

# THE NEWSLETTER

OF THE UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA SEPTEMBER 1991



### A MESSAGE

FROM

## THE PRESIDENT

Welcome my friends and fellow untidies to the latest edition of the UNTD NEWSLETTER, a publication of, might we say, an occasional nature. With this issue, I'm told, the

Secretary
has managed to decipher his
desktop
publishing
program
and that
might mean
a possible
spring issue
as well.
What the
NEWSLET-



TER lacks (outside of a snappy name), is a constant stream of UNTD-oriented submissions from the membership; editorials, reminiscences, downright lies, faintly comic illustrations, book reviews, advertisements and all the rest.

May I bring the Mess Dinner to your attention, in case you have possibly missed reference to it in these pages. The 1989 version, on which the Committee hopes to improve, was a magnificent success. I would hope to see more than 100 elderly UNTDs that evening (November 16, 1991). It's not to be missed.

Some hours before the Dinner - giving you time to work up your enthusiasm slowly - your executive will present the Annual General Meeting of the Association. In keeping with the rather dry nature of the agenda, suitable moisture will flow from the HMCS "YORK" Wardroom Bar. As usual, I am looking for volunteers, hard-working UNTD-minded comrades to enjoy the many benefits of belonging to the Association's Board of Directors. Please phone me with your suggestions.

Finally, please pay your damned dues, (infinitesimal though they may be), thereby allowing your directors to spend your money in creative ways. I am inclined to believe that we have the most successful naval organization in Canada. Your dues will help us keep it that way.

MARK LLEWELLYN, President

STUPENDOUS MESS DINNER SET FOR NOVEMBER 16!!

Jim Houston and Charles Copelin, the Co-Program Chairmen (or possibly the Program Co-Chairmen), have spent their summer arranging a Mess Dinner that will be the UNTD social event of the year. It may just be as memorable as the Mess Dinner 2 years ago.

Once again, the location will be the ever-luxurious mess of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College at Armour Heights (215 Yonge Boulevard at Wilson Avenue).

The date is Saturday, November 16 and we foregather at 1800 for a sherry in the ante-room. At 1900, dinner will be served, a sumptuous repast in the tradition of the Staff College. Light music will be provided by the band of HMCS "YORK".

The Chairmen have assured the Executive that the dinner will be lighthearted and relaxed and, given that we are mainly elderly gentlemen, there

THIS YEAR'S BIG EVENT

# THE UNTO MESS DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1991 1800 FOR 1900 AT THE STAFF COLLEGE - ARMOUR HEIGHTS (215 Yonge Boulevard at Wilson Avenue)

Uniform, Black Tie or UNTD Blazer

Price: \$ 65

For further information: Charles Copelin 966-3500 (o) or (416) 639-1962 (h)

UNTD Newsletter - 1991 Sept - page 1 of 4

will be a moritorium on bun-throwing. We are also promised that speeches will be few, short and suitably amplified. Dinner seating will once again be by decades.

After port and cigars, we will return to the ante-room for a warming potion or two and some harmless lying. And best of all, this magnificent occasion will cost but \$ 65.00. Rig of the Day uniforms of any age and variety, black tie or, failing all of these, a UNTD blazer.

Invitations will be mailed at the beginning of October - please take the heat off your executive by replying affirmatively - early and often!

## A WORD TO WELL- DRESSED UNTD'S

So you want to be well-dressed, impress girls, add that clever touch that identifies a man as being an ex-UNTD?

We have the answer for you. For a mere \$ 33 (+ gst) you can own a UNTD blazer crest and, for a further \$ 27.50 (+ more gst), you can be the proud owner of a matching tie. Wow!

Call: ALAN BOOTHE, (EX-UNTD)

MUIR CAP & REGALIA LTD. 777 WARDEN AVENUE, UNIT 14, SCARBOROUGH, ON, M1L 4C3

TELEPHONE: (416) 757-2815

# GUARANTEED SALTY DIPS BY AN OLD SALT

(The following was slipped under the editor's door by your correspondent in Creemore)

ESQUIMALT/'47 LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Picture the setting for this chapter in Naval History: it's HMCS "ESQUI-MALT", on the road from "K" Block to the mess hall. Three or four firstyear UNTD's from HMCS "STAR" (McMaster types), are headed for a meal of bacon and "red lead" (wasn't that what they called baked beans?).

On one side of the road, the UNTD's descending, on the opposite side their commendant, LCDR Grubb, in civvies.

The UNTD's acknowledge their officer with brief nods and even a shy smile or two. He reacts to this by halting them and proceeds to berate them with some vigour, over their absence of salutes. Their response is that they had perceived the officer was not in uniform and hence no salute was called for. His memorable reply: "I ahm a Leftenant-COMMAHNDAH, even when attahrred only in my Baaath-towel!!"

Looking back, I don't believe that any of us ever encountered him so "attahrred", but had we done so, we'ld have certainly known what correct naval protocol called for - whether his towe! had 2 1/2 stripes on it or not!

And "only in my baath-towel" became a somewhat hackneyed phrase over the rest of our first UNTD summer.

Jim Houston

# HAS ANYBODY GOT A COPY OF "WHITE TWIST"?

Craig Halblander, the Vice-Chairman of HMCS "STAR" Histroical Committee, writes to ask if any ex-UNTD's have any items of naval nostalgia (or otherwise), that they would like to donate to "STAR" on the occasion of it's 50th anniversary this September. Charles Copelin has donated his portrait of Lord Nelson. Perhaps this is the place to put all those souvenirs of cadet life that your wife threaten's to throw out?

Contact Craig at "STAR" or at home (416) 648-0560

I wonder what those Chiefs in the Seamanship School ever did with those movies?

