

Extract from the Minutes

of the 50th Session of the International Olympic Committee

Paris, Cercle Interallié Faubourg St-Honoré.

From June 13th to June 18th 1955

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

Executive Board : COMPLETE.

List of members present : (See Annex French part pp. 15-16.)

Procès-verbal : By means of recordings.

President Brundage opens the Session at 9.45 a.m., and extends a hearty welcome to the numerous members who took the trouble to come to Paris in order to attend this Session. He is gratified to see such a number, representing a record attendance of 62 members out of 69.

Mr. Armand MASSARD (Vice-President) joins in the welcome extended by the President and expresses his hope that the members of the I.O.C. will take back happy memories of their visit to Paris.

PROCES-VERBAL OF THE 49TH SESSION OF
ATHENS

This procès-verbal is ratified unanimously after an explanation has been given in reply to the query of Mr. VARGAS (Philippines).

FINANCIAL REPORT 1954

President Brundage submits the report which discloses a deficit of 14,000 Swiss francs. The accounts are ratified by the Assembly.

INDEMNITIES FOR THE GAMES 1960

President Brundage declares that the E. B. is putting forward to the Assembly the following propositions regarding the contributions to be paid by the candidate towns which have been attributed the 1960 Games, and to defray the I.O.C.' expenses during the current Olympiad : 100.000 Swiss francs for the Summer Games, 30.000 Swiss francs for the Winter Games. As regards the Equestrian Games which are to be held at Stockholm next year, the indemnity should be fixed at 15.000 Swiss francs. In the course of the present Session, and as the result of Mr. Bo EKELUND (Sweden) suggestion (he proposed a sum of 5.000 Frs.), it is decided that the organizers of the Stockholm Games are to pay a contribution of Frs. 10.000 to the account of the I.O.C. (Agreed).

ABSENT MEMBERS

PRESIDENT BRUNDAGE excuses the 7 absent members who were unable to attend the Session owing to illness or for other reasons. On Mr. Ferreira Santos' request, the Assembly observes a minute of silence in honour of the memory of Baron de Guell, member for Spain, who passed away last year. President Brundage expresses also his sympathy on behalf of the I.O.C. to Mr. Vargas who has just lost his wife.

ELECTIONS

On the recommendation of the E. B. the following members are unanimously elected by a show of hands :

Mr. Riveira Bascur (Chili).
Mr. Kee Poong Lee (Korea).
Mr. Suat Erler (Turkey).
Mr. Alexander Siperco (Rumania).

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

On Mr. Massard's proposal, the new members will in future be introduced in a more official manner than hitherto. They will read a declaration according to a text duly elaborated by the E. B. (Approved).

NEW PAKISTAN MEMBER

Mr. Ahmed E.J. Jaffer, member for Pakistan, makes a proposal concerning the nomination of a new member for that country. This request is deferred to a later date.

COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Prior to the Session, the Olympic Committee of the U.S.S.R. had proposed to the I.O.C. to raise the number of members composing the E. B. from 7 to 9, and in addition to nominate a second Vice-President. The following speakers are heard in the debate on the subject : Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE, Albert MAYER (Switzerland), VARGAS (Philippines), MASSARD (France), Erik von FRENCHELL (Finland), Reginald HONEY (South

Africa), François PIÉTRI (France). At the end of this debate, the Chairman put the question to the vote with the following results :

1st vote : Election of a second Vice-President ; this motion is carried unanimously by a show of hands.

2nd vote : Increase of the number of members of the E. B. from 7 to 9, namely a President, two Vice-Presidents, and six members. Voting by secret ballot having been asked for, the following results are obtained : 48 ballot papers issued 31 yes and 17 no. The two-thirds majority, namely 32 votes not having been obtained, this motion is rejected.

On the question of re-election of the outgoing members of the E. B., President Brundage having asked for secret ballot, announces the following results : 48 ballots papers issued : 34 no and 14 yes. The two-thirds majority not having been obtained, the re-election of the members of the E. B. at the expiration of their mandates is rejected. The rule remains therefore unchanged.

ELECTION OF A SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

On the motion of Mr. Albert MAYER (Switzerland), seconded by Mr. Armand MASSARD (France), Lord BURGHEY is unanimously elected second Vice-President of the E. B., and acclaimed by the Assembly.

REPORT ON THE CONFERENCES WITH THE I. F'S AND THE N.O.C'S

President Brundage gives his report on the Conferences between the Delegates of the I. F's and of the National Olympic Committee on one hand, and the Executive Board on the other, which have just been held in Paris in the course of the last few days. These meetings took place on June 10th and June 11th. The next Conferences have been arranged for 1957 and 1959.

