

Melbourne

NEWS RELEASE

New Olympic Stamps

New issues of special Australian postage stamps to commemorate the Olympic Games will be issued by the Postmaster General's Department in October, it was announced recently. They will be in denominations of 3½d., 7½d. and 2/-.

Public Holiday for Games

All factories will come to a standstill, shops will close, and school children will have the day off on November 22, the Opening Day of the Olympic Games in Melbourne this year.

The Victorian State Government has declared it a public holiday for Melbourne. The Government will also approve of a public holiday for municipalities outside Melbourne if they ask for it.

Programme

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Mission to select Olympic Cooks

A special representative of the Organizing Committee for this year's Olympic Games left Melbourne on February 25 on a 2 months' tour of Europe to handpick top class cooks for the Olympic Village.

He was Mr. Tom Carlyon, a leading Melbourne hotelier.

Working closely with Australian immigration officials in Europe, he is finalising selection of over 100 fully qualified cooks to take part in one of the world's most interesting culinary enterprises — cooking

for 6,000 athletes and officials from 70 nations.

Mr. Carlyon will interview cooks in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, England and possibly France and Greece. Interviews are being arranged ahead by Australian Immigration officials who are co-operating with Mr. Carlyon.

To gain selection the applicants need to be qualified in all branches of their national cooking.

They will be brought to Australia by the Department of Immigration under the assisted migration scheme. After working in the Olympic Village during the Games they will be able to take their choice of a wide variety of well-paid jobs with hotels and restaurants now clamouring for highly qualified cooks.

There will be 10 modern well-appointed kitchens serving 20 dining-rooms. During the Games 6,000 meals will be served three times a day for 17 days.

"Never before has any Olympic host city gone to such pains to design multiple menus to cater for the individual eating habits of over 70 nations with variations for religions, feast days, national celebrations and training regimes," he declared.

Mr. Carlyon said that nearly two years' research had been carried out on the special catering needs of athletes of all races. Menus had been devised for 11 different dietetic groups. They were about to be sent out to every Olympic nation for its comments.

68 Nations entered

Sixty-eight nations have notified the Olympic Games Organizing Committee in

Melbourne that they will send teams, the Chief Executive Officer, Lieut-General W. Bridgeford announced.

Fourteen nations have yet to reply to the Organizing Committee's invitation and the Committee is pressing them for an urgent decision.

RATES OF EXCHANGE IN AUSTRALIA

We are informed that rates of exchange between Australia and most countries of the World are not quoted locally, but doubtless your bankers will quote you a buying price for Australian currency on demand. As a matter of reference the Australian Pound (twenty shillings) is the approximate equivalent of sixteen Sterling shillings or two Dollars twenty-five cents, U. S. A. currency.

To qualify for the Melbourne Games

Athletes must be on Top Form

The International Amateur Athletic Federation has arranged that the athletes wanting to participate in the Olympic Games of Melbourne must reach a compulsory standard in the throwing and jumping events. These norms will be enforced as long as more than 18 athletes will be entered for the same event. At the preliminary heats, athletes will have to prove that they are capable of reaching these norms which are tabulated as follow:

Men's events : high jump : 192 cm. ; long jump : 7. m 15 ; Hop Step and Jump : 14 m. 80 ; Putting the shot : 15 m. ; Discus throwing : 47 m. ; Javelin Throw : 66 m. ; Hammer Throw : 54 m.

Women's events : High Jump : 1 m. 58 ; long Jump : 5 m. 70 ; Putting the Shot : 13 m. ; Discus throw : 42 m. ; Javelin Throw : 43 m.