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TOMMY STEELE AND BENNY HILL

STIR THE LORD MAYOR'S GIANT PUDDING

The world's biggest Christmas pudding, made from 120,000 currants, 30,000 sultanas and 8,000 raisins -- all from Australia -- was stirred at Cadby Hall today (Thursday November 26) by Tommy Steele and Benny Hill.

The pudding -- a massive 160-pounder which will provide portions for 1,000 people -- will be presented to the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Edmund Stockdale) by the Australian High Commissioner (Sir Eric Harrison) at Australia House on December 10. It is to be a Christmas treat for members of the Wellington Boys' Club, Walworth, South East London.

Tommy Steele -- who leaves London in February for a three-month tour of Australia -- and Benny Hill also stirred the mixture for 100 smaller puddings which will be sent, on behalf of Australia's dried fruit growers, to cities and towns from Land's End to John o'Groats. Lord Mayors and Mayors will pass on the puddings to local charities, Darby and Joan clubs, Evergreen clubs, old folk in hospitals and W V S "meals on wheels" services.

Altogether Australia's dried fruit growers will give a helping of Christmas pudding to some 10,000 people in Britain this year.

FOOTNOTE

A list of ingredients for the 160-lb pudding is attached.

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INGREDIENTS FOR 160 lbs AUSTRALIAN CHRISTMAS PUDDING

(For 1,000 People)

121,450 (28 lbs) Australian currants
26,320 (27 lbs) Australian sultanas
7,250 (12 lbs) Australian raisins
108 (15 lbs) Australian lemons for peel
72 (14½ lbs) Australian oranges for peel
25 Australian apples pulped
24½ lbs of brown sugar
21½ lbs of bread crumbs
18 lbs of white vegetable fat
5 lbs of flour
8 Australian eggs
4½ lbs of pure London drinking water
4 ozs of ginger
4 ozs of mace
2 ozs cinnamon
1 cz cloves

1 bottle of rum
1 bottle of curacao
1 bottle of Australian brandy
