

# Extract from the minutes

## of the Conference of the Executive Board of the I. O. C. with the Delegates of the International Federations

Paris, Cercle Interallié Faubourg St-Honoré June 10th 1955.

Chairman : Mr Avery Brundage, President of the I.O.C.

List of those present :

Executive Board of the I.O.C.

Mr. Massard, Vice-President.

Lord Burghley.

H. E. Prince Axel of Denmark.

H. E. Mohammed Taher.

Dr Miguel A. Moenck.

Count Paolo Thaon di Revel.

### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS :

International Amateur Athletic Federation.

International Rowing Federation.

International Amateur Basket-Ball Federation.

International Bobsleigh and Tobogganing Federation.

International Amateur Boxing Union.

International Canoeing Federation.

International Curling Federation.

International Cycling Union.

International Equestrian Federation.

International Fencing Federation.

International Association Football Federation.

International Gymnastics Federation.

International Weight-Lifting and Physical Culture Federation.

International Hand-ball Federation.

International Field-Hockey Federation.

International Ice-Hockey Federation.

International Wrestling Federation.

International Swimming Federation.

International Modern Pentathlon Union.

International Skiing Federation.

International Shooting Union.

International Yacht Racing Union.

Proces-Verbal by means of recordings.

Sitting opens at 9.30 a. m.

Mr. Avery Brundage, Chairman extends a hearty welcome to the Delegates of the International Federations present in Paris. He is gratified by their number, representing almost the total of the I. F's.

Colonel Russell (Boxing) raises the question of reserves at the Olympic Games. The proposition has nothing to do with the Melbourne Games since a decision has already been taken on this subject. This discussion concerns the Games of 1960 and thereafter. In certain sports and particularly in Boxing (Col. Russell takes it that this question will also be of interest to other Federations) the question of reserves is of prime importance. He asks for permission to have a certain number of reserves and states his reasons for this request.

At the proposal of Mr. Erik von Frenckell, it is decided to wait till the 1956 Games have taken place in order to see if a change of ruling is called for. Col. Russell can bring up this matter after the Melbourne Games if the Int. Boxing Fed. thinks it will be necessary to do so.

Col. Russell (Boxing) asks for the award of two bronze medals ex aequo for the losing semi-finalists, apart from the award of silver gilt and silver medals won by the finalists. Mr. Avery Brundage replies that he will submit this request at the next weeks' Session of the I.O.C.

The Chairman takes this opportunity to remind the Delegates of the Melbourne Games present that the technical reports of the Games must be submitted to the I. F's concerned before they are printed.

Col. Russell (Boxing) raises the question of the coloured boxers who, in some countries of the world according to prevailing laws, are not allowed to compete against white boxers. This, according to him, is an infingement of the very principles of the Olympic Charter, since the latter stipulates that the Games are open to the youth of the whole world.

Mr. Avery Brundage while agreeing with Col Russell's point of view considers that this problem should be deferred until the following day's meeting when it should be discussed in the presence of the Delegates of the National Olympic Committees. This resolution is adopted.

Mr. Avery Brundage raises the question of schools for the training of International Judges, which is of prime importance. This matter has already been discussed in order to try improve the officiating at the Olympic Games, and has not always been solved satisfactorily. The following sneakers take part in the debate: Mr. Gaston Mullegg (Rowing), Mr. Drewry (FIFA), Mr. Paine (Athletics), Baron de Trannoy (Int. Equestrian Fed.) Mr. Ahearne (Ice-Hockey). These orators proceeded to expose the systems of their respective federations, which consist of organizing international courses for judges and referees, and these courses have given excellent results.

Mr. Gremaux (President of the Int. Boxing Fed.) explains the great divergences existing amongst referees and judges' conceptions concerning the different styles in boxing as it is practised in the world. For instance, there are the Anglo-Saxon style and the styles belonging to the Latin or to the Eastern countries. In these differences of styles lie the root of the difficulty, and consequently his federation has a very heavy task to carry out and does its best to do so.

Mr. Larsson (*Shooting*) thinks that one of the solutions to this problem would be to make the judge-candidates pass a test or examination for the forthcoming Games. Another solution would be to invite the I. F's to give the organizing committees of the Games a list of competent persons having the necessary qualifications to officiate as judges or referees.

Mr. Bonet-Maury (*Judo*) insists on the moral value of the referee. The following speakers express their opinions on this subject: Mr. Erik von Frenckell, Mr. Gaston Mullegg (*Rowing*), Mr. Armand Massard, (E. B.) and lastly the President Mr. Avery Brundage.