AWARD OF TWO BRONZE MEDALS FOR THE SPORTS INVOLVING ELIMINATING ROUNDS

President Brundage states that during the Conference which took place with the representatives of the International Federations, Col. RUSSELL (Boxing) asked that two bronze medals be awarded to the losing semi-finalists in sports involving eliminating rounds, as in boxing, wrestling, and all similar sports. On President Brundage's proposal, the Assembly agrees to award two bronze medals to the losing semi-finalists.

THE NEW OLYMPIC HYMN

President Brundage reminds the members that they had the occasion to hear the new version of the Olympic Hymn, at the official opening Ceremony which took place at the Sorbonne on the previous day. This was the object of a competition for which H. R. H. Prince Pierre de Monaco awarded a

prize of 1,000 dollars. The Chairman asks for the official recognition of this hymn in order to be able to play it already at the Mediterranean Games which are to be held in July at Barcelona, then at the Winter Games at Cortina in 1956, at the Olympic Equestrian Games at Stockholm and also at the Melbourne Games. H.R.H. Prince PIERRE DE MONACO states that he has made a report on the organization of the competition for the Hymn, this report will be published in the next issue of the official Bulletin of the I.O.C. H. E. MOHSAMMED TAHER (Egypt) strongly recommends to the I.O.C. that this hymn be consecrated and accepted officially. On LORD BURGHLEY'S request the Assembly agrees that the actual words could be altered, namely that the organizing Committees could alter, improve or refuse the wording of the Hymn.

Note: The Olympic Hymn played at the Sorbonne on the previous day, at the Opening Ceremony of the Session, the work of Mr. Michel SPISAK, Polish Composer residing in Paris, is unanimously adopted as the official Olympic Hymn.

OLYMPIC GAMES 1960

The *Chairman* informs the Assembly that during the Conference with the I.F.'s, all the Delegates have expressed their opinions to the E. B. on the technical installations offered by the Various candidate towns for the Games 1960.

President Brundage points out to the members that they are not entitled to accept presents or souvenirs from the candidate towns. There is, however, no objection to their receiving informations, books, maps, illustrations, photographs, etc... but it is incompatible with the dignity of their functions to accept presents which have no direct connection with sports activities. (Approved).

PRESIDENT BRUNDAGE'S REPORT ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO MELBOURNE

President BRUNDAGE gives a fairly lengthy report on his recent visit to Melbourne. In his report which is very optimistic, he comes to the conclusion that the eighteen months which are at the disposal of the organizers before the Opening of the Games, will be fully sufficient to complete and carry out their final plans. While in Australia, he saw the Mayor of Melbourne, the Governor and Prime Minister of Victoria, and the Governor General of Australia : the Prime Minister Menzie himself. He received from all these personalities the formal assurance that they will intervene personally to assure the successful organization of the Games.

A general discussion ensues concerning this report. Mr. HUGH WEIR (Australia) and Mr. HOLT (Technical Adviser of the Melbourne Games), being both present, the members seize the opportunity of raising some important queries and to obtain

further particulars on the situation ; these dealing with the Fine Arts Festival which is to be opened to Australians only, another query refers to the importation of fire-arms, another deals with the matter of visa, whether they would be issued to all competitors and officials, the importation of food-stuff and equipment for the athletes, the price of board and lodgings and the daily cost of living for the athlete, etc., etc... The following are heard on the matter : Prof. LOTH (Poland), General DYRSSEN (Sweden), Mr. Bo EKELUND (Sweden), General STOITCHEV (Bulgaria). Lord BSURGHLEY (Great-Britain), Sir ARTHUR PORRITT (New Zealand), Mr. Constantin ANDRIANOW (U.S. S.R.), Mr. Erik VON FRENCKELL (Finland). Mr. Hugh WEIR (Australia) and Mr. HOLT (Organizing Committee Melbourne) reply, giving satisfaction to the various orators.

PROTECTION OF THE OLYMPIC EMBLEMS

M^e Antoine HAFNER (Swiss O C.) makes a statement and give precise information as to the satisfactory progress of the negotiations concerning this matter. He declares that the Swiss Government has shown itself in favour of a Convention, and that it has sent invitations to the governments of all the countries which possess National Olympic Committees. It is now up to the members of the I.O.C. and of the National Olympic Committees to approach their respective Governments in order that the latter give not only a favourable but if possible an enthusiastic reply to the Swiss Government. The Chancellery of the I.O.C. at Lausanne, will operate as an information centre and the members of the I.O.C. will be good enough to keep it informed of their respective efforts in this matter.

