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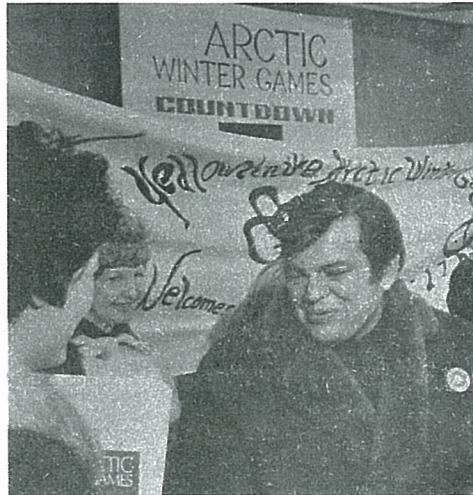


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to the First Arctic Winter Games

May the accomplishment of your visit be a reflection of the true spirit of the Arctic Winter Games



A genuine hearty Northern welcome to John Munro, Minister of National Health and Welfare, the man who made it all possible.



Seems everybody thinks this is a great place for a party, as happy Northerners welcome a smiling Prime Minister Trudeau on his arrival in Yellowknife from Cambridge Bay.

Biggest Opening Day Parade in Yellowknife's History

Opening ceremonies for the Arctic Games will begin with a huge parade, Monday, March 9th beginning at 1:15 pm. Over 700 athletes and officials will take part, with the route of march beginning at the Public School grounds, down Franklin Road to 49 st. then back on 49 avenue to area just behind the arena near Frame Lake. Prime Minister Trudeau, will officially open the games, and after brief remarks by other dignitaries, including the Min-

ister of National Health and Welfare, the Hon. John Munro, Yellowknife Mayor Fred Henne, NWT Commissioner Stu Hodgson, Society President Doug Finlayson, and others....

Although the games will not be officially opened until approximately 2:15 pm, the week-long activities will have already been off and running... Monday morning & afternoon highlights will be the staging of the traditional 'Native, and Eskimo games'....

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Arctic Winter Games Society directors finalize plans in the last of their tri-weekly meetings which were started back in November. Chairing the meeting at the far end of the table is the President of the Arctic Winter Games Society, Doug Finlayson, to his left are Directors, Alex Sinclair, Ivor Johnson, Gerry Lahaie from the Department of Health and Welfare, Wes MacAleer, General Manager; Jack Adderley, editor of the Ulu News; Hank Leclere, Information Services Dept. of Health and Welfare; and Directors Dave Emery and Alex Richardson.

Arctic Winter Games

Arctic Winter Games is the first attempt to assemble people representing the total North American arctic community in a single event. It is designed to further two objectives: first, to provide an opportunity and an incentive for northern athletes to improve their skills by competing in an international event against athletes of similar background and ability; second, to strengthen mutual understanding and friendship among the people of northern areas, and to foster good international relations through the media of sport and cultural activities.

The project was first conceived by Commissioner Stuart Hodgson of the Northwest Territories, and N.W.T. Member of Parliament Bud Orange, while they attended the first Canada Winter Games in Quebec in 1967. The idea soon won the support of Commissioner James Smith of the Yukon Territory, and then Governor of the State of Alaska Walter Hickel, who is now Secretary of the Interior in Washington. It was decided that the First Arctic Winter Games would be held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, in March 1970, to coincide with the Centennial Year of the N.W.T.

Logistical difficulties are immense in an area that stretches three thousand miles from western tip of the Seward Peninsula Alaska, to Cape Dyer on the east coast of Baffin Island in the Northwest Territories. Yet with snow, isolation, and a frontier situation as common denominators, perhaps a sense of community --- of geographic identity --- can evolve in this vast expanse. This is the challenge of Arctic Winter Games.

Getting up for the Games

The Arctic Winter Games have been responsible for raising northern residents to lofty pinnacles...no one could rise to greater heights than Andy Lukas who last Thursday, chose the choicest view in town. Andy, who is 29 and has been a resident of Yellowknife for one year decided that a good view, and a chance to talk to the Prime Minister went hand in hand. His choice of location - the top of high rise building, 13 stories high....



Andy, who had never even erected a tent in his life had to call in expert assistance, and this he got from Territorial Councillor Duncan Fryde... (after his first tent blew away in the night of winds up to 30 mph and temps in the minus 20's)... Why????????? To promote the biggest happening in the North...the Arctic Games.. andperhaps talk the PM into advocating a bridge over the Mackenzie River....

