

## Gleanings...

### **The Drive for the Millions needed for the Melbourne Games**

The contingents to be sent to Australia are going to prove very costly to the national

olympic committees, especially to those of Europe. *Great Britain* reckons that it will cost £75.000 sterling to send out her contingent ; this sum will have to be met by the public *without governmental assistance*. *France* rec-

kons on spending 200 million French francs but her Olympic Committee is subsidized by the French Government. *Switzerland* reckons that 500.000 Swiss francs will be required, funds that the Swiss Olympic Committee will receive chiefly out of "Sportoto" which consists of the profits realized from football pools for the Swiss Government will not be called upon to give assistance. In *Germany*, the first million marks was raised already in November last.

#### **Profits realized from Football Pools in Italy**

The profits raised from betting on football matches in Italy has reached 9 milliards of lires (approximately six million pounds sterling) for the season 1954-1955. This result has been published in the annual report of the Italian Olympic Committee. The allotment of the profits has been made as follows :

- 26.15% for the sports installations.
- 23.75% for the Olympic Games.
- 23.04% for the national federations.
- 10.67% for training centres.
- 4.55% for administrative outlays incurred by the Italian National Olympic Committee
- 3.88% for sports funds.
- 2.66% for propaganda

2.51% for youth centres.

1.11% for insurances.

0.84% subsidies to sports schools.

0.77 for miscellaneous expenditure.

Here is something to make many a national olympic committee green with envy...

#### **Concerning the Belgian Olympic Committee**

We wish to record the brilliant nomination of the successor of Mr. Seeldrayers to the presidency of the Belgian Olympic Committee : Mr. Victor Boin, President of the International Sports Press Association with whom the International Olympic Committee has always entertained the most cordial relations. Mr. Victor Boin has always been a genuine "sportsman" and the Belgian Olympic Committee is to be commended in its particularly judicious choice. Mr. Boin will prove a worthy successor to Mr. Seeldrayers. He represented Belgium in water-polo at the Olympic Games in 1908 and in 1912, as well as in fencing in 1912, 1920 and in 1924. Ever since 1903, he devoted himself to sport journalism and was president of the Belgian Sports Press from 1923 to 1935. He has been member of the Committee of the International Sports Press Association ever since 1932 and is its president at the present time.