A WORD FROM

PETER NEWMAN

CAPTAIN (N) NEWMAN

THAT IS

You have probably received a letter from the MDAC (otherwise the Maritime Defence Association of Canada), in which Peter Newman asked you to support the MDAC, Seapower and other matters nautical. You can hear CDRE K.J. Summers (he who recently had the privilege of defending Canada's interests with ships built before most of the ship's company were born), VADM C.M. Thomas (retired before his time in the hope of drawing some small attention to the

UNTD Newsletter - 1991 Sept - page 2 of 4

plight of the Service) and CAPT Newman himself.

All of this takes place at "YORK" on Saturday, September 21, 0830 to 1300, with a mess dinner that evening.

If interested, you should register before September 6 by phoning LCDR Edith Marshall at work (613) 995-6233 or at home (613) 833-0340

### USELESS INFORMATION ABOUT

# **MESS DINNERS**

In order to give an advantage to those of our readers who bother to read this sheet, we present herewith a list of Rules of Order for Mess Dinners. UNTD Association mess dinners are supposed to be fun, nostalgia or what you will and not exercises for the instruction of junior officers. Nonetheless (there being a number of lawyers in the Association), forewarned is forearmed.

From the time that the President taps his gavel for "Grace" until the "Loyal Toast" no one, without the President's permission shall:

-Enter the Mess and sit down at the table;

-Leave the table;

-Return to the table;

-Read anything other that the menu or the musical program;

-Write anything;

-Speak to any non-diner (other than a steward);

All that seems fairly tame and can be made right by asking permission of the President, either in person or by way of a note delivered by a steward.

# THE UNTO ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(The following is a excerpt from our Treasurer's draft financial statements for the year ended April 30, 1991. Don't get any wrong ideas).

### UNTD ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA DRAFT BALANCE SHEET AS AT APRIL 30, 1991

### ASSETS

#### LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Accounts payable 2,009.90 Surplus 3,799.64 \$ 5,809.54

### UNTO ASSOCIATION OF UPPER CANADA DRAFT STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND SURPLUS

Membership Fees 2,660.00 Membership Expenses: Newsletter 685.42 Stationery Etc. 125.17 810.59 Net Membership Revenue 1,849.41 Interest 258.93 Functions - Net (1.626.87)Regalia Sales - Net 497.06

SURPLUS - End of Year \$ 978.53 SURPLUS - End of Year \$ 3.799.64

But now comes the serious stuff, rules which may NOT be breached and which may result in the levying of fines (usually in drinks) or whatever other penance the President wishes to impose. Remember that the President is omnipotent in all matters. There is no appeal.

Diners may not:

-Commence a course before the

#### President:

- -Smoke;
- -Utter an oath or use foul language
- -Place a bet or wager,
- -Discuss political or other controversial subjects;
  - -Talk 'shop';
- -Speak in a foreign language (unless foreign guests are present):
  - -Tell 'off-colour' stories;

page 4

# THESE ARE YOUR DIRECTORS READY AYE READY TO DO THEIR DUTY & HEAR YOUR SUGGESTIONS



-Mention a woman's name unless she be a celebrity;

-Mention a specific sum of money (including the price of the dinner);

-Propose a toast;

Whenever the President or any Vice-President taps the table all must keep silence until he has finished speaking.

Best of British Luck!!

LT Graeme Arbuckle, <u>Customs and</u> Traditions of the Canadian Navy, Nimbus Publishing Limited, 1983

CHANGE OF COMMAND AT

### HMCS "YORK"

On September 22, CDR Bob Bonnell takes over as CO of HMCS "YORK". CDR Bonnell was active in the UNTD from 1966 to 1968 serving in HMCS "BRUNSWICKER". LCDR Larry Barwick becomes XO.

"YORK" will also have a new Staff Officer, LT Craig Kingsley. Craig was recently Weapons Officer in HMCS "TERRA NOVA" in the Persian Gulf.

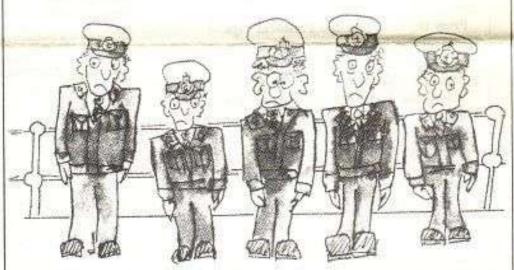


Here are your directors, at least until the Annual Meeting which will be held on November 16, 1991 (you'll receive the Notice of Meeting in our next mailing this coming October).

HOME OFFICE

Mark Llewellyn	President	100000	466-1999	920-8030
Charles Copelin	Vice-President	(416	6) 639-1962	966-3500
Reg Kowalchuk	Treasurer	1	274-6314	866-6095
David Fry	Secretary		964-1470	927-8526
Richard Baker	Past President		651-4257	736-8888
Gil Hutton	Director (41	(6)	634-3720	
Jim Houston	Director (7	705)	466-3407	
Alex Wright	Director	and the	656-2917	362-7526
Aubrey Millard	Director		698-4660	625-7331
Doug Butler	Director		769-1072	
Bill Farrow	Director		224-5970	224-5970
Ben Lamb	Director		483-1411	965-3715
Bernie Friedman	Director		292-9521	439-7180
Don Carter	Ex-officio Director			
Hank Krech	Ex-officio Director			
Fred Lee	Ex-officio Dire			
The Editor, NEWSLI	ETTER - 106A Pembro	ke S	treet, Toron	to M5A 2N8

# HAVE YOU DAID YOUR DUES THIS YEAR?



\*RIGHT GENTLEMAN, THE BUFFER NEEDS 5 VOLUNTEERS\*
UNTD Newsletter - 1991 Sept - page 4 of 4