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# THE TOKYO SESSION

M A I 1 9 5 8 — Imperial Hotel

## MINUTES

### *of the Session of the International Olympic Committee*

*The Sitting opens at 2.30 p.m.*

*The Chairman, President Avery Brundage*, welcomed the members present whose names appear on the list published in the French text.

Two new members previously elected,

Mr. Ki-Poong-Lee, Korea, and  
Mr. Saul Cristovao Ferreira Pires

were officially introduced.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Azuma, Mr. Takaishi and the Japanese Olympic Committee for the perfect organization of the present Session and especially for the splendid Opening Ceremony just offered to the members, was passed unanimously.

*Mr. Ketseas* (Greece) expressed his appreciation for the perfect execution of the Paen which was played at the first Olympic Games in Athens in 1896.

*Prince Axel* proposes that this Paen be officially adopted from now on and that no further consideration be given to other music. *Unanimously adopted.*

*Dr. Azuma* was instructed to convey the congratulations and thanks of the International Olympic Committee to the orchestra and the chorus for their performance.

*The Chairman* asked the members to stand and observe a minute of silence in memory of Sir Harold Luxton (honorary member for Australia) who died last year and of Lord Aberdare who attended the Session in Sofia and met with a fatal accident while motoring back home to Great Britain.

#### ELECTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS

The following are elected :

Mr. Eduardo Dibos (Peru)

H.R.H. Prince Albert de Liège (Belgium).

*Mr. Loth* proposes the nomination of a second member for Poland. He intends to retire after the Games in Rome but would like his successor to be nominated at this Session. Poland would thus have

2 members instead of one, during the next two years. This proposal is rejected since it is clearly stipulated in the Rules that each country has right to have only one member.

*Mr. Sidney Dawes* explained the situation in Canada since he also wishes to resign after Rome.

*Mr. Romonov (U.R.S.S.)* proposes that we have a member from East Germany. The Executive Board will examine the matter.

#### REPORT OF THE GAMES IN SQUAW VALLEY

*Mr. C. Prentis Hale* had copies of the report given to each member present. There remain 3 points to be submitted to the International Olympic Committee.

##### 1) *Date of the Games.*

After consulting with the International Federations of Winter Sports, the following dates are proposed : February 18th to 28th. *Motion adopted.*

##### 2) *Bobsleigh Competition.*

At Sofia, the International Olympic Committee decided to eliminate this sport from the Squaw Valley Games owing to the fact that it is not a sport widely practised, that only 2 entries were definitely promised to the Organization Committee of Squaw Valley and that the cost of a bobsleigh run would be about 750,000 Dollars. The International Bobsleigh Federation protested strongly against this decision. It was then proposed that a run should be built if 12 National Committees agreed to send teams by April 30th. By May 1st only 4 teams were promised : U.S.A., Switzerland, Germany and Italy. (*Mr. Massard* declared that the French National Olympic Committee asked him to announce its participation.) This will bring the total to 5. Belgium and Bulgaria gave negative replies. Austria announced its possible participation but Canada and

Great Britain did not confirm officially unauthorized private participation.

The following speakers took part in the debate : *Count de Beaumont, Mr. Sidney Dawes, the Marquess of Exeter, Mr. A. Massard, Mr. Ketseas, Signor de Stefani, Mr. Ditlev-Simonsen.* The question is put to a vote and it is decided by 22 to 5 votes to sustain the decision taken at Sofia.

3) *Transportation expenses of teams, athletes and officials is set to a maximum of 500 dollars.*

It is understood that this basic figure remains unchanged. It includes transport from a centrally located town in Europe as well as board and lodgings in Squaw Valley and return fare to Europe. The Organizing Committee asked the right to contact each National Committee concerned in order to conclude separate agreements covering their respective needs. *Approved.*

Since the biathlon was included in the list of accepted sports for Squaw Valley, it will be staged in 1960. Its retention on the programme will be studied in 1961 after the experience at Squaw Valley.

ELECTION OF A NEW MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Dr. Karl Ritter von Halt (Germany)* was unanimously elected to take the place of *Ing. Miguel A. Moenck*, whose term expired.

*Sitting adjourned: 5.30 p.m.*

*Sitting of Thursday May 15th 1958 opened at 9.30 a.m.*

AMENDMENT OF RULE N° 10

There was no support for this proposal which was rejected.

