

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S APPEAL.

At the British Olympic Association's Jubilee dinner in London, the Duke of Edinburgh appeals for funds to send a strong British team to Melbourne next year. Some people, he says, think the State should pay -

"That the Government should take a hand in this. This is monstrous that something so important should be left in the hands of volunteers and should think they probably add incompetent ones at that. (Laughter) Which I can assure is unkind and I think probably unjust. But I think its quite wrong, this attitude. The team we want to send should be composed of amateurs, and not of temporary civil servants (Laughter)

"Let us send the best party we can. And I sincerely hope that the number will not be limited by any lack of money. And incidentally lets show the rest of the world what a free people can do to help themselves. And let us hope also that our team will win a lot of medals. But winning or losing it is much more important that they should come home having added luster to the reputation of British sportsmanship".

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