

Editorial Comment

The Officers of the TAVR Council

THE Annual General Meeting of the Council of TAVR Associations was held on July 15th, 1971. We are certain it will interest our readers to know that the following were elected:—

President: Maj. The Duke of Norfolk, KG, KCVO, GBE, TD, PC, for a further period of one year.

Chairman: Colonel The Lord Clydesmuir, CB, MBE, TD, for a third term of office.

Vice-Chairmen: Col. A. Noble, CB, DSO, TD, DL, who was first appointed a Vice-Chairman in 1966.

Maj.-Gen. The Hon. Sir Michael Fitzalan-Howard, KCVO, CB, CBE, MC.

General Fitzalan-Howard has recently retired from the Regular Army, his last appointment being that of GOC London District and the Guards Division. He is Colonel The Queen's Lancashire Regt. On January 1st, 1972, he becomes Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps.

Air Vice-Marshal A. V. R. Johnstone, CB, DFC, was re-elected Vice-Chairman (Air) for the third year in succession.

The Council is indeed fortunate to have such experienced officers.

The British Lions

MANY of our readers may not know that the highly successful British Lions Rugby Team, the best which we have ever sent to do battle overseas, is managed by an ex-Territorial Lt.-Col. D. W. C. Smith, himself a British Lion, Scottish International and Army player.

The team has just been joined by Lt. R. J. Arneil, until recently an officer in 4/5 Bn. The King's Own Scottish Borderers, who was flown out to replace the injured Hipwell.

All members of the TAVR must take pride in the success of this British team and wish it

the best of luck for the rest of the tour. It is a pity the BBC gives it such inadequate coverage.

Ulster

We wish to draw attention to the article "The Road to Coleraine" on page 28, written by a Battery Commander of a TAVR Gunner Regiment recruited from Northern Ireland.

The political position is that the Government will not use TAVR soldiers in this sad affair. This leaves those individuals in a difficult situation, Maj. Brett puts the problem clearly and sensibly.

New TAVR Hon. Colonels

THE following appointments as Honorary Colonels to TAVR units are announced.

Col. Sir W. Brooksbank, Bt., TD, DL, is appointed Colonel, Queen's Own Yeomanry.

Brig. A. C. Tyler, CBE, MC, DL, is appointed Hon. Colonel 7th (V) Bn. Queen's Regt.

Col. G. Gregg, OBE, TD, MD, is appointed Hon. Colonel 204 (North Irish) Gen. Hosp. RAMC (V) and 253 (North Irish) Field Ambulance RAMC (V).

Lt.-Gen. Sir J. Sharp, KCB, MC is appointed Hon. Colonel, Cambridge University O.T.C.

TAVR—RECRUITING

Strength Increases (+) and Decreases (–) by Commands for the month ending May 31st, 1971.

	<i>Independent Units</i>	<i>Sponsored Units</i>	<i>Total</i>
Southern	+ 261	– 52	+ 209
Northern	+ 411	+ 1	+ 412
Western	+ 344	Nil	+ 344
Scotland	+ 162	Nil	+ 162
N. Ireland	+ 51	– 3	+ 48
Women's Services	+ 14	Nil	+ 14
	+ 1,243	– 54	+ 1,189

As was only to be expected this was another very satisfactory month. It is hoped that the momentum can be maintained.