

# EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES

OF THE 47th SESSION - HELSINKI 1952 (Palais de la Noblesse)

SITTING OF JULY 16th, 1952, 14 o'clock.

## AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session by the President.
2. Election of new members.
3. Election of the new President (and event. of a new Vice-President).
4. Election of a member to the Executiv Committee (to replace Count A. Bonacossa).
5. Situation of the German Olympic Committees. Request for recognition of the O. C. of the German Democratic Republic (East).
6. Report on the XVIth Olympic Games, Melbourne 1956.
7. Adoption of the Rules under which the I. O. C. may give its patronage to the Regional Games (Report Mr. Bolanaki).
8. Report of Me. Antoine Hafner on the protection of the Olympic Emblems.
9. Request of recognition of the « All-China Athletic Federation » acting as National Olympic Committee of China.
10. Reduction of the number of athletes at the future Olympic Games:
  - a) What can be done to reduce the Olympic Programme?
  - b) Preliminary Games in other parts of the World for certain team sports?
  - c) Reduction of the number of officials.
  - d) Report on the Helsinki Games (Mr. E. von Frenckell).
11. Request of recognition of « Archery » and « Volleyball » as facultativ sports of the Olympic Programme. (Addition on Art 42.)
12. Request of introduction of « Winter Pentathlon » in the Winter Olympic Games (the first time as demonstration only).
13. Art. 59 of the Rules: to reduce FOUR members of their families to TWO.
14. Choice of the City and dates of the 48th Session 1953.
15. Designation of the Session at which the 1960 Games will be attributed.
16. Request of recognition of the « Union of free Eastern European Spotsmen » at New York (refugees or exiled).
17. Substitution of a member at a Session when the City in which the latter is held is situated at more than 3000 km. from his country.
18. Attribution of Olympic Awards:
  - a) Olympic Cup P. de Coubertin (institution or association).
  - b) Olympic Diploma (to an individual).
  - c) Fearnley's Cup (sports club or local association).
  - d) Taher Pacha's Cup (to an athlete).
19. Alteration of Art. 12, third line of the Olympic Rules: « . . . he is *not* reeligibile (Propr. Mr. Albert Mayer).
20. To respect Art. 14 of the Olympic Rules in which it is said that the Executiv Committee must present an annual financial report to the I. O. C. (request of Mr. Albert Mayer).
21. Olympic Hymn (report Taher Pacha).

## LIST OF MEMBERS

### Executiv Committee

President: J. S. Edström.  
Vice-President: Avery Brundage (U. S. A.).  
Colonel Scharroo (Holland).  
Lord Burghley (Great Britain).  
Comte Bonacossa (Italy).  
M. Armand Massard (France).

