



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The letter underneath was received [by e-mail] from Annamarie Cohen, daughter of David Cohen, whose story was told in the article: "A Giant Hoax", published in the *Journal of Olympic History*, 11(2003)1, p. 62/63.

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Dear Mr Bijkerk

Your article and fax was kindly forwarded to me from the Jewish News.

In response to this, I would like to say that this is a story that my late father told to me and I told the story to the Jewish News with the belief that the story was true to my knowledge.

As my father is deceased and to my knowledge, none of his immediate family is

alive, I have no way of verifying the story.

In light of your letter and article and as I have no way to support the story, I will refrain from repeating the story to anyone else.

*Sincerely yours
Annamarie Cohen*

The following letter was received by Karl Lennartz from Anthony Th. Bijkerk

Dear Mr. Editor,

Since many years I have studied the history of the Olympic Games, and consulted hundreds of books on the subject.

It has always surprised me that even the most wellknown authors on the history of the Olympic Games do not seem to agree on the total amount of participants which were entered and participated in each Olympic Games.

It is imaginable that with regard to the earliest Olympic Games from the beginning of the last century, say those from 1896 to 1920, figures on participating athletes from the various authors might differ, but even from the 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936 and 1948 Olympics, famous authors on Olympic history like Volker Kluge, Bill Mallon and

Wolf Lyberg come up with different figures! I think since most of the authors on Olympic history are members from our Society, it is time to solve this problem as best as we can, and if possible once for all.

I would like to suggest that a small commission of ISOH, especially including the persons I mentioned afore, should study the matter and come up with a final figure.

The commission does not have to convene, but they can exchange their figures by e-mail or by fax, and even split them up in figures per sport to see where the various differences can be found.

*Yours sincerely,
Anthony Th. Bijkerk*

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Thank you for your help.

David Wallechinsky
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