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NEW FITNESS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Prime Minister Pearson and Miss Judy LaMarsh, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, recently announced 15 appointments to the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport, to replace members whose terms had expired.

The new Council members are leaders in fitness and amateur-sport activities in all parts of Canada. Well-known names in international and national amateur sports circles are included, as well as those of prominent people in the fields of sports medicine, physical education and fitness research. Among the wide variety of activities represented are amateur hockey, camping, curling and community recreation.

STEPPED-UP PROGRAMME

The new members will assist the Council in its task of bringing balanced and informed views to an enlarged Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme. This year the sum available under the Fitness and Amateur Sport Act is being increased by \$1 million to \$3 million. The increase is in line with the Government's policy of progressively enlarging the funds available each year as the Programme develops, toward the \$5-million maximum provided by the Act.

The first task of the reconstituted Council will be to make recommendations to the Minister on requests for grants for the new fiscal year from national fitness and amateur-sports agencies. Council committees on student aid and research will present their recommendations, concerning post-graduate scholarships and fellowships in physical education, and a number of important research studies to be carried out in universities across Canada.

At the same time, the Council will study proposals for a national sports centre and examine

ways in which the Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme may be integrated with the centennial programme.

Outstanding projects aided by the Programme in the past, such as the Royal Canadian Legion Track and Field Clinic, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Clinics, and the Canadian Fitness Festival, will be reviewed. Many projects initiated with federal aid will be expanded in the coming year.

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION

The Council will also consider plans for new informational and instructional materials, similar to those on figure skating released last autumn. The skating "How To" kit, which includes a spectacular colour film and instructional aids, has been enthusiastically received in Canada and abroad. Kits on other sports and recreational activities are now being prepared, as well as a broad variety of booklets and training manuals.

AN OLYMPIC NAME

One of the new appointees is Father David Bauer, head coach of the hockey team that represented Canada at the 1964 Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria, and a long-time leader in the furtherance of amateur hockey in Canada. Others bring to the Council many years of experience gained with national sports governing bodies, the university schools of physical education, and agencies in the fields of medicine, fitness research, and community recreation.

The new appointments include two women, Miss Mary Barker of Ingonish, Nova Scotia, and Mrs. May Brown of Vancouver. Both are well known in fitness and amateur-sport circles.