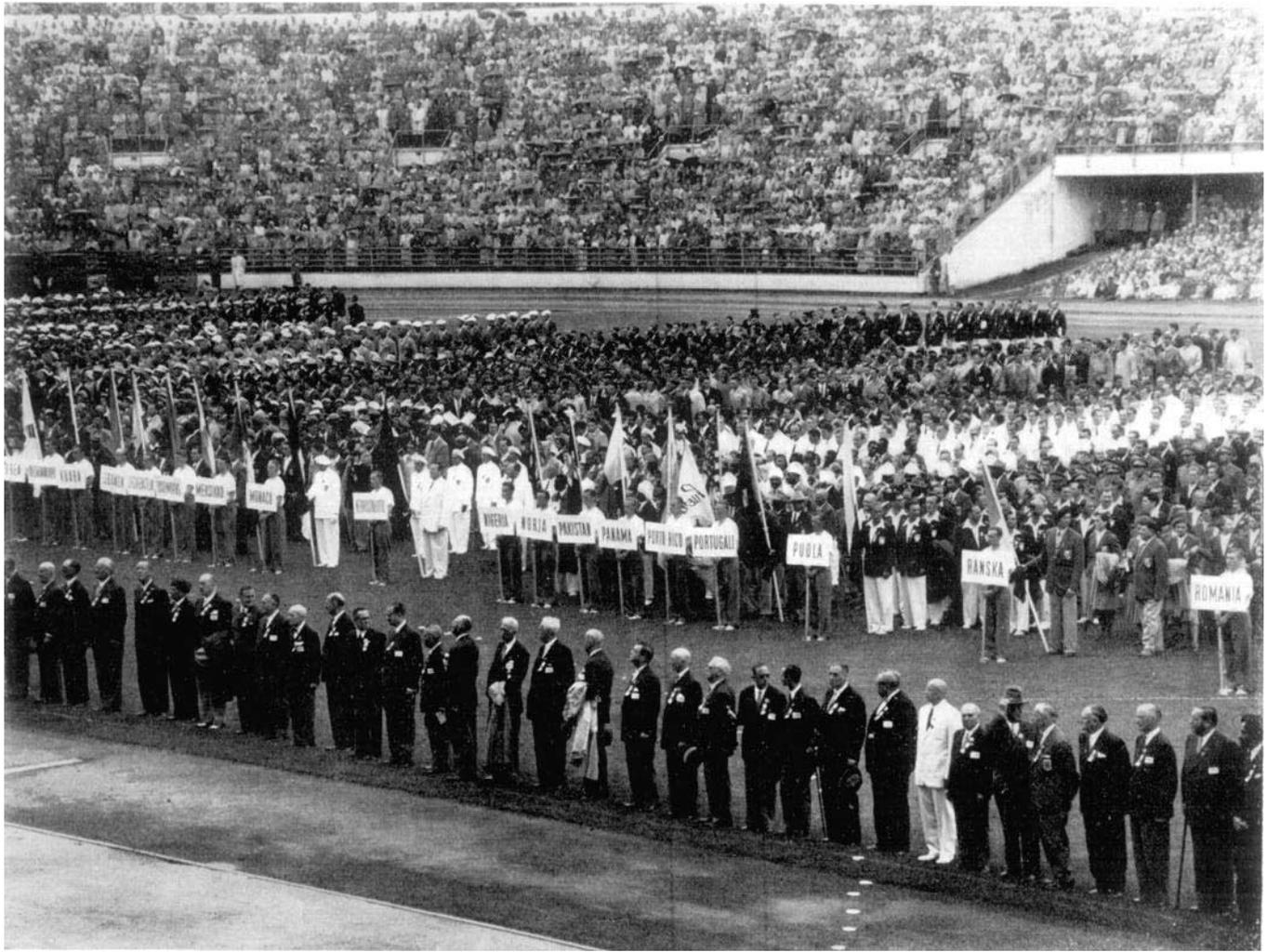
### Members following list of presence

Dr. Karl Ritter von Halt (Germany)  
Duc Adolphe Frederic de Mecklenburg (Germany)  
Mr. Lewis Luxton (Australia)  
Mr. Mautner von Markhof (Austria)  
Baron de Trannoy (Belgium)  
R. W. Seeldrayers (Belgium)  
Dr. Ferreira Santos (Brazil)  
Mr. J. C. Patteson (Canada)  
Mr. Sydney Dawes (Canada)  
Mr. Moenck (Cuba)  
Mr. A. Jaffer (Pakistan)  
Mohammed Taher Pacha (Egypt)  
Baron de Guéll (Spain)  
Mr. Sh. Takaishi (Japan)  
Mr. R. Azuma (Japan)  
S. A. Prince Jean de Luxembourg  
Count Paolo Thaon di Revel (Italy)  
Dr. G. de Stefani (Italy)  
Lord Killanin (Republic of Ireland)  
Mr. G. D. Sondhi (India)  
Dr. Ferenc Mezö (Ungary)  
Mr. Jorge B. Vargas (Philippines)  
Mr. J. J. Garland (U. S. A.)  
Dr. José Pontes (Portugal)  
Mr. Bo Ekelund (Sweden)  
Mr. Albert Mayer (Switzerland)  
Dr. Gruss (Czechoslovakia)  
Mr. C. Andrianov (U. S. S. R.)  
Mr. A. Romanov (U. S. S. R.)  
Dr. Jerzy Loth (Poland)  
Mr. Serratosá Cibils (Uruguay)  
Mr. F. Piétri (France)  
S. A. Prince régnant F. J. de Liechtenstein  
Cheik Gemayel (Lebanon)  
S. A. S. Prince Pierre de Monaco  
Mr. Jean Ketseas (Greece)  
Mr. A. Bolanaki (Greece)  
Lord Aberdare (Great Britain)  
Lord Luke (Great Britain)  
Mr. J. W. Rangell (Finland)  
Mr. Erik von Frenckell (Finland)  
S. A. R. Prince Axel de Danemark  
Sir Arthur Porritt (New Zealand)  
Mr. O. Ditlev-Simonsen (Norway)  
Mr. Ben G. Waage (Iceland)  
General José de Clarke (Mexico)  
Mr. Gomez (Mexico)  
Mr. Antonio Prado Jr. (Brazil)  
General Stoicheff (Bulgaria)  
Maj. Raja Bhalindra Singh (India)  
Mr. Douglas Roby (U. S. A.)

