

Extract from minutes of the Conference of the E. C. of the I. O. C. with the Delegates of the International Sports Federations

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Chairman: Mr. Avery Brundage

Procès-verbal: Drafted from registered records

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Basketball : M. R. William Jones
M. Hafner
Bobsleigh : M. Albert Mayer
Boxe : M. E. Gremaux
Col. Russell
Canoë : Dr. Popel
Curling : M. J. Dötsch
Cyclisme : M. Achille Joinard
M. René Chesal
Equestre : General Baron de Trannoy
Escrime : M. G. Mazzini
M. Macerata
Football : M. Seelldrayers
M. Erick von Frenckell
M. Kurt Gassmann
M. Savin
Gymnastique : Comte Goblet d'Alviella
M. Charles Thœni
Haltérophile : M. Eugène Gouleau
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Hockey sur gazon : M. Demaurex
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Lutte : M. Roger Coulon
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Patinage : M. G. Häsler
Ski : M. Marc Hodler
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M. Arnold Kaech
Tir : M. E. Carlsson
M. A. Larsson
Yachting : M. René L. Odier

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M. Bo Ekelund
M. von Frenckell
M. Albert Mayer

MELBOURNE'S REPRESENTATIVE

M. E. J. Holt

WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

Comte Paolo Thaon di Revel
Dr. G. B. Fabjan
M. Onoglio

The sitting opens on May 4th at 9.20 A. M.

The President extends a hearty welcome to the Delegates of the International Federations, and he mentions the presence with us today of Mr. *Holt* Technical Director of the Games of the XVth Olympiad in Melbourne 1956. All the Delegates of the I. F. have been given the opportunity to consult him during the days preceding the present Conference.

REPORT ON THE GAMES OF THE XVIIth OLYMPIAD, MELBOURNE 1956

The President announces that the Assembly is going to discuss each sport individually in order to ascertain that the dispositions taken are giving full satisfaction to the interested parties.

ATHLETISM. — *Mr. Pain*, Delegate of the I. A. A. F. is of the opinion that the measures taken will be satisfactory.

BOXING. — *Col. Russell* says that there is one point to clear up, this concerns the number of matches, this question is coming up for discussion and is deferred till we hear Mr. von Frenckell's report dealing with the reducing of the Games. With regard to the Boxing Stadium, Mr. *Holt* affirms that it should give full satisfaction as it is a new site. Mr. *Russell* awaits for a decision to be reached before he commits himself.

CYCLISM. — *Mr. Joinard* expresses his satisfaction with regard to the velodrome. Concerning further details which are to be settled later on, Mr. *Chesal* proposes to discuss them in two days' time with Mr. *Holt*.

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS. — *Baron de Trannoy* gives a reading of the report which he compiled for the Session of the I. O. C. A debate opens with regard to the opportunity of transferring the equestrian sports to another town than Melbourne. The following speakers are heard on the subject : *Mr. Joinard* (cyclism), *Gaston Mullegg* (rowing), *Mr. Armand Massard* (E. C.), *Lord Burghley* (E. C.), *Gremaux* (boxing), *Brundage* (E. C.), *Seelldrayers* (football), *von Frenckell* (football), *Count Goblet d'Alviella* (gymnastics). All these orators are in favour of *Baron de Trannoy's* report. In conclusion, this question is deferred till the I. O. C.' Session in Athens when it shall decide.

FENCING. — *Mr. Mazzini* is satisfied with the work that has been done in Melbourne up to now.

GYMNASTICS. — *Count Goblet d'Alviella* reports that he has been having an interesting talk with Mr. *Brundage* concerning the gymnastic teams.

Mr. *Thœni*, on his part, had an interview lasting two hours with Mr. Holt (Melbourne). In accordance with the commission for reducing the Programme, the team events will be maintained.

MODERN PENTATHLON. — *General Gustav Dyrssen*, is not at all satisfied with the preparations of this sport in Melbourne, as a matter of fact, there is no organization of modern pentathlon in Australia. However, with the precious collaboration of Mr. Holt, he trusts that a favourable issue will intervene in Australia. Replying to Mr. *von Frenckell's* query, Mr. Holt gives his assurance that a sufficient number of horses required for modern pentathlon will be provided, and that they will undergo a training of 4 to 6 months before the Games. On this point Mr. Holt gives full guarantees.

