

About employment in Government service

*and the presence of such individuals
in the National Olympic Committees*

Very often we have been asked if the fact of having a governmental activity is, for an individual, compatible with that of being member of a National Olympic Committee. Therefore, we think it advisable to give here the line of conduct to follow in such cases, that opinion being the one of the International Olympic Committee, although no special ruling exists in the Olympic Rules.

Employment in Government service does not necessarily exclude individuals from membership on National Olympic Committees. As a matter of fact, Government co-operation can be desirable. The important thing is, that the Government men should be on the Committee for sport and not for political reasons.

There are several requirements, however, that must be met and these are outlined at some length in Olympic Rules 24 and 25. Voting control of the National Olympic Committees must be in the hands of sport representatives (the delegates of the nations sport's federations) to insure independent and the Government men must be *elected* by the National Olympic Committee's rather than appointed by the Government. If a Government appoints its representative on the Committee, the Committee obviously is not autonomous.

Good relations between National Olympic Committees and their Governments must be cultivated. The only thing we seek to avoid is political interference and dominance.