

AN UNOFFICIAL  
**SUPPLEMENT TO**  
**THE**



**BORDER PATROL**  
**HANDBOOK**

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**DEDICATED TO  
THE WORKING PATROL INSPECTOR**

A patient beast that goes about his business of apprehending aliens and smugglers under constant harrassment from the public and supervisors alike.

This unofficial and unapproved supplement to the Border Patrol Handbook is a collection of several years work on the humorous side of the Patrol. It is for the most part suspicions, verified and unverified by both P. I.s and supervisors of what really goes on when the other is not looking. It is the hope of the authors that the book will be accepted in the vein intended.

All offensive comments and cartoons were contributed by an unknown retired Immigrant Inspector that is now deceased.

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## THE MISSION OF THE BORDER PATROL

---to prevent the illegal entry of aliens and  
smugglers into the United States---



1-2

Much praise goes to the P.I.s who perform linewatch duties and actually carry out this mission. This is a highly productive operation resulting in many apprehensions.

Regardless of station, linewatch duty is basically the same from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean.



1-3

And who makes all this necessary? Old "Jose", the "Wetback", who, because of his transient nature and high level of intelligence, is a skilled, formidable adversary in the international game of Hide and Seek.

Through the years the greatest minds on the highest supervisory levels in the patrol have perfected methods of detection and apprehension into a many faceted science which through a system of costly and intensified training and schooling is passed down to the most intelligent and energetic of the Patrol Inspectors.

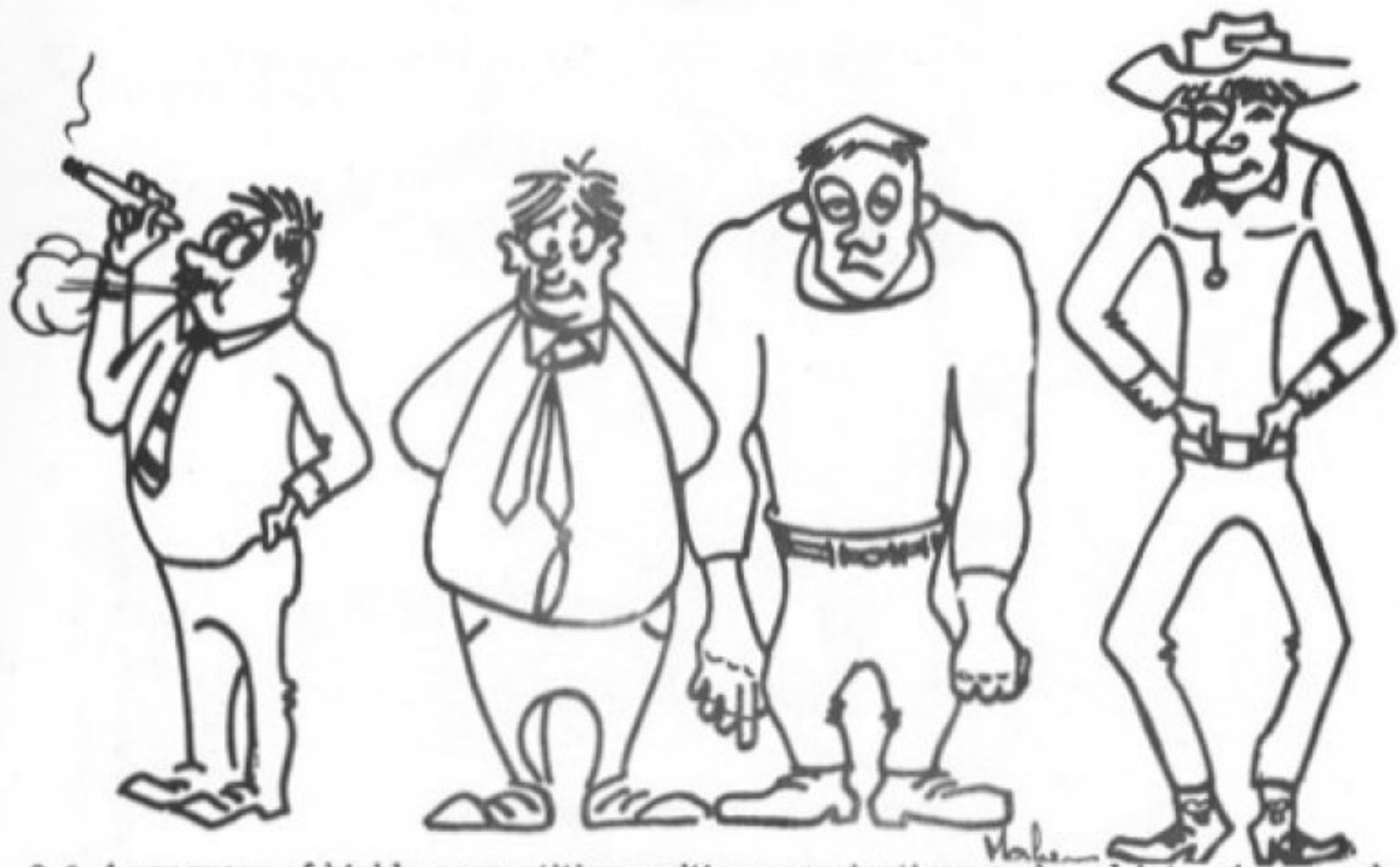
These complex plans actually cause little interference with the high apprehension averages maintained by the working Patrol Inspectors.





