

BOB GRAY RETIREMENT (continued)

In 1924 he went to the Bridge and Building Department and in 1929 to the car barns where he completed his service. In a department known for wags, Bob was noted for his dry wit and droll tongue.

On behalf of his fellow workers Gerry Fisher, president of the car men, presented Bob, who has lived here all his life, with a fishing jacket and cheque.

Good wishes were formally offered by Hobden Spikula, local chairman, D.Q. Hamilton foreman, and Councillor R.B. Spadoni on behalf of the municipality.

His only sister, Earldean (Mrs. John Elliott) of North Bay, sent a telegram. Mrs. Gray had a family dinner in his honour and during the evening entertained a large group of friends.

Attending the party from out of town, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Craig of Port Arthur, Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Sly, Nipigon; Mr. & Mrs. Ross Mitchell, Terrace Bay - all relatives and Mr. & Mrs. A. McKechnie also of Terrace Bay.

Mrs. Gray was assisted by Mesdames Cyril Sparkes, Hugh Stewart, Frank MacDonald, Ivan Johnson, Ken Davis, and Miss Irene Spicer. Mrs. Jack Corbett and Mrs. Stewart presented a money boutonniere to Bob, from friends and many individual gifts were received to mark the occasion.

**SUCCESSFUL CENTENNIAL TEA HELD**

The Catholic Girls' Club Centennial Tea was so successful a second supply of refreshments had to be provided. The throng who came to see the lovely gowns, made by the girls during the winter, were delighted to find tea tables centred with coal oil lamps.

Tea was poured by Mrs. Bill Stefurak and Mrs. (continued on Page 13)

THE SPORTS BEAT

By Glen May

**A great classic**

There will be an International War February 24 — not nuclear, but track and field.

The "war" will be held in Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens and already most of the battle lines have formed. And the Commander-in-Chief who pushed the button, Ken Twigg, predicts "The Telegram-Maple Leaf Centennial Games has fantastic potential this year and should be the best on this year's indoor circuit."

Twigg, who is the Meet Director, reported he was "not pleased with last year's meet" although seven meet and seven Canadian open records were established.

Heading the array of international stars will be the world's fastest flatfoot, Kipchoge Keino of Kenya.

Keino first achieved world recognition at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo when he finished fifth in the 5,000 metres, one of the most grueling races in track and field. Then the 145-pound African startled track experts when he sped to four separate mile races under 3:57 in 1965 during a three-week tour of New Zealand.

Included in the three-week stint were a 3,000 metre run just short of world record time, a quick 1,500 metre race and a 5,000 metre run into history setting a world mark.

At an indoor meet in Los Angeles last year the speedy cop ran an unheard of double: capturing a two-mile event and just missing the mile when he lost a narrow decision to America's Jim Grelle, 4:00.9 to 4:01.8.

At the British Empire Games in Kingston, Jamaica, the 26-year-old Keino collected two gold medals. He whipped Australian Ron Clarke over the three-mile test in 12:57.3 after running the fastest heat in history — 3:57.4.

Twigg revealed exclusively to the "Sports Beat" he is at-

tempting to corral the world's greatest miler, Jim Ryun from Kansas, U.S. Twigg feels that if Keino decides to run in the mile at Toronto the challenge would be too much for Ryun to resist. However, at this writing nothing was finalized.

There will also be a trio of Russians coming. Viktor Kudinsky who won a gold medal last year in the steeplechase in what was classed "one of the greatest track performances of all time," will be accompanied by Igor Fyeld in the pole vault and Taisa Checnchick competing in the women's high jump.

It is also expected there will be athletes from East Germany, Hungary, England, Australia, United States, Trinidad, and possibly a few other countries.

Heading the Canadian contingent will be Harry Jerome, co-holder of the world records for the 100 yards and 100 metres.

Others include: Dave Bailey, Toronto, Canada's first four-minute miler; Dave Ellis, Toronto, Canadian six-mile champion; Ray Haswell, Edmonton, Canadian three-mile champion, Ergas Leps, Toronto, Canadian mile champion; Dave Steen, Toronto, Canadian shot put champion and gold medalist in the shot put at the British Empire Games; Jenny (Wingerson) Meldrum, Toronto, bronze medalist in the 80-metre hurdles at the B.E.G.; Abby Hoffman, Toronto, Canadian 880-yard champion and gold medalist at the B.E.G.; Irene Piotrowski, Vancouver, silver medalist in the 100-yard dash at the B.E.G.; Susan Nigh, Toronto, Canadian high jump champion; and Marjorie Turner, Winnipeg, Canadian 100-yard champion.

Another name not confirmed at this writing is Bob Seagren of Los Angeles, the world's best pole vaulter.

It should be quite a battle!

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