



ROYAL FAREWELL

Leaving the RCAF's C-5 for the last time on arrival at Yarmouth, N. S., Saturday, Princess Margaret bids farewell to the crew of the aircraft, who flew their Royal passenger some 3,800 miles during her tour of Canada. The Princess thanked each crew member in turn. She is shown shaking hands with Sgt. Gerry Mignault of Isle Verte, P. Q., and Ottawa, Ont., chief steward. Wing Commander W. K. "Bill" Carr of Ottawa and Grand Bank Nfld., captain of the aircraft, is at left. (RCAF Photo)

Glamour Needed To Boost Track And Field Standards

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WINNIPEG (CP) — What's needed to boost Canadian athletes into the international sports spotlight, to greater power in Olympic and British Empire games?

E. K. (Ken) Yost of Winnipeg, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, says its money, better coaches and possibly a couple of Roger Bannisters or Bobby Morrows to give amateur sports a bit of glamor.

"Money is the main worry, especially now when amateur sports are making a strong comeback in public interest across the country," he said. "With sufficient funds most other problems can be licked."

GOVERNMENT AID
"It must come from our governments, federal, provincial and municipal. We can't begin to expect individuals or business firms to carry the load."

"Without government support it will be a long time before Canada cracks the international barrier to any extent," he said in an interview. "Even with their support we would have to work to be any sort of threat at the 1964 Olympics."

Yost estimated the federal cost at \$100,000 annually to operate the national portion of the program. This would include a director and assistant to co-ordinate all activities, and a director and assistant for each of the seven branches—water sports, track and field, boxing, fencing, wrestling, cycling and gymnastics.

A brief to support the necessity of such a body will be presented at the 1959 session of Parliament by the AAU, Yost said.

INTERNATIONAL ANGLE
The program would open the way for top international coaches to come to Canada and conduct extensive training programs and send Canadian athletes abroad for seasoning.

International stars could also be invited to compete in national track and field events to give Canadians at home needed competi-

tion.

Yost, track and field coach of the 1948 Olympic team, said: "We can't kid anyone. Canada hasn't had a top-flight coach in more than 30 years. Like myself, most Canadian coaches are enforced coaches, men who take the job to help out because they love sports."

"These men can't begin to match coaches from other countries at the Olympic or British Empire games."

"What we need is a world champion to bring glamor to our sports and whip up enthusiasm among competitors and fans."

STEP FORWARD

The Canadian Legion sports training plan and coaching clinic at Toronto, Aug. 21-30, is a step toward that goal, he said.

The legion has agreed to underwrite the cost of bringing the top 10 athletes from each province to Toronto, give them a week's training under internationally-famous coaches and then stage a track and field meet.

Mae Murray, national AAU publicity chairman, said lack of interest on the national level has impeded the progress of amateur sports in Canada.

"Local interest is good, but once an athlete leaves high school he or she drops from the public scene," he said.

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in Canada. It usually takes an Olympic or B.E.G. medal to even break the barrier at home.

"One answer is more national pride in our athletes such as is given football stars."

"It's a long hard grind to international victories. It's dull because the method is usually quite elementary, work and more work. Moral support is a must."

Expect To Move Sons Of Freedom

OTTAWA (CP)—Announcement is expected later this week of a federal government agreement with British Columbia to share costs of sending the long-troublesome Sons of Freedom Doukhobors back to Russia.

Justice Minister Fulton told a reporter he mailed a "revised proposal" to B.C. Attorney-Gen-

eral Robert Bonner Monday on the situation.

He declined to make public what the agreement will be, but it was learned that the two governments will split costs of sending the Sons to Russia.

It is understood that one federal condition attached to such financial assistance to the Doukhobor sect would be Freedomite agreement to relinquish all rights of Canadian citizenship.

This would ensure that they did not return to Canada.

The Sons of Freedom have been blamed for many terrorist acts in B.C.

ROBIN BACK TO PIANO

LONDON (AP)—Robin Douglas-Home Monday quit the executive's job he took when his romance with Sweden's Princess Margaretha was flowering. Word of his resignation came in an announcement from the publishing

firm of Stevens, Plunket and Gard.

Douglas-Home, 25, is going back to playing the piano—this time at a resort hotel on the French Riviera. He threw aside music and took the publishing job to better his prospects for marrying Margaretha. But the romance fell through.

GHANA INVITES QUEEN

ACCRA, Ghana (Reuters)—Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, prime minister of Ghana, said Monday he discussed with the Queen plans for her visit to Ghana next year and "I am sure she is looking forward to it." Nkrumah was broadcasting about his tour of Canada and his visit to London. He said in Canada "one could sense the strong feelings of good-

will and fraternal ties that exist between our two countries."

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