ROWING. — Mr. *Gaston Mullegg* deplors the fact that the rowing events have to take place 112 km. from Melbourne but after he had, yesterday, a friendly conversation with Mr. Holt, he feels confident and reassured as Mr. Holt has guaranteed to provide all the technical requirements needed by the F. I. S. A.

SHOOTING. — Mr. *Larsson* informs the Assembly that his federation is rather in a fix in view of the fact that there does not exist any National Shooting Association in Australia, and that up to this day, his federation did not know who to get in touch with for negotiations. The Rules of the existing federations differ from those of the U. I. T. In certain States in Australia, it is forbidden to practise pistol shooting. Mr. Holt has promised Mr. Larsson that the shooting organization will be perfect as he has been able to secure the cooperation of the Army. On this account he presumes that the organization shall take place in normal conditions.

SWIMMING. — Mr. *Sällfors* declares himself satisfied with the provisions made by Mr. Holt. On the other hand, he asks that the I. O. C. shall consider the introduction of the butterfly stroke if the swimming programme. Replying to a question of Mr. Sällfors, Mr. *Brundage* informs the latter that the E. C. has not yet taken a decision on the matter but that the I. O. C. will do so at its Session in Athens.

WEIGHT LIFTING AND PHYSICAL CULTURE. — Mr. *Eugène Gouleau*, has contacted Mr. Holt and all the questions related to his sport have been satisfactorily settled.

WRESTLING. — Mr. *Roger Coulon*, states that he has not yet communicated with Mr. Holt but he hopes that, as the result of a future interview with him now, everything will be settled in the best manner.

YACHTING. — Mr. *Odier* states that, from the exchange of correspondence between the Australian Federation and the Yacht-Racing Union, everything seems to be in perfect order. However, he requests that the I. O. C. should not reduce the number of yachts classes, as forecast, but to maintain it to 5 classes. To his opinion, doing away with the yachts of 6- meters would cause serious prejudice to yacht racing. Mr. *Brundage* thinks that in view of the fact that the 6 meters were accepted on the Helsinki's Programme, the Yachting Union is perfectly entitled to enter on the programme of these competitions the classes of yachts which suit them, as long as the number is limited to 5. Mr. Holt will intervene with the competent authorities in Australia on this matter.

BASKETBALL. — Mr. *Jones* admits that he is not too pessimistic with regard to the technical preparations made in Melbourne. He, however,

lays stress on the difficulties that his Federation will encounter if the number of the teams is to be reduced to 16. He thinks that this matter will appear on the Agenda under art. 8. On the other hand, he totally disagrees with the time limit of 8 days which is imposed to his Federation for the matches to be held.

CANOEING. — Mr. *Popel* says that the canoeing events will be held on the same site than the rowing events. He assures Mr. Mullegg that this will not interfere in anyway with the rowing competitions. He adds that he declares himself to be satisfied with the preparations made in Melbourne.

FOOTBALL. — Mr. *Seeldrayers* has full confidence concerning the suitability of the playgrounds and the efficiency of the football organization in Australia. In addition, he states that the F. I. F. A. has accepted to reduce the number of teams to 16.

HOCKEY ON GRASS. — Mr. *Demaurex*, agrees with the programme announced by the Organizing Committee of Melbourne. He hopes to have a private interview with Mr. Holt when he proposes to settle other matters.

GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF THE MELBOURNE GAMES. — Mr. *von Frenckell* (football) asks Mr. Holt if the outlays incumbent to the athletes will be maintained at the rate of 6 Dollars per day, as was the case in Helsinki ? He also asks what the conditions for the tourists are to be Mr. Holt (Melbourne) replies that no decision has yet been taken concerning this matter, but he presumes that the athletes expenses will amount to about 2 Guineas per day, which is equivalent to about 6 Dollars. As to the cost of living for the visitors, it is rather high, and can be compared to the cost of living in Great-Britain. This applies to food and lodgings adds Mr. Holt.

Col. Russell (boxing) thanks the Australian Committee for the effort realized when it has kindly agreed to subsidize and defray the travelling expenses of a representative of each international Federation. He would, however, like to elucidate the matter of methods of payment of the journey and asks the Melbourne Committee to be kind enough to refund the return ticket, by air travel, of a Delegate from each federation as well as refund the hotel expenses of two Delegates. Mr. Holt (Melbourne) relates that his Committee had agreed to pay the travelling expenses of the Delegates in question but when travelling by sea. He agrees to intercede with his Committee in order that it alter its decision in favour of offering the voyage by air. He also asks the Federations to make a request in this sense in order to back the request he is going to make to the Organizing Committee. Mr. *Brundage* expresses his gratitude to the Melbourne Committee and trusts that satisfaction will be given to the I. F.

