

WORLD NEWS

BELGIUM

* Gaston ROELANTS, Olympic champion in the 3000 steeplechase at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games and world recordholder of the hour and of the 20 km. in 1966, has exhibited in the Chateau Wezemael forty figure paintings all featuring travel as their subject with the exception of two still lifes. Prince Alexander de MERODE, Colonel Raoul MOLLET, President of the Belgian Olympic Committee and Mr. MINGELS, President of the L.R.B.A. were present at the opening of this exhibition. Gaston was heard to declare: "I apply myself to painting as much as I do to athletics".

GREECE

* The International Olympic Academy will hold its Tenth Session in Olympia from 31st July to 16th August 1970. The subject for the Session will be "Preolympic Preparation".

LUXEMBOURG

* Colette FLESH, Fencing champion of Luxembourg for many years and selected for the Rome, Tokyo and Mexico Olympics took up office as burgomaster of the capital on 1st January 1970. Appointed by the Grand Duke Jean, member of the IOC, she is the first woman to occupy this position in the history of the Grand Duchy. Colette FLESH has been Secretary of the Luxembourg Olympic Committee since 1968 when she succeeded the late Mr. Jacques LEURS.

RUMANIA

* The 2nd European Congress of Sports Medicine, organised in Bucarest from 30th September to 3rd October 1969, was an unprecedented success. The programme for the Congress covered three principal themes: "The motrice function and the neuro-endocrine adjustment in sports efforts," "Trends, possibilities and prospects of medical control of

physical education in schools and of performance sports",
"Medical gymnastics and functional re-education".

SWITZERLAND

* The States Council has unanimously accepted the constitutional bill proposed by the Federal Council for the promotion of the movement "Youth and Sport" and for a reform of school physical education. The committee of the National Council, presided over by Mr. CADRUVI, will present a report to the session of the National Council in March. The organisation of the new movement will be the responsibility of the Federal School of Gymnastics and Sport at Macolin in close collaboration with the cantonal offices concerned.

UNITED STATES

* For the first time, the Helms Trophy, which can count amongst its most illustrious holders: Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE, President of the International Olympic Committee, Major Sylvio de Magalhaes PADILHA, IOC Member, and such athletes as Ron CLARKE, Jules LADOUMEGUE, Emile ZATOPEK, James THORPE, Jesse OWENS, Abebe BIKILA, has now been awarded to women.

In 1969 six athletes received this trophy: Charles ASATI (Kenya), Chi CHENG (Formosa), Pam KILBORN (Australia), Liese PROKOP (Austria), William TOOMEY (United States), Juan BELLO (Peru).

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