REPORT BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE GAMES IN ROME, 1960

*Mr. Brundage* welcomed the Italian Delegation composed of :

*Mr. Onesti*, President of the Organizing Committee,

*Mr. Garroni* and *Mr. Andrea Beppe Croce* and reviewed, item by item, the written report which was distributed to the members of the International Olympic Committee.

ATHLETICS

*The Marquess of Exeter* expressed the wish that the athletic events start on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. *Mr. Onesti* declares that this can be done and it is understood from the Marquess of Exeter that the International Amateur Athletics Federation will confirm this at its Congress in Stockholm.

GYMNASTICS

There are still a few points to settle regarding gymnastics. The International Olympic Committee will examine the matter and inform the Organizing Committee of its decision.

FENCING

The International Fencing Federation would like to add a team event of foil for women without increasing the number of participants. The Inter-

national Olympic Committee consider the question and inform the Olympic Committee of its decision.

SHOOTING

The International Shooting Federation agreed to eliminate the running deer competition. There will be 5 awards for shooting.

SWIMMING

The Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur would like to have a 4 x 100 m. relay without increasing the number of entries. Although *Mr. Sällfors* did not mention this during his recent visit to Rome, the President of the International Olympic Committee received this request by letter. The Organizing Committee has no objection provided that the duration of the swimming events does not exceed 8 days.

*M. Brundage* will discuss the matter with the Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur.

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS

The International Equestrian Sports Federation asks to have 4 competitors in the 3 day event because of numerous accidents, of whom 3 only are scored for each participating nation. The International Olympic Committee will investigate the matter and inform the Organizing Committee of its decision.

YACHTING

*Mr. Onesti* says that an agreement has been reached with the International Federation concerned which has lodged a complaint with the International Olympic Committee regarding the list of yachting events.

FOOTBALL

*Mr. Onesti*, replying to a question put by *Mr. Romanov*, says that the number of participants per country has been reduced from 20 to 19 at the Fédération Internationale de Football Amateur's request.

NUMBER OF OFFICIALS AND RESERVES

*Mr. Brundage* pointed out that the International Olympic Committee has prescribed a limited number of officials and reserves. The Organizing Committee should get from each International Federation a list of the number of officials and reserves it intends to have in order to submit it for the International Olympic Committee's approval.

CANOEING

The question was asked why, in spite of the agreement made with *Mr. Popel* to have 7 events, eliminating the 4-man Kayak and the 10,000 m., the Organizing Committee had included the 4-man Kayak? *Mr. Onesti* replied that the number of competitors had not been increased and that the event was most spectacular. The International Olympic Committee will examine the matter and inform the Organizing Committee of its decision.

ACCOMMODATION FOR ATHLETES AND JOURNALISTS

*The President* informed the Italian Delegation that, according to the new Rules, the judges and referees are not to be accommodated in the Olympic Village. This ruling must be enforced and the quarters provided. The expense for board and

lodgings of the athletes will be 7 to 8 dollars per day, and from 5 to 8 dollars per day for the officials living in hotels.

#### IDENTITY CARDS

A new improved system of issuing identity cards of officials will be used in Rome.

#### OLYMPIC MEDALS

The Organizing Committee asked permission to submit a new design for the Olympic Medal and to change the Olympic music. *The Chairman* replies that the International Olympic Committee has just decided to adopt the Paen originally played at the Games in Athens, in 1896, which has been performed so magnificently at the Opening Ceremony of this Session. As far as the medals are concerned, the Organizing Committee is free to issue commemorative medals of its own design, but the medal awarded to winners must remain the same on the face as the design which has been in use since 1928. The reverse, however, can be altered. In answer to a query from *Mr. Ketseas*, *the President* states that the decision taken in Vienna in 1950 was rescinded.

#### 1960 SESSION

The International Olympic Committee in agreement with the Organizing Committee will choose the dates of its 1960 Session at Rome.

The Italian Delegation withdrew.

#### OLYMPIC PROGRAMME

The elimination of artificial team events adopted at Sofia provoked a storm of protest from the Federations of Gymnastics, Equestrian Sports and Modern Pentathlon. There have been strong protests from the Wrestling Federation because of the proposed reduction in its programme.

The Executive Board is of the opinion that it is imperative to reduce the Olympic Programme. It was decided in Sofia to eliminate sports which are not widely practised in at least 25 countries, this measure applies also to those sports which are not conducted in conformity with the ideals and spirit of the Olympic Movement. Perhaps it is better to wait until after the Rome Games to see what happens there, before making a change of this nature.