WINTER SPORTS, CORTINA D'AMPEZZO' GAMES

SKIING. — Mr. *Hodler* who is in constant touch with the Cortina Committee, declares that the pistis are in good running order and he feels confident that the events of his sport will be carried out in faultless fashion. He wishes however to raise one point for the Assembly's appreciation that is: the decision of the I. O. C. to retain the same programme at Cortina than the one in use at Oslo. Moreover, his Federation wishes to add two events to the skiing competitions, namely the 30 km. long distance race for men and the 3 x 5 km. relay race for women. The speaker therefore begs the I. O. C. to repeal its decision, because, in the Olympic year, the I. S. F. look upon these events as being the World SKIING Championship but on the condition that they are organized in conformity with the

Rules of the I. S. F. The *Count Thaon di Revel* (Cortina) says that the Programme is already fairly full, but that his Committee will be agreeable to include these two supplementary events asked for by the I. S. F., to the Cortina Games' Programme. Mr. *von Frenckell* is of the opinion that we should agree with the F. I. S.'s proposition and accept it.

BOBSLEIGH. — Mr. *Albert Mayer* is satisfied with the preparations projected for Cortina. All the necessary conditions are being met there. Proof of this has been given, last year, when the Bobsleigh World Championships took place at this station.

SKATING. — Mr. *Hasler* accepts without restrictions the Programme as presented by the Committee of Cortina, though the speed skating tests are being held on a lake situated 17 km. from Cortina.

REDUCING THE PROGRAMME

Mr. *Brundage* gives a few explanations as to the motives which prompted the I. O. C. to consider the reducing of the Programme. He reminds the Assembly that 80 National Olympic Committees are recognized by the I. O. C. and it is quite likely that in time to come this number might be raised to 90. There exists a misunderstanding as to the meaning of the word "teams." The latter may be subdivided in four categories or classes, namely the actual team sports as represented by football and basketball, there are relay teams, as used in swimming events for distance, there are team sports pertaining to gymnastics and fencing and lastly there are the equestrian sports teams. If the I. O. C. wishes to reduce the number of the teams, this measure will not affect all the Federations but only a few of them. In fact, if every country had the right to send a team, and if the majority of the 80 countries which belong to our movement sent, for instance, one football and one basketball team to compete in the Games, one can imagine the problem the Organizing Committees would have to face. The period of 16 days for the Games would be completely inadequate; on this account, certain restrictive measures are imperative. He goes on remarking that in London as well as at Helsinki, there were between 800 to 900 athletes inscribed and present to the Games, who never competed, they were just sham tourists, and this is the reason why the I. O. C. is taking steps to eliminate the reserves. Something must be done and therefore the President calls for the cooperation of the I. F.

Mr. *von Frenckell* is requested by the President to give a summary of the concrete terms which are set forth in the report elaborated by the commission appointed to study the question of reducing the Programme of the Games. Mr. *Hodler* (Skiing) is of the opinion that the matter of reducing the Games falls within the competence of the I. F. which will be the first to make suggestions for reducing the Programme, if they consider it is necessary to do so. Mr. *Brundage* says that we share his feelings on the matter. Each Federation has its own problems, but one must bear in mind that the I. O. C. is there to ensure and safeguard the interests of everybody. All the difficulties derive from this; the I. O. C. fully agrees to leave to each federation the responsibility and control of its own affairs, but a difficulty may arise within a federation, and if this problem is multiplied by 20, it is easy to realize how serious and involved the situation might become.

DEBATE ON THE COMMISSION'S REPORT FOR REDUCING THE GAMES

Lord Burghley (E. C.) says that the I.A.A.F. is going to hold a meeting in Berne, this summer, when concrete propositions regarding the means of avoid-

ing the overcrowding of certain sports events, this will be submitted to the I. O. C. To his mind, every country should be entitled to send an athlete, and the eventual choice of a second or third athlete should be based on standards and a minimum of norms required. Mr. *Pain* (Athletism) defends the opinion that the number of events to be chosen falls on the I. F., they are the only competent bodies which are qualified to designate the events which are to appear on the Programme. It is a question of principle, which ought not even to be discussed with the National Olympic Committees which are, as it were, issued from the national Federations.