1-4 The Border Patrol, being an agency of the U.S. Government, is equipped with the finest equipment available. Note late model whip aerial on patrol car.





2-1 A program of highly competitive written examinations and oral interviews each year continues to recruit into the service the finest young men in America. As these selected young officers report for duty their military bearing, educated appearance and modest demeanor are apparent to all.



2-10 -----looked on as equals by older journeymen  
officers. -----



2-11 -----and entitled to all the benefits due the  
journeyman officer.



2-2 BUT-even this fine material is subjected to 16 weeks of highly comprehensive training, both mental and physical, resulting in startling changes in attitude and appearance. Their ability to perform field duty as working officers often is a matter of comment by the older journeymen officers.



2-3

Through very concentrated courses and the latest teaching methods the new trainees are able to absorb a tremendous amount of knowledge in the time allotted.



2-4 Among the many courses included in the curriculum, Finger printing, although dull to some, is interesting to the officers with the normal imagination for P.I.s



2-4

While not the most popular course, the most beneficial in the physical training. The trainee is mentally conditioned to accept this rigorous conditioning from the superb physical condition of his instructors and older journeyman officers.





The physical conditioning program includes supervised cross-country running which helps prepare the trainees for future encounters with the pets of co-operative farms and ranch owners.



3-7 Included in the training courses are complete training in self-defense techniques. Judo, shooting, etc. This prepares the trainee for almost any situation. In event of other situations arising trainee is expected to use good judgment.



2-8 Although complete training in the Spanish Language is given at the Academy, proficiency is obtained by conversing with Spanish speaking ladies and gentlemen.



2-9 Most trainees, when entering the service, have many doubts and fears about the probationary period, however, the high caliber of training, and the reassurance of fellow officers soon inspires these young officers to approach their 5 1/2 and 10 month examinations with confidence and most soon find themselves a full fledged P.I. -----



3-1

One of the myths of the Patrol is the necessity to have a "Rabbi". This creature, it is rumored, has been known to promote P.I.s to Senior and transfer them to their home town even though there was no station existing there. It is believed that this "Rabbi" resembles a fairy godmother.