The end result...Andy was handed (jokefully) a bill for one thousand dollars in rent... One dollar for the space, and 999 dollars for the view....And ...security regulations forced Andy to move out of his little

old home in the North...A married man, Andy was asked what his wife thought of the idea...She

says although we have to sacrifice for the Arctic Games, she still thinks I am a little kooky...

This item went out to all the press, radio, T.V. media.

Welcome fellas!

To Yellowknife and to something different while you're here:

"Fantasy In Fashion" at the Public School March 11 & 12 - 8 p.m.

is NOT "just" a fashion show - but modern dance, jazz, musical interpretations that you've "gotta see" while you're here!

We'd like you to let us know what you think of it - it's a first - never been done before (that we know of) and there's no boring commentary on fashions that you might otherwise expect! So, give us a try, Wednesday or Thursday night.

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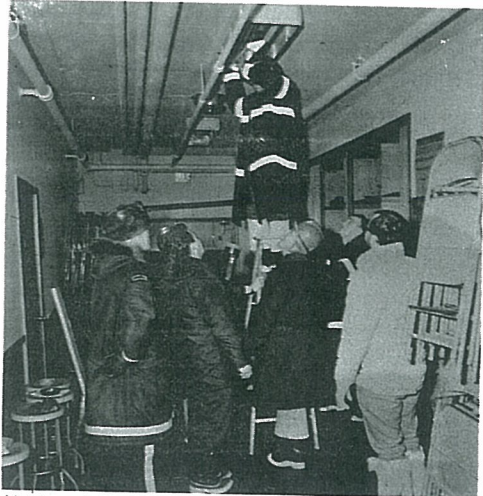
from the whole 100 of us involved in the show directed by Joanne Wilde.

We're going to have a Winner

The system used for scoring points in the Arctic Games is quite simple. On the individual sport level, each gold medal (ulu) won earns a team five points, a silver three, and one point is given for a copper ulu. The team amassing the highest total points in one sport earns 50 points, second highest earns 30 points and third highest 10 points. Let's take basketball as an example,Now don't forget, we say - as an example.....

SCORING SYSTEM

	ALASKA	YUKON	N.W.T.
BASKETBALL			
Open Men's	5	3	1
Women's	3	1	5
Junior Men's	1	5	3
Women's	5	3	1
TOTAL FOR SPC	14	12	10
AGGREGATE POINTS EARNED	50	30	10



Athletes billeted at the Public school got up real early Sunday morning6:33 a.m. to be exactSmoke from faulty wiring was the cause of the early rising.....And prompt action by the Fire marshal got the bleary eyed visitors back into bed after a short time.



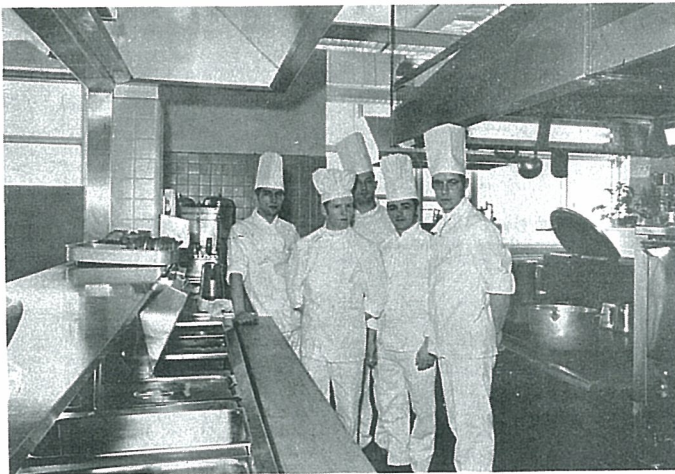
Petra Burka following three members of the Yellowknife Figure Skating Club.

While practicing Friday afternoon Members of the Yellowknife Figure Skating Club were honored by a surprise visit from 1965 World Figure Skating Champion, Petra Burka who will be in Yellowknife for the duration of the Games.

Miss Burka whose services have recently been acquired by the Canadian Figure Skating Association, in co-operation with the Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare donned her skates to the ob-

vious excitement of the skaters. Her accomplishments in the figure skating world are many and in her twenty three years has found time to top of her career with three years as the star performer of the Holiday On Ice Review.

International Cuisine for Athletes



From left to right Ken Bezuko of the Chateau Lacombe, Andy Holmes of the Palliser, Werner Hitz - Chateau Lacombe, Yves Gravel - Banff Springs, Daniel Rigollet - Chateau Lacombe.

