

of the evil, and in order to attack them, it is necessary to seek them out, tabulate them and propose remedies. Your Sub-Committee has not confined itself to criticising, it has constructed.

Now it has constructed, certain Federations will hesitate ; others will resist. It is to the hesitating and the recalcitrant that I appeal, to destroy amongst the young sportsmen of the world of all classes of society that desire for gain, which the commercialisation of Sports has engendered.

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**4. - Meeting of the Executive Committee of the I.O.C. and of the Council of Delegates of the International Federations, held in Brussels on the 8th May, 1934**

The following were present :

Count de Baillet-Latour, Executive Committee of the I. O. C.  
 Marquis de Polignac, Executive Committee of the I. O. C.  
 Mr. J. S. Edström, Executive Committee of the I.O.C,  
 General Ch. H. Sherrill, Executive Committee of the I. O. C.  
 Dr. Lewald, Executive Committee of the I. O. C.  
 Dr. Ritter von Halt, International Amateur Athletic Federation.  
 Count Goblet d'Alviella, International Federation of Gymnastics.  
 Colonel Baron G. de Trannoy, Federation of International Equitation.  
 Mr. Laeisz, International Yacht Racing Union.  
 Mr. U. Salchow, International Skating Union.  
 Mr. P. Anspach, International Federation of Fencing.  
 Mr. J. Rimet, International Federation of Football Association.  
 Mr. A. Bourdonnay-Schweich, International Federation of Weight-Lifting.  
 Mr. B. Cortenbosh, International Amateur Wrestling Federation.  
 Dr. Schmidt, International Federation of Ski-ing.  
 Mr. P. Loicq, International League of Ice-Hockey.  
 Mr. P. Loicq, International Federation of Bobsleighing & Tobogganing.  
 Dr. L. Donath, International Federation of Amateur Swimming.  
 Dr. L. Donath, International Federation of Amateur Boxing.  
 Mr. R. Liégeois, International Federation of Hockey-on-Grass.  
 Mr. L. Breton, International Cyclist's Union.  
 Mr. J. Carnot, International Union of Rifle-Shooting.

Mr. Anspach communicated the contents of the report of the Conference of the Delegates of the International Federations held on May 7th at Brussels, which dealt with the question of Amateurism. These contents will be reported to the I.O.C.

**REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE HELD BY DELEGATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON AMATEURISM NOMINATED IN VIENNA**

The delegates elected Mr. Edström as President of the Conference and Messrs. Anspach and Evers Vice-President and Secretary respectively.

After a long discussion, in which the majority of the delegates took part, the Federations voted unanimously the sole definition of an amateur as follows :

«An amateur is so called who practises sport solely for the love of it and for his own pleasure, without any intention from a spirit of greed of obtaining any direct or indirect profit. Every International Federation shall regulate and control the application of this fundamental principle».

During the afternoon session the delegates recognised after discussing the report prepared by the Committee that this definition is not applicable to the particular conditions of every Sports.

They also decided to find a basis for a definition of an amateur with the most extreme concessions, which would not exclude certain very important Sports which for a vital interest ought to be included in the Olympic Games.

For this purpose they decided to send to all the International Federations the Report of the Committee, asking them kindly to let them have in writing their comments about the different questions raised.

The replies which ought to be received before October 1st 1934 will be collected and classed by the Committee for the preparation of a new definitions, the next of which will be submitted to a new Conference of Delegates of the International Federations, which will be held with the least possible delay.

Messrs. R. W. Seeldrayers, J. Carnot and Dr. Donath, were asked to join the Committee of Amateurism nominated in Vienna, which obtained a new mandate.

The Council then examined the Wishes put forward by Mr. Glandaz in the name of the French Olympic Committee by the International Cyclist's Union and by the International Federation of Boxing.

Mr. R. Liégeois, Delegate of the International Federation of Hockey-on-Grass, asked the President of the I.O.C. the reason why no Olympic Congress was held during the present Olympiad.

The President replied that, because there was no question to put on the Agenda, the need of a Congress did not arise.

