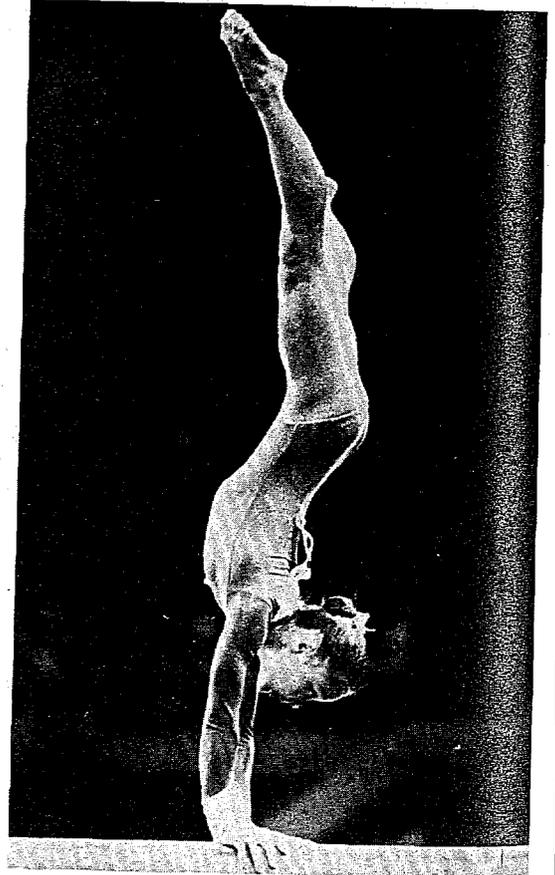


these agreements, it cannot ignore the obvious reversals of its publicly-announced objectives.

Another interesting development, more central to the interests of the Trade Committee, is the evolution of the EEC countries as a "bloc agent". Many non-EEC members of the Committee are concerned that the value of the Committee as a forum for open and frank discussions of trade patterns, problems and prospects has already been lessened. Discussions in this committee, like those in the EPC, are becoming increasingly formalized. For example, let us assume that, in the course of trade discussions, the Canadian representative suggests a new way of dealing with textile imports from less-developed countries. More likely than not, the meeting will then adjourn while the EEC-

country representatives meet with the permanent representative of the EEC Commission to the OECD to attempt to work out a coordinated response to the Canadian suggestion. If no agreement can be worked out in the EEC caucus, then the Commission representative, speaking on behalf of the Community as a whole, will express a negative reaction to the suggestion. Any subsequent variations on the Canadian proposals made by other non-Common-Market states will be subject to a similar procedure. While everyone agrees that the members of the EEC are contractually bound by the terms of the Treaty of Rome to speak with one voice on matters of external trade, the loss of flexibility in Trade Committee proceedings is considered regrettable. Moreover, at least one major delegation fears that the problem

Commonwealth Games



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From the procession of the Queen and Prince Philip with their sons Andrew and Edward for the official opening on August 3 to the exuberant dancing of the competitors on the field at the closing on August 12, Edmonton was host to the Eleventh Commonwealth Games and the best athletes the Commonwealth could muster. At the end of the Games, Canada came under criticism for trying too hard. Canadians won 45 gold, 31 silver and 33 bronze medals. During the Games, however, there was little but praise for the athletes. Graham Smith of Edmonton (*above left*) wears the six gold medals he won in swimming events. Canada's first gold medal came in the women's gymnastics. Monica Goermann of Winnipeg on the balance beam (*above right*) was the team's top scorer.