

## CF Introduces Comprehensive Strategy On Alcohol and Drug Use Control

OTTAWA — The Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Bill McKnight, announced a comprehensive strategy on alcohol and drug use control in the Canadian Forces on March 28. The Minister stated that his aim is to see a substance-abuse free Canadian Forces.

Consistent with the National Drug Strategy, the Department of National Defence strategy is aimed at improving alcohol and

drug education, prevention, rehabilitation and enforcement.

"The use of drugs, even by a minority of servicemembers, can pose a significant threat to public safety, and to the operational effectiveness of Canadian Forces personnel. Measures to improve safety cannot be overemphasized," said Mr. McKnight.

For more than 30 years the Canadian Forces has had an effective alcohol rehabilitation pro-

gram, which was supplemented by an extensive Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program. In recent years the Department of National Defence has looked at ways of upgrading the drug prevention element of the program.

"We have the education, counselling and rehabilitation infrastructure in place to deal with alcohol abuse. That same infrastructure will be reoriented to fully include illicit drug

use to fulfill our commitment to have a comprehensive program for substance abuse in the Canadian Forces," said the Minister.

Included in DND's strategy is drug rehabilitation, counselling and mandatory drug testing with random elements. The need for testing grew from the recognition that the roles of Canadian Forces personnel are virtually unique in Canadian society and that safety considerations are paramount.

"The details about the testing side of the program are being designed and will be forthcoming, but I will say that we will ensure it is a balanced program which will be introduced in a sensitive and humane way so as to respect individual rights and privacy," said Mr. McKnight.

## LSD Drug Seizure on PEI

Charlottetown — A joint forces investigation comprised of the members of the Charlottetown City Police and the RCMP Drug Section seized approximately 1500 units of LSD during the past week. The investigation began on Saturday the 24th with the seizure of approximately 250 units from a residence in the city. An additional 300 units were seized in the city during the afternoon of the 29th. The investigation came to an end with the seizure of approximately 1000 units of LSD in the Pinette area. Two male adults will be facing charges as a result of this investigation. The approximate street value of the drugs seized is \$9000.

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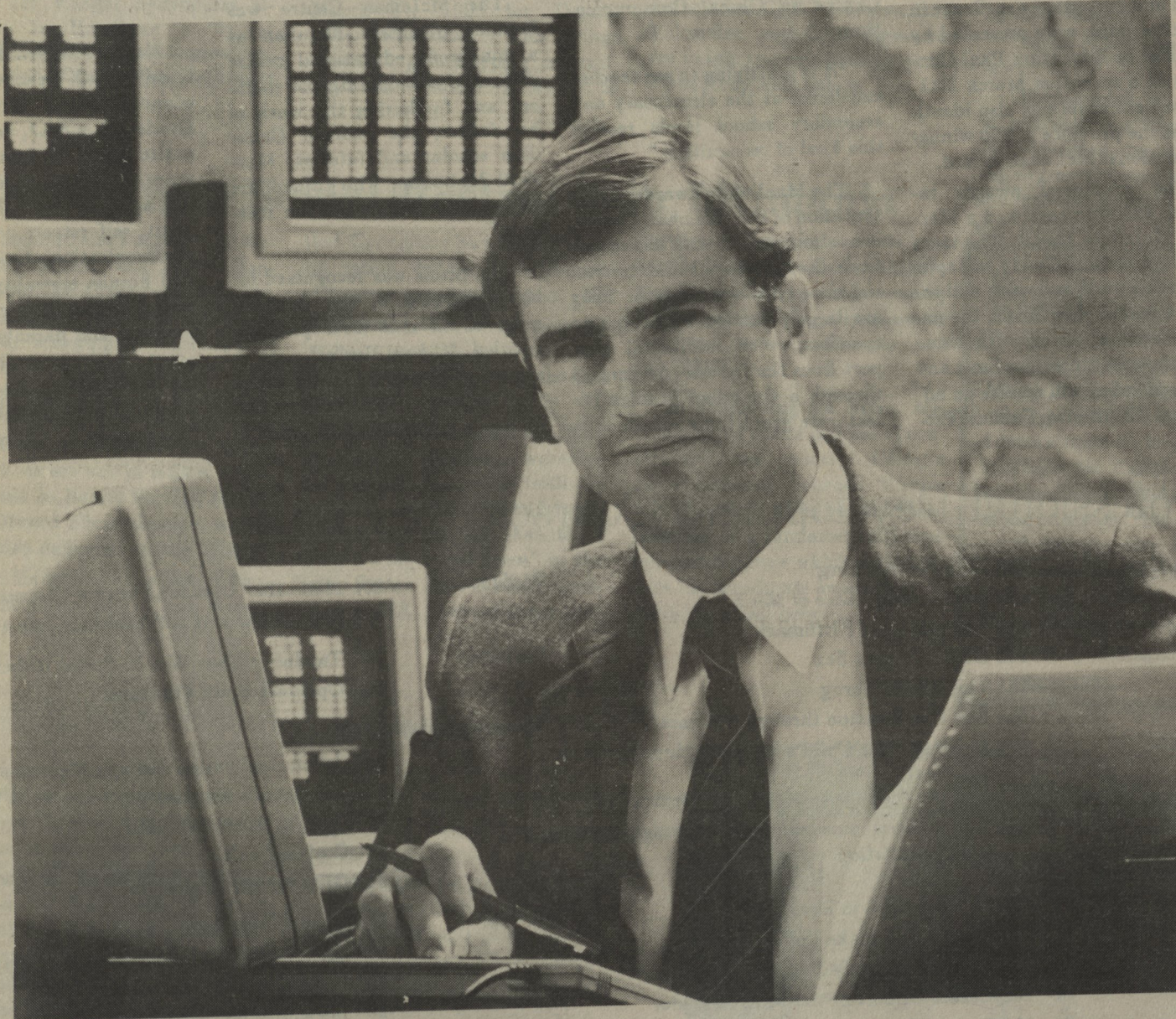
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**FACT:** As of August 1, 1990 a 3% administration fee on student loans will take effect. This will result in a double taxation for students, when coupled with the GST.

**FACT:** Approximately 50% of the half million students across Canada (excluding Quebec) are assisted by the Canadian Student Loan Program. From 1985-86 to 1987-88, the number of students with debt loads over \$15,000 has doubled.

**FACT:** The 1990 budget will result in \$6,000,000 worth of cuts in Federal transfer payments to PEI for Post-Secondary Education and Health Care. To add insult to injury, Bill C-33 further compounds losses. By 1994-95, this will result in \$7 billion worth of cuts to Post-Secondary education.

**FACT:** The SEED portion of the Challenge summer employment program has been cut by 35%, reducing funding from \$118.8 million to \$77 million.



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