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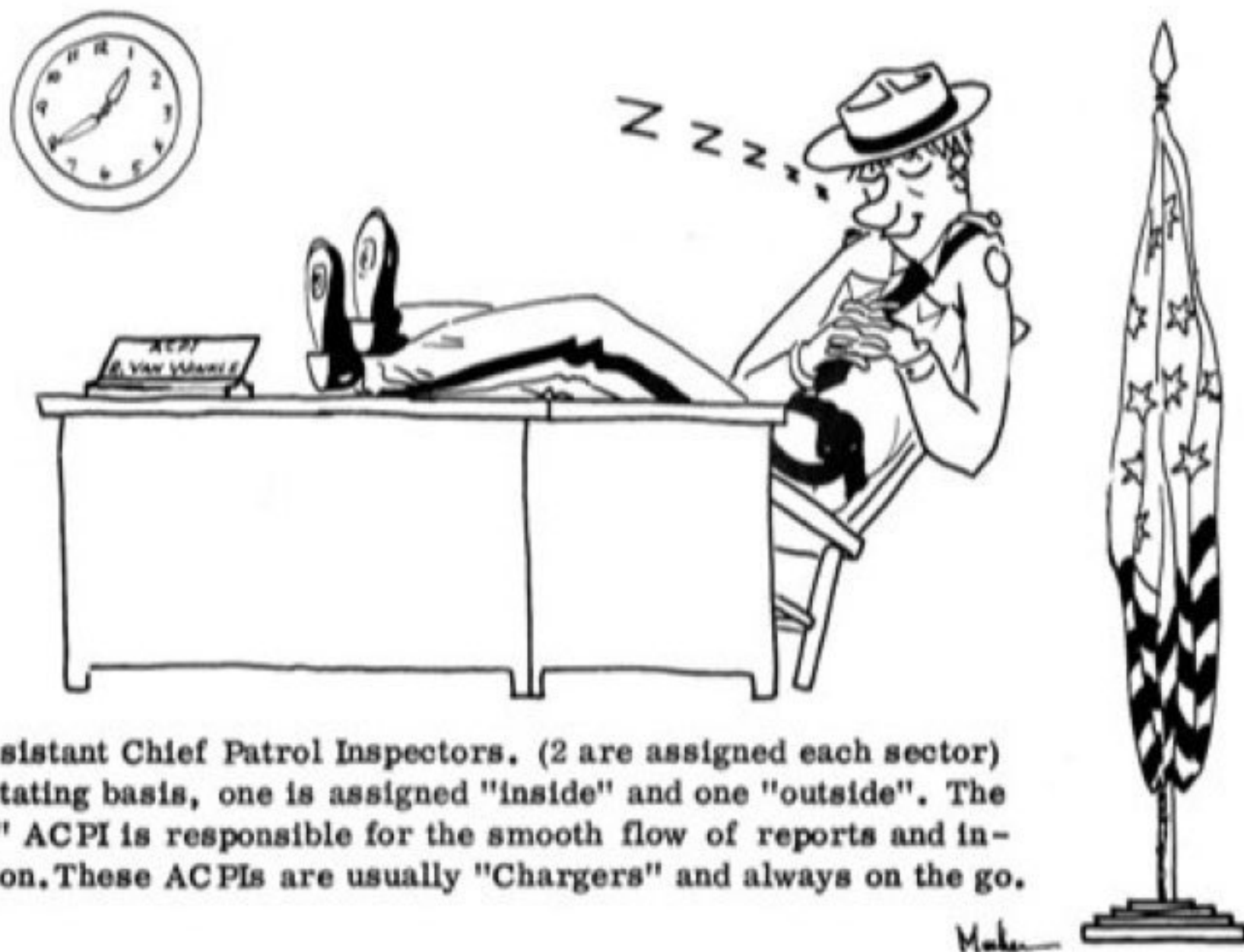
GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

This employ has been under my supervision since \_\_\_\_\_

Following employee rated as follows: E-Excellent, VG-very good, G-Good, F-Fair, P-Poor.

Under comment furnish justification for rating.

	COMMENTS
DEPENDABILITY-Can this man be depended on to always pick up the check when eating or drinking with supervisors? See that supervisors are supplied with cigars etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> VG <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> P
TRUSTWORTHY - Can he be trusted to tell falsehoods to cover up for his supervisors? Trusted to take care of supervisors work etc?	<input type="checkbox"/> VG <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> P
QUALITY OF WORK- Does he go with supervisors on trips and keep a clean camp, clean game and fish, cook well and make beds? Will he mow lawns for supervisors, do construction work at supervisors homes etc?	<input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> VG <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> P
PERSONALITY - Does he ever say "No" or disagree with supervisors? Ever win when playing golf or other games with supervisors? Arrange good parties?	<input type="checkbox"/> VG <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> P
APPEARANCE - Is his appearance a credit to you? Does it make you, as a supervisor look good? Does he make others compliment you on the appearance of your men?	<input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> VG <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> P
<p>(Be sure an state if this man is one of those unimaginative officers who always concerns himself with apprehending aliens and doing Patrol work, not engaging in parties and liason(?) and thereby not qualified for promotion at any time.)</p> <p>I RECOMMEND FOR PROMOTION <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I DO NOT RECOMMEND PROMOTION <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(This rating sheet is <u>NOT</u> the one used to rate and promote officers in the patrol. It is only an unconfirmed suspicion.)</p>	



4-3 The Assistant Chief Patrol Inspectors. (2 are assigned each sector)  
On a rotating basis, one is assigned "inside" and one "outside". The  
"inside" ACPI is responsible for the smooth flow of reports and in-  
formation. These ACPIs are usually "Chargers" and always on the go.





