

Munich

Dr. Willi RITTER, Chief of Protocol, has recently been appointed by the Organising Committee of the Games of the XXth Olympiad in Munich we are informed by Mr. Christian JANNETTE, who, in becoming Dr. RITTER's deputy, will keep on the same duties, continuing to offer his assistance to the members of the International Olympic Committee, the International Federations, and the National Olympic Committees.

Our many congratulations and best wishes for his success go to Dr. RITTER, a brief biography of whom is given below -

Mr. Willi RITTER, Doctor of Law, was born on January 8th, 1915 in Varna (Bulgaria). After his scholastic studies in Munich and Berlin, he did his military service in Halle am Saale, then took part in the second World War (1939-1945).

From 1946, he took up his studies again at University in Hamburg. From 1950 to 1952, he was the Press Officer at the Federal Ministry of the Economy, and then Cabinet Director of the Head of Press of the Federal Republic and Protocol Director.

In 1955, he was nominated Head of the Near-, Middle- and Far-East Section of the Department of Foreign Affairs at the Press Office of the Federal Republic, becoming a member of the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1958.

Since then, he has held the





Mr. Willi Albert RITTER

following positions: Chief of Protocol and Head of the Press Department of the German Federal Republic in New Delhi, Adviser in charge of developing countries at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, First Embassy Adviser at the German Federal Republic Embassy in Djakarta and in 1970 the post of Chargé d'Affaires.

During his diplomatic career he worked frequently with the Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has assisted at several visits of Heads of State. Recently, he was the official escort to President Soeharto during his visit to the German Federal Republic.

His appointment to the position of Chief of Protocol for the Munich Games was commensurate with his succession to the rank of Ambassador.

As a true international, he speaks six foreign languages: English, French, Spanish, Bulgarian, Indonesian and Malaysian.

As a sportsman, Mr. RITTER was university high-board diving champion several times. In 1936 he was a member of the pre-Olympic pentathlon team.

In the decathlon he specialised particularly in the pole-vault and the javelin throw; he also played handball. Mr. RITTER has been a member of the SCC Berlin and of the VfL 96 of Halle am Saale.

His current sports are tennis and riding.





Here are the commemorative medals of the Games of the XXth Olympiad, presented by the President of the Organising Committee, Mr. Willi DAUME.

They will be in gold and silver, of different sizes from 20 mm. to 60 mm. and will sell at prices between DM 36 and DM 3, 150.