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IT'S THE BIGGEST CHRISTMAS PUDDING IN THE WORLD:
A STIRRING TIME FOR CHARLIE AND CLIFF

First taste of Christmas was savoured today (Thursday November 24) in London when British stars Charlie Drake and Cliff Richard went to Cadby Hall to stir the mixture for the world's biggest Christmas pudding.

The pudding - a massive 160-pounder which will provide portions for 1,000 people - is a goodwill Christmas gift from the dried fruit growers of Australia to the old people of the City of London. Containing 120,000 currants, 30,000 sultanas and 8,000 raisins, the pudding will be presented to the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Bernard Waley Cohen) by the Australian High Commissioner in the UK (Sir Eric Harrison) at Australia House on December 8. Later in the month it will be handed over by Sir Bernard to the members of London's Three Score Club for old people in Gravel Lane, in the heart of the City.

The two stars - Cliff Richard took time off from the London Palladium and Charlie Drake interrupted TV rehearsals in order to be there - also stirred the mixture for 100 puddings to be sent to cities and towns throughout the United Kingdom as far afield as Penzance to Stornoway. Lord Mayors, Mayors, Lord Provosts and Provosts will be passing on the puddings to local charities such as Darby and Joan clubs, Evergreen clubs and WVS "Meals-on-Wheels" services.

The chief citizens of the 100 towns will also receive a smaller pudding for their own enjoyment at Christmas, and Charlie Drake and Cliff Richard labelled some of these for despatch by mail before they left Cadby Hall.

With the puddings to each civic head this year will go copies of a book - "Water Into Gold" - describing the rapid growth of the dried fruits industry of Australia during the past 60 years.

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

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

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TOWNS RECEIVING CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

Aberdeen	Grimsby	South Shields
Ayr	Guildford	Stafford
Ballymena	Halifax	Stirling
Barrow-in-Furness	Huddersfield	Stockport
Bath	Inverness	Stornoway
Belfast	Ipswich	Stratford-on-Avon
Birkenhead	Kingston-upon-Hull	Sunderland
Birmingham	Lancaster	Swansea
Blackburn	Leamington Spa	Swindon
Blackpool	Leeds	Taunton
Bolton	Leicester	Torquay
Bournemouth	Lincoln	North Shields
Bradford	Liverpool	Wakefield
Brighton	Macclesfield	Walsall
Bristol	Maidstone	Warrington
Burnley	Manchester	Warwick
Bury St Edmunds	Middlesbrough	West Hartlepool
Cambridge	Morecambe & Heysham	Weston-Super-Mare
Cardiff	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Wigan
Carlisle	Newport	Winchester
Chatham	Newtownards	New Windsor
Colchester	Northampton	Wolverhampton
Colwyn Bay	Norwich	Worcester
Coventry	Nottingham	Worthing
Crewe	Oldham	Wrexham
Croydon	Oxford	York
Darlington	Penzance	
Derby	Perth	
Doncaster	Plymouth	
Dover	Portadown	
Dumfries	Portsmouth	
Dundee	Reading	
Edinburgh	Rhyl	
Exeter	Scarborough	
Folkestone	Sheffield	
Glasgow	Southampton	
Gloucester	Southend-on-Sea	