4-4 The "outside" ACPI is always on the move in the sector, checking to see that all outstations are properly operated. Because of the heavy demands on this assignment he is usually exhausted at the end of the working day.



4-5 The Deputy Chief is the Chief's right hand man and must be familiar with the internal "workings" of the sector and have the ability to handle all the many complex "affairs" in the Chief's absence.



4-6 THE CHIEF PATROL INSPECTOR! The Leader, The Jefe--A position of high honor-Tremendous responsibility. The man that fills this job is called to this duty from on high in the "C.O." Although he excels in administrative and operational capabilities they are best known for their drive.



5-1 The Sector Intelligence Officer- A man of unusual ability, who, with scientific analysis of bits and pieces of information is able to predict trends and assists greatly in the complex sector operational plans by high supervisors with his carefully prepared charts and graphs.



TATTLE  
TALE  
CABRÓN!

"SEÑOR, I THINK IM UNDER SUSPISHON,  
I THINK!"

5-2 Intelligence is best obtained by dealing with informants. Every Patrol Inspector is encouraged to develop at least one. The identity of these informants must be carefully protected as the law violaters on whom they inform may embarrass the informant by cutting him cold should they meet on the street or at social gatherings.



6-1 The working P.I. will have little reason to worry about this subject. The P.I. is greatly respected by the public which always supports him. He can depend on being met with good cheer by ranchers and farmers, particularly when explaining laws to them about working illegal aliens.



7-1 for those aliens proceeding north in private vehicles traffic check stations are established at strategic points on highways. This is regarded as choice duty because of the always exciting contact with the public-----





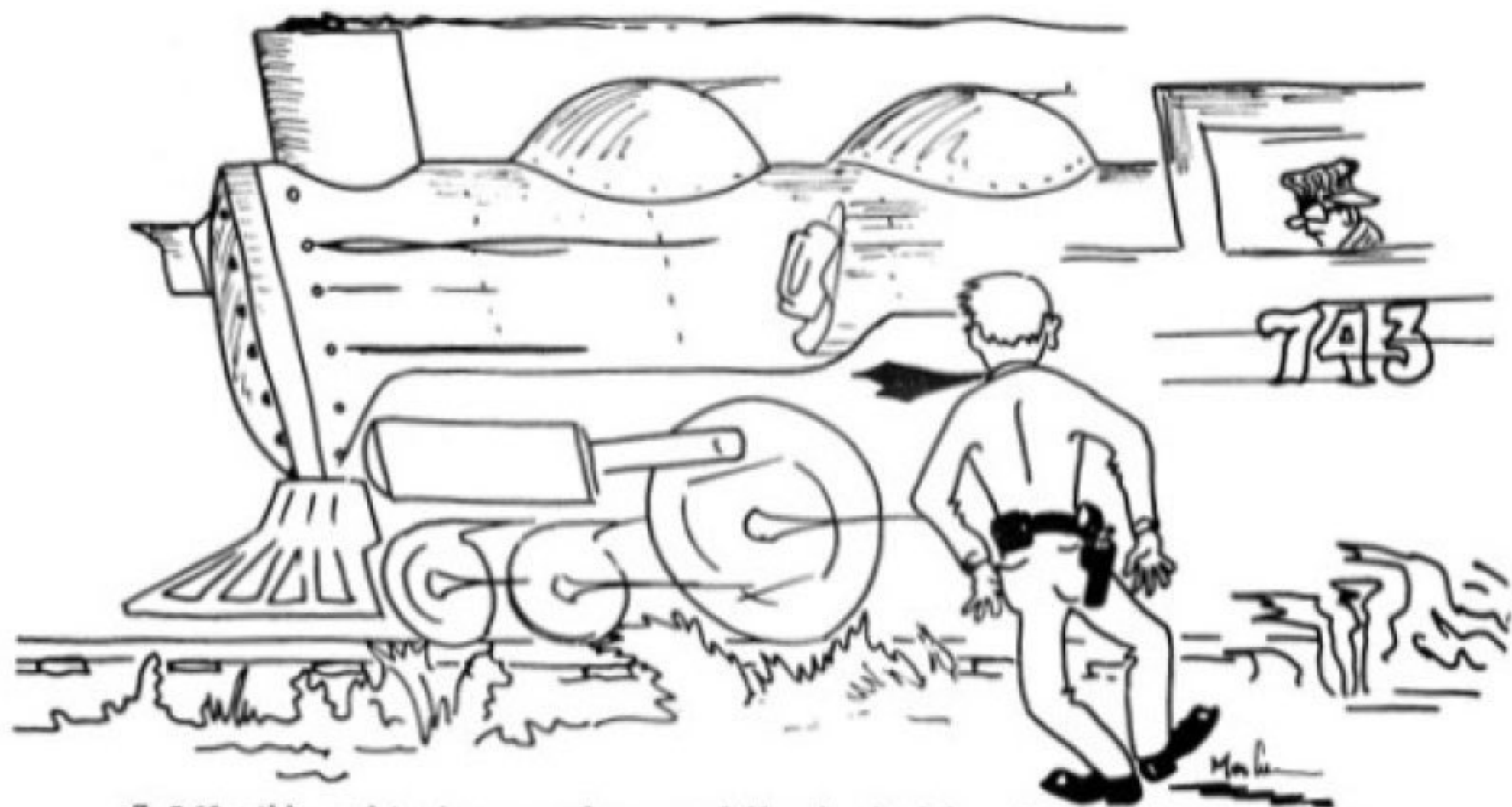
7-2 ----the rewards and satisfaction of this duty is great although the less fearless sometimes are inclined to develop wet feet and ankles.



