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## LET'S TALK TURKEY

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Turkey! Over the past few weeks, you've probably had it as a roast dinner, a hot sandwich, in a casserole, at home, with friends, in a restaurant, and frankly - right now, you don't care if you NEVER SEE TURKEY AGAIN!

At other times of the year, however, we do eat the bird in salami and weiners, as schnitzel, burgers or bologna. In fact, Canada's turkey farmers produce nearly 17 million birds a year, or over 95 thousand metric tonnes. Now you didn't know that, did you - and doesn't it just make your day?

Of course, we don't eat all this turkey ourselves. That would be nearly a whole turkey per Canadian per year. (We're not sure how many vegetarians there are in our fair land). We have an active turkey trade with the United States and other countries like Mexico. In fact, in 1981 we exported almost two million birds to Italy!

Having read all that, you're probably asking yourself what it has to do with the Parole Board. Nothing, really. The item reminded us of Christmas, that's all. We hope you had a happy holiday with your family and friends and are ready to face the challenge of the new year.

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## *SPREADING THE WORD*

There is more than one way of getting a message across on or about the work of the Board. What follows are four examples.

In Hull, Jean-Paul Gilbert, Senior Board Member (Québec), accompanied by Marie Caron, Community Board Member, was guest speaker at a Rotary Club luncheon on December 15. The theme of his talk was parole and the protection of society. The event was a great success as the audience, estimated at more than seventy-five in number, took an active part in the question period that followed. After the luncheon, journalists from the local media interviewed Mrs. Caron and Mr. Gilbert. Even a power failure - which lasted throughout the event - didn't dampen the spirits of the participants.

In Ontario, REO John Nugent was interviewed by station CKWS, Kingston on December 23 on the subject of Christmas passes and the success rate. The interview was aired twice - on the news at 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on both radio and TV.

At a Provincial Court Judges training seminar, held in Calgary on December 3, Senior Board Member Ken Howland made a presentation on the NPB that included the philosophy of parole, the role of the Board in the criminal justice system, and the parole decision-making process. Copies of the "Handbook for Judges and Crown Attorneys" were given to the 40 or so judges present.

Also in the Prairies Division on January 9 and 10, Ken and Len Meier, Regional Manager, Case Supervision, attended a workshop for private agencies in Saskatoon with the District Office of the CSC.

## *INFORMATION EXCHANGE*

Just prior to the Christmas holidays, on December 13 the Chairman of the NPB and the Commissioner for Correctional Services Canada (CSC) met jointly for the first time with representatives from the Alliance of Canadian Prison Aftercare Societies to discuss areas of common concern. Others present at the meeting included, from the Board, the Vice-Chairman, Roger Labelle and Secretary, Gilles Depratto; from CSC, Mike Provan, Chief, Operations and Quality Control (Community); from the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, Christie Jefferson, and Jim MacLatchie from the John Howard Society who is also Chairman of the Alliance. Gaston St. Jacques represented Les Agences Spécialisées de Hull.

Topics discussed covered areas such as the present criteria for parole; revocation for technical violations of conditional release; volunteers for ETAs; the possible use of private homes for certain individuals instead of a Community Residential Centre (CRC) or a Community Corrections Centre (CCC), or in areas where there is neither facility; and automatic pre-release programs for inmates prior to release on mandatory supervision. The Alliance was assured that there was already a mechanism in place to identify, six months prior to the m.s. release date, those who would benefit from some type of day parole program.

This exchange of views and information appeared to please everyone with the result that the group hopes to make these regular and ongoing sessions.

## ***PAROLE HANDBOOK FOR POLICE UNDERWAY***

The National Joint Committee (NJC), Ontario Region, at a regular meeting December 15 - 16 in Toronto, endorsed an NPB proposal to prepare a police handbook on parole and related matters, similar to that produced by the NJC Quebec Region.

The project was adopted by Regional NJC Chairman, Doug Crosbie (Belleville Chief of Police) and Vice-Chairman, John Nugent, REO Ontario. Crosbie quickly recruited W.D. Drinkwalter, Director of the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario to pilot the project.

