

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

TELEVISION AT THE INNSBRUCK WINTER OLYMPICS

The Organizing Committee of the Innsbruck Games of 1964 has sold its rights to the Austrian Television Authority for the sum of 1,400,000 Swiss Francs of which it has allocated about 80,000 Swiss Francs to the International Olympic Committee. This Committee has paid 50% of this sum to the International Winter Sports Federations which are to participate in these Games which they intend to recognize as their own world championships in the Olympic year.

A GOOD MARK SCORED BY SPORT AGAINST POLITICAL INTERFERENCE

The World Championships of Basketball were to be held at Manilla (Philippines) last December. Everything was ready for the celebrations. when the International Basketball Federation heard that the Philippines Government, headed by Mr. Macapagal, had refused to grant visas to the Yugoslavian players and this entirely on political grounds.

In spite of several approaches by the International Amateur Basketball Federation, appealing to the government of the Philippines, the latter refused to alter its decision.

Mr. Padilla and Mr. Calvo, the President and the Secretary of the Philippine Basketball Federation travelled to Europe in order to settle the matter; but the International Amateur Basketball Federation, maintaining its point of view, simply cancelled this World Championship, thus refusing to allow politics to interfere with sport. Our congratulations to Mr. William Jones, General-Secretary of the International Amateur Basketball Federation for not yielding to arbitrary governmental demands which are in no way connected to sport. A clear win for International Amateur Basketball Federation by one goal to nil !

THE COMBINED ALL-GERMAN TEAM

A Conference took place in Lausanne last October with Mr. Willi Daume, President of the Olympic Committee of the West German Federal Republic, and subsequently last November with Dr. Heinz Schöbel, President, and Mr. H. Berendt, Secretary of the Olympic Committee of the German Peoples Republic, thereafter. The International Olympic Committee decided to convene a meeting of the representatives of both committees at Lausanne to determine the conditions required for the formation of a combined

German team to participate in the Olympic Games of 1964. This Conference took place in a very friendly spirit at the seat of the International Olympic Committee. on the 8th of December last year.

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE HELLENIC
OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

The Lausanne Olympic Museum has just been enriched by acquiring some casts and mouldings, gifts sent by the Hellenic Olympic Committee. The International Olympic

Committee was most happy to receive these gifts and wishes to convey its sincere thanks to the donors. Thus a 'Hellenic Room' has just been created in this Museum. It is also decorated with paintings of Olympia, work of the Swiss artist Diggelmann of Zurich (Switzerland) who was laureate at the Fine Arts Exhibition held in London in 1948 on the occasion of the Olympic Games when he won the silver medal. He also won the gold medal at the Exhibition of Applied Graphic Arts held at the Berlin Olympic Games in 1936.

