

SPORTS FACILITIES

* *International Exhibition and Congress in Cologne*

One hundred and twenty exhibitors, from six European countries, will be taking part in the Exhibition of "Sports Facilities and Swimming Pools" in Cologne from May 15th to 18th, 1969. An international congress on the same theme will be held in conjunction with this event. Apart from presenting local or regional projects, the discussions will bear on certain technical points such as the use of prefabricated elements, flooring materials, synthetic track surfaces, the use of aluminium or plastic, the possibilities of partitioning off big halls or gymnasiums, etc... These two events are placed under the auspices of IAKS - *Internationaler Arbeitskreis Sportstättenbau* (International Working Group for the Construction of Sports Premises) Address: Carl Diem Weg, 5 Köln-Müngersdorf(Germany).

* *"Olympic sports facilities and the part they play in the development of sports architecture throughout the world"...*

...was the subject of the 8th Working Session of the Sports and Recreational Facilities Commission of the International Union of Architects. IUA has brought out a booklet containing reports on the various discussions.

* *Encouraging winter training : an inflatable nylon dome*

Clubs, schools and associations that are meeting with difficulty in the way of raising sufficient funds for the construction of sports facilities will be interested to

hear that Harvard, the richest of America's universities, this winter installed a gigantic nylon bubble coated with vinyl for training its athletics team. This inflatable dome cost only 300,000 dollars compared with the 2 to 3 million required for a permanent building of the same size. Main characteristics : 60 feet high; area 300 ft. x 150 ft.; the top of the dome is transparent, avoiding any need for artificial lighting during the day.

* *Plans for a national Canoeing, Rowing and Water-Skiing Center in Great Britain*

The Nottingham County Council is planning the construction of a nautical sports centre comparable to the one built in Mexico for the 1968 Olympics. The site chosen seems favourable to such a scheme. A number of small lakes lying close together can be widened and connected so as to form a stretch of water satisfying the standards required by the International Rowing, Canoeing and Water-Ski Federations.

* *A Football Complex in London*

In Lea Valley, near the British capital, the British Football Federation is planning a sporting complex comprising an ultra-modern stadium with seats for 80,000, the Federation's administrative offices, a national football school, with permanent courses for trainers.

* *More and more tartan tracks in Europe*

After Zurich, London, Font-Romeu (France), Formia and Schio (Italy), the Stuttgart stadium, where the European-American athletics meeting will be held on July 30th and 31st, 1969, is also going to have its own tartan track. A sixth European country, Belgium, is planning to instal this type of track too.