A committee of representatives of various corrections components was formed to oversee production of the first draft: Bill Kavanagh, Aylmer Chief of Police; Pat Wood, Area Manager, CSC Parole (London); G.G. Simmons, Superintendent, Ontario Corrections, Mimico Detention Centre, and Andy Roy, NPB Communications.

Work is on schedule and the handbook is expected to be completed for the next Ontario Region NJC meeting in May.

Also at the meeting, attended by all chiefs and deputies of the six Ontario police zones, was NPB Senior Board Member, Mac Stienburg who conducted an interesting presentation on suspension hearings.

\* \* \* For those who don't know \* \* \*

...last summer, the National Joint Committee (NJC) of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) and the federal correctional services celebrated its tenth anniversary and while we may be a little tardy in offering our congratulations, we believe in the old adage: it's better late than never!

The NJC was established in 1973 under the auspices of the Parole Board but is now sponsored by the Secretariat. There are 16 members: five from the CACP and one from the RCMP, four from the CSC and two from the NPB, three from the Canadian Association of Crown Counsels, and another from the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Created "to meet the need for increased interaction and cooperation among police, courts and correctional authorities", the Committee works through its network of five regional subcommittees and twenty-five district and/or zone subcommittees to stimulate dialogue and activity in information sharing, education and training. Most of these subcommittees now enjoy the participation of judges, provincial correctional persons, and after care agencies.

On a national basis, the NJC meets twice a year, in spring and fall, and regionally, close to 100 meetings are held across the country annually.

Some of the issues with which the NJC has been involved over the decade include: The Relationship between Police Forces and Parole Authorities, the Lawful/Unlawful Temporary Absence Project, Enquiry Concerning the Report to the Police by Parolees, Temporary Absences, the Conditional Release Study, the Criminal Code Review, and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms - to name a few.

Also, let us not forget - our own Board Member, Phil Young, an ex-policeman himself, is the current chairman of the organization. As he said, "If people are to work together, they must talk to each other and I believe it is here that the NJC has made and will continue to make its greatest contributions".

We wish them every success.

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## NUMBERS FROM THE SUMMER OF '83

Statistics on NPB decisions and federal admissions and releases for July to September, 1983 were issued in late December by the Board.

Looking at a few excerpts (and only those inmates under federal jurisdiction), full parole was granted in 44.6% of the cases versus 35.8% in the same period a year ago. Day parole grants were virtually unchanged at 62.8% versus 62.5% for 1982. In fact, including TAs, the grant rate was about the same - 54.5% versus 52.3%.

On a regional basis, in the Pacific region, the full parole rate was 39.3% versus 30.1% a year ago; in Québec, 37.1% versus 29.0%; in Atlantic Canada, 44.6% (also the national average) versus 50.0%. The Prairies and Ontario regions remained about the same at 34.3% and 47.0% respectively.

When one looks at all the releases for the same quarter compared to last year, on a percentage basis there is practically no difference. The breakdown is as follows:

Parole	33.8%	
Mandatory Supervision	54.6	
Expiry	7.6	
Transfer to Prov.	1.4	
Death	1.4	
Other	1.2	(includes executive clemency, court order, transfers to Mexico, USA, and Peru)

The same situation holds for admissions in that period. These were:

Warrant of Committal	65.1%	
Parole revoked -		
without indictable offence	4.2	
with indictable offence	2.7	
MS revoked -		
without indictable offence	16.0	
with indictable offence	5.7	
Transfers from prov.	3.2	
Federal Provincial contract	0.7	
Other	2.3	(includes Warrant of Committal while on MS, and Canadians admitted by transfer from Mexico, USA, and Peru)

Finally, as a matter of interest, during that summer quarter there were 25 warrant of committal admissions of persons on MS and parole: six for Parole and nineteen for Mandatory Supervision.

If anyone would like the whole report, or clarification of any part of it, feel free to contact Cathy Gainer or Jean Sutton, Statistical Liaison Officers, at Headquarters.

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While we're on the subject of statistics, the short item that follows is a gift of Statistics Canada, 1983.

