

## ***LETTERS FROM MEMBERS***

Dear ISOH,

Separately I have mailed you my application for membership and dues for one year. It is a stroke of good luck or good planning that the ISOH is in being and actively engaged at the time of the inauguration of the Olympic Museum in Lausanne.

Would it be feasible for the ISOH to set up a sub-committee to codify the publications published by each NOC? Certainly this would be a tremendous undertaking for the next 3-7 years. However, it would set in concrete a firm base from which sports historians could bank on for the next so many decades.

I will put together this list of materials available at the USOC (United States Olympic Committee) upon arrangement with our head librarian, Cindy Slater, if such a listing would be of any interest to the members of the ISOH.

One of the loftier goals would be to have these NOC official publications, analyses, and studies microfilmed with the microfilms to be maintained at the IOC Museum. This would be the first time that Olympic Historians would have a single central location for almost anything and everything they would ever need - especially the special statistical analyses being handled by Wolf Lyberg.

Of course, it should be ISOH that serves as a screening body for all materials to be considered for placement on the ISOH Master List. Thus the ISOH could gain prestige by placing its imprimatur on all materials placed on the master list!

As I see it, the ISOH will be a gung-ho prestigious organization of serious-minded Olympic historians, with no holds barred in seeking active participation from the large reservoir of historians on the five continents.

Very truly yours,  
C. Robert "Bob" Paul, Jr.

Dear Bob,

Thanks very much for your letter, Rob, and your kind words. As an introduction, Rob Paul was a long-time director of the United States Olympic Committee and now serves as their archivist and historian. He sent to me a huge volume of material which he has produced over the past few years detailing the participation and results of American athletes at the Olympics. People interested in obtaining this material can contact Rob Paul at 1750 Fast Boulder Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909 USA.

The idea of codifying all NOC Publications is an ambitious one but perhaps it could be arranged by asking appropriate members of ISOH from the most "Olympic literate" countries to get started on such a project. Members can let us know through the journal if they wish to be involved.

Dear ISOH,

I am currently engaged in research into the biographies of English editors of German sporting journals at the turn of the century. An especially prominent person among these gentlemen was a certain Fred Manning, editor of the journal *De Lawn Tennis-Sport* (from

1904-1916). He had a brother, Dr. G. Randolph Manning, who died on 1 December 1953, and whose obituary (of American provenance, although I do not know the precise source, and which is not entirely without errors) I have before me. This contains the following passage, "He became nation-wide front page news when he was the first to resign from the American Olympic Committee as a protest against the Games being held in Japan while that country was warring against China, a sister nation." My question is: Can anybody from our distinguished ISOH colleagues enlighten me on this particular event, and on Mr. Manning's biography in general, i.e., by calling to my attention newspaper articles dealing with him, or, better still, by sending clippings? Any bit of information will be most welcome. In addition, is anybody aware of relatives of Dr. Manning I might get in touch with and of photographs showing him? Perhaps you could include my query in the next issue of the bulletin? This would be most kind of you, and almost certainly very helpful.

Yours sincerely,  
Heiner Gillmeister

Dear Heiner,

Per your request, your letter and query is enclosed. I had not heard of G. Randolph Manning or this episode prior to Heiner's request. However, I was able to find two very small items about him in *The New York Times*. I've sent those along to Heiner and enclose copies of the pages below.

### Soccer Association Founder Dies

Dr. G. Randolph Manning, founder and first president of the United States Soccer Football Association, died yesterday of a heart ailment. He was 81 years old. Dr. Manning returned home a week ago after becoming ill while attending a of the world soccer group in Paris.

The New York Times, 2 Dec 1953

### MANNING RESIGNS OLYMPIC POSITION

Quits U. S. Group Because of  
His Opposition to Holding  
1940 Games in Japan

### SPORTS OFFICERS CHOSEN

Selections for 8 Committees  
Announced at Meeting in  
the New York A. C.

Opposed to the holding of the 1940 Olympic Games in Japan, Dr. G. Randolph Manning, veteran officer of the United States Football Association, controlling body of amateur soccer in this country, has tendered his resignation as a member of the American Olympic Association, it was learned last night.

Dr. Manning, who for more than a score of years has either been the president or held an important position with the United States Football Association, gave as the reason for his resignation the fact that he felt that a state of war actually existed in Japan and that he did not believe that the games should be held in a country when a war is going on.

In the heated discussion surrounding the question of America's participation in the 1936 Games in Germany, Dr. Manning also took a prominent part but he did not vote at the A. A. U. convention on the issue. As the representative of the football association, which is an allied body of the A. A. U., he was privileged to vote.

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