

Frank Taylor President of the AIPS

At its 37th Congress in London, the International Association of the Sporting Press conducted its elections which take place every four years. The President is Mr. Frank Taylor (Great Britain) who succeeds Mr. Felix Levitan (France) while Mr. Bobby Naidoo (Great Britain) replaces Mr. Antoine Herbauts (Belgium) as Secretary General, the latter having been in office since 1948 and now accedes to the vice-Presidency.

We give below the biographical accounts of those newly responsible for the AIPS and to whom we send our congratulations and best wishes for success; we also include a list of the members of the Association.



Mr. Frank Taylor

Mr. Frank Taylor is sports columnist for the *Daily Mirror*, one of the most widely read newspapers in Europe. He started his journalistic career in 1938. Since then he has become one of Britain's best known sports writers, having worked for the *Sheffield Telegraph* then in London for the *News Chronicle*, the *Daily Mail*, the *Daily Herald* and *The Sun*.

On 6th February 1958, the aeroplane bringing Manchester United Football

team from Belgrade crashed over Munich. Nine journalists were killed outright; Frank Taylor was the only one to survive this tragic accident. Ten months later, the 21 fractures healed, he was able to throw away his crutches and return to his work as reporter. He was present at the Games of Tokyo, Mexico and Munich. He has written ten books on sport, of which the most famous tells the story of the Munich crash, entitled "The Day the Team Died". He is now in his second term of office as Chairman of the British Sports Writers Association and his election to the Presidency of the AIPS promises to be a lively and efficient period for the World Sporting press.



Mr. Bobby Naidoo

Before being elected Secretary General of the AIPS he has held the same post in the British Sport Writers Association for the last 3 years. His professional career began in 1948. He has produced several books and illustrated sports publications, popular in Great Britain, then he went to Kenya where he started several sporting reviews. Once back in London in 1953, he devoted himself to public relations for five years. In 1958, he returned to Africa, West Africa this time, in order to produce a documen-

tary film and to publish several prestige publications. He established a radio and television station, a publishing company and a printing plant. In 1964, he returned to London permanently, and was employed by the Central News Office, of which he became the head of Sports Services for a period of six years. He has just founded his own publishing company in Fleet Street at the heart of the English Press. It is he who created and edited *British Sport* the annual magazine of the Sporting Journalists Association of Great Britain, which has just come out for the third time and which proves to be more and more of a success.

Mr. Antoine Herbauts

Born in 1909 in Brussels, he embarked on the profession of journalism at a very early age, as the assistant of the Sporting column of a Brussels newspapers *Le Soir*. As a teacher, and a graduate in the Science of pedagogy, he did not leave teaching permanently until just after the Second World War. For a long time he has been associated with sporting organisations of the Brussels newspaper (cycle races, the cross-country of *Le Soir* mass event) and took over the direction of Sports Services in January 1951. Picked out by Victor Boin for his organising qualities, Antoine Herbauts became the Secretary General of the Belgian Professional Association of Sporting Journalists from 1948, and he occupied this post for more than twenty years. It was therefore quite normal that he should be elected Secretary General of the AIPS. In this position, he will collaborate as head of the press at numerous international events, particularly the Olympic Games, the World Football

Championships, and the World Cycling Championships. The end of his career on *Le Soir* from which he retired in 1971, allows him to concentrate all his efforts on his work within the AIPS; he has become the principal animator of the commission which works most especially on the problems of the press at the time of large international events.

Management Committee (1973-1977) of the International Association of the Sporting Press.

PT: Frank Taylor (England); *SG*: Bobby Naidoo (England); *VPT*: Nikolai Kiselev (Russia); Dr. Jorg Skotinger (Germany), José Maria Llorente (Spain), Maurice Vidal (France) and Antoine Herbauts (Belgium); *Deputy SG*: Istvan Szombathy (Hungary); *M*: Ove Karlsson (Sweden), Aurel Neagu (Romania), Luigi Chierici (Italy), Martin Furgler (Switzerland); *VPT (Africa)*: Lucien Tshimpumpu (Zaire); *PT of Honour*: Victor Boin (Belgium), Felix Levitan (France); *Honorary PT*: Henri Schihin (Switzerland); *Honorary M*: Emile Goebel (Luxembourg), Max Ehinger (Switzerland), Licinio Valsangiaco (Switzerland), Jan Cottaar (Netherlands), Stig Haggblom (Finland) and Josef Strabl (Austria)