

Gleanings...

In the Sarre the Betting Pools have brought a Turn-over of 10 Milliard (French Frs)

(One milliard 200 million French Frs were allotted to sport.)

Recently, we made a summary of a few figures of "Toto-Calcio" (the outcome of the football pools in Italy) and we mentioned the enormous advantages that an institution of this kind brings to the national sport of the country which organizes these forecasts.

Today, we propose to quote a few figures published by the Sarre Sport Toto Society which was founded in 1951 and operates in a country inhabited by about 1 million people. Until last February, the total turn-over for this period amounted to a

sum of *10 milliard French Frs.* Here are few figures which explain things better :

- 54, 5% of the forecasts have been won by the betters scattered in the country, these betters belong to all the different classes of the population ;
- one notices 2½ million winners of various sums, bringing a total amount of 5 milliard 450 million Francs ;
- an eighth of the betting, legal share, has been allotted to sport, namely 1 milliard 200 million Francs. This allocation has been shared between sporting

associations and for the erection of 100 stadia restoration of play grounds building of sports centres, tennis courts, swimming pools, etc...

- The Government (which over there does not lose any opportunity to raise taxes) exacted a tax of 2 milliard Francs.
- Also the social assistance provided by Sport-Toto deserves to be mentioned as well, inasmuch that the weekly sorting of the forecasts has given regular

employment and additional resources which have been allocated to 215 war widows and permanently disabled people, by the Society. It has entrusted the running of 615 receiving booths to people in adversity, namely : 410 war disabled. war blinds 38 casualties while at work; 30 cases of casualties while practising sports, 62 deserving sportsmen and 48 war widows.