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## CANADA'S FITNESS AND SPORTS PROGRAMME

In his opening remarks to the third meeting of the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport in Ottawa on November 15, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. J. Waldo Monteith, wished the best of luck "to our athletes and officials now attending the British Empire Games in Perth, Australia". Observing that "it would be appropriate to open this meeting with a stock-taking and analysis of what has been accomplished since you last met together", Mr. Monteith proceeded to his task as follows in part:

"...I wish to report that, to date, exclusive of administration expenses borne by the Department, a total of \$668,543 has been expended for the purposes of the Act. Of this amount \$227,290 was spent in the three months that the (Fitness and Amateur Sports) Programme was in operation in fiscal 1961-62, and \$441,253 so far in fiscal 1962-63. Of the amounts spent this year, \$214,785 has been paid to the provinces through the Planning and Organization Grant. A further \$250,000 is now being made available to them for project grants.

"Apart from grants to the provinces, assistance provided through the Programme this year has included:

- \$123,000 to assist Canadian teams and athletes in international competition;
- close to \$29,000 as a contribution toward the cost of national competitions;
- approximately \$212,000 to national agencies and associations for promotional projects such as coach-

ing clinics, travelling coaches, leadership-training projects, junior development programmes and the like (this includes \$50,000 for the Royal Canadian Legion Track and Field Coaching Courses and Track Meet, as well as assistance to the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, the Canadian Amateur Ski Association and many others);

a grant of \$35,000 to the Calgary Olympic Development Association to assist Canada's application for the 1968 Winter Olympic Games;

over \$72,000 for postgraduate scholarships and fellowships (a significant contribution to the training of future leaders in this field);

some \$62,000 to assist fitness research;

\$50,000 for the CNE Fitness Festival;

some \$45,000 for the implementation of other recommendations by the National Advisory Council.

"It is perhaps significant to note that the Government has accepted all recommendations for grants made by the Council. This is a record we hope to maintain.

"A good deal of publicity — some favourable, some adverse — has been given to statements concerning the so-called cut-back of funds made available under the Act this year.

### COMMENTS ON CUT-BACK

"My only comment on this would be that it is our sincere hope that no worthy project you recommend will fail to command the support and aid of the Government. At the same time, from the vantage