



Operations Training Branch staff abseiling down the outside of the Lakeside International Hotel. Photo courtesy of **Canberra Times**.



Members of the Operations Training Branch descend from a RAAF Iriquois helicopter while it hovered at 35 metres. Photo courtesy **Canberra Times**.

The International Drug Enforcement Association (I.D.E.A.) held its fifth Asian Regional Conference in Seoul, South Korea recently. Countries represented included the Republic of Korea, Thailand, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, U.S.A., and Australia. Hong Kong also sent a delegation and a senior representative of Interpol (Paris) attended.

The conference was used as a forum to study problems and trends in drug abuse in the region. Ways and means of co-ordination and co-operation in drug law enforcement were also considered. Those attending were each involved in the enforcement role.

Australia was represented by a delegation of three from the A.F.P., Assistant Commissioner Farmer, Chief Superintendent Bates ('D' Division) and Det. Inspector Frank Davis (Bangkok).

"The Conference was fruitful and certainly worthwhile. It has emphasised our role in the region and assisted in determining intermediate and long-term priorities," said Mr Farmer on his return.

International Drugs Conference in Seoul



PHOTO: Mr Farmer addressing the I.D.E.A. conference. Mr Bates and Mr Davis are seated in the foreground.