



Audit Director to World Bank

by Terry Browne

At age 30, Mr Ross Paul, the AFP's Director of Internal Audit, has been granted leave to try his hand at banking. Which bank? The World Bank.

Located in Washington D.C., the World Bank finances the development of member countries by making loans to governments and to government-sponsored projects at rates below current market rates. The 8,000 staff members reflect the nationalities of the 151 member countries.

Ross was invited to an interview in Washington after learning of the position through his association with the Canberra branch of the Institute of Internal Auditors — Australia. He spent the last week of April in Washington where he and a fellow Australian auditor, Mr Frank Bowles, 38, from the Department of Administrative Services, were interviewed for separate positions over a gruelling two days. Both men were up against American and British competition.

The success of both Australian applicants was made known in late May at the Institute of Internal Auditors' conference on the Gold Coast. Ross was also notified of his selection to receive the inaugural Institute of Internal Auditors South Pacific Fellowship. This involved a two week working tour of New Zealand, in July, examining program evaluation and audit in New Zealand's corporate and public sectors.

Ross has accepted a contract with the World Bank for three years. He left



The Paul family.

for Washington on 30 July. His wife, Gai, is expecting their second child in mid-September. Until then, Gai and their two year-old son, Thomas, will be staying with Ross's parents, John and Merle, in Latrobe, Tasmania, where Ross's mother is a senior pediatric sister at the Mersey General Hospital. Mrs Paul (senior) will accompany Gai and the children to Washington when the baby can travel and will stay for three months to help with the children.

While in Washington for the interview, Ross visited AFP Liaison Officer, Superintendent Mick Phelan and his wife Joyce, who have offered to help the Pauls settle into the Washington scene. Ross said Washington is a great place for kids, likening it to a

cross between Canberra and Melbourne.

Ross says the AFP gave him a chance to get a good perspective of Australia because his work involved extensive travel. Now he is looking forward to seeing a lot of the United States and getting to know its people, whose culture, he feels, has such a great influence on our own.

He hopes to spend two of his annual leave periods seeing the United States, and one seeing Europe.

Tasmanian-reared, Ross came to the ACT to study for a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Administration) at the Canberra College of Advanced Education, which he gained in 1986. He has worked in the ACT since graduating and says he has come to regard Canberra as home.

Police Ski Olympics

AFP skiers are expecting tough competition in the Australian Police Ski Olympics to be held at Guthega between August 21-27.

The AFP's Detective Constable Craig Stephens won the main events last year.

"I came down from Queensland and the other competitors probably

thought I hadn't seen snow before. I won't have that advantage this year," he said.

The AFP Ski Club expects to put a 10-member team into the event and the club was preparing for a ski-off as this edition of *Platypus* was going to press.

About 60 skiers from police forces all over Australia are expected to take part.

At this stage it appears highly likely that Craig and another club member, Mike Doroshenko will be making the team. He put in a medal-winning performance at the Canadian Police Alpine Games this year.

Craig has been getting into shape for the competition by working with the volunteer ski patrol at Guthega on his days off.

"I find I can get a lot of practice in while patrolling," he said.