7-3 Bus Check is very productive. Here with skill and cunning, the more intelligent P.I. develops a "6th sense" which enables him to select the persons on whom to use his cunning and skill. ----



7-4-----In the event the person stoops to falsehoods. This is a rare occurrence, however, as nearly all persons whom he questions will tell the truth immediately, as they realize he is a representative of the U.S. Government, that they are visitors and all visitors, of course, respect and admire the U.S.



7-5 Northbound trains are also carefully checked for aliens. This is always pleasant duty due largely to our fine relations with the railroad crews. They never fail to slow to a crawl when passing through our check points in order to help make our job easier and safer.



8-1 "Sign Cutting" or the following of tracks and "sign" left by aliens until the aliens are apprehended is a venerated art in the Patrol. Passed down through the years from one generation of P.I.s to the next. Only the most carefully selected Patrolmen, of proven ability and intelligence, patient and dedicated, are chosen to be trained with this select group.



8-2 These officers must have the stamina to endure long exhausting chases through the burning desert, to follow difficult, hard to follow trails and be able to connect the sign with the alien when he is finally located.



I UNDERSTAND YOUR ANXIETY, MORT, BUT IF YOU MUST USE THE RADIO,  
JUST SAY 'I'VE CUT THE SIGN', NOT, 'THERE GOES THE LITTLE SON OF A BITCH!!'

While these officers are screened also for coolness and calmness under pressure, their enthusiasm is also well known---





