

NON OLYMPIC GAMES AND COMPETITIONS

XIth WORLD GAMES FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB

Under the auspices of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and Dumb.

These Games were held in Belgrade this year, from August 9th to 16th. The sports programme of events is identical with that of the Olympic Games.

The first Games, instituted by the Frenchman Mr. S. Rubens Alcais, took place in Paris in 1924. Since then, every four years, in all the capitals of the world they have helped bring together the deaf and dumb of the whole world. The last Games were held in Washington in 1965.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The World Games for the Physically Handicapped in Wheel Chairs, organized at Stoke-Mandeville (Great Britain) each year, were graced this year by the presence of Queen Elisabeth, who inaugurated the new stadium where the events were held. During this ceremony, members of the International Committee were presented to the Sovereign with whom they spoke for a few minutes.

THE MACCABIADES

Over 1600 competitors from all over the world took part in the VIIIth Maccabi Games, in Tel Aviv. Many Olympic champions were present. The star performer of this meeting was the American swimmer Mark SPITZ.

LOS ANGELES

Over 200 athletes - men and women from the Soviet Union, the British Commonwealth and the United States - were selected to take part in an international athletics meeting on June 18th and 19th in the Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles.

In accordance with the principle of close international fellowship, athletes and officials lived and dined together in the campus of the University of Southern California.

The day after the competition, the athletes visited Disneyland and Tomorrow Land where they arrived in time to see the landing on the moon on TV.

This athletics meeting was organized by the South Pacific Association of the Union of Amateur Athletics. The programme also included a visit to Hollywood movie and TV studios as well as a shopping tour for the women.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The IXth British Commonwealth Games will take place in Edinburgh, Scotland from July 16th to 25th, 1970.

Nine sports are included in the programme : athletics, badminton, bowling, boxing, cycling, fencing, swimming, wrestling and weightlifting.

These Games were first held at Hamilton in 1930, since they have been held every four years in between the Olympic Games.

They are open to all British subjects or citizens of a Commonwealth country.

Forty-two national associations belong to the Federation of the Commonwealth Games, whose President is Mr. Alexander ROSS and Secretary General, Mr. K. S. DUNCAN.

Let us finally mention that our friend Vernon MORGAN will be the Head of the Press at these Games.

SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES

These Games have just been held at Port Moresby (New Guinea). The next Games, the fourth, will be held at Papeete, on the island of Tahiti in August 1971.