

Leave of absence :Mr. Mohammed Taher.

Members (in alphabetical order of countries).

Austria :	Dr. Manfred Mautner Ritter von Markhof
Canada :	Mr. A. Sidney Dawes
China :	Prof. Shou-Yi-Tune
Czechoslovakia :	Dr. Josef G. A. Gruss
Denmark :	H. R. H. Prince Axel of Denmark
Finland :	Mr. J. W. Rangell Mr. Erik von Frenckell
France :	Mr. François Pietri
Germany :	Dr. Karl Ritter von Halt Mr. Willi Daume
Great Britain :	Lord Aberdare
Greece :	Mr. Angelo Bolanaki Mr. Jean Ketseas
Hungary :	Dr. Ferenc Mezö
Iran :	S. A. I. Prince Gholam Reza Pah-lavi
Iceland :	Mr. Benedikt G. Waage
Italy :	Dott. Giorgio de Stefani
Japan :	Dr. Ryotaro Azuma
Lebanon :	Cheik Gabriel Gemayel
Luxembourg :	H. R. H. Prince Jean de Luxem-bourg
Philippines :	Hon. Jorge B. Vargas
Poland :	Prof. Dr. Jerzy Loth
Rumania :	Mr. Alexandru Siperco
Sweden :	Mr. Bo Ekelund General Gustav Dyrssen
Switzerland :	Major Albert Mayer
Turkey :	Mr. Suat Erler
U. S. S. R. :	Mr. Constantin Andrianow Mr. Aleksei Romanov

Delegations of the Games 1960:

ROME :	Dott. Giulio Onesti, President of Italian National Olympic Committee Mr. Marcello Garroni Mr. G. Fabjan
SQUAW VALLEY :	Mr. Prentis G. Hale, President of the Organizing Committee Mr. H. D. Thoreau Mr. Robert Di Giorgio Mr. William H. Orrick.

Dr. Karel Popel, President of the International Canoeing Federation was heard in the course of the Session.

<i>Procès-verbal:</i>	By means of recording.
<i>Chancery :</i>	Mr. Otto Mayer, Chancellor Mrs. L. Zanchi, Secretary. Mr. Frederic Schlatter, Press Attache
<i>Interpreter:</i>	Mrs. N. Roulier.

Silting of September 23rd
(opens at 9.30 a.m.)

Mr. Avery Brundage, Chairman extends a hearty welcome to all the members present and thanks them for having taken the trouble to come to Sofia in order to attend the 53rd Session.

He expresses his satisfaction to General Stoitcheff for the excellent manner in which he carried out the arrangements for receiving the members.

MINUTES
of the
53rd SESSION IN SOFIA
of the
International Olympic Committee
Hotel Balkan
September 23rd to September 28th 1957

Presidency : Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee.

Vice-Presidents : Mr. Armand Massard
The Marquess of Exeter

Members of the Executive Board:

Count Paolo Thaon di Revel
Dr. Miguel A. Moenk
General Vladimir Stoitcheff
Sir Arthur Porritt

He suggests the presence at the Assembly of a press attaché or public relation's man in the person of Mr. F. Schlatter of Lausanne who has already acted in this capacity at the Conferences in Evian. The latter will attend the debates and give a press conference to the journalists every night.

The President welcomes Mr. Willi Daume (Germany) who was elected at the last Session and is attending our meetings for the first time. Mr. Daume returns thanks and proceeds to read the text of his intronisation.

Mr. Brundage recalls the death of our former member for Japan Mr. Nagai, and the Assembly rises and observed a minute silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. Massard recalls the twentieth Anniversary of Baron de Coubertin's death which took place in Geneva. The Assembly rises and observed a minute silence in his memory.

The Chairman gives the news of the recent marriage of Mr. Jorge Vargas (Philippines) and of Lord Aberdare (Great Britain) Acclamations.

It is decided to send three telegrams to the following : Mr. J. Sigfrid Edström our former President who is going to celebrate his 87th birthday in November, to Prince Pierre de Monaco who is convalescing and to Dr. Ferreira Santos who, on his way to Sofia has been detained by illness in Lisbon and will therefore not be able to attend the Session.

Several members sent their good wishes and begged to be excused by letters and by telegrams.