Leave of absence: Messrs Aldao, Krogius, Fearnley, Pahud de Mortanges, Bloudek, Comte de Beaumont.

Procès-verbal: Otto Mayer, Chancellor.

Interpreter: M<sup>me</sup> Roulier.



The president extends a hearty welcome to the members of the I. O. C. and acknowledges the presence of the two new members elected at Oslo: Gén. Stoicheff (Bulgaria), Cheikh Gabriel Gemayel (Liban).

SPEECH OF MR. EDSTRÖM AT THE OPENING OF THE MEETING.

I have the pleasure in wishing you all welcome to this 47th meeting of the International Olympic Committee and must confess that I do it with mixed feelings. With sadness because it is the last session of our meetings that I shall have the pleasure of being your president and with pleasure because I see so many old and new friends here today. This is the greatest number of members of the I. O. C. that ever have been gathered.

You shall today elect a new president. Besides that we have a number of important questions to decide about. Forgive me if I call to your attention the paragraph 10 of our status which states that the members of the I. O. C. may not accept neither from the sporting organisations of their country nor from the governments any instructions which will in any way bind them as members of the Committee and interfere in the independence of their vote. It is most essential that the International Olympic Committee keeps its independence from all outside influences. I warn you particularly for political discussion. We must keep them out of our world. Only in this way we will have success in our important work.

Mr. *Seeldrayers* brings forward a motion: He recalls that the meeting at Oslo, on February 26th last, was held entirely with the object of adopting the Session's procès-verbal. Considering that other resolutions were passed when there was no agenda, he demands the rejection of all the decisions adopted at that meeting as well as the annulment of its procès-verbal. (The procès-verbal of former meetings remains valid.) *Decision*: Mr. *Seeldrayers*' motion is carried unanimously.

On Dr. *Ferreira Santo*'s proposal, the Assembly arises as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. H. Bustos Moron, our late member for Argentine, who passed away during the current year.

*New members.* — On the I. O. C.'s proposal, the following new personalities were elected members of the I. O. C.:

*Spain*: Succeeding Comte Vallellano who retires: Mr. Pedro Ibarra Mach-Mahon.

*U. S. A.*: Succeeding Mr. Brooks Parker, deceased: Mr. Douglas F. Roby.

*Sweden*: Succeeding Mr. Edström who retires: Gen. Gustav Dyrssen.

*Argentine*: Succeeding Mr. Bustos Moron, deceased: Mr. Enrique Alberdi.

*Taher Pacha* reiterates the demand made at Oslo's Session concerning the nomination of a second member for Egypt.

Mr. *Jaffer* demands the nomination of a second member for Pakistan. Mr. *Vargas* makes a similar request for the Philippines.

Mr. *Loth*: Already at Oslo, the speaker had demanded that a second member for Poland should be elected in the person of Mr. Putrament. It had been agreed that the

decision would be reached at this session.

*Decision*: The discussion is postponed to a further meeting.

*Presidential election.* — The E. C.'s proposal of nominating Mr. Avery Brundage, Vice-President, to be President, is carried out unanimously.