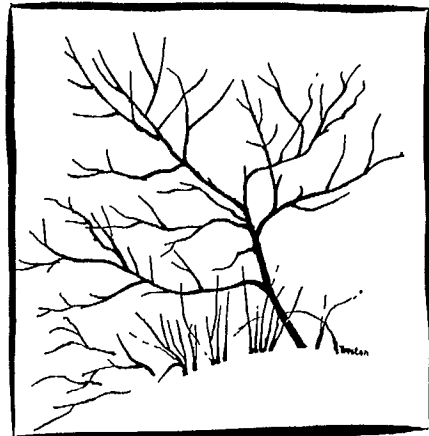
## **JUSTICE... IT COSTS**

How much does Canada's justice system cost? If you live in Newfoundland, keeping your courts of law working costs about \$10.00 a person each year, but in the Yukon and Northwest Territories the figure is more than five times that amount.

This is just one of many facts to emerge from a recent report from Statistics Canada's Centre for Justice Statistics about the costs of the administration of justice in Canada.

In the last five years, the average cost for running Canada's courts and criminal prosecutions has risen almost 66 per cent -- from \$10.50 to about \$17.50 per person. In 1982, the number of people on staff stood at just over 10,000, and we spent some 387 million dollars to keep the nation's court system going.

Why the big jump in the price of justice? For one thing, the number of court cases is growing each year. Along with the increase in numbers of cases has come an increase in the length and complexity of trials meaning that the nation's courts have had to expand rapidly to meet the mounting workload.



## IN MEMORIAM

Jim Kettles, former Temporary Board Member, Prairies Region, passed away suddenly on December 12. Mr. Kettles, 71, had been Chief of Police for the City of Saskatoon and served on the National Parole Board for two years. He was highly respected by the citizens of Saskatoon and by the national police community. His funeral was attended by staff and Board Members on December 14.

## MONCTON: RE-MISSION POSSIBLE

On November 25, 1983 the New Brunswick Court of the Queen's Bench ordered a new post-suspension hearing for Gilles Allain - with three Board Members to be present.

Earlier in the year, in February, Allain's day parole had been revoked with no recrediting of remission. Citing a breach of Section 7 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Allain took the Board to court on the basis that a) he had not been present during the whole of the hearing, and b) he thought that a split vote (one for revocation and one for termination) had been resolved by the vote of a third Member who had not been present at the hearing. He did not know that there had been no third Member vote as one of the original voters had changed his/her mind and voted for revocation.

At his new hearing on December 9, Allain's revocation was maintained but his remission was recredited. As a result, he was released on MS on December 28, 1983 instead of having to wait until March 23, 1984.

The New Brunswick Court relied on two previous cases (British Columbia Supreme Court, R.v. Harold Martens, August 19, 1983 and Ontario Supreme Court, R.v. Michael Mason, September 15, 1983) as a consequence of which the Board instituted two new policies: that an inmate has the right to remain throughout the entire hearing except when confidential information is being transmitted to the Board; that when two Board Members do not agree at a post-suspension (PS) hearing, the case must be referred to a third Board Member. After a review, should the possibility of a favourable decision be unclear, this Member must talk to the inmate at the institution where he or she resides.

## BOARD MEETS WITH OPPOSITION

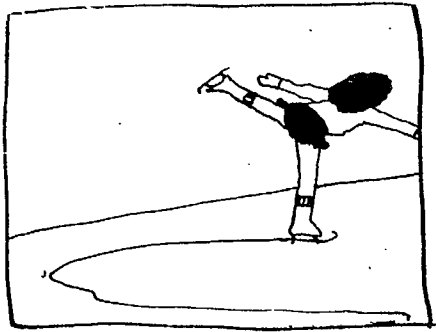
The Chairman and other NPB representatives met with the Conservative Opposition critic, the Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn and two of his aides in his office in the East Block on November 30th to discuss the role and function of the Parole Board. The meeting was part of a formal briefing process involving all the agencies of the Solicitor General's ministry. In addition to Mr. Outerbridge, present from the Board were Gordon Parry, Director General Operations, Leaman Long, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, and Ray Foley, Special Assistant (Correspondence) to the Minister.

