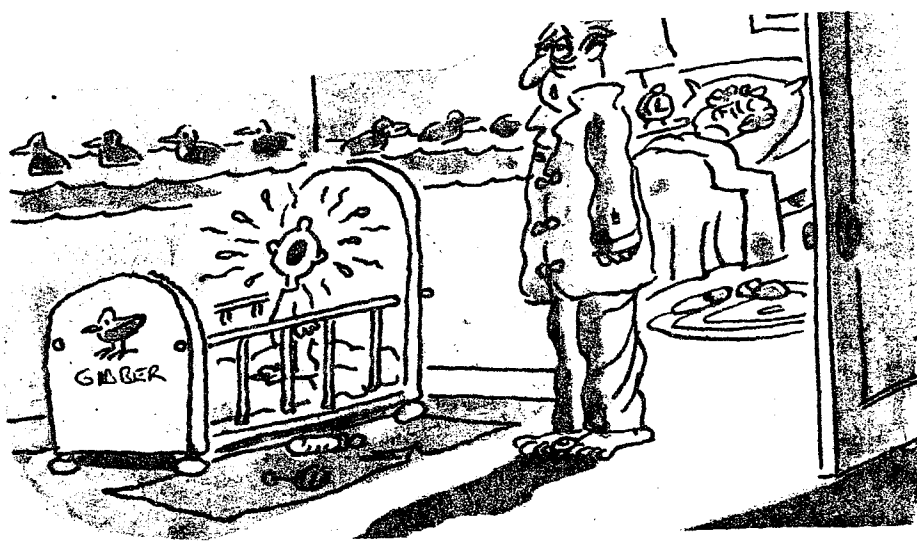
Dear Sirs,

I have just discovered an amazing weight loss method with proven results. It's an amazingly simple procedure that anyone can do. All you have to do is lock yourself (or have someone do it for you) in the weapons lock-up for two weeks. Guaranteed results.

Fuzzy the cat (in the weapons
lock-up)

HE-CLYDE'S WORDS OF WISDOM (IN ABSENCE OF HE-CRAIG)

Women found out that when they stood up for their rights, they lost their seat.



"When is this joy she's supposed to bring us
- gonna start?"

SYEP holds graduation at 741 Comm Sqdn.

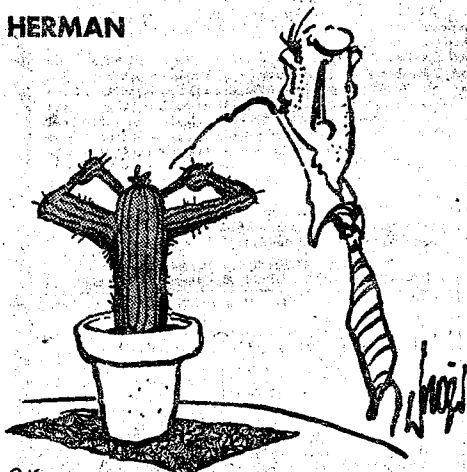
THREE'S
COMPANY!



On 15 August the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) of 741 (Victoria) Communication Squadron had their graduation parade. Along with the graduation ceremonies the unit took the opportunity to promote two members to Corporal.

Acting as the Reviewing Officer was LGen S.F. Clark CBE, 741's honorary Lieutenant Colonel, posing with newly promoted corporals Danny Mayo and Kristine Lacko.

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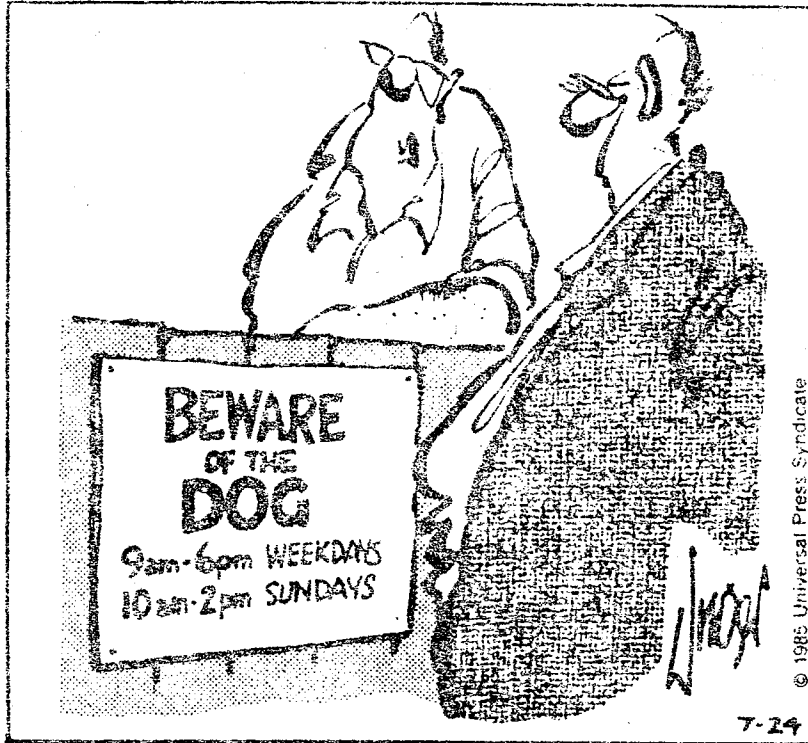


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Have you been talking to this cactus again?

