

## WORLD NEWS

### FROM CANADA

\* *A study committee is conducting an inquiry into Canadian sport.* The aim of this committee is: to make a report on what is understood by amateur and professional sport in Canada and how they are in fact defined; to evaluate the role of the Federal Government in comparison with non-governmental, national and international bodies in the progress and increase in the numbers of those participating in Canadian sport; to study how the Government could improve the importance and quality of Canadian sport.

Among the five members of this committee, presided over by Mr. Harold REA, is the Olympic champion, Nancy GREENE.

\* On the 21st, 22nd and 23rd March 1969 the Sessions of the IVth Provincial Congress of the Quebec Physical Education Federation will be held at the University of Sherbrooke. More than 800 physical education teachers will attend this Congress.

### FROM FRANCE

\* *In the 1968 prize list of the Sports Academy, we were thrilled to see the name Daniel RÔCHER.* As head of the sports section of the international agency France Press, he assists the Press and Public Relations Commission of the International Olympic Committee. The Henri DESGRANGES prize is awarded to him for his activities and work as a journalist who has unceasingly served the interests of sport. We congratulate him warmly.

\* If you have a degree in medicine, have been selected once or more for a national team, and if your devotion to sport remains intact, you will fulfil the conditions required to become a member of a brilliant association: the A.M.I.M., that is *L'Association mondiale des médecins internationaux (World Association of International Doctors of Medicine)*.

About forty doctors have thus met again through the establishment of this association, including Alain CALMAT, Olympic finalist in skating in 1964 and Professor BROVET, senior member of the Paris-Faculty of Medicine and former international water polo player. Georges AUDOUY, former French high jump champion is president of this association

which has two objectives: to develop a taste for sport in school and to protect athletes who take part in high standard competitions.

A meeting at Vittel (France) is envisaged. The subject of this will be "Physical activity according to age".

\* *For athletes who live in the tropics*, a memorandum on tropical hygiene has been drawn up by Dr. THIEBAULT, member of the Medical Commission of the International Olympic Committee.

#### FROM GERMANY

\* *Walk to keep fit*. 250,000 Germans convinced of the truth of this recommendation have replied to the call of Dr. Georg OPEL, president of the Walkers' Society, which was worded in these terms :

' Munich is now beginning to make extravagant preparations for the 1972 Olympic Games. But what, fellow Germans, are we doing to appear as a proud and healthy nation, to our visitors from every corner of the earth ? Nothing. However, we must resolve to be completely fit. Indolence, excess comfort, pleasures of the table and cars are enemies of our health, a constant cause of heart disease and attacks. In the interests of our health join our society - leave your cars behind and walk".

\* *Replace the grass on football grounds with synthetic carpets which are impervious to bad weather* - This is envisaged by several West German clubs thanks to a material invented by a firm in Ludwigshafen.

\* *Pioneer of ski jumping*, the German architect, Heini KLOPFER, who was the first person to construct ski jumps, has died in Obersdorf in Bavaria at the age of fifty.

#### FROM GREAT BRITAIN

\* The Olympic year 1968 has inspired choreographer Kenneth MACMILLAN, to write a ballet which he has called "Olympiad". Based on the symphony in three movements by Stravinsky, this work is described by its author as "a light work played against a uniform back cloth and in which stylized costumes are used.". This ballet will be performed at Covent Garden on the 21st February next by the Royal Ballet of which Kenneth MACMILLAN will take over co-direction at the end of the 1969/70 season.

#### FROM GREECE

In Athens and then in Olympia, 120 participants from 43 countries attended the Vth Congress for athletics coaches. For the first time representatives from Black Africa have a place on the board of the International Association. These are : Messrs. Leonard COESAR (Ghana), Yogaga COULIBALY (Ivory Coast) and Charles MISKORA (Kenya).

#### FROM ISRAEL

*The IIIrd Para-Olympic Games for physically handicapped people have become widely recognized.* During that time in Israel we have recorded the precious moments of emotion experienced in the face of the indescribable courage and willpower of these athletes which has raised the sporting spirit of these events to a standard rarely achieved. The town of Saint-Etienne (France) will organize the next Games in 1970.

#### FROM SWITZERLAND

\* *"Women and sport"* will be the title of the exhibition organized by the Basle Sports and Gymnastics Museum on the occasion of the "Gymnaestrada 1969" during the Basle carnival. In the section "Skiing" past and present documents, engravings, sports equipment and clothing will be displayed.

\* *A brilliant advocate intercedes on behalf of rowing.* "Rowing is the sport which best maintains the physical fitness of a man aged more than fifty," declared Dr. R. MARTIN DU PAN of Geneva, during the congress of the World Federation of Sports Medecine.

#### FROM THE UNITED STATES

*"Amateur athletics have won a great victory",* declared Colonel Donald HULL, Managing Director of the *Amateur Athletic Union* after the signing of a contract with the American television network C.B.S. for the transmission of an important series of the largest athletics meetings between the 18th and 31st August. Donald HULL continued :

"Television will arouse a certain rivalry amongst the young people and will teach Americans to understand better the number one sport of the Olympic Games which will turn out to be beneficial for us at all levels".

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