To Mr. Liégeois insisting on the necessity of submitting to a Congress the fixing of a date to hold certain competitions, the President replied that according to the Rules of the Protocol, it is left to the I.O.C. to choose the period when the Games should take place with consideration for the wishes of the interested parties.

It is indispensable for the solemnity of the Games that the various competitions should take place between the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Olympic Games are not a succession of Championships but the Congress of all the Sports Bodies in the World. Their object is as well of a moral as of a sporting nature.

To Count Goblet d'Aviella (Delegate of the International Federation of Gymnastics) having expressed a desire to submit to the Conference the difficulties which exist with another International Federation about the programme of Gymnastics, the President replied that this question does not in any way concern this Conference, but that the Executive Committee is alone qualified to settle any Olympic differences between International Federations on all questions which are not of a technical nature.

The President of the International Union of Rifle-Shooting, Monsieur Jean Carnot, gave the Executive Committee precise details about the participation of certain competitors in the Rifle-Shooting competition at the Xth Olympiad at Los Angeles in 1932. Mr. Carnot promised to send to Athens proposed new rules for the qualification of Olympic competitors in Rifle-Shooting.

The President of the International Federation of Handball informed the Conference of its present relationship with the International Athletic Federation,

The Executive Committee approved the proposed programme of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, of the International Federation of Equitation, of the International Federation of Fencing, of the International Federation of Wrestling, of the International Federation of Amateur Swimming, of the International Federation, of Hockey-on-Grass, of the International Union of Rifle-Shooting, of the International Union of Skating, of the International Federation of Ski-ing, and of the International League of Ice-Hockey.

For Yachting, after an exchange of views with Mr. Laeisz, Delegate of the Deutscher Seglerverband, the following competitions were admitted :

- (1) 8 m international.
- (2) 6 m international.
- (3) Star class, crew of 2.
- (4) Monotype (Olympia-jolle).

The Yachting competitions will take place at Kiel.

The admission of Women was asked for by the International Athletic Federation, the International Federation of Swimming, the International Federation of Fencing, the International Federation of Gymnastics, the International Federation of Equitation, the International Federation of Ski-ing, the International Federation of Skating and the International Federation of Hockey-on-Grass.

Mr. Rimet, President of the International Federation of the Football Association, explained the new situation created by the changes introduced by his Federation in the rules of Amateurism.

The Secretary of I.O.C.  
A. G. Berdez.

The President of I.O.C.  
Count de Baillet-Latour.

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## 5. - International Olympic Committee Year III of the 8th Olympiad 1934 Session Athens

### Opening Sitting of the Session

The opening sitting was celebrated in the big hall of the National Academy on May 16th 1934 at 5 p.m. in the presence of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Mr. Zaimis, the Mayor of Athens, Members of the Government, the Archimandrite and the Diplomatic Corps supported by many others.

The President of the Republic declared the Session opened.

SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE I.O.C.  
COUNT DE BAILLET-LATOUR

Mr President of the Republic,  
Mr President of the Government,  
Most Reverend Archbishop,  
Mr Mayor,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

In his Olympic Memoirs, Pierre de Coubertin, telling of the opening of the Congress for the Revival of Olympic Games, June 27th, 1894, at the Sorbonne, attributes the success obtained to the emotion shown by the members, influenced by the Greek renaissance, and adds that it was a Greek scholar, Vikelas, the delegate of the «Societe Panhellénique de Gymnastique» who presided with authority over the work of the «Commission pour l'Olympisme».

This union of the International Committee with the Greek Committee, which has remained intact from the beginning, immediately proved useful. It was owing to the generosity of a Greek patron of Sports, Averoff, that the Stadium at Athens, where the first Games of the modern era were celebrated in 1896 was constructed. It was owing to the enlightened support of King Constantine, the Heir Apparent, and of Lambros, the President and Secretary respectively of the Organising Committee, that it was possible to hold them. Amongst the foremost promoters of the Olympic Ideal at that time I notice also His Excellency Mr. Zaimis, the President of the Republic, whom I have the honour of greeting to-day and of thanking for the interest he still shows in the work of which Coubertin was the founder.

These memories are, by tradition, still kept alive amongst us : and I can also assure you, Mr. Mayor.