The briefing covered four principal areas: the operations of the NPB; an assessment of parole; criticisms of the parole system, for example, in the press, correspondence, etc.; and future directions for parole.

In an informal question and answer session, Mr. Hnatyshyn expressed particular interest in the clemency function, the appointment process, and parole success rates, especially as they apply to murderers. Other topics discussed included the workload of the Board, travel of Board Members; criteria for decision-making; gating; women and parole; and the Board's official relationship with the Minister in terms of reporting, consulting, and so on.

Follow-up meetings are expected. In the meantime, the Board has provided additional information on various activities and parole statistics.

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## PEOPLE NEWS

In the last issue of ACTION, we mentioned the imminent retirement of Board Member, Gaston Clermont. What we did not know was that Dr. Leighton Hutson, Board Member at HQ since 1974, was also leaving at the end of December. Before coming to the Board, Dr. Hutson had served as Director of Psychological Services at the Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre in Montréal. A going-away party for both gentlemen was hosted by the Chairman and Board Members at HQ on December 30.

Replacing Dr. Hutson as chairperson of the Appeals Committee is Board Member, Lisa Hobbs - as of January 1st.

Three appointments to the Board have been announced. Maurice Roussel, Tracy, Québec, will serve another year, effective November 17, 1983, as a Temporary Board Member in the Québec office. Maurice is a lawyer and an active member of a number of community associations. Ron Boucher, Kamloops, B.C., was recently appointed a Board Member, HQ Division, for five years from January 1, 1984. Ron has served as a Temporary Board Member, Pacific Region, since June, 1981. He was a former assistant district director with the National Parole Service, and has also worked as a parole and classification officer. In the Prairies Division, Ken Howland will serve another term as Board Member for seven years, effective January 17, 1984, and as a member of the Executive Committee until June 2, 1984 when all current Executive Committee appointments expire.

More news...in the Atlantic Division, Regional Manager, Case Preparation, Thérèse Leblanc has been seconded to Correctional Service Canada (CSC) where she will act as District Director of CSC's Moncton office for five months till May 31. She will have responsibility for Moncton (and Dorchester Penitentiary and Westmorland Institution), northern New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, as well as three sub-offices in Bathurst, Edmundston, and Charlottetown.

Thérèse will be CSC's first woman District Director in Atlantic Canada - but she's used to setting "firsts". In 1973 she became the first woman parole officer in the region. During her absence from the NPB, she will be replaced by Donald Leblanc (they're kissin' cousins only), now Acting District Director for Moncton.

The NPB has a new Regional Executive Officer in the Québec Region, Serge Lavallée who succeeded Gordon Parry (now Director General/Operations at HQ) on November 28, 1983. At the Board since 1970, his most recent position was that of Regional Manager, Case Preparation, Montréal. Succeeding him for a four-month period is Michel Frappier of CSC's Correctional Community Centre in Laval.

Last, but not least, two of our colleagues have returned from four-month language training courses, Mary Casey, Senior Board Member, Atlantic Region, and Ray Simms, Director, Finance and Administration, HQ. Maintenant, on parle français.

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## A "NEW" CSC RESPONSIBILITY IN THE EAST

Come early spring, Correctional Services Canada will have a new S-2 minimum security facility to administer in Newfoundland. The building, located at Mount Pearl on the outskirts of St. John's, was formerly an RCMP property, declared surplus when the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary took over the duties of that particular detachment. The federal government is saving \$1.5 to \$2 million in capital costs by converting this relatively new (seven years old) - and already federally-owned - building to a new use. The institution will have a capacity of 35 to 40 inmates.

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THANKS EARLE

In case anyone wondered, the Christmas bows and holly that illustrated the December issue of NPB ACTION were the handiwork of Earle Patrick Hanratty, Personnel Officer at HQ. Earle is a former silk screen artist and technical illustrator. He practiced his skills - mostly at the Department of National Defence - until 1972 when, the challenge gone, he switched into personnel work. Earle moved to the NPB in 1981. He keeps his hand in at home, silk screening T-shirts and Christmas cards, woodworking and model building. Maybe he'll brighten these pages another time when the muse strikes him!