Mr. *Larsson* (Shooting) shares Lord Burghley's views and hopes that this question will be fully discussed and that a solution will be found. Mr. *Armand Massard* (E. C.) replying to Mr. *Pain*, thinks that, nevertheless, the National Olympic Committees have a certain amount of control over these international problems. The French O. C., for instance, is represented at this Conference by three Presidents of the I. F. and a General-Secretary. Further, it has on its Committee 4 to 5 former Presidents of the International Federations. Mr. *Emile Gremaux* (Boxing) does not agree that we can do away altogether with the reserves, one could eventually reduce their number. As far as boxing is concerned, he hopes that his congress shall accept his proposal aiming at recognizing only two reserves instead of 4, but he cannot give his assurance that this proposition shall be accepted. Mr. *Hafner* (Basketball) asks why it is so necessary to reduce the Programme of the Games. In his opinion, only two reasons exist for this measure: the 1st. of technical order, which is solely under the competence of the I. F., the other, of administrative order which concerns only the I. O. C. For 1956, this problem does not exist and later on, the I. O. C. only needs to choose a town capable to hold 10,000 athletes or officials. How could a town like Lausanne, with a population amounting to 110,000 inhabitants accommodate 10,000 athletes, while other cities of 1 or 2 million inhabitants can not do it? With regard to the technical questions, these can be left entirely to the care of the I. F. which can solve them. To his opinion, it is premature to discuss this problem at the present time, perhaps our successors will do so in hundred or two hundred years. Mr. *Hafner* considers that it is necessary to reduce the Programme, this measure should apply to the number of athletes only and not to the number of countries participating.

Mr. *Brundage* in reply to Mr. *Hafner*, points out that the problem has been in existence for sometimes past and is very acute, to understand it, it is only necessary to talk to Lord Burghley and Mr. *von Frenckell* and Mr. *Holt*, the formers have both been chief organizers of the London Games and of Helsinki, to realize that this state of affairs existed already then. Mr. *Seeldrayers* (Football) thinks that in connection with the team sports, an elimination before the Games is indispensable. Mr. *Sällfors* (Swimming) believes that, in future, when the I. O. C. puts the Programme in order, it should do so in consultation with each International Federation concerned.

Mr. *Brundage* asks the opinion of the I. F. concerning the first question, namely the exclusion of the reserves. This motion is put to the vote by show of hands and accepted by a very great majority. It is also decided not to reduce the number of entries of the athletes competing below 3. With regard to the equestrian sports, the general principle introduced by the Commission is also accepted.

Mr. *Jones* (Basketball) is opposed to the reduction of the number of teams to 16, but if preliminary heats were to be introduced, he would like them to take place in the town where the Games are cele-

brated. Mr. *Sällfors* (Swimming) wishes the events of water-polo to be arranged during the 2nd week of the Games, also that the preliminary heats might be held in Australia immediately before the official matches. Mr. *Brundage* thinks that, were we to accept this suggestion, we would not achieve anything owing to the fact that the housing problem remains insolvable. In reply to questions formulated by *Count Goblet d'Alviella* (Gymnastics) and Mr. *G. Mazzini* (Fencing) the President points out that, when referring to team sports, there is no question to include cyclism, fencing, or gymnastics. This concerns exclusively basketball, football and water-polo as well as field-hockey. In this case one team appears as a single unit playing against another unit; the relay races, for instance, have nothing to do with the point we are debating. The President seizes this opportunity to allude to a delicate question closely related to the present debate which is causing deep concern to the I. O. C., namely the problem of nationalism carried to excess. He points out its danger to the I. F. Mr. *Sällfors* (Swimming) requests that the following declaration should be brought on the Agenda: "If the von *Frenckell's* proposition is to be adopted, the opportunity should be given to the various federations to organize the preliminary heats in the town where the Olympic Games are to be held; but that the various sports should be on equal footing and finally that those matches arranged to take place in the 1st week should, have equal treatment than the one organized for the 2nd week. The President assures Mr. *Sällfors* that the question shall be transmitted to the Commission in charge. Mr. *Hafner* (Basketball) claims that ascertain difference seems to prevail between certain sports, and this, to him, appears arbitrary. Why, for instance, does one not speak of team, in the case of rowing with its crew of "8," to his way of thinking it constitutes a team. He esteems that the interdiction of going beyond the number of 16 is excessive, and one ought to content oneself with a simple recommendation and not go beyond it. He does not think that the housing problem matters much in a town which has applied for the Games. He again makes a reference to Lausanne where, two years ago, on the occasion of the Swiss Federal Gymnastic Competition 35,000 athletes found accommodation in that town.