THE OLYMPIC EQUESTRIAN GAMES AT STOCKHOLM IN 1956

Count VON ROSEN (Org. Committee Stockholm) gives a full account of the work and progress realized in the organization of these Games. Lord BURGHLEY asks a question of minor importance and Baron de TRANNOY points out to Count von Rosen that the obstacles competition can no longer be called the "Prix des Nations" but must be called "Grands Prix des Championnats d'obstacles", this decision has been reached as the result of certain incidents which arose at Helsinki in 1952. Count von Rosen's report is ratified unanimously.

REPORT ON THE WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES AT CORTINA IN 1956

Count Paolo Thaon DI REVEL (Italy) makes a brief summary on the organization of these Games, and says that technical installations are almost completed. This report is unanimously ratified.

REPORT OF THE PAN-AMERICAN GAMES,
THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
GAMES

Mr. Marte GOMEZ (Mexico) submits his report on these Games which have been run successfully apart from a few small misinterpretations of the I.F.'s Rules. These errors have been cleared in the course of the Conferences held in the previous week.

SECOND ASIATIC GAMES. MANILA 1954

Mr. VARGAS (Philippines) mentions to the members that these Games which were held in Manila last year, enjoyed a great success, 18 nations participated in them.

SECOND MEDITERRANEAN GAMES,
BARCELONA 1955

Mr. Ibarra MAC MAHON (Spain) on behalf of the Org. Committee of these Games extends a hearty welcome to all the members of the I.O.C. who wish to attend these Games in July 1955.

OLYMPIC AWARDS 1955

An intervention is made by Mr. François PIÉTRI (France), and Lord BURGHLEY (Great-Britain) raising the point that the Org. Committees of the Regional Games do not necessarily coincide with the National Olympic Committees of the countries where the Games are held. On the E. B.'s recommendation the following awards are made :

Olympic Cup : To the Organizing Committee of the Pan-American Games and to the Org. Committees of the Central America and Caribbean Games, Mexico.

Olympic Diploma : To Mr. Charles DENIS (France), and Colonel JIMENEZ President of the Republic of Venezuela.

Fearnley Cup : To La Junta Departamental de Deportes, Cali (Colombia).

Mohammed Taher Trophy : To Roger BANNISTER (Great-Britain).

Bonacossa Trophy : To the Olympic Committee of the U.S.S.R.

Dr. Julio BUSTAMANTE (Venezuela), Mr. Armand MASSARD (France), Marte R. GOMEZ (Mexico), ANDRIANOW (U.S.S.R.), express their thanks on behalf of their respective winners. Lord BURGHLEY (Great-Britain) expresses also his thanks for the award bestowed on the British athlete Roger Bannister.

AMENDEMENTS TO THE ARTICLES 9 AND 11
OF THE OLYMPIC RULES

Mr. Constantin ANDRIANOW (U.S.S.R.) confirms the proposal made by the O C. of his country concerning an addition to be made to Art. 9, of the following words "to encourage and consolidate the bonds of friendship between the sportsmen of all countries". On the motion of the E. B. this text is unanimously accepted.

Concerning Art. 11, Mr. Andrianow would like the following addition to be made after

the words "And has proved himself unworthy of his quality as member" : "All informations supplied by the Olympic Committee of the country to which the member belongs, must be taken into consideration." Since the E. B. considers this amendment superfluous, the Assembly rejects this proposal.

PRESENTATIONS OF THE CANDIDATE TOWNS
APPLYING FOR THE ORGANIZATION
OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES 1960
(Summer Games)

The Delegates of the candidate towns are shown into the room in turn, and in accordance with the following time-table :

10 a.m. Brussels.
10.45 a.m. Budapest.
11.30 a.m. Detroit.
2.30 p.m. Lausanne.
3.15 p.m. Mexico.
4.00 p.m. Rome.
4.45 p.m. Tokyo.

President Brundage thanks the delegates, informing them that voting will take place on the following morning.

The next morning, several members of the I.O.C. made further commentaries on these candidatures. They were : Baron de TRANNOY, Dr. MEZO, Mr. ROBY, Mr. Marte R. GOMEZ, Count Thaon DI REVEL, Dr. AZUMA and Mr. Albert MAYER.

Vote : The third ballot results in the Games of the XVIIth Olympiad of 1960 being allocated to the City of Rome, by 35 votes as against 24 for Lausanne. 59 ballot papers were issued and 59 returned.