Prince *Axel* proposes Lord Burghley to the Presidency. He speaks of his outstanding athletic qualities, while devoid of any unfriendly feeling towards his American friends, he is of the opinion that the President should be domiciled in Europe. Mr. *Andrianov* approves Prince *Axel*'s proposal concerning Lord Burghley's candidature, he asks for a secret ballot. Mr. *Albert Mayer* supports Mr. Brundage's candidature. *Sir Arthur Porritt*: The difficulty of the choice is due to the fact that both candidates possess equally strong a personality. The voting should be conducted unbiased by anything but one's own feelings. As far as he is concerned, he commends Lord Burghley to the members' choice (the two candidates left the hall at the beginning of the debate). Mr. *Edström* closes the debates by appointing the following scrutators: Messrs *Albert Mayer* and *Sir Arthur Porritt*.

*Voting.*

Voting papers distributed: 49

Voting papers returned: 49

Mr. Avery Brundage is elected President of the I. O. C. by 30 votes. Lord Burghley obtains 17 votes. Void papers: two.

Mr. Avery Brundage is brought in the hall amidst the general applause of the Assembly.

Mr. *Edström* announces that he will retain his term of office till September 1st, 1952 and that Mr. Brundage will assume his presidential duties from this date. The reason of this decision is that Mr. *Edström* wishes to go to Lausanne, Head-quarters of the I. O. C., in the course of August, in order to take leave of the local authorities of that town as well as introducing the new President there.

Mr. *Brundage* expresses in moving terms his gratitude for the trust shown him by the members. It is the greatest sportive honour of this life. Big problems will be confronting him but he hopes to bring them to a successful issue, to the satisfaction of the Olympic Movement.

Mr. *Seeldrayers* wishes to express his loyalty to Mr. Brundage although his candidature was Lord Burghley. *Lord Burghley* congratulates warmly Mr. Brundage upon his nomination and assures the new President of his loyal support and entire collaboration.

*Vice-President election.* — Mr. *Sydney Dawes* proposes Lord Burghley. Mr. *Albert Mayer*, while stressing the esteem and sympathy he has towards Lord Burghley proposes the candidature of Mr. Armand Massard. In electing him, the members will create a fair anglo-saxon-latin balance. Mr. Massard declares, that if he accepts to be elected, it will be chiefly on account of the French language which has been the first official tongue used

by the I. O. C. Lord Burghley and Mr. Massard withdraw. Mr. Serratosa Cibils presents a second Latin candidate in the person of *Comte Bonacossa*. The latter, while thanking his proposer, declines and waves aside all candidature. Confronted by Comte Bonacossa's irrevocable decision.

*Voting.*

Voting papers distributed: 48

Voting papers returned: 48

Mr. Massard is elected Vice-President by 25 votes.

Lord Burghley obtains 23 votes.

Both candidates are lead into the hall amidst the general applause of the Assembly. Mr. *Massard* is moved by the honour which has been conferred upon him and thanks the members for the confidence shown him. He is sorry that two Vice-Presidents cannot be elected as it would have made it possible for his friend, Lord Burghley, to take the chair beside him.

*Election of two members of the Executive Committee.* — Mr. *Edström* proposes the following members: the first one to replace him, and the second to replace Comte Bonacossa:

H. R. H. Prince Axel of Denmark,  
Mohammed Taher Pacha.

These two members are carried by unanimous acclamation. *Honorary President:* Mr. J. S. Edström carried by unanimous acclamation.

The Sitting is adjourned at 17.30.

#### *SITTING OF JULY 17th, 1952, 9 a. m.*

Mr. *Edström* welcomes Mr. Ant. Prado Jr. (Brazil), H. R. H. Maj Bhalindra Singh (India) who attend our Session for the first time. He also greets Mr. Douglas Roby (U. S. A.) nominated at this present Session. He reads the telegram sent by the Municipality of Lausanne (Headquarter of the I. O. C.), which expresses its best wishes to the members.