Resignations

The Chairman mentions that the following members have sent in their resignations : E. S. Alfredo Bénévidès (Peru) - Baron de Trannoy (Belgium) - Dr. C. T. Wang (China) and Col. P. W. Scharroo (Holland).

The President pays a tribute to these members in recognition of the eminent services rendered in the cause of Olympism and proposes that they should be made honorary members. Proposal carried unanimously. It is also proposed that our former member for Belgium, Mr. R. W. Seeldrayers who died in 1955 be given the posthumous title of honorary member; this proposal is carried unanimously. It is however decided that, in future, the Committee will not confer posthumous honorary titles to members.

New member for Portugal.

Mr. Brundage informs the Assembly that previous to this Session, our two members Dr. Miguel A. Moenck and Dr. Ferreira Santos went to Portugal to enquire how the Olympic situation stands at present in that country, also to choose a new member out of the seven candidates who were submitted to them. They gave preference to Mr. Saul Christovao Ferreira Pirez who does possess all the necessary qualifications. The latter's nomination is carried unanimously.

New National Olympic Committees

TUNISIA. — As a result of the favourable presidential report, this Committee is recognized.

NORTH KOREA. — Mr. Brundage gives a general survey of the position of Olympism prevailing in this part of the world. In compliance with the recommendation made by Mr. Andrianow, a provisional recognition of the Olympic Committee for North Korea is granted on the condition that its athletes will be allowed to compete in the Games only if they cooperate in forming one single team, thus grouping the competitors belonging to North Korea and South Korea. Failing an agreement between the two, North Korea will not be granted

permission to compete. The situation is thus somewhat similar to that prevailing in the two Germanies, with the difference that North Korea is still at war with South Korea. The provisional recognition is valid only as far as internal affairs are concerned but is not valid on an international basis. In addition, the International Olympic Committee must examine the rules and regulations elaborated by the Organizing Committee of North Korea before giving its approval and recognition.

The Hon. Jorge Vargas expresses his views on this matter.

Melbourne Procès-verbal.

Prof. Shou-Yi-Tung protests against the fact that in the Melbourne Procès-Verbal his country has been misnamed. He requests that the error be rectified in the following way : 'Democratic Peoples' Republic of China'. On the other hand, the speaker criticises the fact that the interventions he made during the Melbourne Session have not been mentioned in the minutes of the Session. Mr. Brundage agrees that the first complaint made by Prof. Shou-Yi-Tung is justified but, regarding the other matter, he is of opinion that as this member's remarks are of a political character, they cannot appear in the Procès-Verbal.

The Marquess of Exeter suggests that all remarks concerning the Procès-Verbal be sent in advance and in writing to the Chancellor. Agreed.

The Minutes of Melbourne are ratified as well as the Procès-Verbal of the Evian Conferences.

New members of the Executive Board.

In view of replacing H. E. Mohammed Taher whose terms of office come to an end, Mr. Sidney Dawes proposes Dr. Karl Ritter von Halt (Germany) while Prince Axel recommends Mr. Bo Ekelund (Sweden). The secret ballot gives the following results :

Mr. Bo Ekelund : 17 votes is elected
Dr. Karl Ritter von Halt : 15 votes.

Report on the Games of Rome 1960.

The following delegation is introduced :

Dott. Giulio Onesti, President of Italian National Olympic Committee
Mr. Marcello Garroni
Mr. Giordano B. Fabjan.

A detailed printed report is distributed amongst the members present. Count Thaon di Revel reads the report. Discussions and resolutions on the matter are postponed till the next day.

Convention for the Protection of Olympic Emblems.

The Chancellor is called upon by the President to report on the matter (See Official Bulletin N° 59.) The following speakers are heard on the matter : The Marquess of Exeter, Mr. Pietri, Mr. Ekelund, Mr. Brundage, Mr. Moenck, Sir Arthur Porritt, Mr. Sidney Dawes, Mr. Massard, Mr. von Halt, Mr. Rangell, Mr. Waage, Mr. Bolanaki and Mr. Ketseas.

It is decided to put this affair in charge of the Executive Board, the latter is given full power to transfer this Convention to Greece if need be.

Report on the Winter Games of Squaw Valley 1960.

The following Delegation is introduced :

Mr. Prentice C. Hale,
Mr. H.D. Thoreau,
Mr. Robert Di Giorgio,
Mr. William H. Orrick.