FIRE-ARMS AT THE MELBOURNE
GAMES IN 1956

Mr. Hugh WEIR (Australia) states that he has received a telegraphic reply from the Minister concerned in Melbourne who states that the law on the use of the 0.22 calibre pistols will be amended.

MODIFICATION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR
RECEIVING THE DELEGATES OF THE
CANDIDATE TOWNS

On Sir Arthur Porritt's proposal, it is decided that the E. B. will study a new form of procedure for the reception of the different delegations of the candidate towns.

NEW MEMBER

On the recommendation of the E. B. who has carefully examined this candidature, H.R.H. Prince PAHLAVI of Iran, aged 32 and brother of the Shah has been appointed member of the I.O.C. for his country.

NEW RULE N° 25
(Formerly N° 24)

President Brundage reminds the members that they have all received a copy of the new text elaborated for this new rule. A lengthy discussion ensues. It is decided

to appoint two sub-committees which will review the French and English text of this new rule.

For the French text : Mr. Armand Massard and Mr. F. Piétri.

For the English text : Mr. Brundage, Lord Burghley and one of their British colleagues.

It is decided to have an explanatory notice along with the rule, which will supply directives to the N.O.C.'s of the various countries in order to guide them as to its interpretation. In addition, a questionnaire will be sent them so that the I.O.C. can decide whether or not the N.O.C.'s conform to its rules, in their composition and operate according to Olympic standards. On the other hand, owing to numerous enquiries being sent daily to the President or to the Chancellery of the I.O.C. at Lausanne it is decided to authorize the E. B. of the I.O.C. to grant the N.O.C.'s the possibility of departing from these rules in certain individual and special cases. It is agreed to incorporate the following clause concerning the eligibility within the N.O.C.'s it will read as follows :

"The following are not eligible to serve on a national Olympic Committee :

- a) A person who has ever competed as a professional.
- b) A person engaged in or connected with sport for personal profit. (It is not intended to exclude individuals occupying purely administrative positions in connection with amateur sport.)
- c) A person who has ever coached for payment."

Decision : By a show of hands, the new rule N° 25 (Formerly 24) is unanimously adopted.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATURES APPLYING FOR THE WINTER GAMES 1960

The delegations presenting the candidatures appear in the following order :

1. Garmisch Partenkirchen.
2. Innsbruck.
3. Squaw Valley.
4. St-Moritz.

Voting : took place on the day following the presentation of the candidatures and resulted as follows :

At the second ballot, SQUAW VALLEY is attributed the VIIIth Olympic Winter Games by 32 votes as against 30 for Innsbruck.

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS AT THE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES OF THE GAMES

Mr. Albert Mayer (Switzerland) had previously asked for the replacing of the National Anthems played during the distribution of the gold medals at the Games, by the sounding of a fanfare of trumpets. Since this proposal was almost unanimously turned down by the I.F.'s and the N.O.C.'s who are opposed to this change, Mr. Mayer withdraw his motion.

RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF OLYMPIC STANDARD BY THE I. O. C.

On the E. B.'s proposition, it is unanimously decided to give recognition to the two following organizations which carry their work according to Olympic standards, and to place them in a special category of International Organizations carrying out their activities in conformity with Olympic ideals. They will be listed in the official Bulletin. Of course, it does not authorize them to use the name "Olympic", nor to display the Olympic Flag, it simply gives them a certain prestige. They are :

1. Comité International des Sports Silencieux, with its seat in Brussels.
2. Junta Departamental de Deportes of Cali, Colombia.

PERCENTAGE CLAIMED BY FIFA FOR THE REGIONAL GAMES

Mr. VARGAS (Philippines) having expressed his surprise at the percentage claimed by FIFA at the Asiatic Games in 1954, which is now perceived at the rate of 2% on the takings at football matches, the President replies on this point, and explains to Mr. Vargas that this matter concerns the Asiatic Games Committee and FIFA, both these parties must reach an agreement among themselves as this does not concern the I.O.C.

HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Dr. Mezö informs the Assembly that he is writing a "History of the Olympic Games" which will be completed at the end of the year.

PROTECTION OF THE RUINS IN OLYMPIA

Mr. Jean KETSEAS (Greece) says that the Greek Government is taking steps to protect and restore the ruins of Olympia.

OLYMPIC ACADEMY AT ATHENS

On the suggestion of Mr. Georgaopoulos, member of the Greek Olympic Committee, to establish an Academy of this nature, the I.O.C. accepts this proposal on principle. It is decided to set up a commission who will study the question. It is composed of the following : Dr. MEZO (Hungary), Mr. KETSEAS and BOLANAKI (Greece).

