

FBI training will help in his new post

For Detective Inspector John Adams, formerly head of the CIB in Northern Region, his recent posting to Los Angeles, US, as Police Liaison Officer at the Australian Consulate will revive many pleasant memories.

Detective Inspector Adams took up his new post in May and is accompanied by his wife, Sandra and younger son, Jason.

For three months in 1982, he attended the FBI National Academy, at Quantico, Virginia.

The course is designed for development of law enforcement officers in the United States and each year a number of places are offered to overseas police forces.

Detective Inspector Adams was the only Australian on the course and he was joined by officers from England, Bermuda, Singapore, Japan, Germany, Peru and Egypt.

The course is a live-in one and is conducted in "an outstanding location" with 23 classrooms and eight conference rooms.

Subjects covered included effective communication, issues in

American society, forensic science, management for law enforcement and psychological aspects of community behaviour.

Detective Inspector Adams joined the Commonwealth Police Force in Melbourne in 1969 and initially performed uniform duties in a number of locations in Melbourne metropolitan area.

In 1970, he was attached to the Criminal Investigation Branch and has served in that area since, being posted to Brisbane in 1971 and transferred to Townsville in 1974 to open the CIB Station there.

In May 1976, he returned to Brisbane and became Senior Sergeant-in-Charge of the major crime squad, being promoted in 1977 to Detective Inspector in Charge of the CIB.

On the formation of the Australian Federal Police in October 1979, he became Regional Crime Co-ordinator and in February 1983 was appointed Detective-Inspector (Investigation), covering fraud, conspiracy and drug investigations.

He has been involved in a number of major cases, including one involving 248 charges of fraud and misappropriation on the Commonwealth Bank, which resulted in conviction and imprisonment for the offender.

Others were:

- The extradition in 1977 of two drug offenders from England.
- The conviction in 1979 of several people on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Commonwealth Health Commission.
- A task force operation in 1979 in relation to the export of paraquets to overseas countries.
- Several major drug-type investigations, including the seizure of 6.5 kilos of cocaine in Sydney in December 1982 and 27 kilos of heroin in Brisbane in April 1983.

SA SHOOT

The Fourth Australian National Police Trap and Skeet Shooting Championships are to be held at Bolivar, near Adelaide, on 13 October this year.

The two-day program, at the SA Gun Club's range, is expected to attract entrants from most States.

The SA Club also is arranging a 'parallel' shoot in the same events for civilian visitors. Police entrants must produce ID to compete for police trophies.

Further information is available in the ACT from Senior Constable Brian Bock, 457377, or Senior Sergeant Ian Prior, 870331.

WESTERN REGION PARADE



• AFP members stationed at the Immigration Detention Centre, Perth Airport Station complex, stand to attention during their weekly uniform inspection parade under the critical eyes of Inspector R. Maughan and Senior Sergeant John Streeter. It was one of the last parades for Inspector Maughan and Senior Sergeant Streeter before they left for Cyprus with the latest AFP peacekeeping contingent.

Task force chairman completes five years



• Joint Drug Task Force Management Committee Chairman, Mr Peter Stevens, centre, receives his presentation from Detective Inspector Jim Willis (NSW), with deputy task force leader Detective Acting Inspector Phil Lawrence (AFP) left.

Members of the Commonwealth/State (NSW) Joint Task Force on Drug Trafficking recently held a luncheon to mark the completion of five years' service by Mr Peter Stevens as Chairman of the task force management committee.

Joint Drug Task Force leader Detective Inspector Jim Willis presented Mr Stevens with the NSW Police and Australian Federal Police plaques mounted on framed velvet. The token represents each of the two components that form the task force.

Mr Stevens, until recently Deputy

Secretary to the NSW Premiers Department, is now Director of NSW Government Offices in London.

During May this year, following its first five years, the Joint Drug Task Force was independently evaluated by Mr Bob Walton, recently retired Commissioner of the New Zealand Police Force.

Mr Walton received many compliments directed to Mr Stevens on the manner in which he and his committee provided the oversight and support which helped make the task force a success.

Public Servant in officers' course

"A thoroughly beneficial course, I'd recommend it to other public servants," said Trevor Pobje, a senior public service administrator who recently attended an AFP officers' course.

And he performed with distinction.

The 19 other course members — all senior police officers — awarded Trevor the course major book prize after measuring him against criteria they themselves set.

The place was offered when suitable AFP members could not be made available due to operational requirements, and also to enable an assessment to be made of the possible benefits — to both police and public servants — of cross-fertilization ideas and experience. This procedure is quite common in senior staff colleges in the armed forces and the private sector.

His citation read:

"During the course we had the opportunity to entertain Deputy Commissioner Barney Ross of the NSW Police and Sergeant Nobby Clark of the Queensland Police. In response to our hospitality, they kindly donated a sum of money to be used in the form of a book prize, the criteria to be set by ourselves. It was unanimously decided by the police members of the course that this prize be awarded to Trevor Pobje who has demonstrated to all by way of willing, co-operation with others, his humour, sincerity and a willingness, which has not been motivated by his being subject to the discipline of the AFP — a contribution which will be remembered by all".

The book prize was presented by then Acting Commissioner John Johnson.

"It was totally unexpected," said



• Trevor Pobje... honoured at an officer's course.

Trevor. "I was, however, immensely proud to receive the prize."

Trevor said that for him the major benefits were a greater understanding of police methods, the training in command and control techniques and how to get the best results from syndicate discussion.

"This was the first course where syndicate discussion replaced much of the work normally done in the classroom," he said. "I believe it was a huge success."

"I can only recommend to public servants to consider attending," he added.

AFP members of the course, which ended in June, were: Inspector Ray Brown, Inspector Ray Cooper, Inspector Norm Currie, Station Sergeant Peter Darlaston, Station Sergeant Steve Polden, Senior Sergeant Ray Fitzpatrick, Inspector Brian Guest, Station Sergeant Bill Harrigan, Inspector Ray Haley, Inspector Roger Hellier, Inspector Chris Lathbury, Station Sergeant Mick Lucas, Inspector Roger Martindale, Inspector Alisdair MacDougall, Inspector Gary Reilly, Inspector Mick Richards, Station Sergeant Brian Ridley, Inspector Bill Taylor, and Inspector Barry Young.