

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

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ATHLETICS

- * *No more trade names on footwear.* At future international competitions only shoes without identifying marks on them will be allowed. This step is the result of a vote by correspondence of the sixteen members of the Council of the International Amateur Athletics Federation. The Marquess of EXETER, a member of the International Olympic Committee, speaking in his capacity as President of the Federation, told the *Daily Telegraph* reporter James COOTE :

"We decided to introduce this regulation as a result of what happened in Mexico.

At the next meeting of the Council in England, we shall discuss the scope of this prohibition. Should the rule apply only to international meetings or also to national, regional or local championships? This is what we still have to decide."

BASKETBALL

- * *There will soon be a basketball center in Munich where the headquarters of the International Basketball Association are located.*

The Bavarian municipality has decided to offer IBA a large piece of land on which to build.

- * Twelve teams including the USSR, the present holder of the title, will be taking part in the 3rd Women's Junior European Championships, to be held in Germany from July 31st to August 10th.

BOXING

- * *What is the oldest known boxing match between teams?* It is the Oxford and Cambridge match which dates back to 1897. Unfortunately, this traditional meeting risks dying out owing to financial difficulties.

- * April 1st: final date for entries in the next European Boxing Championships at Bucharest (May 30th to June 8th, 1969).

CYCLING

- * Confirmed : *Germany second in the pursuit team race at the Olympic Games 1968.*
One of the German team having pushed a team-mate during the final, his team, even though the winners, were penalized by being put back a place. By 9 votes to 5, the Executive Committee of the International Amateur Cycling Federation decided to award them second place. Udo HEMPEL, Karl-Heinz HENRICH, Karl LINK and Jurgen KISSNER therefore received their Olympic silver medals from the hands of Mr. Adriano RODONI, President of FIAC, on February 23rd last.
- * At the next meeting of the International Cycling Union, the Executive Committee will propose the introduction of two new world records : 4-kilometre team pursuit race and amateur 50-kilometre cycle-cross.
- * *Was this the first cycle race?* An Englishman, James MOORE, won the Paris-Rouen race in 1869. A hundred years later, who will be the winner of the centenary of this great classic reserved for amateurs? We shall know on May 11th next.
- * *More and more bicycles.* We are pleased to note that the production of bicycles is steadily going up. The figures for 1968 far exceed those of 10, 20 and even 30 years ago. The popularity of cycling has reached the United States where the number of cycles is now 7,500,000 compared with 3 million in 1960.

FENCING

- * Messrs. BALTHASAR, BRUSATI, LUBOMIROV and René MERCIER, forming the special Commission of the FIE appointed to draw up the new regulations for the world fencing championships, will meet in Genoa on April 2nd. The Executive Committee and the standing committee (Statutes, Regulations, Arbitration, Publicity, Electrical Signalling) will also

continue their work in Genoa on April 1st and 2nd. All these meetings will be held in the hall of the Sports Palace of the *Fiera d'Oltremare*, where the World Under-20 Championships will be held right afterwards, from April 4th to 7th.

- * The 50th ordinary congress of the International Fencing Federation will take place in Paris on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

FOOTBALL

- * What penalty should be awarded and how should the referee start the game up again if a neutral linesman notices a serious infringement of the rules behind the referee's back and the erring player's team scores a goal? (the referee has seen neither the fault nor the linesman's signal).

Does the goal count?

Should the goal be cancelled?

What penalty should the referee award?

How should the game be started again?

- *The goal does not count*

- *The goal is to be cancelled*

- *The player must be warned or sent off*

- *The game must be started again with a free kick at the spot indicated by the linesman.*

These are the answers the Referees Committee gave to one of the questions submitted to it for examination at its recent meeting in Teheran.