*The chinese question.* — Mr. *Edström* explains the situation and reminds the members that the National Olympic Committee of Nationalist China (Formosa) is the only Committee recognized by us. On the other hand, the O. C. of Democratic China (Pekin) claims the rights to be the only Committee representing the whole of China. The E. C. has taken the decision to suggest to the Session not to authorize either Chinese party to participate to the Games, should it be representative of Formosa or Pekin. Two other solutions present themselves: One is to recognize both Chinas in view of the fact that several I. F. have already recognized the Peking Committee. The other solution would be to recognize Formosa only, as it represents the only Committee acknowledged by us. The President holds the view that we should accept either, both Committees or none.

Finally, he informs the Assembly that both Committees are represented at Helsinki and that they will be received in turn in our Session's Hall.

Mr. *Gunsun Hoh*, President of the Chinese Olympic Committee (Formosa) is introduced. He elucidates the sport situation in his country, furthermore, he reckons that his Committee is the only one which can be recognized by the I. O. C. The participation of the athletes of this committee to the 1952 Games is irrefutable. His Committee has enjoyed happy association with the I. O. C. for many years. In answer to Lord Burghley's question, Mr. Hoh explains that out of the 25 members of the Chinese O. C. who have left Continental China, 19 are living at Taiwan. Mr. Hoh withdraws.

Mr. *Sheng Chih Pai*, attaché to the Legation of Stockholm, and Representative for Continental China (Pekin) is introduced accompanied by his interpreter. He claims to be the lawful Representative of Mr. Shou-Yi-Tung, member of the I. O. C. Speaking in the name of 400 million inhabitants he demands that his Committee should be the sole Chinese organization to be recognized by the I. O. C. The Formosa Committee is composed of refugees and is, by no means, representing the Chinese Nation. The Olympic Committee of Peking is the reorganized institution in China and stands, beyond any doubt, for the authentic former Chinese O. C. Besides, the International Federations of Football, Swimming and Basketball have recognized it also they are affiliated the National Federations of Continental China. In conformity with the Olympic Rules, the Chinese Federations of Peking are thus fully qualified to participate to the Games. In conclusion, he requests the Peking Olympic Committee to be recognized as the only organization qualified to represent legally the Sporting World of China.

The Chinese delegates finally withdraw after thanking the I. O. C. for having given them the opportunity of exposing their Committee's situation.

A lengthy debate ensues.

Sitting adjourned at 12.15.

Sitting resumed at 14 o'clock.

The debate on the Chinese question is resumed. The following speakers are heard: *Lord Killanin, Bo Ekelund, von Frenckell, de Guell, Romanov, Piétri, Albert Mayer, Massard, Lord Aberdare, Brundage.*

Mr. *Edström* begs the members to put the following two points to a vote:

1. *No Chinese teams can participate to the Helsinki Games.*

This proposal obtains 22 votes.

2. *The two Chinese teams are authorized to participate to the Games.*

This proposal is supported by 29 votes.

A second round of secret balloting is asked for by the E. C.; on the non-participation of the Chinese teams to the Games.

This proposal stands in opposition to the one made by Mr. F. Piétri which runs as follow:

« The I. O. C. while reserving its ultimate decision concerning the respective situation of the All-China Athletic Federation and the Chinese National Olympic Committee at Tai-Wan, which decision depends principally on a precise determination of the international status of both countries, authorizes the athletes of both organizations to participate, in agreement with the organizing committee of the Games of Helsinki, in those events of the present Games in the sports recognized by their International Federation. »

*Vote:* Voting papers delivered and returned: 53.

*In favour of F. Piétri's proposal:* 33 votes.

The E. C.'s proposal obtains 20 votes.

*Report on the Melbourne Games.* — Mr. Lewis Luxton introduces a full report dealing with the Melbourne Games organization, it is conclusive on the excellent running order of this organization in so far as the financial, technical or housing arrangement are concerned.

#### REPORT OF MELBOURNE

Mr. President and Colleagues:

Since our last meeting in Oslo at the beginning of this year I am pleased to be able to report that a very great change has been effected in the situation in Melbourne. I am happy to be in a position today to advise you that the three months grace granted by you at our last meeting provided the necessary time to clear up the two major problems, finance and the main stadium site, and many others of a minor nature.