Mr. Hale presents his report, a copy of which is given to each member. A general debate ensues in which the following members take part : *the President, Mr. Massard, the Marquess of Exeter and Mr. Pietri.*

Mr. Brundage refers to the television of the Games. *Mr. Hale* mentions that the Government of the U. S. A., as testified by a letter published in the report authorizes athletes and officials of every nation to visit America. This decision applies equally to the countries which do not entertain diplomatic relations with the U. S. A. No finger prints regulation is to be enforced.

The debate is adjourned till the nest day.

Tokyo Session.

Dr. Azuma gives particulars with regard to the organization of the forthcoming Session in Tokyo in 1958. His report is adopted.

NEW RULES.

Mr. Brundage goes through the various proposals made concerning the alteration of the existing rules and suggests that a final vote be taken regarding the general opinion of this matter at the end of the debates.

Article 10

It is proposed that the countries which have organized the Olympic Games be given the right to have an additional member. The following members take part in the debate : *Mr. Massard, Mr. Albert Mayer, Mr. Ketsseas, Mr. Pietri, Prince Axel, Mr. Siperco, the Marquess of Exeter.* This motion is rejected by 17 votes to 16.

Article 29

Mr. K. Andrianow's proposal : It is proposed to change Rule 29 'Participation of Women' and word it as follows :

'Women are allowed to compete in the sports included in the Programme of the Games according to the Rules of the International Federations which practice Women's events, and to participate in the Fine Arts Programme.'

This proposal is passed on to the Executive Board for examination. Decision to be taken in the 1958 Session.

The debate on the Rules' amendments will be resumed on the next day.

Amateur International Football Federation

International Cycling Union

International Amateur Basketball Federation

International Amateur Swimming Federation

It is decided to send a very stern letter to these four federations which govern the following sports : Football, Cyclism, Basketball and Water-Polo, in order to urge them to enforce the application of our Olympic Rules and to see that they are respected.

Sitting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Sitting of September 24th resumed at 9.30 a.m.

NEW SPORTS

The inclusion of the following sports is rejected : Curling, Billiards and Casting.

On *Mr. Massard's* and *Mr. Pietri's* recommendations, the Amateur Rugby International Federation is put back on the list of the sports which are not included in the Olympic Programme.

The *Luge* International Federation which figures in the Olympic Programme is recognized as an independent organization and this is also in agreement with the Bobsleigh International Federation which used to rule this sport in former days.

SESSION 1959

Proposed host cities :

Beirut, proposed by *Cheik Gemayel.*

Munich, proposed by *Dr. von Halt.*

Monaco, presented by *Mr. Massard*, on behalf of *Prince Pierre.*

Motion put to secret ballot gives the following results :

	1st Round	2nd Round
Beirut	13	14
Munich	8	1
Monaco	13	19

Monaco is therefore chosen as the host city for the Session 1959, this is subject to *Prince Pierre de Monaco's* confirmation. (Meanwhile Monaco has renounced. Ed.)

Report on Squaw Valley (resumed)

On the recommendation of the Organizing Committee and in agreement with *Mr. Albert Mayer*, Vice-President of the Bobsleigh International Federation, it is decided to exclude the competitions of bobsleigh from the 1960 Games Programme. As a result of preliminary investigations undertaken by the American organizers, two federations only have guaranteed their participation (Rumania and U. S. A.), while 5 others considered their participation as 'probable', 1 as 'possible', two as 'doubtful' 6 negatives). The minimum number of 12 entries required is therefore not attained. The cost of a bobsleigh run at Squaw Valley is reckoned to cost 700,000 dollars, and the American Committee does not feel justified to commit itself to such a large expense for so poor a participation. In the event of 12 inscriptions being obtained and forwarded within a short delay to the organizers, the International Olympic Committee reserves itself the right to reconsider the matter.

Duration of the Games

The Organizing Committee of Squaw Valley requests the increase of the time the Games are to last, from ten days as prescribed in the Rules to 12 days. It is decided that the Games shall not exceed 11 days, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

The 'demonstrative' sports : curling, dogs driven sleigh races suggested by Squaw Valley are to be included.