**EXAMINE DROPPINGS TO DETERMINE AGE OF SIGN**

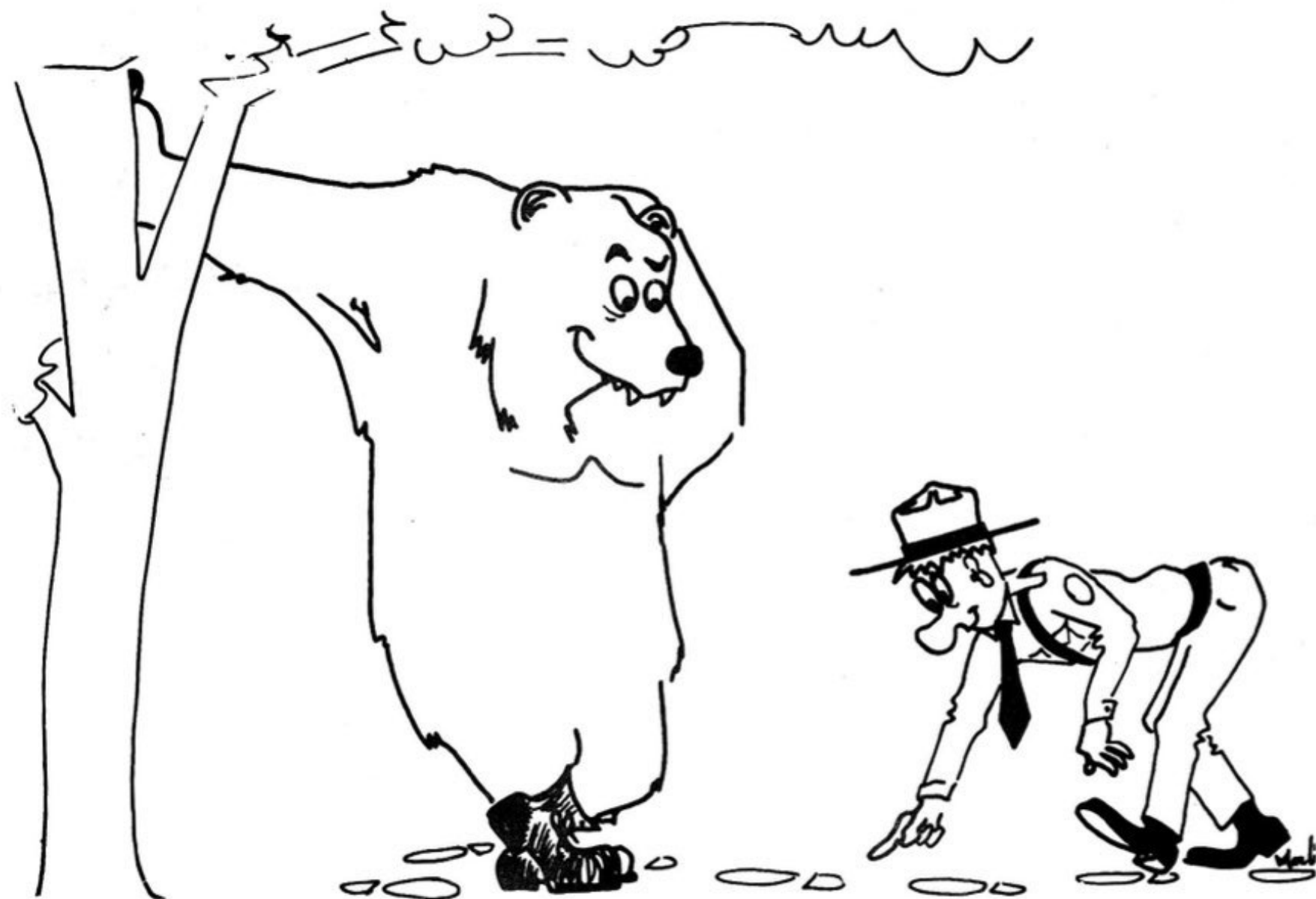
8-4 "Sign Cutters" are also trained in the natural instincts of his legendary indian predecessors ----



8-5 Although modern methods no longer require living on a few bits of "jerky" and a mouthful of water on long chases, the hardships are still extreme requiring that rations be limited to those obtainable from roadside stands or cafes in nearby towns.



8-6 Much hard work is required before, as well as during the pursuit of aliens. The "Drag Men" who keep roads in condition to "cut sign" or tracks on, is a patient, careful individual. Moving slowly, never exceeding 3 to 5 Miles per hour (to avoid raising dust which would annoy farmers and ranchers). These men, assigned to this task, are known for their esprit de corp, neatness of dress and happy acceptance of their assignment.



8-7 All this hard work of preparation and tracking is rewarded at the conclusion of the chase. Sometimes the results are overwhelming!



9-1 THE AIR ARM! This select group of men, physically without flaw, intelligent with literally thousands of hours of time off the ground (some of it actually in airplanes) are without peer in the flying world.



9-2 The training of Patrol Pilots is without equal. While budgetary requirements does limit training equipment, they are supplied with the finest paperback training manuels available from military surplus, advice and lectures on the most advanced techniques.





**"HOW MUCH THAT WEIGH - BUDDY?"**

9-3 The transport of aliens is a carefully supervised operation, with safety requirements always in mind, as shown above, the weight of luggage is most carefully supervised by the pilots.



