

communiqués and news in brief

From one continent to the next.

After attending the First African Games in Brazzaville from 18 to 25 July, the president of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Avery Brundage, went on to Nairobi at the invitation of the Kenya Olympic Committee, then to Uganda, Ethiopia and the United Arab Republic where he had talks with leading figures in national sports administration. In Addis Abeba, surrounded by an audience trembling with excitement (and one can imagine it when one thinks of the series of shots devoted to Abebe Bikila !), he saw the magnificent film "Tokyo Olympiad", to which we have devoted an article elsewhere in this Bulletin. Mr. Brundage next stopped in Athens to meet His Majesty King Constantine, member of the I.O.C. for Greece, and to open the fifth session, on 9 August, of the International Olympic Academy. After a short stop in Lausanne, where he was awaited by Baron de Güell, member of the I.O.C. for Spain, a delegation from the Olympic Committee of East Germany, Mrs. L. Zanchi, secretary of the I.O.C... and the preparatory work for the Madrid session, Mr. Brundage returned to the United States — not without spending a few more hours in London.

Brazzaville.

Besides president Brundage, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Touny and Mr. Onesti, members of the I.O.C. for Kenya, the United Arab Republic and Italy, were present at the First African Games in Brazzaville, which were held under olympic patronage. Ten sports figured on the programme for the Games : athletics, swimming, boxing, cycling, judo, basketball, football, handball, volleyball and tennis. 1362 athletes (1118 men and 181 women) took part, representing twenty-seven countries of which twenty-five have a National Olympic Committee recognized or about to be recognized by the I.O.C. The two others, Gambia and Congo (Leopoldville), had a special licence.

Copenhagen.

A change has also taken place in the Danish Olympic Committee — not in the address, that remains unchanged — but in the presidency, to which Mr. Gudmund Schack has been elected in replacement of Mr. Leo Frederiksen, the retiring president. We wish to convey to each of them our congratulations and our gratitude for their work, as well as to Mr. Axel Lundqvist, who has been re-elected honorary secretary-general of the Danish Olympic Committee.

Paris.

The CIDALC (International Committee for the Dissemination of Art and Letters by the Cinema) in collaboration with its French committee, organized the first "CIDALC international sports film week" from 17 to 23 September. 80 cinema and television films produced by some 40 countries were shown, divided into four categories : technical sports films, documentaries, features, and reporting and "montage". In the programme of this important event we read this pleasing statement : "Sport brings out the qualities of those who practise it. It makes them develop their will, their courage, their discipline, and gives young people and adults the opportunity to meet on the same human level. It thereby contributes to bring people together by helping them to get to know and understand each other. As *The uniting of people by the cinema* has been the motto of CIDALC since its creation in 1930, it felt it was its duty to assemble all sports in an international competition not in a stadium but on a screen". Out heartfelt congratulations to the initiators of this show and to the makers of the following award-winning films :

Prize for the best film in any category : "Les Rendez-vous de l'Été" (*The Summer Meeting-Places*), France.

Jury's special prize : "Un Jeu si simple (*Such a Simple Game*), Canada.

Prize for "technical films" : "Appuis et Suspensions" (*Blocks and Bars*), Canada.

Prize for "documentaries" : "La Course" (*The Race*), Yugoslavia.

Prize for "features" : not awarded.

Prize for "reporting and montage" : "Vsadte na Koranu", Czechoslovakia.

Ville de Paris Prize : "Meeting in New-Port", France.

Jury's special mention : "National Selection of Great Britain".

Conakry.

The Olympic Committee of Guinea wishes to receive as many brochures on sport as possible in order to keep abreast of the activities of the other national olympic committees and international and national federations. We would be grateful to any and every association kind enough to send their publications to the Guinean Olympic Committee, addressed to the secretary, Mr. Camara Nabi Yaya, Conakry, Guinea ; and indeed to all the National Olympic Committees in Africa, whose addresses are to be found in the first pages of the Bulletin, and who all wish to take an intimate part in international sporting life.