*Mr. Bo Ekelund* submitted a very interesting proposal together with his comments on the idea of limiting the total number of athletes and he was asked to submit it to the Executive Board for examination and study. Replying to *General Stoitchew* who fails to recognize the necessity for reducing the Programme, when several cities are prepared to organize the next Games, *the president* stated that the extravagant cost of the Games will only permit large and wealthy cities to stage the Olympic Games unless some reduction is accomplished and this, in his opinion, is a mistake.

#### GYMNASTICS

On vote, a motion was passed to limit the programme of this sport to 14 events. The teams will be reduced to 5 competitors with 4 to score. Individual winners will receive medals; the teams will also receive a single medal but their members will receive only diplomas.

*Sitting adjourned at 12.30.*

*Sitting resumed at 2.30 p.m.*

#### DEBATE ON THE ROME REPORT

#### FENCING

The women's team event with foil is accepted since the number of competitors is not increased.

#### SWIMMING

*The President* is authorized to settle the matter of the 4 x 100 m. swimming relay with the International Swimming Federation. As far as the *Gala* is concerned, it must not be held in Rome during the Games.

#### EQUESTRIAN SPORTS

On *General Stoitchew's* suggestion, the International Olympic Committee agrees to recognize:

- a) *for the 3 day event*: individual and team entries, 4 riders for each one of the participating countries with only the best 3 to be included in the team scores.
- b) *for the Prix des Nations*: both the individual and the team event, 3 competitors for each participating nation.
- c) *Dressage*: individual scoring only, 2 competitors for each participating nation.

Individual winners will receive a medal, the team will also receive a single medal, with diplomas only for its members as is the case for gymnastics.

#### MODERN PENTATHLON

The number of participants in the event is restricted to 60 and the team event is restored. Award of medals and diplomas are the same as for Equestrian Sports and Gymnastics.

#### CANOEING

*Dr. Mezö (Hungary)* states that Hungarian competitors would like to have the 10 000 meter race retained since it is no strain on the participants.

The decision of Sofia was confirmed, eliminating the 4-man kayak as well as the 10 000 m. event. The number of events will be seven to be selected in.

#### OLYMPIC AWARDS

- Olympic Cup: not awarded  
Olympic diploma: not awarded  
Taher Trophy: not awarded  
Fearnley Cup: to Istanbul Swimming Club on the recommendation of our member Mr. Suat Erler.  
Bonacossa Trophy: *The President* proposed the Olympic Committee of West Germany for resuming excavations at the site of the ancient Games in Olympia (Greece) and for its successful efforts in presenting a united German team in Cortina d'Ampezzo and in Melbourne.

*Mr. Willi Daume* suggested that this trophy be awarded to both the Olympic Committees of West Germany and of East Germany. *Agreed.*

Dr. Mezö (Hungary) : Wrestling is one of the most important original Olympic sports and should be retained, both styles, on the programme. The Rome Programme remains unchanged, but the proposed reductions in the Programme of future Games will be discussed with the International Federation after the Rome Games.

SHOULD RULE NO. 30 STIPULATE A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SPORTS ON THE OLYMPIC PROGRAMME ?

After discussing the matter, it was decided to resume, subsequent to the Rome Games, the consideration of this important problem.

Sitting adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

*Sitting of Friday May 16th, 1958, opened at 9.30 a.m.*

MR. ANDRIANOV'S PROPOSAL CONCERNING RULE NO. 29

Mr. Romanov (U.R.S.S.) spoke on the proposal submitted at Sofia by Mr. Andrianov and sent to the Executive Board for further examination. It concerns the admittance of women in all sport events which figure on the programme in conformity with the rules of the International Federations concerned, as well as their participation in Art Exhibitions.

Count de Beaumont (France), Mr. Roby (U.S.A.), Mr. Daves (Canada), Mr. Ketseas (Greece), Mr. Massard (France), object to this proposal which, in their opinion, would seriously increase the size of the Games, whereas the International Olympic Committee is endeavouring to reduce it. Messrs Mezö (Hungary), Sondhi (India) and General Stoitchev (Bulgaria) expressed the opinion that as the aim of the Olympic Movement is the betterment of the entire human race, and not merely men only, this problem ought to be thoroughly investigated.

The Chairman suggests waiting until further experience is gained at the Rome Games and then to ask the Executive Board to report on the matter in 1961. Agreed.