Mr. Armand Massard shares the views expressed by the orators on the subject and makes the following proposal: to require judges and referees to swear on their honour, before every Olympic Games or any important manifestation that they will judge and officiate in complete impartiality. Mr. Massard feels that this oath of honour is binding to the man who takes it (Applause).

Col. Russell speaking in the name of the 16 federations who met independently at a Conference held in Paris on the previous day, would like the Delegates of the International Federations to be treated on an equal basis as the members of the I.O.C. during the Conferences held between the Executive Board of the I.O.C. and the International Federations, especially with regard to the receptions. This would permit the Delegates to form closer bonds with the members of the I.O.C. A discussion ensues when the following speakers are heard on the subject: Mr. Avery Brundage, Mr. Armand Massard (E. B.), Lord Burghley (E. B.) Comte de la Frégéolière (*Bobsleigh*), Mr. Aherane (*Ice-Hockey*).

Sitting adjourned at 12.30 a. m.

Sitting resumed at 3 p. m.

With regard to the Conferences between the I. F's and the E. B. of the I.O.C., the following decision is adopted: they are to be held every two years, the next ones are to take place in 1957 and 1959. A complete day is to be reserved for this Conference, while a second day will be devoted to the Conference between the E. B. and the Delegates of the National Olympic Committees, the Delegates of the I. F's are invited to loin in as well if they wish to attend that Conference.

#### CHOICE OF THE TOWN WHERE THE GAMES OF 1960 WILL BE HELD.

Mr. Avery Brundage asks the Delegates of the I. F's to state their opinion on the technical possibilities offered by the candidate towns. The following Delegates are heard on the subject: Baron de Trannoy (*Equestrian*), Paine (IAAF), Säelfors (*Swimming*), Ahearne (*Ice-Hockey*), Gaston Mullegg (*Rowing*), Jones (*Basket-Ball*), Comte de la Frégéolière (*Bobsleigh*), Col. Russell (*Boxing*), Coulon (*Wrestling*), Drewry (FIFA), Charles Thœni (*Gymnastics*), Franck (*Field-Hockey*), O. Lorenz (*Skiing*), Kieffer (*Yachting*),

Popel and Larsson (*Shooting*), General Dyrssen (*Modern Pentathlon*) and Baumann (*Hand-ball*).

#### MEDITERRANEAN GAMES 1955

Mr. Paine (IAAF) and Mr. Gaston Mullegg (*Rowing*) declare that they are not entirely satisfied with the organization of their respective sports at these Games which are to be held in July 1955 at Barcelona. The latter considers that the I.O.C. should not bestow its patronage so easily on all these regional organizations. He would like the I.O.C. to consult the opinion of the I. F's on this matter, before reaching a decision.

#### TELEVISION OF THE GAMES

Col. Russell (*Boxing*) speaking on behalf of the 16 Int. Federations considers that it would be right to share equally the benefits deriving from the television of the Games between the Organizing Committee of the Games and the I. F's who bear enormous expenses at the time of the Olympic Games. Lord Burghley and the President estimate that the eventual benefits derived from television are actually very problematical as past experience has proved a certain falling-off at the turnstiles due to the direct effect of television. Mr. Ahearne (*Ice-Hockey*) proposes that the profits be divided in three and not into two. This would mean that the I.O.C. would receive a third, a third for the Organizing Committee and one third to the I. F's.

The Chairman will see that these various propositions will be duly submitted to the I.O.C. for examination.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF EAST GERMANY

Col. Russell (*Boxing*) is of the opinion that the I.O.C. who will discuss this problem at their Session during the following week, should recognize the National Olympic Committee of the People's Democratic Republic of Germany. As far as his federation is concerned there are 12000 to 15000 boxers belonging to that part of the world who would be glad to compete in the Games. Lord Burghley observes that as far as the Olympic Games are concerned, western and eastern Germany should be unified and submit only one team to the Games.

Mr. Avery Brundage thanks the Delegates of the International Federations for attending the Conferences in such number. As for Col. Russell he wishes to thank the Executive Board of the I.O.C. for having organized this meeting with the I. F's and he expresses his gratitude in particular to Avery Brundage who has taken the Chair and has shown great courtesy throughout these debates. He trusts that these contacts will bear fruit while contributing to the continuous improvement of the Olympic Movement and of the relations between the I.O.C. and the International Federations.

Sitting closed at 6 p. m.

The President : The Chancellor :  
Avery Brundage Otto Mayer.