The olympic world.

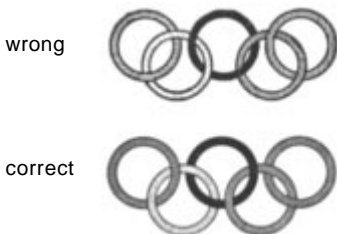
Since the Madrid session, the number of National Olympic Committees recognized by the I.O.C. has risen to one hundred and twenty-two, spread out among countries of widely differing population densities but whose total number of inhabitants is no less impressive for that. Thus, Olympic Committees may be found in

- 3 countries of over 100 million
- 6 countries of from 50 to 100 million
- 9 countries of 25 to 50 million
- 20 countries of 10 to 25 million
- 22 countries of 5 to 10 million
- 44 countries of 1 to 5 million
- 18 countries of less than 1 million.

That means — not an entire population of sportsmen, perhaps, but an immense mould in which a more balanced and healthy humanity is being forged and will continue to be forged, as Pierre de Coubertin wished it.

The olympic rings.

We feel it may be useful to point out here once again that only one particular arrangement of the interlocking olympic rings is considered to be officially correct (all the more as incorrect arrangements continue to appear on note-paper and olympic documents being circulated). Of the two illustrations below, only the second one, on which the first (blue) ring is seen to tie over the upper part of the next (yellow) ring, and so on, is correct. This colours are, from left to right : blue, yellow, black, green, red ; or, for reproduction in black and white (still left to right) : horizontal lines, dots, black all over, oblique lines, vertical lines.



It has been written — wrongly — that each Olympic ring represents a continent according to its colour. Pierre de Coubertin was thinking of national emblems in choosing the olympic colours, one of which at least is present in each of them.

Universiad.

The next University Games (Universiad) will be held in Tokyo in 1967. The secretary-general of the International Federation of University Sports, Dr. M. Ostyn, asks us to inform sports federations and associations that the Games will be celebrated between 27 August and 10 September of that year, on a date not yet fixed, but which his federation already wishes to keep free.

Athens

As a consequence of Mr. Jean Ketseas' death the Hellenic Olympic Committee has composed the Board of Trustees of the International Olympic Academy as follows :

President : General T. Papathanassiadis, vice-president of the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

Members : Mr. D. Xirouchakis, second vice-president of the Hellenic Olympic Committee ; vice-admiral P. Lappas, secretary-general, and Mr. O. Szymiczek, research commissioner of the International Olympic Academy.

Ceylon.

Mr. P. Julian Grero, who remains vice-president of the Ceylon Olympic Association, has given up his post as its honorary secretary to Mr. A. W. Musafar. Our thanks go to Mr. Grero for his devoted service, and our best wishes to Mr. Musafar (who will henceforth receive all correspondence and documents intended for the Ceylon Association at the address given on page 6 of this Bulletin).

Hong-kong

Mr. A. de O. Sales, president of the Olympic Committee of Hong-kong, has informed us that after the olympic torch stopped there on its way to Japan in 1964 and a special ceremony was organized, with great success the government of Hong-kong named the road leading away from the airport, the *Olympic Avenue* and the adjacent park, *Olympic Gardens*, as a reminder to the public of the Olympic Movement. Our congratulations and thanks to Hong-kong and its Olympic Committee and efficient president.

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As a result of the concern expressed in both the medical and lay press concerning the medical aspects of boxing and the increasing volume of interested but comparatively uninformed opinion on the subject, the British Association of Sport and Medicine decided to hold a symposium devoted to all the main aspects of the subject. A wide field of interested parties were invited to the symposium, which constituted a forum of authoritative opinion unobstructed by the necessity to reach definite conclusion. Amongst the specific medical aspects which received attention were physical damage to eyes, nose, throat and ears and to the brain. The papers presented to the symposium and the discussions are published in this book together with the editors' assessment of the conference as a whole rather than the views of the participants individually. The book provides valuable information for the medical profession and for all concerned with physical education. (124 pages, in English only.)