

## PHILATELY

### COSTA RICA

\* To commemorate the 4th Football Championships CONCACAF issued, 23rd November last, a series of four stamps: 65 c - map of North America; 75 c - parade; 85 c-player; 1 C - match.

### FRANCE

\* A commemorative stamp to the value of 80 centimes was issued by the Ministry for Postal and Telecommunications on 21st February on the occasion of the 7th World Handball Championships which were held in Paris from 26th February to 9th March. Colour: dark green. Circulation: 7,000,000. Design: Georges BETEMPS.

### ITALY

\* On the occasion of the World Ski Championships, held at Val Gardena from 7th to 15th February, two stamps were issued by the Italian Post Office: 50 liras - downhill skier - circulation: 16 million; 90 liras - stylised view of the site where this large competition took place - circulation: 10 million. Design: K. PRUNSTER.

### PARAGUAY

\* An interesting series has been issued relating the complete history of the gold medallists (football) in the Olympic Games:

- Postal series: Circulation - 250.000

0,10 G - Great Britain/Paris 1900; 0,15 G - Canada/Saint Louis 1904; 0,20 G - Great Britain/London 1908 and Stockholm 1912; 0,25 G - Belgium/Antwerp 1920; 0,30 G - Uruguay/Paris 1924 and Amsterdam 1928; 0,50 G - Italy/Berlin 1936; 0,75 G - Sweden/London 1948 and USSR/Melbourne 1956.

Air-mail Series:

12,45 G - Yugoslavia/Rome 1960. Circulation: 30,000;  
18,15 G - Hungary/Helsinki 1952. Circulation: 25,000;  
23,40 G - Football symbol/Mexico 1968. Perforated series  
- Circulation: 6,000; 23,40 G - Hungary/Mexico 1968.  
Non-perforated series - Circulation: 4,000.

ROYALIST YEMEN

\* Pre-Olympiad - Munich 1972.

Postal: 1 b - football; 2 b - swimming; 4 b - equitation  
5 b - rowing; 6 b - ski-jump.

Air-mail: 10 b - throwing the discus; 12 b - hurdling;  
18 b - running; 24 b - diving; 34 b - Olympic torch bearer.

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