RECOGNITION OF NEW NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

*Tanganyika*

This new National Olympic Committee will be recognized as soon as its Rules conform to Olympic Regulations.

President Brundage states that in the West Indies, a new political federation is being created. It includes Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad, Tobago, etc. As a result of this, there will be fewer National Olympic Committees in that area in the near future.

*Cambodia*

Count de Beaumont was requested to make inquiries about the National Committee about to be formed in that country. He reported that in his opinion, the latter was not yet ready for definite recognition.

Prince Axel supported this view.

ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS OF THE SESSIONS

*Refused.*

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF OLYMPIC TERMS

Dr. Mezö (Hungary) gave his opinion that only National Olympic Committees should have the right to use the Olympic flag, the five rings and the Olympic motto. All commercial use must be stopped.

Mr. Ketseas (Greece) informed the International Olympic Committee of the preliminary discussions which have taken place with the present Greek Government, all the members of which were in favour of the convocation of such a Conference. They also agree that there should be observers who will be present and report to their respective governments. They also asked for the drafting of a legal scheme or law to serve as a basis for debate. When the Convention will be ratified, it will be deposited at the Townhall of Olympia with a copy to be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of each country.

The International Olympic Committee thanked Mr. Hafner, (Geneva) for the extensive documentation handed to the Greek Olympic Committee which helped the latter to conduct its discussions in an objective manner.

NEW RULES

These will be ready shortly.

ART EXHIBITIONS

The Rome Organizing Committee has been informed that great things are expected of it in this section of the programme.

RECOGNITION OF ORGANIZATIONS WITH SIMILAR PURPOSES

The International Casting Federation and the International Track and Field Coaches have asked to figure on the list of these organizations.

The International Casting Federation was recognized while the Executive Board was requested to make further investigations on the International Track and Field Coaches which must be largely composed of professionals although they do seem to be in the position to diffuse Olympic ideas and to promote amateurism among the youths of today

FINANCIAL HELP TO THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

The Marquess of Exeter proposed to postpone the discussion on this subject until the Munich Session, before site of the 1964 Games is chosen. Accepted.

BUDGET

The statement of accounts and the budgets were submitted to the members.

Mr. Ketseas (Greece) presented a protest from Mr. Bolanaki, who was unable to attend the Session,

concerning the alteration of the fundamental principles. *The Marquess of Exeter* replied that Mr. Bolanaki has already protested on several occasions but that if 2/3 of the members present agree, the Rules can be changed.

*Mr. Bustamante* extends an invitation to the members to attend the Central American Games which are to be held at Caracas from Nov. 29th to Dec. 14th this year.

PUBLICITY OBTAINED THROUGH USING ATHLETES  
PHOTOGRAPHS

Several cases of commercial advertisements containing the photographs of well known Olympic athletes have been reported to the International Olympic Committee Office. The benefits, in some cases, go to the National Federation of the sport practised by the said athletes.

Even if the athlete receives no direct payment, such practises are to be deplored. It was decided that the Executive Board would draft an explanatory note to be put on page 98 of the *Book of Rules*.

*H.R.H. Prince Axel* made the following statement : 'As this is my last Session as a member of the International Olympic Committee I wish, before leaving, to express my warmest thanks to the President and to all the members, including those who are not present, for their kind co-operation during the last 25 years. I have learnt a great deal and I have made some very good friends. During this

long period I have admired the work done by the Committee. I wish you all God speed and I thank you.'

*The Marquess of Exeter* proposed that Prince Axel be elected an honorary member so that he might continue to attend our meetings and he hoped he would do so because we would miss his wisdom, good heart and common sense.

*The President* added that he especially appreciated his gift of expressing in three words what required 300 from others.

Prince Axel was unanimously elected an Honorary Member.

By acclamation, the Committee passed a resolution of thanks and appreciation to Dr. Azuma, Mr. Takaishi, the Japanese Olympic Committee and the City of Tokyo for the outstandingly friendly welcome given to the members of the International Olympic Committee and for the facilities which permitted a flawless organization of the Session.

*Mr. Massard* proposed a vote of thanks to the President for his usual masterly leadership. He also thanked Miss de Pahlen, who kindly replaced the usual interpreter of the International Olympic Committee who was not available on this occasion.

The Session ended at 12.30.

*The President :*  
AVERY BRUNDAGE

*The Secretary :*  
L. ZANCHI