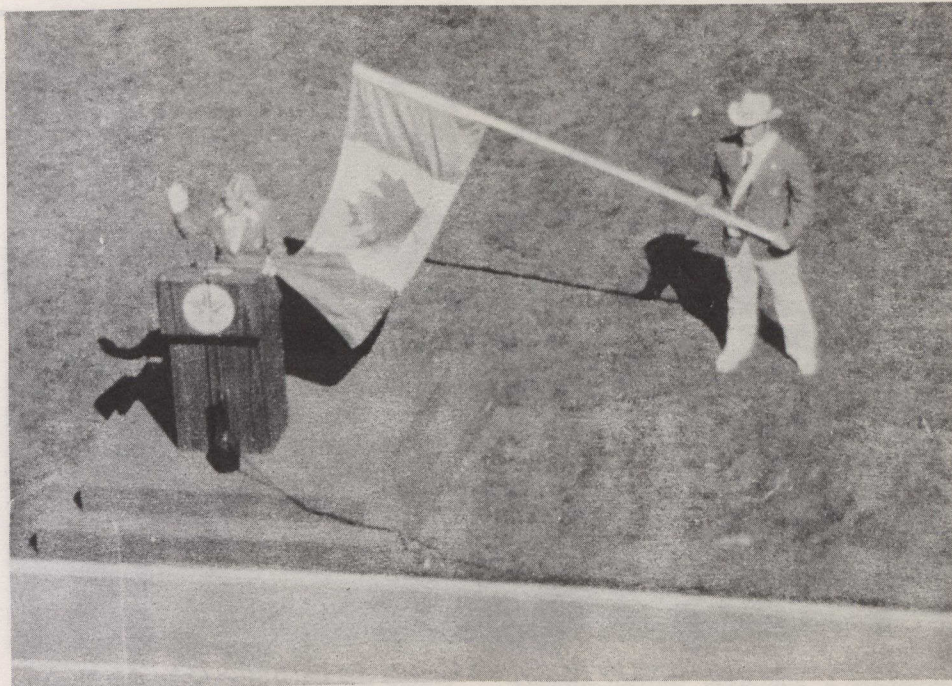## News of the arts

are a voluntary association of friendly nations, from which there are more teams than ever before at Edmonton — but it is not the number that really matters: it is the spirit in which you have come...I hereby declare the XI Commonwealth Games open."

An 11-gun salute — one for each city in which the Games have been held — and the release of hundreds of balloons, marked the raising of the Games flag.

Champion diver Beverley Boys of Pickering, Ontario, gripping one corner of a Canadian flag, recited the oath on behalf of over 1,500 athletes from 46 republics, trust territories, crown colonies and kingdoms: "We declare that we will take part in the Commonwealth Games of 1978 in the spirit of true sportsmanship, recognizing the rules which govern them and desirous of participating in them for the honour of our Commonwealth and for the glory of sport."

The Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada had had a truly majestic start.

Beverley Boys of Canada recites the oath on behalf of over 1,500 athletes.

Athletes from Ghana parade in their colourful printed national dress.

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Russ Prior, weightlifter, became the first Canadian athlete to win a gold medal in three Commonwealth Games by finishing first in the heavyweight class.

Ron Poling, Citizen

Games' first gold medalist augurs well for Canada

A young swimmer from Toronto thrilled spectators on the first day of competition, August 4, by winning the first gold medal of the XI Commonwealth Games in record time.

Carol Klimpel, 15 years old, narrowly beat Rose Brown of Australia, in the 100-metre ladies free style in a time of 57.78 seconds. Her team mate Wendy Quirk of Montreal came third, to win the bronze medal, in a time of 58.41 seconds.

Many more Canadians continued Carol Klimpel's example — others won silver and bronze medals. As we went to press August 9, three days before the Games ended, Canada was leading with 30 gold, 19 silver and 22 bronze medals to Australia's 17 gold, 23 silver and 21 bronze. England was in third place with a total of 49 medals.