- * The English text of a memorandum, "Rules of the game, uniformity of interpretation and spirit of the game", prepared by Prof. M. ANDREJEVIC, Mr. K. ASTON, Mr. R. MASSON and Dr. H. KASER, will be translated into French and Spanish before being issued to the national association and the press. The Referees Committee wants this booklet to be circulated as widely as possible.
- * The next meeting of the Referees Committee will be held at FIFA headquarters, in Zurich, on September 19th and 20th 1969.

- * *New statutes for German amateur footballers. Key sentence of the draft of these Statutes drawn up by the West German Federation : "An amateur footballer is one who does not earn his living by playing this game".*

WEIGHT-LIFTING

- * The latest world record for the press, snatch and jerk recognized :

Middle-heavyweight :

21.12.1968 at Alma-Ata (USSR) . . .

. . . Boris SELITSKY (USSR) with 487.5 kg.
(160 + 140 + 187.5)

Boris SELITSKY thus brilliantly confirms his 1968 Olympic title.

HOCKEY

- * We welcome the recent setting up of the Public Relations and Press Committee of the International Federation. It will undoubtedly lead to an increased distribution of news and consequently help popularize this highly educational sport.

TOBOGGANING

- * According to Mr. PONTNEAU and Mr. BOUVETTE, the last sport admitted to the Winter Olympics, tobogganing, is none the less a very old one since manuscripts dated 1520 refer to the joys of this form of conveyance. (Sports de Glace - periodical put out by the French Federation, No. 43, Page 23).

WRESTLING

- * At Mar del Plata (Argentina) before the 1969 World Championships, the Federation's congress awarded the organization of the 1970 World Championships to the Canadian town of Edmonton in the Province of Alberta.

Note in your diary the dates of July 10th to 16th. In addition, the World Junior Championships will be held in Colorado (United States) from July 14th to 19th, 1969.

SWIMMING

- * *74 world records between the two of them.* The two swimmers with the largest number of world records to their credit - we are reminded by the Belgian journalist Jean CORHUMEL - are the Danish woman swimmer Ragnild HVEGER and the Swede Arne BORG : 43 for Ragnild between 1936 and 1942, 31 for Arne between 1921 and 1929. Let us add that Arne BORG won a gold medal at the 1928 Olympic Games for the 1500 m. free style, two silver medals in 1924 (for the 400 m., behind Johnny WEISSMULLER, and the 1500 m.) and a bronze medal in 1928 in the 400 m. event. Ragnild HVEGER never succeeded in becoming Olympic champion, although she came second in the 400 m. free style at the Berlin Games.

FIGURE SKATING

- * *The Figure Skaters' International Association.* Mr. C. ZELLER (Germany) was recently elected President, Mr. C. FASSI (Italy) Vice-President, and Mrs. Jacqueline VAUDECRANE (France) a member of the committee.

SKIING

- * *In the 46th "VASALOPPET",* the most extraordinary cross-country skiing race in the world, 34 year old Janne STEFANSSON (Sweden) was the fastest out of a field of 7,421 competitors over the 50 mile course between Sallen and Mora. This was his 7th win in this famous "classic", five of them being consecutive from 1962 to 1966.
This race commemorates the historic journey on skis in 1521 by the founder of modern Sweden, King Gustav VASA.

EQUESTRIANISM

- * *After the 19th Olympic Games, how does Grand Prix de Dressage stand?* In the opinion of Mr. G. MARGOT, Pre-

sident of the jury of the Olympic Grand Prix Dressage in Mexico, it is on the decline. "Out of 26 competitors, only 10 completed the Grand Prix programme properly. The others were not up to the high standard required for an event of this kind. These ten competitors were the three members of the West German team, the three members of the Swiss team, the three Russians, and Horst KOELHER of the East German team", we read in the conclusion to his report published in No. 65 of the Official Bulletin of the International Equestrian Federation.

SHOOTING

- * With the admission of Iceland, all 31 countries of Europe now belong to the International Shooting Union.
- * The first general meeting of the Federation of South East Asia, founded last year, was held at Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia). The Malaysian doctor CHAN CHIN CHEUNG was elected President.