In conclusion, Mr. *Hafner* renew his protest against the reduction of teams to 16.

Mr. *von Frenckell* (Commission of reduction) points out that judging from the replies he received from the national olympic committees and the International Federations, 28 out of 30 are in favour of reducing the number of teams to 16, and only 2 are against it, namely the basketball's I. F. and the F. I. N. A. The President points out that the federations most interested in the subject, namely the football federation has accepted without opposition the project of diminishing the number to 16. Mr. *Mullegg* (Rowing) wishes to explain to Mr. *Hafner* that rowing is not classed as a team sport. He declares that the rowing events were entitled to have 41 oarsmen for the 7 teams per nation. Today the F. I. S. A. has itself reduced the number of oarsmen to 30 which means that instead of 654 oarsmen who are entered by the F. I. S. A. only 480 are actually competing. Finally he declares that the technical matters must be left to the Federation's control, while he recommends to them to take notice of the of the adjunctions of the I. O. C.

Lord Burghley (Athletism) points out that beside the questions which have just been discussed, there exists a matter of great importance; he refers to finances; though it is true to say that the athletes are paying for their board and lodgings expenses, there are other considerations, for instance, the cost

of transport. In the case of the London Games it amounted to thousands upon thousands of kilometers. Now, this cost of transport is at the charge of the organizers. Another problem refers to the number of play grounds necessary for training purposes. The more teams there are the more play grounds will be needed. There exists therefore two difficulties of the material order, while the other one is financial. Another problem is connected with the Olympic Village, the increase of the latter is in proportion with the number of participants. Building new houses is all very well, but they must be equipped with cooking facilities, sanitary installations, etc., etc. If we go on at this rate, only very wealthy cities will be able to consider having the Olympic Games. The above reflections lead on to the following conclusion that: within a comparatively short time we shall find ourselves in a catastrophic position. Nobody intends to deliberately cut down the Games, and no one finds pleasure in doing so, but circumstances are compelling us to take certain measures. The following speakers are heard on the subject: Mr. *Seeldrayers*, Mr. *Jones*, *von Frenckell*, *Larsson* and Mr. *Thaeni* who all discuss minor questions. After hearing them, the President moves the following recommendation to the vote and it is accepted: "The Federations of team sports interested are begged to reduce the number of their teams to 16 and to inscribe them the day before the Opening of the Games."

Mr. *Larsson* (Shooting) enquires if the decision which has just been taken leaves an issue to exceptional cases, as it happened in the case of principle dealing with the elimination of the individual reserves? The President replies in the affirmative, while adding that these exceptions must remain within reasonable limits.

Mr. *Brundage* remarks that with reference to the item G. of the commission's report, the question of the teams called "Artificial" concerning fencing, gymnastics, cyclism, etc. has already been settled. He requests now the Delegates' opinion, who are present at the Conference, on this question which will be put to the I. O. C., namely that an athlete cannot be awarded two medals for the same performance. Adopted.

NEW SPORTS. — It is agreed to accept item H of the Commission's report, stipulating that no event shall be eliminated from the Melbourne Programme with regard to the Programme of Helsinki, but that no new competition will be accepted. This motion is valid only for the Melbourne Games.

NUMBER OF OFFICIALS. — The Assembly unanimously approves the proposition of the commission aiming at reducing the number of officials, this will be based on a scale of 30 to 15%, as for the small teams, the number of officials must in no way exceed the number of athletes.

PRESS, RADIO AND PHOTOGRAPHERS. — It is decided that the number of journalists admitted to the Games must not exceed a quota of 1000, for the radio and television operators: 150, and for the photographers a quota of 150.