9-4 The challenge of low flying in the chase for aliens by sector pilots in brushy, hilly and often hazardous area is exciting and keeps these pilots on their toes. These men are often promoted to other high positions and leave their flying duty with springy step, youthful appearance and an unusual eagerness to assume other duties.





**DRAW !**

10-1 From the time of it's inception the Patrol in general has enjoyed an outstanding reputation for fine pistol shooting. This is mainly due to constant practice, regular quarterly qualification shoots and the consistant instruction until the P.I. has the elements burned into his mind.



10-2 The fine honing of his shooting ability is maintained by the monthly issue of ammunition and its careful and frugal use.



10-3 Many officers become so enthused with this activity they purchase their own equipment to reload their own ammunition, to perfect their abilities even beyond the high service requirements.



10-4 From the ranks of The Patrol have come some of the finest pistol shooters in the world. **OUR NATIONAL PISTOL TEAM!** these officers compete in top national and inter-national matches, performing invaluable liaison functions and setting standards for other police agencies and military groups, guarding always our spotless reputation



11-1 Much support is necessary for the working P.I. and supervisors. The auxiliary personnel fills this need. The radio operators as shown above, must be proficient in crypto, inter-com, outer-com, CW, AM, FM, UHF, PBX, MOP, SOB, PDQ, etc.



11-2 THE BORDER PATROL MECHANICS- With delicate, skilled hands, not unlike a surgeon, these Patrol mechanics maintain our fleet of finely tuned, high performance vehicles-----





**11-3 THE IMPREST FUND CASHIER** - This important person is always standing by with the money to purchase those important items necessary for smooth operations. Always cheerful, co-operative and friendly, they assist greatly with their generous and uncomplaining dispensing of funds.



## THE P I'S LAMENT

I just signed up and I don't know the score;  
I'm lookin ahead to twenty years or more.  
I bought me a uniform and they gave me a gun,  
They said not to use it, but learn how to run.

I just passed my Spanish, got an eighty in law,  
Got through my ten without hardly a flaw;  
My desire to work is riding a crest  
But service policy will put it to the test.

I wanted to work both night and day  
To signcut the trails and catch 'ol Jose'  
But they let me know that I had best  
Stay off some ranches, and avoid the rest.

Now I'm workin the river and feelin low  
And swattin mosquitoes as time goes slow;  
My skin is cracked and my hair is thin  
And my belly is calloused from layin in.

We just had inspection the other day  
And the Assistant Chief said, "Boy, what do you weigh?"  
"Your uniform looks like an old cotton sack,  
This easy livin has made you go slack."

I was in a good station and the work was OK  
Had bought me a house and planned to stay  
But I got a letter in yesterday's mail  
Sayin' to pack my bags and hit the trail.

They sent me to Texas where the work is lots rougher  
And the ranchers you run into are a damsite tougher;  
The dust is thick and the weather is hot;  
The rattlers are friendly, but the ranchers are not.

## THE P I'S LAMENT

I just got a star to put on my sleeve  
For five years service without any leave;  
My backside is draggin down to my knee  
From puttin in so much of that damn UOT.

This tequila will kill me as sure as Hell,  
But I can't stand the water from a Texas well.  
A farmer shot at me 'cause I got in his way  
And I got thirty days off without any pay.

Now I've been in Texas for six years and more;  
My eyes are faded and my body is sore;  
I can't speak English, but that's alright  
Because I stay in Mexico about every night.

You work like hell to make a nine;  
Give up the booze and don't cross the line;  
You feel real proud when you make the list,  
Then they make the Seniors from the ones that missed.

The Chief said to me, "You're gonna make nine."  
And I smiled at him and said that was just fine,  
But I don't believe what I've been told  
'Cause the regulations say that I'm too damned old.

Twenty years service and what do you git?  
If you suggest any changes, they tell you to quit;  
You complain to the Chief, and he calls you a liar  
So you ask for a transfer, and they make you retire.