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HERMAN



Oh, ...
Don't FORGET
about the
COFFEE BREAKS.
Oh, the Life
of the OR Staff

Need I
say more,
Welcome
Back
"741"



Enjoy Wainwright WO Eversfield?

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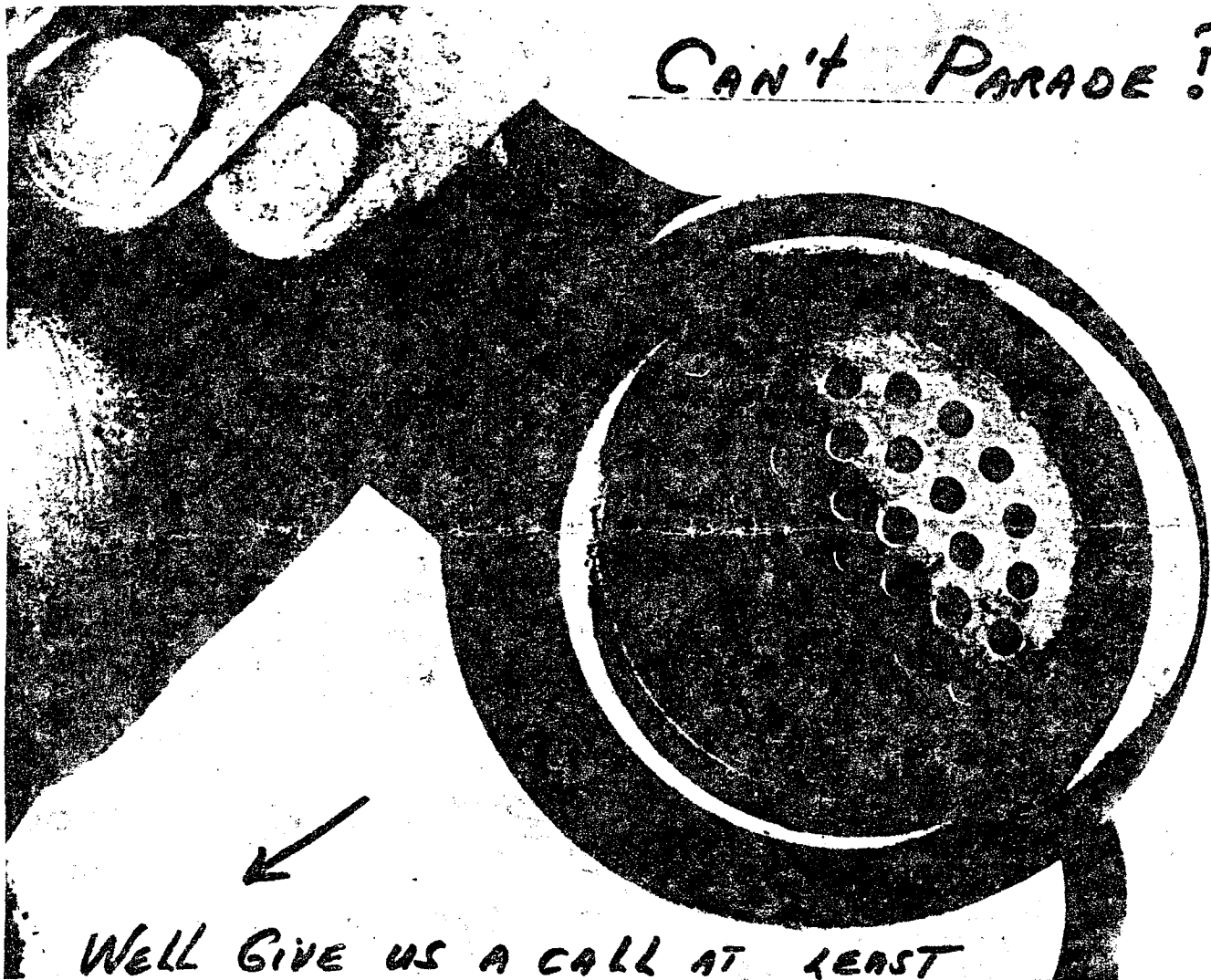
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THESE ANSWERS AND MORE IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER! ! !



CAN'T PARADE?

WE'LL GIVE US A CALL AT LEAST