NEW RULES. (Debate resumed)

Rule 30

A long discussion ensues bearing on this rule, the following speakers are heard : *Mr. Brundage, Mr. Pietri, General Dyrssen, Mr. Massard, the Marquess of Exeter, Prof. Gruss, Mr. Andrianow, Count di Revel, General Stoitcheff, Mr. Bo Ekelund, Mr. Sidney Dawes, Mr. Bolanaki, Mr. Siperco and Mr. Vargas.*

The motion is carried *unanimously* by final vote that the team events are not to be eliminated from the Programme of the Games.

Mr. Albert Mayer asks the Assembly to vote in favour of the Executive Board's proposal regarding the elimination of the difference between *obligatory* sports and *optional* sports. The elimination of these distinctions is carried by 26 votes. The sports

will appear in alphabetical order and be classed in one category only.

OLYMPIC HYMN

The present hymn does not meet with the general approval of everybody, a discussion ensues and the following members take part : *the President, Dr. von Halt, Mr. Ketseas, the Marquess of Exeter, Mr. Massard, Prince Axel, Mr. Pietri*, when they propose to ask the Olympic Committee of Organization of the Games in Rome to have a « March » composed which will be performed in 1960. The final decision as to the definitive acceptance of this March will be taken at the 1961 Session.

THE PROGRAMME REDUCTION

A vote to sound the opinion of the members regarding the reduction of the Programme gives the following result :

22 votes in favour of a reduction

9 votes against.

Mr. Brundage explains that there are two reasons for wanting to eliminate any sport from the Programme. Firstly, because it is mismanaged and secondly because it lacks interest. He mentions four sports which, in his opinion, are not run according to Olympic principles : Football, Cycling, Basketball and Water-Polo. As it was decided on the previous day, a letter will be sent to the four International Federations concerned in order to give them a warning without actually taking steps to eliminate their sports from the Programme in the meantime. *Mr. Vargas* and *Prince Axel* ask why these sports are criticized ? *The President* cites many cases of infringements to our rules and thinks that to the four sports mentioned, one could also add artistic skating, when certain champions trade their olympic victory immediately after the Games.

Mr. Massard, while admitting that some of the President's criticisms are well founded, takes up the defence of cycling as a sport being, in his opinion too much maligned. The International Cycling Union offers certain guarantees that ought to be taken into consideration, all the more now that this Federation is ready to carry out all the conditions which the International Olympic Committee might impose on her.

In France, out of 40,000 licensed amateur cyclists, there are no more than 300 professionals. The following are heard on the subject: *Count Thaon di Revel, Mr. Pietri, the Marquess of Exeter* and *Dr. Mezö*.

It is decided not to reduce the Olympic Programme before hearing from the four Federations in reply to our letter ; it is also resolved to issue a warning to all the International Federations in order to put a stop to all infringements to the Rules.

WRESTLING AND SWIMMING

Mr. Brundage proposes to reduce the programme of wrestling and swimming events to the effect that only one wrestling style should be practised (instead of two) and one style of swimming stroke (instead of two). *General Stoitcheff* is in favour of maintaining the two styles of wrestling, the technique of both styles being very different. No alterations in the present conditions are anticipated for the Games in Rome.

LIST OF SPORTS WHICH ARE TO FIGURE IN THE OLYMPIC PROGRAMME

In this list, it is resolved to include Volley-Ball and Archery which have applied for recognition for a long time.

It is also decided by 25 votes to 7 to fix a minimum of 15 sports which must figure on the Olympic Programme. The Organizing Committee will submit the list of the proposed sports to the International Olympic Committee for ultimate decision.

Previously, *General Stoitcheff* had asked to increase this minimum quota. The following speakers also spoke on the matter : *the Marquess of Exeter, Mr. Andrianow, Mr. Vargas, Mr. Pietri, Prince Axel* and *Count Thaon di Revel*.

A proposal with a view to limit the number of team sports which appear in the Programme to 3 (at present there are 6) is rejected by 19 votes to 12. The following took part in the debate : *the Marquess of Exeter, Mr. Andrianow, Dr. Gruss, Mr. Pietri, Mr. Vargas, Prince Axel, Mr. Ketseas, Mr. Massard, Mr. Rangell, Mr. Siperco* and *General Stoitcheff*.

It is decided that only the sports widely practised in 25 countries at least (instead of 20) can be entered in the Games' Programme.

REPORT ON SQUAW VALLEY (continued)

The American Delegation is introduced.

