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It is no secret that during the formation of the Australian Federal Police Force our Organisation opposed the concept and showed some concern that perhaps its creation was not in the best interests of our members, or members of the Australian Community. The Australian Federal Police Force is now a reality: we now have a two-component Police Force made up of members of the Commonwealth Police Force and the Australian Capital Territory Police Force.

As I see it, the ball is now in our court. As members of the Australian Federal Police Force, we must unite and strive to make this Police Force the most efficient and well equipped in Australia. After all, this was the Australian Government's intention when the idea was first conceived. However, in doing this, we as members must be treated accordingly, and by this I mean we should have terms and conditions which are conducive to a Police Force of this calibre. This is where the Associations become involved.

Nobody would doubt the logic of having one Association to protect the interests of members of the Australian Federal Police Force. Bearing this in mind, our Organisation has met with the Federal Police Association on three occasions and discussed briefly some of the problems associated with the merging of both Organisations. We have agreed on certain broad principles which have been circulated

to all our members. During our latest discussion both Organisations agreed we should set up an inter-Association Committee consisting of three Executive members from each Association under the chairmanship of Mr Ralph Tremethick, immediate past President of the Police Federation of Australia. Our representatives are Federal President K. A. Dowell, Federal Treasurer P. Thompson, and myself. Hopefully, this committee will meet soon with the endeavour of getting the relevant matters moving.

At our National Annual Conference which was held in Brisbane during the week commencing October 8, 1979, the Federal Executive of our Organisation invited the Secretary of the Federal Police Association, Mr Alan Bilbie, to address Federal Council on his Association's ideas concerning the merger. We hope later to have the same opportunity to meet and discuss our ideas on a National Police Organisation with members of the Federal Police Association. There will be problems. However, they are not insurmountable, and will no doubt be resolved around a conference table. We look forward to these further discussions.

Finally, I hope this contribution has in some small way helped to create an understanding of our Organisation and some of the problems that have been encountered, and will be encountered by both Police Organisations in their endeavour to merge.

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