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MARJORIE JACKSON HOME!

At Kingsford Smith Airport dual Olympic title winner Marjorie Jackson steps from a plane direct from Helsinki and into the biggest welcome home ever given an Australian athlete. There's a cheer, too, for 33 other members of the Australian team - but today is Marjorie's day, And Mum and Dad's. Despite the official welcoming party Mum and Dad are a long way ahead on the Lithgow Flash's own private hullo list. Cheered by people of all nations - but still an unspoiled girl from Lithgow. Governor Sir John Northcott meets sprinter John Trehear, and sculler Merv Wood. With Marjorie are Winsome Gripps and swimmer Marjorie McQuade. Three grand girls.

The Governor has a special word with the world star before she leaves for home. Merv Wood second in the Olympic sculls gets a big cheer -- but for Australia's first girl to win two gold medals at the Olympic Games there are almost a hundred miles of cheering, streamers, flowers and speeches ahead. A triumphal procession from Sydney across the Blue Mountains to the big sign at her home town - Lithgow. Our Marjorie is home again. Here she sees the welcome her townfolk have prepared for her. First, a bouquet from the Lady Mayoress. Adoring glances from here-worshipping youngsters. And then, in an open car, filled with flowers, Marjorie Jackson rides in state with an escort of police to cheer a way through the crowd.

Hundreds of cars follow her. The crowd gradually becomes denser and denser as she approaches the centre of Lithgow. 20,000 people are here -- cheering, waving, and shouting in a spontaneous demonstration of affection and pride. Marjorie smiles and waves, choking back her emotion at the tremendous welcome. Her flower-laden car, can hardly force its way through the people who throng to see her.

At the County Council office four men carry Marjorie shoulder high with police to help them force their way to the dais. It's a personal triumph for the young stenographer who, a few weeks ago, shattered two world records at Helsinki. And speakers leave no doubt about Lithgow's opinion of the Lithgow Flyer. SOUND.

Marjorie's overwhelmed. And there's her trainer Jim McKeegan who made her records possible. And Lithgow's welcome is over - well, officially it is. But once again it takes soldiers and police to clear a way for the world's best known athlete. Back home with nothing to run for but messages. And her mother's a proud and happy woman. SOUND.

The family's anxious to see Marjorie's two gold medals - symbolic of her world supremacy. One's for the 100 metres in world record time. The other's for 200 metres also a world record. She deserved these medals. Let's say it again - everyone's proud of you Marjorie, your family - your town and all Australia.

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