CONFERENCES WITH THE I.F.'S AND THE N.O.C.'S

The President announces that the two next Conferences will take place in 1957 and in 1959.

RECOGNITION OF NEW OPTIONAL SPORTS

This concerns volleyball, archery, roller-skating, and judo. In addition to these four candidatures, we have received four requests asking for the inclusion of 4 women's teams

in certain contests. (A proposition of the U.S.S.R.). A debate opens on this question in which the following speakers are heard : The PRESIDENT, Mr. IBARRA MAC MAHON (Spain), Bo EKELUND (Sweden), Mr. SIPERCO (Rumania), and Mr. Francois PIETRI (France). The President asks for a secret ballot, the majority of two-thirds is required, namely 34 votes.

Vote : Candidature of the new optional sports : Volleyball 26 votes. Archery 19 votes. Roller-skating 7 votes. Judo 3 votes.

As none of these candidatures obtained the quorum, these four sports will not be listed among the optional sports at the Olympic Games.

Vote for admission of women competitors in the undermentioned sports, gives the following results :

Basketball : 10 votes.

Volleyball : 4 votes.

Rowing : 4 votes.

Speed-skating : 4 votes.

The quorum not being obtained, these 4 requests are rejected.

SESSIONS IN 1956

The President announces the date of the 51st Session which is to take place at Cortina d'Ampezzo on Tuesday January 24th 1956 and Wednesday 25th. The Melbourne Session will take place from November 19th to November 22nd 1956.

SESSION IN 1957

As decided at Athens in 1954, the 1957 Session will take place in Brussels.

SESSION IN 1958

Three cities have invited us to hold our Session there, namely Tokyo, Karachi, and Copenhagen. *Decision* : no decision will be taken this year as regards the 1958 Session.

RECOGNITION

OF NEW NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

The Candidatures of the N.O.C.'s of the following countries are accepted and these National Olympic Committees are therefore recognized by the I.O.C. :

Barbados.

Kenya.

Fiji Islands.

Liberia.

Concerning the O.C. of Ecuador, who had obtained a provisional recognition, the latter must unfortunately be withdrawn on account of the non-application of our Rules, by the Olympic Committee of that country. Regarding Northern Rhodesia, the E. B. intends to recognize without further discussion, its national Olympic Committee, as soon as the committee of that country will have merged with the committees of Southern Rhodesia and Nyassaland.

RECOGNITION OF THE O.C. OF THE PEOPLES' DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

After a brief account of the situation made by the President, the debate opens and the following speakers are heard on the matter : Mr. WANG (China), General STOITCHEV (Bulgaria), Prof LOTH (Poland), Erik VON FRENCKELL (Finland), Dr. MEZO (Hungary), Constantin ANDRIANOW (U.S.S.R.), Dr. RITTER VON HALT (West Germany), and Mr. SIPERCO (Rumania).

Decision : It is decided by 27 votes to 7 that the O.C. of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Germany (East) be recognized provisionally on the understanding that, should it prove impossible to form a unified team from both Germanies, to be sent to the Melbourne Games, this recognition will lapse automatically. In case of difficulties, the President of the I.O.C. offers to act as mediator between the two German O.Cs. It goes without saying that after the reunification of Germany, the I.O.C. will recognize only one German Olympic Committee for the whole country.

BUDGET 1955

The Budget presented by the Chancellery shows a deficit of 14.000 Swiss francs. The matter will be examined by the E. B. who will then submit its report.

DRESS FOR THE MEMBERS ATTENDING THE OLYMPIC GAMES

On the President's proposal, it is decided that the members, in future, will wear a dark suit of either blue or black, a white shirt and black shoes when attending the official functions at the Games.

REPRESENTATIONS OF CERTAIN NATIONAL FEDERATIONS WITHIN THE N.O.C.'S

The Assembly decides unanimously that the national Federations whose sports are listed in the optional sports contested at the Olympic Games, can also be represented within the N.O.C.'s.

AMATEURISM

After a brief statement made by the PRESIDENT, Mr. Albert MAYER (Switzerland) and Mr. BUSTAMANTE (Venezuela) open the discussion on this subject. It is ultimately unanimously agreed that the problem of amateurism will figure on the agenda of the Brussels Session and will be discussed at the beginning of the Session, in order to have time to go fully in the matter. However, the general lines of the question may be discussed at both Sessions of Cortina and Melbourne.

UNESCO

Mr. Armand MASSARD (France) declares that Unesco is presently engaged in examining the sportive affairs of the world, and

