

Canadian Colleges Might Adopt Sport Scholarships

By JIM CRERAR

TORONTO (CP) — Athletic scholarships may be a reality in Canadian universities by next fall.

Ivor Wynne of McMaster University in Hamilton, president of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union, said Friday he is heading a committee which will study the adoption of athletic scholarships.

He made the statement at a press conference marking the conclusion of a three-day meeting of the CIAU. He said the committee plans to have a recommendation ready for the CIAU at its annual meeting next June in Montreal.

Only one university in Canada, Simon Fraser of Vancouver, permits athletes to receive financial help in the form of bursaries and scholarships because of their abilities in sports. Simon Fraser is not a member of the CIAU.

Wynne said he will meet with representatives of the five groups making up the CIAU — the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the

Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association, the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the Western Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

If the CIAU decides in favor of athletic scholarships in June, Wynne said, the decision would probably be submitted to the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada for approval.

ACCEPT DECISION
Wynne was not certain what reception such a move would get from the AUCC but said it was possible universities could veto the idea collectively or individually.

Wynne said there has been pressure on the CIAU to study athletic scholarships.

Dr. F. W. Kennedy of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, and president of the Western Intercollegiate Association, said directors of the WIAA have submitted a brief on athletic scholarships to presidents of universities and colleges in Western Canada meeting this weekend in Regina.

Dr. Kennedy said athletic scholarships have received favorable consideration in the

West and added that the brief is intended to sound out the presidents on their feelings.

He pointed out that several schools in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia have players on their hockey teams receiving some financial help in their studies from a Canadian brewery.

But he said as far as he is concerned the WIAA would not quit: the CIAU if athletic scholarships are voted down.

Wynne said the Canadian College Bowl, an annual game in Toronto between two invited college teams, may also become a national championship affair.

He said the bowl's management committee, consisting of representatives of the CIAU and the Canadian Save the Children Fund to whom the proceeds go, will study the idea.

STAYS IN TORONTO
The game would continue to be played in Toronto but there would be regional playoffs to determine the representatives.

This year St. Francis Xavier X-men of Antigonish, N.S., members of the Blueshoe Conference, defeated Waterloo Lutheran University Golden

Hawks of the Ontario Intercollegiate league, but there was criticism that the party's gains did not necessarily represent the strongest college teams in the country.

Wynne said it was never the intention of the bowl committee to bill the game as a national championship, but admitted the contest would be more attractive if it was.

Attending the meeting were Wynne and R. C. McIvor of McMaster, representing the O-QAA; Rev. P. G. Rouelle of St. Francis Xavier, Antigonish, N.S.; and Angus Macfarlane of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., representing the Maritimes; Keith Harris of Carleton University, Ottawa and Major Don McLeod, Royal Military College, Kingston, from the Ottawa-St. Lawrence conference; Maurice Regimbal, Laurentian University, Sudbury and R. J. Gray of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, representing the Ontario Intercollegiate Association; and Dr. Kennedy and Edward Zembra of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, representing the Western association.

Pope Wishes Merry Christmas
VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul wished the Sunday crowd in St. Peter's Square a Merry Christmas.

Appearing at his studio window to give his usual Sunday blessing, the Pope told the 15,000 persons in the square: "We want to wish you from now on a Merry Christmas. That is, we want for you a day truly good and happy, a day of relaxation and of serenity, a day of peace and faith."

"Perhaps you have a need for this as well as a desire for it. Life is full of anxiety, of contrasts and pain. May Christmas be a moment of joy for each of you and for your families."

Report Isley Is Improving

WINNIPEG (CP) — The condition of Mr. Justice J. L. Isley of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, was described as fairly good Sunday by a spokesman for Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg.

The 73-year-old chief justice, ill with pneumonia and complications, was taken from the hospital's critically ill list Thursday.

4 Children Die In Fire

TIMMINS, Ont. (CP) — Four children, ranging in age from 2½ to six years, died here Saturday when fire destroyed their home.

Dead are twins Brian and Garry Westcott, 2½ years, and their sisters Joan, 5 and Brenda, 8. Police said their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Westcott, were not at home when the fire broke out.

The charred bodies were recovered from the smouldering ruins Sunday morning. Three firemen were injured fighting the blaze. Timmins fire department is investigating the cause of the fire.

Princess Marries

TOKYO (AP) — Princess Yasuko, the eldest daughter of Japanese Prince and Princess Mikasa, was married Sunday to Tadashi Kono, grandson of the late premier Prince Fumimaro Kono. Prince Mikasa is the emperor's youngest brother.

President's Dad Dies

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) — Carlos Luis Onganía, 81, father of Argentine President Juan Carlos Onganía, died Friday night.

COLOMBIAN PLANE CRASH KILLS 21

Police and airport officials inspect the wreckage of a leased Colombian Air Lines plane that crashed Sunday while trying to land in heavy fog at Eldorado Airport in Bogota. The plane, inbound from Miami, Fla., carried 57 passengers and crew, of which 21 persons were killed. The Aerocondor Air Line said the plane was leased as a replacement aircraft in Miami. It went down short of the runway on its approach.

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