WOMEN CONTESTS

Mr. Andrianov requests the introduction of 4 speed skating tests for ladies as is planned in the Rules of the International Skating Union. It is resolved that the Squaw Valley Committee is to contact this federation in order to know its views on this matter.

BOBSLEIGH

Count Thaon di Revel protests against the decision taken regarding the elimination of the Bobsleigh events from the Squaw Valley Games. The decision taken remains unchanged.

Sitting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Sitting of September 25th resumed at 10 a.m.

ROME'S REPORT (continued)

The Delegation from Rome is introduced.

Mr. Brundage thanks the Commission for the excellent report it has presented to the members who have much appreciated it. He proposes its ratification by the Assembly. *Mr. Onesti*, President of the Organizing Committee of Rome reads the following statement :

'Mr. President and Gentlemen,

'As the result of the decisions taken yesterday by the International Olympic Committee we are under the impression that the line adopted up to now and which has been confirmed in the course of the Sessions at Cortina, Melbourne and Evian has been greatly altered. On this account, the Italian Organizing Committee proposes the following :

- a) the withdrawal of all the suggestions tending to modify the technical programmes realized in Berlin, London, Helsinki and Melbourne which have been published in our third report.
- b) It begs the International Olympic Committee to eliminate only the running deer from the shooting events, the cost of which is not justified by the interest it awakes. In the same way that bobsleigh has been ruled out at Squaw Valley.

- c) The Organizing Committee is anxious to inform the Assembly that it will examine immediately any proposals submitted to it in view of including in the Programme of Rome all the new sports received yesterday in the Olympic Family.'

The Marquess of Exeter thinks that there is a misunderstanding regarding the decisions taken in the course of the present Session concerning the *Games' Programme*. These have nothing to do with the Programme of Rome for they are not valid till after 1964. *Mr. Andrianov* is of the opinion that there is still some doubts concerning this matter. The following take part in the debate : *Mr. von Frenckell*, *General Stoitcheff*, *the Marquess of Exeter*, *Mr. Massard*, *Mr. Siperco*, *General Dyrssen*, *Count Thaon di Revel*. *Mr. Brundage* insists on the fact that the measures about the elimination of obligatory sports and the sports added to the list are not valid until after 1964.

Canoeing. — *Mr. Popel*, President of the Canoeing International Federation! is introduced. He asks for the number of Canoeing events to be increased to 9 in the Olympic Programme. In its own Championships, this Federation has 15 events. It is decided to eliminate the 4 events of 10,000 m. but to add two speed contests provided that this does not increase the number of participants. Thus the number of canoeing events is reduced to 7. The following spoke on the matter : *Mr. von Frenckell*, *Mr. Brundage*, *Mr. Sidney Dawes*, *Dr. Gruss*, *Dr. Mezö* and *Mr. Bo Ekelund*.

Boxing. — The Programme of this sport is accepted but the Boxing International Federation will receive a letter from the International Olympic Committee asking it to control its sport with more regard to the strict application of the Olympic Rules.

Athletics. — *The Marquess of Exeter* declares that the International Athletic Amateur Federation can reduce the number of its athletes taking part in the Games in Rome, it would like to have the 800 m. race for ladies. A decision concerning this matter will be taken at the International Athletics Amateur Federation's Congress which is to be held in Stockholm in 1958.

Swimming - Cycling - Weight-lifting - Football Water-Polo - Basketball - Field-Hockey. — The Programme of these sports is accepted in accordance with the report of Rome.

Wrestling. — A lengthy discussion ensues concerning the elimination of one of the two styles practised in Wrestling (free or Greco-Roman). The following take part in the discussion : *General Dyrssen*, *Mr. Andrianow*, *Mr. Waage*, *General Stoitcheff*, *Count Thaon di Revel*, *Dr. Mezö*. By secret balloting the results obtained are : 19 votes to 8 against (one spoilt paper). It is decided to maintain the statu quo for 1960, i.e. to allow two styles of wrestling. From 1960, on the other hand, 8 wrestling events only will be allowed on the programme, to the Wrestling International Federation's choice.

Tennis. — *Mr. de Stefani*, ex-President of the International Tennis Federation withdraws the candidature of this sport. Nevertheless, the following members are heard on the subject : *Mr. Brundage*, *Mr. Albert Mayer*, *Prince Axel*, *Dr. Mezö* and *Lord Aberdare*.