#### *Finance*

This was arranged at a meeting held in Melbourne on 19th March attended by:

The Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister of Australia,  
The Hon. A. A. Calwell, representing the Leader of the Federal Opposition Party,

The Hon. Premier of Victoria,  
The Hon. T. Harvey, M. L. C., Minister of the Victoria Government,

The Hon. J. Cain, Leader of the Labour Party, Victoria,  
The Hon L. G. Norman, Leader of the Liberal Country Party in Victoria,

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of Melbourne,  
Councillor the Hon. W. Barry of the Melbourne City Council,

The Hon. W. S. Kent-Hugues, M. L. A., Chairman of the Organising Committee,

The Hon. G. L. Chandler, also representing the Organising Committee.

At this meeting it was agreed that the interested parties would make available £ 1,250,000 for capital works such as the erection of a new main stadium, cycling stadium and swimming pool. The Prime Minister also stated that if this was insufficient more would be found. In addition the Victorian State Government arranged to give the Organising Committee an immediate guarantee for an initial amount of £ 200,000 to meet preliminary expenses.

I now have no doubt of Melbourne's ability to finance the 1956 Games.

#### *Stadia*

*Main Stadium.* — The site finally selected and approved by all interested bodies for the main stadium is the Carlton Cricket Ground.

This arena is situated in Princes Park, a beautiful tree lined public park which provides a setting of our great athletic festival. It will also provide ample space for car parking.

The site is approximately 2 miles from the centre of the City of Melbourne and is well served by a railway and two tramways.

It is less than half a mile from the Melbourne University which is to be the main Olympic Village.

The Committee has been granted the right to build on this site by the Victorian Government; a Construction Sub-Committee has been formed and instructed to build a stadium to hold 125,000 people of whom 30,000 will be under cover. Work will commence in the middle of 1953, and the stadium will be completed in two years.

It is interesting to note that Mr. R. A. Cameron, President of the Trades Hall Council, which is the controlling body of the Trades Union movement in Victoria is a member of this Construction Sub-Committee.

*Cycling Stadium.* — A new cycling stadium is to be built on the banks of the river Yarra about 1 ½ mile from the City centre.

*Swimming.* — A completely new swimming pool is to be built, final selection of the site will be made this year, but it will probably be in the parklands near the Richmond Railway Station about 1 ½ mile from the City, or in the grounds of the Melbourne University adjacent to the main stadium.

*Basketball and Fencing.* — These sports will be staged in the Exhibition Building which is ideal for the purpose and is located within half a mile of the City centre.

*Boxing and Wrestling.* — Will take place in the West Melbourne Stadium which already has seating accommodation for over 10,000 people. The stadium is about one mile from the City centre.

*Yachting.* — On Port Phillip Bay of the Melbourne suburbs of Saint Kilda, Brighton and Sandringham.

*Rowing and Canoeing.* — On the beautiful Lake Wendouree, a still water lake within the boundaries of Ballarat, a City 70 miles from Melbourne.

#### *Organisation*

A Control Committee has been formed and charged with the responsibility of providing all the stadia and facilities required for the XVIth Olympiad.

We are fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. A. W. Coles as Honorary Chairman of this Committee. Mr. Coles is an ex-Lord Mayor of Melbourne and was at one time a member of the Australian Commonwealth Parliament. He has very big business interests throughout Australia and at the request of the Government created and managed for some years Trans Australian Airlines in his capacity as Chairman of the Australian National Airlines Commission. He is a man of tremendous drive and vision, is visiting Helsinki for the XVIth Olympiad with a view to learning all he can, and I cannot imagine a better man for the job.

In addition other excellent appointments have been made to the organising staff, which is now as complete as this stage of development demands.