European and Canadian chefs will join together to satisfy the appetites of the athletes and officials representing the top of the North American continent. Led by French chef Daniel Rigollet of the Chateau Lacombe staff in Edmonton, the experts in the care and feeding of mankind at a level of highest proficiency will take on the task of answering to the needs of approximately 500 of the participants. Mr. Rigollet is

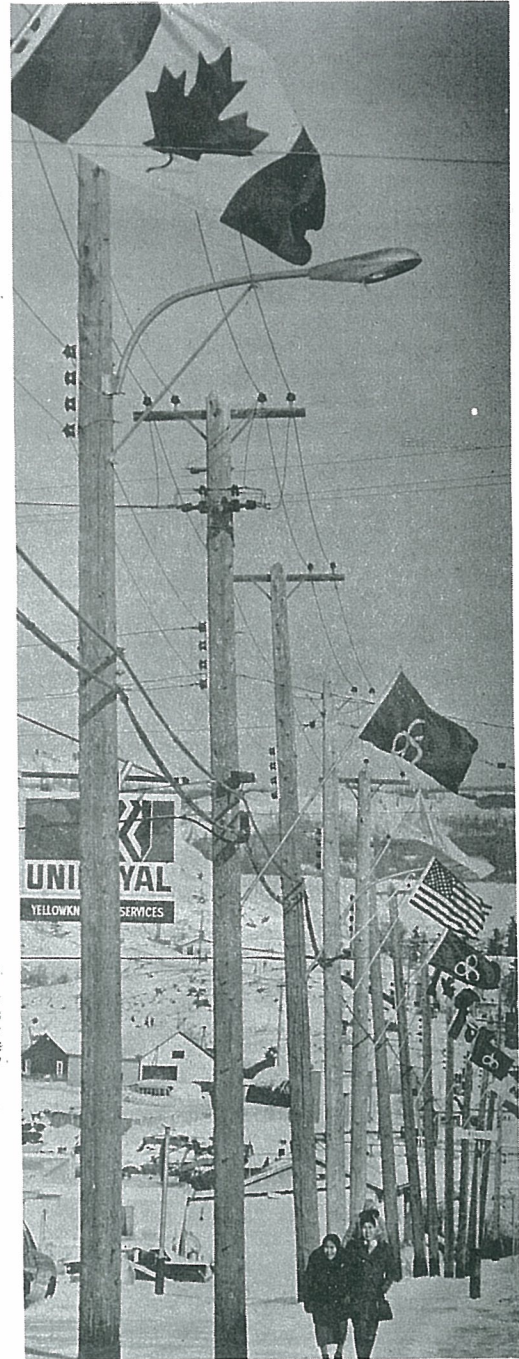
also personally responsible for providing for Prime Minister Trudeau's requirements.

Also on this team of famous feeders are Werner Hitz, originally from Switzerland and Ken Bezuko of Edmonton both now on the staff of the Chateau Lacombe, Yves Gravel of France with the Banff Springs Hotel, and Andy Holmes of the Palliser Hotel in Calgary.

In addition to the 500 being catered to at Akaitcho Hall,

arrangements have been made by the Catering Committee to have 200 provided for at the Yellowknife Inn and another 60 at Giant Gold Mines facilities.

Bob McWeeney and Andy Anderson of Canus Catering are both in Yellowknife co-ordinating the efforts of Norm McPherson and Macara who are co-chairing the Catering Committee, which is responsible for the 15,962 meals involved.



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And for the Alaskan athletes - customs - and real good guys.



Just
Between
Us



Top Referees for Boxing

Games society present, Doug Finlayson, present at the arrival of Health and Welfare Minister Munro....'we've got a success right now'....

Over 60 accredited press, radio, and TV correspondents are in Yellowknife for the Games representing most of the leading communications media in Canada and the U.S.

Brother - what a flight those Yukoners had....

(the am arrival in Yellowknife). Sham Pain flyte al la carte....The Yukoners, originally scheduled to arrive by DC4 were hastily transported by F27 aircraft of GNA, when the landing gear on the DC4 was damaged during a pre flight maintenance check....

Arctic Games Corporation President Ken McKinnon of Whitehorse, all smiles---and

cuts and bruises but wears them well....Ken is a member of the Yukon hockey team, and evidently zigged when he should have zagged.

A chef of international repute found it necessary to express his amazement at the high standard of cooking facilities and equipment at Akaitcho Hall. He went on to say that they were better than many of the hotels in the South. --Well--Well.

Alfred Ormiston, a 139 lb boxer from the Yukon says he is in top shape and would like to be entered not only in his Light Welter Division but in the Welter-weight Class as well. Good luck Scotty.