Shooting. — It is decided to eliminate the running deer shooting from the Programme of the Games from 1960.

Mr. Brundage points out that we are often criticized for having shooting events with war weapons. *Mr. Albert Mayer* and *Mr. Sidney Dawes* seem to think that it refers to free weapons shooting (not war weapons).

Modern Pentathlon. — The following take part in the debate : *General Dyrssen*, *President Brundage* and *Mr. von Frenckell*. The proposition from Rome is accepted, namely that the maximum number of participants be 60. As far as the horses are concerned, no difficulty is anticipated as Hungary is supplying the horses to the organizers.

'*Artificial*' team sports. — by 23 votes to 7, it is decided to abolish artificial team sports ever since 1964. (By artificial team sports, we refer to events classified by nations and based on the results obtained in individual competitions.)

Equestrian Sports. — *Mr. Brundage* proposes to abolish the dressage competition and classification by teams. After discussion and an intervention from *General Stoitcheff*, it is decided to maintain the statu quo.

Gymnastics. — *Mr. Brundage* is of the opinion that the number of medals attributed for this sport is grossly exaggerated. A preliminary debate on this problem ensues when the following are heard *Prince Axel*, *the Marquess of Exeter*, *Mr. Andrianow*, *Mr. Massard*, *Mr. Albert Mayer* and *Mr. Siperco*. But in view of the complexity of the problem it is decided to postpone the debate till a later date.

Pause in the proceedings when *Mr. Avery Brundage*, President, is presented by the members with a silver salver bearing an inscription in honour of his 70th birthday.

Sitting of September 25th resumed at 3 o'clock

FINANCES

The Marquess of Exeter suggests to levy a tax of 5% on the price of the entrance tickets at the Games, of which 3% should be given to the International Federations. The remaining 2% would be given to the International Olympic Committee with the view to facilitate the travelling expenses incurred by the members who have to attend the Sessions. *Mr. Brundage* thinks that this problem is serious. He is not opposed to the Marquess of Exeter's idea on principle, but he disapproves strongly of the methods suggested. This tax would expose us to a great deal of criticisms throughout the world. On the other hand, the National Olympic Committees are responsible for the travelling expenses of the athletes competing in the Games, and would also claim their share. *The Chairman* thinks that it is only fair that the Organizing Committees should refund the International Federations expenses of their delegates.

The following take part in the debate : *Prince Axel*, *Mr. von Frenckell*, *Mr. Albert Mayer*, *Mr. Andrianow*, *Sir Arthur Porritt*, *General Stoitcheff* and *Prof. Loth*. The full examination of this very complex problem is deferred to the next day.

Sitting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Sitting of September 26th resumed at 5.30p.m.

DEBATE ON FINANCES RESUMED

The following are heard on the subject : Mr. *Pietri*, Mr. *Albert Mayer*, the *Marquess of Exeter*, Mr. *Vargas*, *General Dyrssen*, Mr. *Brundage*, Mr. *Massard*, Mr. *von Frenckell*, Prof. *Loth* and *Prince Axel*.

Mr. *Brundage* while admitting the fact that certain International Federations seem to require financial help, is strongly opposed to the principle of percentage raised from entrance tickets sold at the Games. He proposes that this important problem should be examined further by the Executive Board. To his mind it would be better to increase the sums due to the International Olympic Committee by the Organizing Committees, leaving the former with the task to distribute the funds. There would be nothing to prevent the Organizing Committees from raising the price of the tickets in order to recuperate the sums due to the International Olympic Committee. Decision : deferred to the Executive Board.

Bobsleigh

The *Chairman* informs the Assembly that he has received telegrams from Garmisch, St.-Moritz and Lake Placid offering to stage the bobsleigh competitions if they cannot take place in Squaw Valley. He is determined to uphold the Olympic ruling which stipulates that the chosen city or Winter station cannot share its privilege with another. The deviation from this ruling was witnessed at Stockholm which must not establish a precedent.

General Information contained in the Rule Book

On the whole, the proposals submitted to the members by the Executive Board before the Session concerning the additional texts as contained in page 98 (English version of the Book of Rules) have been accepted although they are subjected to slight alterations in the wording, with the exception of Rule 8 which is entirely deleted as it is not serving a useful purpose, as well as the paragraphs 6 and 8 of Rule 9 which are incorporated in Rule 3.

