

One-legged runner stirs support

Terry Fox, a 22-year-old, one-legged runner from British Columbia, has rallied Canadians behind him to raise over \$10 million thus far for cancer research.

Fox, from Port Coquitlam near Vancouver, lost his right leg above the knee three years ago to cancer and began a cross-Canada "Marathon of Hope" in St. John's, Newfoundland, April 12, to raise money for cancer research.

However, Fox was forced to abandon his gruelling marathon September 1 in Thunder Bay, Ontario when it was discovered that he had secondary cancer in his lungs. He had completed 5,300 kilometres (2,700 miles) of his 8,320-kilometre (5,170-mile) run and had raised \$2 million for cancer research.

In a press conference announcing his decision to stop the run, Fox said, "Even though I'm not running any more they're still trying to find a cure for cancer, and I think other people should go ahead and try to do their thing for it."

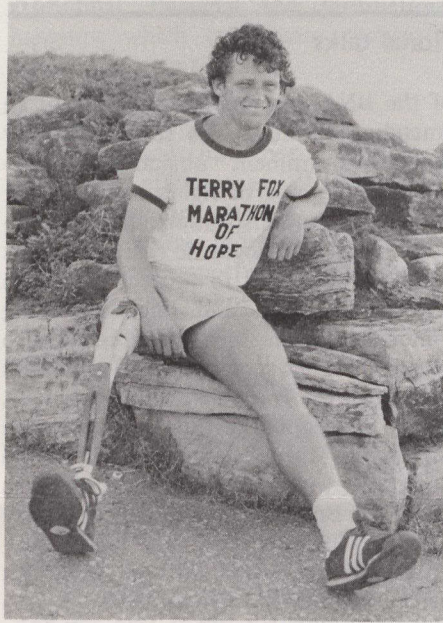
Pledges roll in during telethon

Following the announcement, Canadian Cancer Society offices across the country were deluged with callers making pledges to support cancer research. Society officials said support for the runner's cause was "just snowballing like crazy". In cities and towns scores of individual fundraising activities were initiated.

A national five-hour Terry Fox telethon was organized by the CTV television network and was televised September 7. It featured Canadian and American celebrities such as magician Doug Henning, figure skater Toller Cranston, CBC *Morningside* host Don Harron, actors Lee Majors and Paul Williams, flutist Paul Horn, singers Ann Murray, Glen Campbell and John Denver, dancers Karen Kain and Frank Augustyn and Toronto Maple Leaf hockey star Darryl Sittler.

Governor-General Edward Schreyer, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Opposition leader Joe Clark and his wife Maureen McTeer and several provincial premiers also paid tribute to Fox during the telethon.

Fox watched the telethon, which netted \$6.5 million, from his hospital bed in New Westminster, just outside Vancouver, where he underwent his first chemotherapy treatment part way through the telethon. Reports said he was aston-



Terry Fox takes a rest during his cross-Canada run.

ished by Canadians' response to his cause.

The British Columbia and Ontario governments have also announced that they would contribute \$1 million each to the fund.

Almost 26,000 fans who watched a Canadian Football League game in Winnipeg the night of the telethon, contributed between \$6,000 and \$7,000 and the Winnipeg Football Club also pledged to share on a 50-50 basis the gate receipt proceeds for attendance in excess of 25,000, which totalled about \$3,600.

Simon Fraser University (SFU) at Burnaby, British Columbia will strike a gold medal in recognition of Fox, a former kinesiology student there. The medal and a \$1,000 cash prize would go each year to an SFU student exemplifying the courage and dedication to society displayed by the runner during his marathon.

Messages of encouragement

Governor-General Schreyer and Prime Minister Trudeau sent messages of encouragement to Fox in the hospital.

The Governor General's message said: "We have learned with sorrow that you had to interrupt your Marathon of Hope. Since your visit to Rideau Hall on July 1 you have been very much in our thoughts. You must not be disappointed. Your achievement will endure as an example of courage and determination in adversity and as an inspiration to your fellow Canadians of all ages...."

The Prime Minister's message, sent

from a Cabinet meeting at Lake Louise, Alberta, said:

"I was distressed indeed to hear that you are again engaged in a fight with your old enemy. Please accept my very best wishes for your speedy return to health. You have won this fight once before and we all know that you can do it again. The whole country is pulling for you and wishing you well, Terry...."

Management of caribou needed

Biologists feel they have the ability to ensure that the huge caribou herds that roam Canada's northern wilderness can survive another century of human expansion and development. But they say they will need some help.

Most geologists believe that with careful management wild herds of 100,000 animals or more can continue to exist far into the future.

"We have the management ability," said Anne Gunn, a caribou biologist in the Northwest Territories. "A hundred years from now we could still have large herds of barren-ground caribou, but it will require some give and take by everyone — including the caribou."

She said the key will be whether native organizations, government and industry can work together to preserve caribou populations.

Resource exploration is pushing back the northern frontier at an increasing rate and caribou herds in the provinces have already dwindled. The decline is a clear warning for wildlife managers in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

The trend has been that as development moves north caribou populations have declined rapidly and in some areas disappeared.

"It's very difficult to maintain large herds in the face of continued expansion," said Wallace MacGregor, a big-game biologist for the British Columbia Fish and Wildlife Branch. He said access is a catalyst of decline.

Caribou herds in the Northwest Territories are still faring well. Of the eight major herds, four are decreasing in numbers while one is stable and three are increasing.

The populations on the upswing are in remote regions, such as the 90,000-strong Bluenose herd where hunters kill only 600 animals a year.

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