
Sport philately - *A suggestion*

The mention in our last Bulletin of philatelic errors has resulted in a suggestion, which, at first sight, may well be worth further consideration. Why is it, we are asked, that the National Olympic Committees do not get in touch with the stamp and security printers (or P.T.T.) in their respective countries, and ask them to submit designs and impressions of their stamps before printing, thus avoiding errors and abuses, which are at present, a regular occurrence? These errors are scarcely a credit to the post-offices of the countries concerned. We refer, of course, only to sports and Olympic stamps.

The chancellery of the International Olympic Committee with its headquarters in Switzerland, made contact with a firm of postage stamp and security printers specializing in the printing of postage stamps; this firm (Courvoisier S.A., La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland) which supplies stamps to some thirty countries, decided to consult the International Olympic Committee whenever it is commissioned to design an 'Olympic stamp'. Already a correction has been made to a stamp which will be issued shortly. In this way it will be possible to prevent any future errors.

We strongly advise National Olympic Committees to adopt this course of action.