Sitting adjourned at 7.30p.m.

Sitting of September 27th resumed at 9.30a.m.

PROGRAMME OF THE GAMES IN ROME

Athletics. — No alteration to the report.

Gymnastics. — Accepted with the following modification : There will be only five entries and four classified for the team events. At the open placing, the best competitors will be chosen and the six best gymnasts who compete in an individual event.

Boxing. — (unchanged). It is however agreed that there are too many matches. We propose to write to the International Boxing Federation to ask it to reduce this number in view of the danger these matches represent to the young competitors.

Fencing. — The International Fencing Federation will be asked to reduce the number of entries and to simplify the method of team events.

Wrestling. — No change for 1960. On the otherhand, it is proposed to have only 8 medals awarded in 1964. The International Wrestling Federation must decide which of the Greco-Roman or free style events it wishes to eliminate. The federation will also be requested to improve its methods of umpiring.

Shooting. — It is agreed to bestow 5 medals at the International Federation's free choice. The running deer competition is eliminated.

Rowing. — No change.

Swimming. — No change for 1960, but, for 1964, the International Swimming Federation will have to choose between the two styles : the breast or the butterfly stroke. Regarding the proposed Gala., it cannot take place during the Games nor can it be held in Rome, but it can be organized in another town in Italy after the Games.

Equestrian Sports. — It is decided to eliminate the artificial team events in three competitions. On the otherhand, 3 entries per event are allowed but we propose to ask the International Federation concerned to consider the possibility of reducing this number.

Cycling. — Elimination of reserves on road races and elimination of artificial teams races.

Modern Pentathlon. — Limiting the number of entries to 60. Elimination of artificial teams' events. *General Dyrssen* is of the opinion that the matter of eliminating artificial teams' events for Modern Pentathlon is not applicable for Rome but will only be valid in 1964 as decided by the International Olympic Committee in Wednesday' Sitting. The following speakers are heard on the subject : Mr. *von Frenckell*, Dr. *von Halt*, Mr. *Brundage*, Mr. *Andrianow*, *General Stoitcheff* and Mr. *Massard*. Secret ballot on this motion gives the following results :

by 22 votes to 10

It is decided to eliminate the artificial teams' events already for 1960, including Modern Pentathlon events.

Weight-Lifting. — Unchanged.

Yachting. — Unchanged with the exception of the number of reserves which must be reduced.

Water-Polo - Basketball - Field-Hockey and *Football* : are unchanged.

Canoeing. — As previously decided, 7 canoeing events will figure on the 1960 Programme.

Fine Arts. — The International Olympic Committee anticipated that this section of the Programme will be of a very high standard.

Crowning the champions. — No olive wreath are to be given to the Olympic champions. The Olympic medals are sufficient.

The report of Rome is ratified: subject to the aforementioned alterations.

Receptions. — Rome gives her assurance that it will limit the official receptions to 4 according to the International Olympic Committee's wish. The National Olympic Committee's will not be allowed to organize official receptions. As far as

the Diplomatic Corps is concerned it will have one reception only.

Visas. — *Count Thaon di Revel* assures the International Olympic Committee that no difficulty will be raised in this respect.

NEW RULES

Debate on the proposals submitted by the Executive Board is resumed.

RULE 31

No objection.

RULE 34

It is decided also to accept exceptions in the final entries on medical grounds.

RULE 36

On *General Stoitcheff's* request it is agreed to allow one groom per two instead three horses. Doctors are also considered as officials.

RULE 37

It is decided that the Organizing Committee will be responsible for the travelling expenses as well as the board and lodging of one of the technical adviser appointed by the International Federations' who lives abroad as well as the expenses of one local adviser living in the country.

RULE 44

Abolition of the proposed alterations in order to comply with former decisions.

RULE 49

All arrangements are left to the care of the editorial Committee which will act in accordance with the arrangements made by the T.V.

RULE 50

It is decided to retain the number of 25 and to add 'on the demand of one member at least asking to have a secret ballot'.

RULE 53

It is decided to add 'without the consent of the International Olympic Committee'.

RULE 54

The proposed addition will be transferred to another place and will appear among the rubric *General Information*.

RULE 55

It is decided to add also an example for the Winter Games.