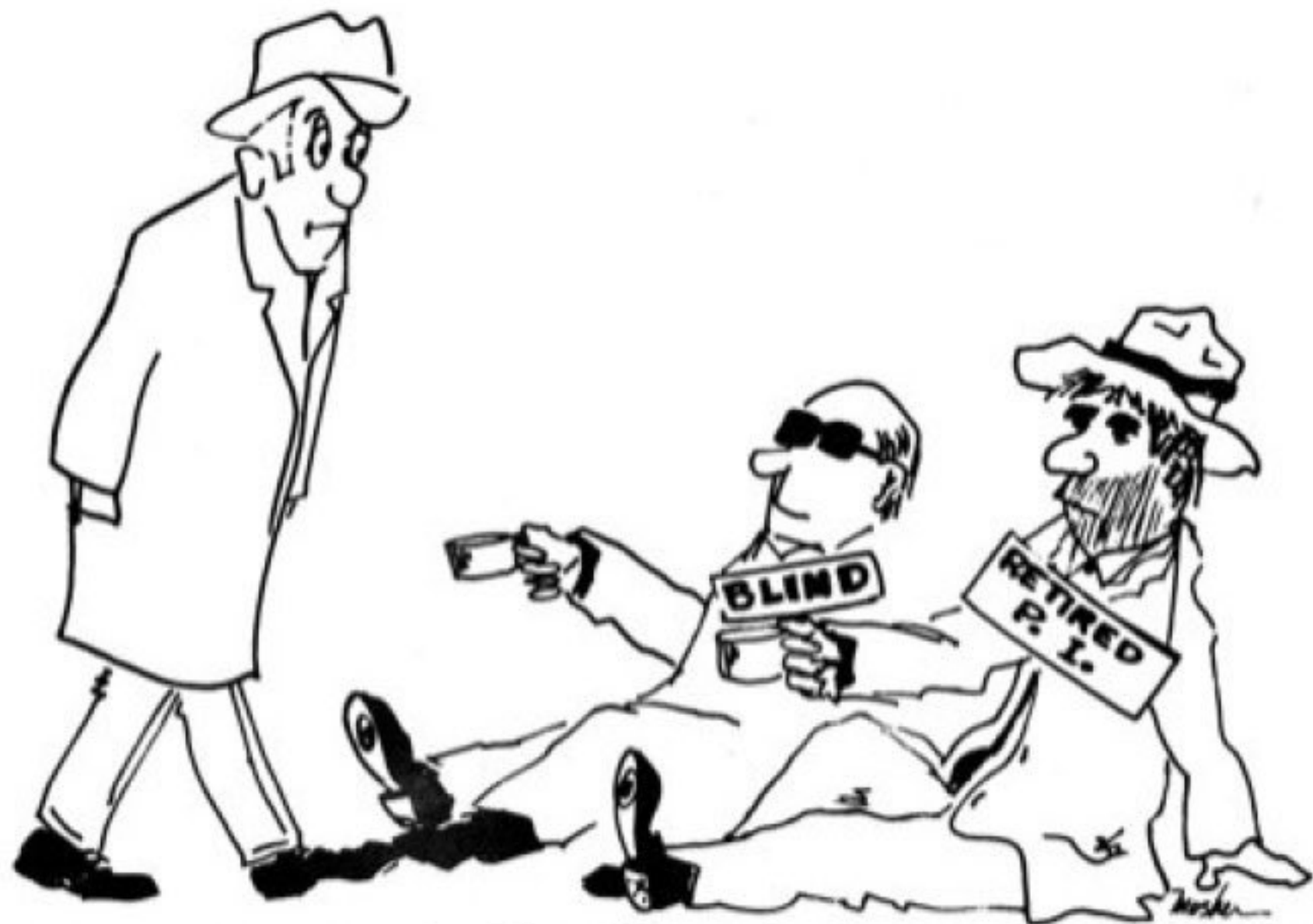
I was going to retire with a good sized stake  
But this old PI has had all he can take  
So from here on out if you want to see me  
You'll find me in Mexico, camped under a tree.



THE OLD P. I.

*Lawrence*

12-1 The older P. I. s because of their wide experience and exposure to the seamy side of life are noted for their reasonable attitude, polished suaveness and approachability with problems. Always amenable to changes to improve operations, they will remain always the mainstay of The Patrol.



12-2 When retirement comes to the older officer, a handsome pension is supplied as well as a large certificate of appreciation. While most retirees find it necessary to augment their income, they find their services are in great demand, usually in some advisory capacity.



12-3 ---and so this intrepid and dedicated officer, conscious always of his duty and heavy responsibilities, rides into the sunset--talking to himself.