### Accommodation

*Athletes, Managers etc.* — As stated earlier the Melbourne University with its men's and women's residential Colleges, restaurant capable of feeding approx. 3,000 people at a time, and extensive lecture rooms will be used as the main Olympic Village and the venue of conferences etc. If the number of competitors is too great for the University to accommodate, the balance will be housed in one or more subsidiary villages based on Melbourne's Great Public Schools, which are well equipped with playing fields and other facilities.

The nearness of the University Olympic Village to the main stadium will I am sure be appreciated by all concerned.

*Members of the I. O. C.* — Reservations have already been made for 213 persons at our best hotels.

*Members of the Public.* — It is believed that the problem of accommodating visitors to Melbourne for the Games is more imaginary than real and to-day it is felt that it will be a relatively easy task to organise hospitality in the homes of the people of Melbourne for any load beyond the capacity of the regular hotels and accommodation houses. In addition we hope to make it possible for certain overseas visitors to be accommodated in the ships which bring them to Melbourne.

In conclusion Mr. President and Colleagues I would like again to thank you for your forbearance at our last meeting which has permitted the Melbourne Organising Committee to overcome its difficulties to such an extent that I am able to inform you with absolute confidence that Melbourne will stage the 1956 Olympic Games with enthusiasm, efficiency and in a manner fitting to this greatest of all sporting festivals. Letters I have received in recent months convince me that the spirit of Melbourne is that she and her people look forward with pleasure and enthusiasm to the honour of acting as hosts to the members of the I. O. C., competitors, officials and visitors from other lands in 1956, and can promise them a warm and friendly welcome as well as generous hospitality.

Sitting adjourned at 16.30.

*SITTING OF JULY 18th, 1952,  
9 o'clock.*

Mr. Brundage wishes to make the following statement: In order to avoid all misunderstanding, it is necessary to specify that I. O. C. does not recognize any Chinese National Olympic Committee. On the other hand, whilst we are breaking our Rules, we do so, inspired by sympathetic feelings toward the Chinese athletes who are on their way to Helsinki. The I. O. C. authorizes them to participate to the Games of the XVth Olympiad held at Helsinki. This decision must not be misinterpreted, it is not opening a precedent, it is but an exceptional decision.

*German Question.* — Mr. Brundage introduces this subject and explains the situation as it has developed since the Oslo Session.

On Mr. Edström's request, the debate is adjourned and will be resumed at a further sitting.

### REPORT OF DR. KARL RITTER VON HALT, THE GERMAN QUESTION

After the words of Mr. Brundage, I have nothing to say concerning the development historical of the German question.

But it is necessary to say some words about the fact what we have done the last time in order to send a team of whole Germany.

The West German National Olympic Committee repeatedly tried to invite the East German amateurs to attend joint selective contests, which, however, was always refused by the East German National Olympic Committee, I solemnly declare herewith that these invitations were always meant in earnest and that we never even thought of bringing the Eastern Zone into a state of dependence to us. We have yielded to everything they thought they had to demand in order to retain their independence: Their own management, umpires, uniforms, that they may send and lodge their people separately, in short, anything that could confirm them in their opinion that they are an independent National Olympic Committee.

Before our selective contests began, we again appealed to the East German Olympic Committee and invited their active sportsmen to attend. As a reply we were told that the East German Olympic Committee does not want to be taken in « tow by the West German Sports misery » and refuses to go to the start at the Olympic Games together with West German sportsmen.

We sincerely regret that our plan to send a joint team to the Olympic Games in Helsinki, has failed.

The present meeting now has again to consider the motion of the East Zone that the National Olympic Committee of the German Democratic Republic be recognized independently. We West Germans wish to refrain from giving our opinion on this motion as it is entirely up to the I. O. C. to decide whether or not a committee may be recognized. We have not to discuss about the participation. We sincerely regret that Germany has been split in two sporting parties and that even the most sincere and honest efforts have failed to unite these parts at least in a sports team.

