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WORLD RECORD BREAKER DONALD CAMPBELL

HONOURED AT VARIETY CLUB SPORTS LUNCHEON

Mr. Bill Butlin today (January 13th) made his first official appearance as 1959 Chief Barker (president) of the Variety Club of Great Britain, the show-business charity which helps under-privileged children, at the club's Sports Celebrities luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, London.

Highlight of the function was Mr. Butlin's presentation of his gold challenge trophy and £5,000 cheque to Mr. Donald Campbell for breaking his own world water speed record on Lake Coniston last November, when he achieved 248.63 m.p.h. as against his previous best of 239.07.

This was the third time Mr. Campbell qualified for Mr. Butlin's prizes, which are open to be won by any person who breaks the water record. On the last occasion Mr. Campbell earned the Butlin gifts, in 1957, he received them from the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace.

Amongst those present at today's ceremony was land speed ace Miko Hawthorn, Britain's first-over world champion racing motorist, who was a guest of honour.

Other sporting guests included:

Low Burston, European representative of Madison Square Garden, and Truman Gibson, President of the International Boxing Club, New York, both of whom flew into England from New York last Saturday.

Brian London and Henry Cooper, who last night fought for the British heavyweight boxing title held by London.

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Jack Solomons, who promoted last night's fight

Jim Wicks, manager of Henry Cooper.

Dai Rees, who captained Britain's last Ryder Cup team.

Victor Barna, the greatest player table tennis has ever produced, who flies to Africa tomorrow (January 14th) for a coaching-exhibition tour of Ghana and Nigeria.

Christino Truman, Britain's ranked No. 1 woman tennis player.

Judy Grinham, winner of Olympic, Empire, European and English swimming championships, who was given a day off from filming to attend the luncheon.

Brian Phelps, 14-year-old East Ham boy who won a diving title at last year's European championships.

George Swindin, manager of Arsenal F.C.

Peter Wilson, sports columnist and commentator.

John Arlott, sports commentator.

Raymond Glendonning, TV and radio sports commentator.

Also present at the function were members of the Butlin Water Speed Record Committee: the Rt. Hon. Earl Howe, the Most Hon. Marquess of Camden, Col. Stanley Clark and Col. Basil Brown; Mr. Ian Purvis, who is associated with preparations for Mr. Campbell's coming attempt on the land speed record; U.S. film star Jack Palance, Mr. Anthony Foll, M.P., and Col. D. Prentice, secretary of the English Rugby Union.

Since its formation in 1949, Variety Club has given away nearly £330,000 to hundreds of youth charities in England, Scotland and Wales, and in the past two years has made donations averaging £1,000 a week. The club's 600 members are associated with the entertainments profession, and Mr. Butlin is its ninth Chief Barker.

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