RULE 57

Delete the passage 'and by dipping this flag'.

Mr. Brundage says that he received from Count de Madre, nephew of Baron de Coubertin, an interesting proposition to the effect that one minute silence should be observed during the Opening Ceremony in memory of the Renovator and in order to recollect his name, which is ignored by too many young people of today. The Executive Board examined this proposal but came to the conclusion that it would be difficult to carry it out during the Opening Ceremony. On *Mr. Massard's* proposal it is decided that at the conclusion of his speech, the President of the Organizing Committee will ask the President of the International Olympic Committee to invite the Sovereign or Head of the State to open the Games of the... Olympiad *renovated by Baron de Coubertin*.

It is also decided that the handing of the Olympic Flag referred to in the Closing Ceremony will take place at the Opening Ceremony.

In the oath ceremony, the athlete holds the flag in his *left* hand since he makes the gesture of taking the oath with the right hand. Furthermore he must be bareheaded.

All the other proposals submitted by the Executive Board are adopted.

RULE 58

The proposal of having the President of the International Olympic Committee or his deputy escorted by the *Presidents* of the National Olympic Committees and those of the International Federations concerned during the presentation of the medals is rejected by a strong majority.

The proposal of replacing the abridged version of the national hymns by a fanfare of trumpets is also rejected.

PAGE 94. — REGIONAL GAMES

Dr. Azuma asks that tennis and table tennis may figure on the programme of the Asiatic Games. Request granted.

OLYMPIC AWARDS

They have been awarded as follow :

Olympic Diploma : M^e Antoine Hafner, Geneva, member of the Swiss Olympic Committee, for eminent services rendered to the International Olympic Committee. (Convention for the protection of the Olympic emblems.)

Olympic Cup : Federazione Sport Silenziosi d'Italia (for the perfect organization of the VIIIth International Games for the Deaf and Dumb, Milan 1957.)

Mohammed Taher Trophy : The Athlete Gert Fredriksson (Sweden) by 24 votes, for 1956. The athlete J. Landy (Australia) by 21 votes, for 1957. The rugby player Jean Prat (France) obtains 10 votes.

Bonacossa Trophy: To the Australian Olympic Committee.

The Fearnley Cup is not awarded.

OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Mullegg's proposal from Federation Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron (Swimming).

This proposal the text of which is published in Bulletin Nr. 59 is rejected unanimously. The 11 replies resulting from consulting the International Federations and the National Olympic Committees on the matter gave the following results : 9 against and 2 in favour of the scheme.

PANAMERICAN AND CENTROAMERICAN GAMES

Dr. Miguel A. Moenck's request for tennis and table tennis is to be allowed to figure on the Programme of Games is granted.

EXCAVATION OF THE STADIUM AT OLYMPIA

Mr. Willi Daume informs the Assembly that a fund named 'Carl Diem' has been instituted to commemorate his seventy-fifth birthday. This fund has been raised with a view to carry out the complete excavation of the Stadium at Olympia. He thinks that the work will be completed in two years'time. *Mr. Brundage* returns thanks on behalf of the International Olympic Committee and congratulate the German Commission in charge on this fine effort. A message of gratitude and appreciation will be sent to the German Commission.

VOTE OF THANKS

President Brundage thanks General Stoitcheff for the perfect organization of this Session and for the warm hospitality offered to the members of the International Olympic Committee. (Acclamations.)

Mr. Albert Mayer thanks the President for the exemplary manner in which he conducted the debates and for his untiring devotion to the Olympic cause.

Session ended at 6.30p.m.

The Chairman :
AVERY BRUNDAGE

The Chancellor :
OTTO MAYER

MÉDAILLE COMMÉMORATIVE





General Stoitcheff is greeting President Brundage on his arrival at Sofia.

Mr. A. Brundage gives his speech at the Opening Ceremony of the Sofia Session.



It takes also time to read a 1700 words cablegramme sent to the President in Sofia !

Opening Ceremony at the National Theater in Sofia : General Stoitcheff gives his speech.



At the Sofia's Session : Dr. Ryotaro Azuma who will receive the members of the International Olympic Committee in Tokyo in May next.



The Opening Ceremony at the National Theater in Sofia.



MM. Andrianov (left) and Romanov (right) with their interpreter (middle) during the Sofia Session.



During the Sofia Session.