FILMS

Lord Burghley (President of the film commission of the I. O. C.) informs the Assembly of the recommendation his commission intends to submit to the I. O. C., namely that the I. F. should be authorized to turn 16 mm. films serving an educational purpose. The I. F. would however, not be permitted to show these films to the public against payment for a period of one year after the Games. They will be entitled to show these films to private organizations against remuneration, if they wish to do

so, but on the condition that the profit thus obtained shall be handed either to the international federation interested or to the competent Sports Association of the country interested.

RESERVED SEATS FOR THE I. F. AND N. O. C. DURING THE GAMES

On Mr. *Gaston Mullegg's* recommendation and approved by the President, the latter intends to propose to the I. O. C. the insertion of an adjunction to the Committee's Rule 59, stipulating that the seats reserved to the members of the International Olympic Committee, for the Delegates of the I. F. and those of the National Olympic Committees, namely the stands A. B. C. should be adjacent. In addition, the President advises that a motor park should be provided for them as well as supplying all the above members with a Police Pass. meantime, the President begs Mr. Holt to bear in mind these resolutions and to take a note of them for the Melbourne Games.

WINTER SPORTS

The *President* announces that the I. O. C. is to bring a motion on its order of the day concerning the reduction of the number of entries to the Winter Games, from 4 to 3.

Mr. *Hodler* (Skiing) is opposed to this reduction and supports his objections on technical ground Mr. *Hasler* (Skating) is agreeable to envisage this measure but the decision falls within the competence of his Committee. Decision : Mr. *Hodler* is commissioned to give to the President the particulars relating to the number of competitors who participated in the Games of Oslo, and the I. O. C. will decide. The President will again contact Mr. *Hodler* with reference to this matter.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE I. F. AND OF THE I. O. C.

Mr. *Brundage* and *Col. Russell* (Boxing) give particulars as to the above Committee which was constituted at Helsinki. *Col. Russell* adds that the I. F. met in Lausanne, two days ago, when they decided to abolish this Advisory Committee. On the other hand, the I. F. have decided to meet and hold a Congress each time before their Conference with the E. C. of the I. O. C. The duty to make all the arrangements for these future meetings incumbs to *Col. Russell*.

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE I.O.C. AND THE I.F.

Lord Burghley would like to establish a much closer bond of relationship between the I. F. and the I. O. C., in order to achieve an increased cohesiveness, conducive to the discussion of the main problems which engross these federations. These problems which are not directly connected with the Olympic Games could be mentioned at the end of the Agenda. The President assures the Assembly that the I. O. C. has no intention to interfere with the affairs of the I. F., its only wish is for a closer cooperation. Mr. *Mullegg* (Rowing) does not question for one instant, that *Lord Burghley's* proposal is made with the intention of securing a more effective cooperation with the I. F. He however, cannot share *Lord Burghley's* idea and he is of the opinion that the Delegates of the I. F. must be able to discuss in an openhearted manner among themselves. He also refers to the last sentence of the order of saying that the I. O. C. is the directive power of the world sport, while, in reality it only governs olympic sport, a fact that Mr. *Brundage* duly acknowledges. This is an unfortunate error.

TELEGRAM TO MR. EDSTRÖM

It is decided to send a telegram of good wishes and kind remembrances to Mr. *Edström*, the former President.

FUTURE SESSIONS

The next Session will take place, next year, in Paris and in future, the Sessions will be held twice during the period of an Olympiad, namely in the year preceding the Games and in the year following.

AMATEURISM

The *President* declares that he does not wish to open a debate today on item 5 which aims at a cohesive debate concerning amateurism. He believes that the best way would be for this problem to be studied when the Federations hold their own meeting and discuss it among themselves. Mr. *Mullegg* (Rowing) wishes to thank the I. O. C. for upholding the principle adopted in 1947 at Stockholm, which figures in the Statutes of the I. O. C., stipulating that the I. F. are responsible for drafting their own statutes. The following speakers take part in the debate : *the President Col. Russell, and Mr. Seelldrayers.*

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr. *Brundage* informs the Assembly that he has brought this point no 6 on the Agenda, solely with the view to tell the I. F. that the matter of organizing the world Championships during the Olympic Years falls entirely under the competence of the I. F. and does not concern the I. O. C. in anyway. This is a reply to a query forwarded by the I. F.

