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APPOINTEES ANNOUNCED
FOR CORRECTIONS POSTS

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Boyce Says Move Aims
At Improved Standards

Corrections and Rehabilitation Minister J. R. Boyce has announced the creation of the posts of assistant directors for juvenile and adult corrections.

Mr. Boyce said the two assistant directors will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of their respective sections and for developing expertise and co-ordination in their areas, so that more long-range planning will be possible.

He added that the government believes Manitoba's corrections policy must take both provincial and federal concerns into account. It is hoped to develop, in cooperation with federal officials, better standards in corrections and closer correlation of provincial and federal work in the field.

The appointment of assistant directors will enable the provincial director of corrections, Eric Cox, to undertake more work in this broader area of concern.

Mr. Boyce also announced three appointments in connection with these new positions, effective as of February 3.

. Douglas H. Lawrence, 48, has been appointed assistant director of corrections (adult). Mr. Lawrence was formerly superintendent of Headingley Correctional Institution.

. Stewart Hunter, 36, formerly executive director of the John Howard Society in Saskatchewan, has been appointed assistant director of corrections (juvenile).

. John Gillingham, 41, superintendent of Brandon Correctional Institution, succeeds Mr. Lawrence as superintendent at Headingley.

Mr. Lawrence had served at Headingley since April, 1973. From 1971 to 1973, he was supervisor of institutional programs at the institution.

A native of London, England, Mr. Lawrence became program director of the Knowles School for Boys in Winnipeg, then was appointed executive director. In 1959, he was appointed superintendent of the Manitoba Home for Girls in West St. Paul and served until 1965. From 1965 to 1967 he was a consultant to the federal government in community development, then served as executive director of the Neighborhood Services Centre in Winnipeg from 1967 to 1971.

Mr. Hunter, a native of Regina, received a B.A. degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1961 and a master of social work degree from the University of Manitoba in 1965. He was a caseworker with the John Howard-Elizabeth Fry societies in Winnipeg from 1965 to 1968, then returned to Saskatchewan to become executive director of that province's John Howard Society.

Mr. Gillingham was born in Portsmouth, England. Before coming to Canada in 1957, he served two years in the British army and four years with the Metropolitan Police in London. In 1957, he joined the RCAF security section and served six years, then joined the Brandon city police for two years.

Mr. Gillingham was appointed in December, 1965, as supervisor of rehabilitations at the Spruce Woods Rehabilitation Camp, then an offshoot of the Manitoba Home for Boys. Later, the camp's functions were changed to rehabilitation programs for offenders who had admitted a problem with alcohol.

In 1969 he was appointed superintendent of The Pas Correctional Institution. He returned to Brandon in September, 1970, as superintendent of the Brandon correctional institution.