

accomplished in a smooth and efficient way. He also complimented Pruden for his work with the Dutch community "You have made an excellent example to your personnel and your surrounding" said the minister. Van Thillo received this award in his capacity as Chief Publishing Division of the 32nd Tactical Fighter Squadron and was recognized for his working relationship with the Dutch forces. On the static in front of hangar 33 was an F-15 Eagle and a F-86 Sabre in the Wolfhounds 1954 color scheme. The F-86, a former Portuguese Air Force aircraft was a couple days before the ceremony picked up in Portugal, flown into Camp New Amsterdam by a C-130 and repainted in the colors of the 32nd Fighter Day Squadron. A couple days later on 17 November 1979 Colonel Donald R. Delauter assumed command of the 32nd Tactical Fighter Squadron during ceremonies at Camp New Amsterdam. Delauter, who was vice commander of the squadron, replaced Colonel Albert L. Pruden Jr. who would become vice commander of the 50th Tactical Fighter Wing at Hahn AB, West Germany.



Squadron welcomes new "birds"

On 27 November a civilian Danish Piper training aircraft flew without permission into Soesterberg airspace. Two F-15 Eagles taking off could just avoided the aircraft and reported the near collision to the tower. Soon afterwards the Danish aircraft landed safely at its destination: Schiphol airport. The Police Aviation Service interrogated the pilot and an investigation was started. A shortage of Operations and Maintenance funds forced the squadron in 1979 to cancel the contract for the base newspaper. Canceling the publication saved \$12,800. Demise of the Soesterberg Interceptor could have resulted in a total lack of a base newspaper. Instead the squadron created an inexpensive substitute: "The Cheap Interceptor". The newspaper was printed on what would otherwise be scrap paper. In March 1980 the Camp New Amsterdam "Interceptor" returned after an absence of more than one year. 1980 started well with the announcement that the squadron would receive its second Hughes Achievement Award for being the best defense unit in 1979. Later that year a formal ceremony was held in the Dutch Officers Casino where Colonel Donald R. Delauter, 32nd TFS Commander accepted the Hughes Trophy on behalf of the squadron from Mr. M. DeHaven representing the Hughes Aircraft Company. The unit was the first F-15 Eagle squadron honored with the trophy. In January and February aircraft were deployed to Jever AB, West Germany to participate in AAFCE's Tactical Leadership Program. On 21 February a French Air Force T-33A jet aircraft (14114) landed at Soesterberg AB on what became



Vice President Walter F. Mondale and his entourage leave the Ambassador Club at Camp New Amsterdam | F-15A 77-0093 on the sierra track towards the TAB-VEE area, while a F-27 Friendship from the RNLAF 334 squadron, based at Soesterberg AB takes-off. | Pilot of aircraft 77-0083 utilizing the speed brake to wave to Soesterberg AB spotters. | Wolfhounds Eagles leaving the shelter area at Leeuwarden AB. The squadron was at Leeuwarden to support the 1980 European phase of the F-16 multinational operational test and evaluation.

