

and will watch a most inspirational form of sport in this country.

We also have what is called S.I.R.C. the first of the national computers in sport analysis. It is the largest and best in the world, the most significant computerized sport and fitness resource centre in the world. Following us in this data centre is East Germany, and following that country is West Germany, just to show us there are accomplishments in the world of sport which are of significance. Our programs for the disadvantaged continue in conjunction with the provinces and other agencies. I have only touched on various items of the present program.

This new Canada of ours has responsibilities beyond our borders, however, and one such responsibility concerns sport relations with South Africa. It is the same South Africa which this week stated it would "show its fist to the world" in answering U.S. President Carter. There has been much discussion of our sports policy concerning Canadian participation in this nation of racial separation. I should like to reiterate, for those who have been concerned about our policy, a very clear and succinct understanding. The government of Canada will not underwrite with public funds, or provide moral support for the participation of Canadians in sporting events involving South Africa, in either South Africa or Canada.

In Third World countries, we consider the good judgment of both Canadian sports people and the host country will prevail in decisions made by them concerning sport contacts with South Africa. Naturally, we reserve the right to be publicly critical of actions which might contravene the spirit of the Commonwealth heads of government accord reached at Gleneagles, Scotland, on June 12, 1977. The Gleneagles compromise, largely spearheaded by our Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), put Commonwealth leaders on record as being opposed to sporting contacts of any significance between Commonwealth countries and South Africa. This is a consistent policy of this government, and not just something conjured up to keep next year's Commonwealth's Games at Edmonton on track.

From as early as 1970, Canadian government investments in South Africa have been removed. Canada no longer sells defence goods to South Africa. That is our answer to the heinous social policy of apartheid. There have been politics in sport since well before Athens and Sparta used to seek perfection against each other on the Olympian field, or later when Philip of Macedon was assassinated at the Olympic Games in order that Alexander the Great might succeed him. Politics is an everyday part of life, whether in this historic chamber or in teaching your children a value system which is consistent with your own free beliefs. In turn, sport is part of politics. Our political and economic relations with many countries have been changed for the better by sports people in the sports context. Do any hon. members here think that the head of IOC, Lord Killanin, would be negotiating now to bring China back into the Olympic family if Canada and our Prime Minister had not stood firm and the Prime Minister had not remained adamant on the issue last year of Taiwan's bid to attend the Montreal Olympics?

The Address—Mrs. Campagnolo

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Campagnolo: It is vitally important that our high performance athletes seek competition against the best. Best on best cannot always be arranged within our borders, but in co-operation with my colleague, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Jamieson), it has been increasingly possible for Canadians seeking excellence to compete against top athletes in many nations; and our young people are proving equal to the test, primarily here in the western hemisphere against the United States, Cuba and Mexico, but also in the U.S.S.R., in Japan, in Poland, in Hungary, in West Germany and in East Germany, with growing exchanges with other nations as well. These exchanges do not come easily; they are worked at; they are representations of human contact; they are a very fine example of the Helsinki accord.

More than any other human endeavour, sport has proved over and over again that it is the bridge-builder between peoples, the friend-maker, the ice-breaker. It all starts right here at home on the corner lot; at home where there are hundreds of thousands of devoted volunteers, from Inuvik to Point Pelee and from Newfoundland to the Queen Charlotte Islands, making it possible for everyone who has the inclination to participate, to be able to do so. There are fine facilities from coast to coast in this country, and although it is hard to believe, too many of them are not used as much as they should be. We have only to think back to the Canada Games last August, in St. John's to know that more than Games' records are the achievements of such endeavours.

Every province now has provincial editions of mass participation games. These games are a human achievement. Now we look toward the Arctic Winter Games of March, 1978, at Pine Point and Hay River, Northwest Territories; to the giant undertaking with Alberta, the host province of the Commonwealth Games next August in Edmonton, where our goal is to achieve first place. The national contribution of capital and services to the Commonwealth Games exceeds \$40 million from the Canadian people. Alberta will demonstrate the efficiency of their building and budget management and the friendly hospitality of our nation's largest northern city.

Then we will move on to Brandon, Manitoba, in the spring of 1979 for the next edition of the Canada Winter Games; then to the Pan American games, in Puerto Rico also in 1979, where we are aiming for second place; then on to Moscow in 1980 where we hope to exceed our tenth place finish in Montreal, which was a significant leap forward from our average twentieth placing over the last 40 years of Olympiads. Gold medals are not everything. Achievement of excellence of our best selves, is. It is as true in our striving for personal improvement as it is in our striving to become the great nation of our potential.

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The goal of this government is to ensure that the athlete, at whatever level of competition, is regarded as a full-functioning, productive member of society. The goal of this government is to see that sport, fitness and recreation is acknowl-