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DUKE OF EDINBURGH ATTENDS DINNER TO AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

Sc.	1.	Title.	7 ft.
Sc.	2.	G.V. Dinner.	8 ft.
Sc.	3.	C.U. Duke smiling.	7 ft.
Sc.	4.	S.V. Compton and others.	5 ft.
Sc.	5.	Teshack.	5 ft.
Sc.	6.	Bradman gets up to speak amid applause.	8 ft.
Sc.	7.	S.V. Bradman speaks.	
<p>"We regard that as a distinct compliment to the game of cricket and to the Australian team who do greatly appreciate it, there's one other thing I happen to be looking at a film of the life of His Royal Highness and I detected in that film that he has a perfect action for a right-hand off-spring bowler. We have been accused of times at being ungenerous so I submit that to the English selectors straight away for their very serious consideration, and I would add that if they are not prepared to take it seriously, we are quite prepared Sir to give you a knock or bowl at the nets at Lords any time you wish."</p>			
Sc.	8.	Side V. Duke and others laugh.	97 ft. 8 ft.

TOTAL LENGTH WITH TITLE.

145 ft.

*Speech track
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BRADMAN'S SPEECH - CHARTER'S DINNER.

Mr. Chairman, Your Royal Highness and Gentleman I am very saimong I find
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133 ft.
45 ft.
50 ft.
20 ft.
41 ft.

Having listened to the eugenicist remarks ~~earlier~~ of your chairman
to instek that we Aussies are indeed a very popular band of cricket's
I am not surprised that England think the same of us about the middle
of September even though we do not accede to the requests which
he makes of us to allow the English team to beat us in the intervening
period - Well this a great moment for the members of the Australian
team tonight for two or three reasons - the first one is our very
great pleasure that this function has been graced by the presence
of his Royal Highness - We regard that as a distinct compliment
to the game of cricket and to the Australian team who do greatly
appreciate it - there's one other thing I happen to be looking at
a film of the life of H.R.H. and I detected in that film that he
has a perfect action for a right-hand off-spring bowler - Now
We have been accused of times at being ungenerous so I submit
that to the English selectors straight away for their very serious
consideration and I would add - that if they are not prepared to
take it seriously we are quite prepared Sir to give you a knock
or bowl at the nets at Lord's any time you wish. The second great
moment of this evening is the fact that this is the last time
this week that our boys will have to listen to me make a speech -
and I might tell you that's a very great moment to me to - And
just referring for a moment to the remarks of your chairman he has
tried to put me in a little bit of a corner about something I said
yesterday in regard to the Australians taking cricket too seriously
but I'm afraid he has misreported me - What I did say was that
we think the Englishman takes his cricket more seriously than the
Australians and that is purely a matter of comparison - I
endeavour to support my argument by saying that only three men
have scored a century before lunch in a Test Match and they were
all Australians and Sir Norman Birkett I think will support me in
this - it is a strong attacking point mine that you cannot make
a hundred before lunch in a Test Match ~~unless~~ by defensive methods -
A message to the children of this country because we know that they
are having a very tough time - we can assure them that Australia is
behind them in spirit and that she will continue to do all she
possibly can to make their lot a little easier in the future.
Anyway tonight we're not dealing with Garters but that race of
super optimists and that recalls to my mind a story that two
Yorkshire optimists - these fellows had completed their work for the
day and Bill and Joe were about to go home when Bill said to Joe I
think we'll go and have a little celebration to night on the way
home we'll go into the local and we'll have a few noggins and Joe
said NO I know something better I know a little place where we can
go and we can get some little white powder and we puts its on the
back of the hand and sniffs it up thy nose and it makes thee feel
grand so away they went - and when they came out Bill said to Joe
You know what I'm going to do tomorrow he said no He said I'm going
to buy all the coal mines in Wales and Joe says you're not going
to do anything of the sort and Bill says right why and he says
because I shan't sell them to you (laughter) - And Before we finish
this silly tour that you journalists will have realized that we are
only human beings that we suffer from the same ills and pains as everybody else and I hope that nobody will ring me up at 3 o'clock in the
morning to ask me how the team is getting along which did happen
on one occasion I was ill myself and unable to play -(uncompleted) 45 ft.
And although it is a very futile hope I was really praying that we
might run into the field of history when the journalists would not
try and beat the gun to get a story before the other fellow and the
reason I mention that ah I'm sorry to say (uncompleted) this is
going to be my last tour in this country and that I do not intend to
play cricket any more even in Australia - So all you journalists
who have had such a wonderful time at my expense over the last few
years you'd better get busy because this is the last chance So make
the best of it -

But I promise you that we are going to do everything we possibly can to make this a happy and successful tour - We'll do everything we can do to beat you even to the extent of making frequent and loud appeals to the Umpire a trait which was inculcated into our fellows by Bill O'Reilly who now that he is writing for the ~~Press~~ ^{newspapers} of us all, that we appeal far too much - I do feel sure that when the time comes to lay down our bats at the end of the summer that we will all regret the passing of a great season and I hope that we will all have done much to restore to its proper pedestal the greatest game in the British Empire.

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