

olympic news

* On June 30th, the commission of Dr. VOGEL, who will be succeeded as Mayor of Munich by Mr. Georg KRONA-WITTER, expired. Dr. VOGEL will continue, nevertheless, with his duties as vice-president of the Organising Committee for the Games of the XXth Olympiad.

* With the approach of the Games, "Olympic" themes are being used more and more, on the radio, in newspapers, at school, in the voicing of opinion.

Thus the Munich Institute of youth research proceeded to sound out the youth, ages 14 to 25. 57% of the young people questioned stated that they were in favor of the purest form of amateurism in the Olympic Games, while an estimated 41% wished to see the participation of professionals.

Only 2%, a surprising number, had no opinion.

For their part, the candidates for the sanctioning exam in France, the first four years of secondary studies, could use their imagination with the following subject: "In ancient times, the Olympic Games were not solely a competitive sporting occasion, but the symbol of union amongst the Greek cities.

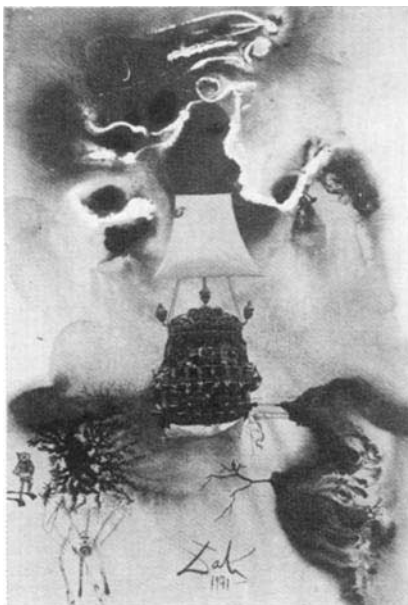
Do you think sport could fulfill this essential mission of bringing men together in a common ideal?

Comment upon and define your conception of the sports ideal."

* There is no age limit for participation in the Olympic Games and, this year, we shall see a 69 year old horsewoman, Mrs. Lorna JOHNSTONE, defending the colours of Great Britain, in Munich. It is Mrs. JOHNSTONE's third Olympic selection, as she has already taken part in the Melbourne (1956) and Mexico Games (1968), where she was rated thirteenth in the dressage events.

* For several weeks, the sports world has been upset by the story of Ian Mac WHINTER Australian oarsman of 26 years, who, according to the doctors, has only a short time to live. This magnificent athlete, overtaken by cancer, will not be able to participate in "8's" rowing events in Munich. He brilliantly represented his country at Tokyo and Mexico, by winning three gold medals, and has won twelve championships in the various states of Australia. Ian Mac WHINTER was married, May 2, to Miss Erica COLLINS, and the young couple will be present in Munich, at the invitation of the Organising Committee.

* on May 10th, the Olympic exhibition, "Man and the sea" was opened at Kiel. We know that the regatta events of the next Olympic Games will be held at Kiel, and it is therefore natural that the importance of the sea, throughout the history of humanity, be shown here. This exhibition is composed of five parts: the oceans and the coasts through the ages, the world of the Vikings, the world of the sail, oceanographic research and the exploitation of the oceans, the workers and the life on board sail boats in the time of the sailing marine. The official placard is a gouache, crediting the talent of the Spanish artist Salvador DALI.



* Dingo and Donald; you will not see these names shown in illuminated letters on the telegraph board of the Olympic Stadium in Munich. However, they are the two heroes of the new cartoon produced by the Walt Disney firm: "*Dingo and Donald, Olympic Champions.*" It is not the first time, nor the last, that the authors of comics have been inspired by the Olympic Games; To quote one, among others, "*Asterix the Gaulois and the Olympic Games.*" The artists of Hollywood were able to exercise their verve in recounting the history of the different sports, the training of the dog Dingo and his achievements in the stadium. Here is an excellent initiation to Munich!

