

Unification Of Canadian Armed Forces Predicted

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OTTAWA (CP)—Unification of the Canadian armed forces may be no more than a dozen years away. In the history of armed forces, this is an almost incredibly short time.

The top echelons in the defence department are giving much thought to unification though nothing has yet occurred which could be classed as a concrete move in this direction.

Officials say that unification can't be accomplished simply by issuing an order that the three services are to be one. Before this, they say, there must be a revolution in thinking in the armed forces to match the revolution in weapons which has taken place in the last decade. This process probably will take years.

SECOND BASIS
But the forces already have a sound basis on which to work. Of now serve together in the three fiercer cadets of all three services military colleges at St. Johns, Que., Kingston, Ont., and Royal Roads, B.C. In the next 10 years, these colleges will graduate some 4,000 men.

Officials say the logical step now will be to carry over this integration into the staff colleges. There are already some exchanges but these can be increased considerably.

The object of this integration would be to get officers thinking about defence as a whole and not from the narrower point of view of their own service.

As older officers ingrained with one-service thinking and loyalty

retired, their places would be taken by men trained in the concept of a single force.

Officials say once the overall outlook among the services has been reoriented in this way, matters now considered all but insoluble problems will melt away.

MANY PROBLEMS
The myriad problems which will be raised by unification—and officials agree unification must come eventually—are not concerning the defence department yet. They are too far ahead.

For instance, will the services wear one uniform? How will specialization be carried out for the sea, ground and air branches? Will there be a single military adviser to the defence minister? how will esprit de corps be maintained

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ALBERTON RUGBY TEAM

The active and action packed game of Rugby, introduced to students of Alberton schools for the first time by Grade Eleven Teacher Lloyd Gaudet, a former St. Dunstan's player, continues to attract more and more attention

from players and citizens as the local team becomes more proficient. The Alberton Squad, shown above following a close 8-6 loss to Summerside last Saturday morning at Alberton race track, are: Front Row, Alden Iremie, Ed Millman, Jr., Paul Atkinson, Alison McDuff, Middle Row, Bob Barbour, Clair Oliver, Ed McDonald, Back Row, Ben Profit, Coach, Fred Clark, Ben Profit, Doug Currie, Terry O'Brien, Billy Albert, Larry O'Brien, Hilton Barbour and Bill Cameron, Referee.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dean Crosby and family are vacationing in the United States. Mr. Crosby is being relieved as manager of the Royal Bank by Mr. McGill, Charlottetown.

A shower in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corney, Summerside, was held in Tyne Valley Hall on Monday evening Oct. 8th. Mrs. Corney formerly was Miss Lila MacDonald of this place. Mrs. Hart Lidstone invited them to nicely decorated chairs on the platform. Miss Valerie and Doris Campbell, Miss June Sharp and Miss Eleanor Birch opened and presented them with a nice array of gifts.

A nice lunch was served by the ladies and instrumental music by Leslie MacAusland and Minnie Biggar was enjoyed by all.

Dr. and Mrs. John Adkins, psychiatrists of New York City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hart Lidstone, during their holidays in the

much sorrow among relatives and friends of Southwest Community. Deceased was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yeo of Wellington, where he was born 66 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis MacKinnon, who have for some time been residing in Cape Wolfe, have taken up residence in Summerside.

Mrs. Ernest Laurette, Medford, Mass., recently visited her aunt, Miss Mary Pendleton, Richmond.

Recent visitors to Southwest were Mrs. Louise Perry, Medford, Mass., and her brother, Mr. Gordon Birch of Moncton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dymont, have returned to their home in Summerside after attending the wedding of the latter's cousin, Blanche Birch to Mr. Lloyd Findley, of Hamilton, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stewart of Carleton Place, were visitors in Southwest recently.

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CONWAY

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Miss Myrtle Paugh, East Bedford, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer.

Mrs. Oscar W. MacNeill, accompanied by sons Fred and Ron and Master Robert Keizer, Foxley River, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Foley, Bloomfield, on Monday, October 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Morrison who are spending a few weeks at Argyle Shore visited their home at Conway over the weekend.

The October meeting of The Conway Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Colin Milligan on Tuesday, October 9th.

Miss Marian Broome, student at Notre Dame Academy, Charlottetown spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Mark Broome, Freeland.

Miss Merrill Palmer, nurse in training at the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Palmer, Freeland.

Miss Erma Morrison, O'Leary is spending a vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Morrison.

Mrs. Robert Skerry, Foxley River, is visiting friends and relatives at Alberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams Summerside, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy, Foxley River.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and family, Charlottetown spent the weekend at their cottage at Murray Road.

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