JUDGES AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Mr. *Brundage* reverts to the circular-letter which he sent a few months ago to the I. F. drawing their attention on the serious nature of the situation dealing with the sometimes questionable capacity of certain judges. He mentions that the football and rowing federations possess well organized educative centres where they form umpires and judges. Any federations may be well advised to seek information or guidance on the matter from these two organizations. He commends this important problem to the attention of the I. F. in order to avoid incurring new blames in the future. The following speakers speak on this subject : *Mr. Jones* (Basketball), *von Frenckell* (Helsinki), *Mr. Larsson* (Shooting), *Brundage* (I. O. C.), *Thæni* (gymnastics), *Gremaux* (Boxing).

COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

President *Brundage* states that the I. O. C. is actually drafting a set of new rules relating to the National Olympic Committees. The I. F. controlling professional and amateur sport.

A lengthy debate on this question ensues, the following speakers take part in the debate : *Mr. Seelldrayers* (Football), *Joinard* (Cyclism), *Gremaux* (Boxing), and *Hafner* (Basketball). No decision is reached.

REWARDS PRESENTED BY THE I.O.C.

Mr. *Brundage* wishes to draw the attention of the I. F. on the rewards which are being distributed by the I. O. C. every year. The candidatures may be presented to the I. O. C. through the intermediary of one of the member of the above Committee.

TAKING FILMS DURING THE GAMES

The *President* recalls what has already been said on the topic, namely that a plea will be lodged with the I. O. C. in order to authorize the I. F. to turn a technical 16 mm. film for their own use. The I. O. C. intends also to grant this privilege to the National Olympic Committees.

REPORT ON THE GAMES OF CENTRAL AMERICA

Mr. *Brundage* went to Mexico-City last month in order to attend the Central American Games. He is happy to record that these Games were a great success and that 12 to 15 countries participated. The *President* takes this opportunity to signal that the Regional Games are a great asset in the development of the Olympic Movement and that the I. O. C. endeavours to guide them on the right lines preconized by the Rules and Regulations established.

DANGER THAT THE GAMES MAY SERVE THE PURPOSE OF SPRING BOARD TO A PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Mr. *Brundage* elaborates this subject and points out to the I. F. the danger to see the Games become a spring board to a professional career. He begs the I. F. to watch that the competitors do not acquire this mentality and that this spirit does not take hold of the men sent up for competition to the Games. He asks also that the I. F. do their utmost to guide and direct their athletes towards amateurism while discouraging them to become professionals.

JOINT ACTION IN RECOGNIZING NEW COUNTRIES

Mr. *Brundage* discloses the results of a recent enquiry which Mr. *Maenck* (Cuba) member of the E. C. undertook in certain countries of Latin America. In some States of this part of the world, political organisms have constituted national federations as well as National Olympic Committees which are not composed of sportsmen. This state of affairs must be altered. He requests the I. F. to set an inquiry before proceeding to affiliate a

national federation. As a matter of fact, the inclusion of this problem on the Agenda aims at assuring a joint action between the I. F. and the I. O. C. It would also be advisable, were the I. F. to consult the N. O. C. as regard the qualifications of the Federations applying for their affiliation.

Mr. *Larsson* (Shooting) thinks that it would be interesting, were the I. O. C. to request the I. F. as well as the N. O. C. to compile a list of the countries in which they encounter difficulties. In this way, we could draw comparisons with these lists, and discuss the matter openly next year.

Mr. *Brundage* announces further, that the I. O. C. is busy drafting a new set of rules which are applicable to the N. O. C. These rules will be very strict.

CONFERENCES AND SESSION IN PARIS

Mr. *Armand Massard* states that the invitation for the Conferences and the I. O. C. Session to be held in Paris, does not, unfortunately, emanate from the French Delegates but from a general spontaneous impulse which flatters him enormously. He wishes to give his assurance to the Delegates of the I. F., to the N. O. C. and to the I. O. C. that Paris will do her very best to welcome them all in the best of tradition and will have much pleasure in assuring their comfort in everyway.

SESSIONS IN 1955

The *President* announces that the 1955 Session will take place in Paris in the course of June and that all eventual propositions to be brought on the order of the day of that Session must be sent on the Chancellor of the I. O. C. at least three months before the Conference.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. *Seeldrayers* on behalf of the Assembly proposes a very hearty vote of thanks to the *President* for the praiseworthy manner with which the conducted the debates.

The Conference closed down at 17 o'clock on May the 5th.

The President :
Avery BRUNDAGE.

The Chancellor:
Otto MAYER.

