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22nd March 1955

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VARIETY CLUB LUNCHEON - TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH

The American Amateur Athletic Association have presented the Elms Trophy for the finest athlete in the world in 1954 to Doctor Roger Bannister.

This is indeed a great honour and the variety club are very happy that this Trophy will be presented by Doctor Harold Abrahams to Doctor Roger Bannister at the above luncheon.

Among those present will be Lord Luke, Lord Burleigh, the Governor-General of New Zealand, Jack Crump (Manager of the British A.A.A. team), Gordon Pirie, Jim Peters, Chris. Chattaway, Jean Desforges, Chris. Brasher.

It is realised that this luncheon falls on the Tuesday immediately after Easter but I hope that you will, in your usual manner, support this great sporting event.

Sincerely,

G.B. Lord/Sir John C.

Yes we cover

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DR. ROGER BANNISTER RECEIVES HELMS TROPHY AT VARIETY CLUB LUNCHEON

At a luncheon of the Variety Club of Great Britain at the Savoy Hotel, London, today (April 12), Dr. Roger Bannister received the Helms Trophy awarded him by the Helms Foundation of America, who named him "Europe's Foremost Amateur Athlete of 1954" for his under-four-minute miles at Oxford (3min. 59.4 secs.) and at the Vancouver British Empire Games (3min. 58.8secs.).

The presentation was made by Harold Abrahams, honorary treasurer of the British Amateur Athletic Board and vice-president of the Amateur Athletic Association, who is the only Englishman ever to win an Olympic Games 100 metres event (Paris, 1924).

This was Dr. Bannister's third award for his 1954 achievements, having previously won the AAA's C. N. Jackson Trophy as the year's best athlete and been voted "Sportsman of the Year" by "Sporting Record" readers.

Amongst the luncheon guests were international athletes Gordon Pirie, Jim Peters, Chris Breshler, Jack Parker, Derek Johnson and Jean Desforges; 80-year-old Joe Binks, one-time holder of the British mile record, who last year received a Helms Trophy award for being Europe's "Athlete of the Year" in 1902; and Victor Berne, the ex-world table tennis champion.

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Also present were the High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Hon. T. Clifton Webb, Q.C., and the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Middleton, M.C.

C. J. Latta, Variety Club's European International representative, was Chairman, and Harry Woolf, as King for the Day, introduced the guests.

Last September Dr. Bannister opened the Hurlingham Playing Field which was financed by Variety Club, a charitable body of showmen who in 5½ years have raised nearly £120,000 for young people.

With the Compliments of: David Jones, Press Guy,
Variety Club, 2/4, Dean St., W.1. GERR/RD 5640

10 PM. ROGER BANNISTER "EUROPE'S FOREMOST ATHLETE." 12/4/55
THE HELMS TROPHY FOR EUROPE'S FOREMOST ATHLETE IN 1954
HAS BEEN AWARDED TO DOCTOR ROGER BANNISTER, FIRST MAN TO RUN
A MILE IN LESS THAN FOUR MINUTES.

THE TROPHY, AWARDED BY THE HELMS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION OF
AMERICA, WILL BE PRESENTED TO DOCTOR BANNISTER AT A VARIETY
CLUB LUNCHEON AT THE SAVOY HOTEL, LONDON, ON APRIL 12TH,
IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY. G-B 1/2

DOCTOR BANNISTER WON THE AWARD FOR HIS RECORD-BREAKING
MILE IN THREE MINUTES 59.4 SECONDS AT OXFORD ON MAY 6 AND
FOR WINNING THE EMPIRE GAMES "MIRACLE MILE" AT VANCOUVER
IN THREE MINUTES 58.8 SECONDS.

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE BY MR HAROLD ABRAHAMS,
TREASURER OF THE BRITISH AMATEUR ATHLETIC BOARD.
ONE OF THE GUESTS AT THE LUNCHEON WILL BE EIGHTY YEAR
OLD JOE BINKS, FORMER HOLDER OF THE BRITISH MILE RECORD,
AND WINNER OF THE HELMS TROPHY IN 1902.

DOCTOR BANNISTER'S TEAM MATES, CHRIS CHATAWAY AND
CHRIS BRASHER, WILL ALSO BE THERE.