One Yukon skier put it this way - Yellowknife is the friendliest place I have ever been in my life.

Fritz Langbakk, coach of the Yukon cross-country Ski Team feels that the Games will allow people north of 60 to realize where they stand in level of proficiency with their neighbors. He also feels that the North is ideal for cross-country skiing and that this has been proven by the high calibre that exists even after a very short period of time concentrated on this sport.

Cliff Anderson, Yukon, says that native athletes are ready to step into the top level of competition.

Sven Holmberg, Yukon, Senior cross-country skier and part of the eighteen member team is up for this one and has been working out daily at least two hours plus other competitions.

Boxers competing in the Arctic Games will go into the ring un-



der the watchful eyes of two of Canada's top referees, Don Williams, and Major Osland of Edmonton. Both these men are holders of AIBA cards - signifiers of international boxing officialdom. Major Osland was the technical advisor at the Pan American games in 1967, is a director of the Canadian Amateur Boxing Federation, and had been active in Canadian boxing circles since 1937.... Don Williams played a leading

part in the first International coaches and officials clinic in Maryland, USA, was an official during the Pan Am games, and was a former manager of some of Alberta's top amateur boxers

Arctic Games boxing chairman Wade Magrum has pointed out that it is a rarity to have 2 internationally qualified boxing officials available at any time, and also added that former professional referees, Johnny Smith of Edmonton will also be



on hand to work some of the bouts during the two day Arctic Games boxing events.



The 'Stars' and the 'Stars and Stripes' in the forefront of the Alaskan contingent.

When you get hungry...

They say an army travels on its stomach. To ensure that participants in the Arctic Games will have enough food to do their travelling, the women of Yellowknife will pick up their aprons, & make available plenty of home-cooked meals and snacks to feed the hungry athletes, and take some of the burden off the busier than ever restaurants. And.....man, that's coffee.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN
Hospitality House - United Church (corner 50th Ave. & 54th St.)

--Sun., March 8 - 2:30 to 10 pm
--Mon. through Fri. - 10 am to 10 pm., sandwiches, soup, pie, doughnuts, hamburgers and hot dogs will be available. Rest relaxation and informal recreation will be provided.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
The Anglican Church Women will be serving 'hearty, hot lunches' Mon. through Fri., March 9 to 13, in the basement of the Anglican Church (corner 49th Ave. & 52nd St.)
--Mon. - Chili Con Carne
--Tues. - Hot beef sandwiches

--Wed. - Ham & scalloped potatoes
--Thurs. - Macaroni & cheese
--Fri. - Cold plate & potato salad

Daily dessert - apples and cookies.
Friday, March 13 - stew supper from 5 to 7 pm.

LADIES AUXILIARY - ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
From Mon., March 9, through Thurs., March 12, the ladies of the Legion will be serving a hot and cold dinner from 6 pm on, in the Legion Hall.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
On Thurs., March 12, the Catholic Women's League will set up a snack bar in St. Pat's School where light lunches and beverages will be available.

BAPTIST MISSION CIRCLE
On Wed. March 11, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm the ladies of the Baptist Church will serve lunch -
Chili Con Carne, rolls, coffee, tea, squares - in the Baptist Church (use rear door) one block west of the Public School on Franklin Road.

Countdown Rally: Final Pep Talk from Wes Mac Aleer



As preparations came to the final stages, committee workers met in a mass rally in the Yellowknife Inn on Thursday, March 5.

About 200 city residents of the 500 total work force were able to be spared from their volunteer efforts to join together in a final pep session in the Tuktoo Room.

The 'Count-Down' was chaired by the president of the Arctic Games Society, Doug Finlayson, who first introduced Pat Munroe to emphasize the nearness of the Official opening ceremonies, which will be performed by Prime Minister Trudeau on Monday, March 9, at 2 pm at Petitot Park next to the Jerry Murphy Arena.

The next speaker was the General Manager of the Arctic Winter Games, Wes MacAleer who described the pride that the people were entitled to feel for their donation of time and ability. In closing, Wes declared that Arctic Winter Games were off and running.

Wes was followed by Technical

Coordinating Committee Chairman, Tom Thomson who mentioned various items that were reaching finalization, and had Gerry Beaudry, Assistant General Manager of the Canadian Winter Games, point out the contents of the kits which would be handed out to the athletes and officials. He told the meet-

ing that with the co-operation and enthusiasm already shown there could be nothing but success for the Games.

In bringing the meeting to an end, Mr. Finlayson thanked the volunteers for the important part they were playing in the successful preparation of the first Arctic Winter Games.