*Protection of the Olympic Emblems.* — Mr. Antoine Hafner from Geneva (Switzerland) is introduced and informs the members of the progress of the work at hand with regard to the protection of the Olympic Emblems. He is glad to state the Swiss Government is in favour of an International Conference, but that the Swiss Federal Council has not yet forwarded him its final resolution. He thinks that the ratification of the « Olympic Convention of Geneva » will take place during the first six months of 1954. He begs the members of the I. O. C. to give their full support to the scheme and to intervene in due course with the Government of their respective countries as soon as the official demand has been forwarded by their countries' Chancellery.

*Melbourne Games 1956.* — Mr. Edström welcomes Mr. A. N. Coles, President of the O. C. of the XVIIth Olympic Games of Melbourne and Mr. K. G. Luke, Deputy-President. Mr. Coles thanks the I. O. C. for their welcome and wishes foremost to pay tribute to Helsinki for the perfect organization of the Games. He vouches for the efficient way the Melbourne Games are being organized and takes this

opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to the members of the I. O. C. who intends to come to Australia in 1956. He hopes that the teams of all nations will respond in great number to the invitation and he promises them a hearty welcome. Mr. *Brundage*, who will be in office as President in 1956 expresses his best wishes for the success of the Melbourne Games.

Sitting adjourned at 12.15.

Sitting resumed at 14 o'clock.

*Reducing the number of athletes in the future Games.* — Mr. *Albert Mayer*, member of the commission appointed in connection with the above, gives a statement on behalf of his commission. The report drawn by the latter has been sent for discussion to the I. Fs., which put various proposals and suggestions forward. He suggests that this report should be sent back to the commission for reconsideration; when it will then present a further report at the Session in 1953.

*Reducing the number of officials in the Games.* — Mr. *Edström* reports that the number of officials who accompany the teams and could well be described as « tourists », is growing alarmingly and that it is imperative to limit their number. The Helsinki Committee has already done so of its own accord, when accepting only 20% of the number of eligible athletes, while the teams were composed of hundred athletes and more. Mr. *Edström* thinks that under this quota, this question should be left to the N. O. C.'s common sense and appreciation. He finally proposes that the E. C. should draw a set of rules which could be submitted to the members at the Sitting of July 28th.

*Reception of the delegation sent by the cities applying for the Games of 1960.* —

1. *Lausanne*, are introduced: Messrs Pierre Graber, National Councillor, R.-A. Alblas, P.-H. Jaccard, C. Schaefer.

2. *Philadelphia*, are introduced: Messrs Arthur Kaufmann, John B. Kelly, H. Jamison Swards.

The representatives of these two delegations present the candidature of their respective town.

*Other presentations:* The following members present the candidature of their respective towns:

Dr. Ferreira Santos:	<i>Rio de Janeiro</i>
Mr. Seeldrayers:	<i>Brussels</i>
Mr. Jaffer:	<i>Karachi</i> , Summer and Winter Games
Mr. Gomez	<i>Mexico City</i>
Dr. Azuma:	<i>Tokyo</i>
Comte Thaon di Revel:	<i>Roma</i>
Mr. Bolanaki	<i>Athens</i>
Dr. Pontes	supports the candidature of Brussels.

Mr. *Brundage*, unaware of the fact that the towns could present their candidature today,

had previously asked several American Delegations to abstain. The following cities in U. S. A. are applying for the Games: *New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Detroit, Los Angeles.*

*Refugees and exiles.* — Mr. *Edström* mentions that an organization for refugees and exiles originally coming from the East of Europe, has been founded in New York. It applied to the I. O. C. to be recognized in order to enable its athletes to participate in the Games. Mr. *Marffy*, representing this organization, is introduced. He refers to the plight the athletes without national status and their children are in, when desirous to participate to the Games. He appeals for the I. O. C.'s good-will, trusting that it will find a solution to grant their request. He suggests that the I. O. C. should authorize the I. Fs. to recognize the refugees athletes. They could be entered in the Games while competing under the colours of the International Red Cross, or under the colours of the five Olympic Rings or ultimately through the intermediary of countries such as Switzerland or Greece. He asks that this question should be studied with leniency, taking into account the fundamental principles of the Olympic Rules while excluding all political, religious or racial implications. Mr. *Marffy* withdraws.

*Decision:* Mr. *Edström* informs the Assembly that the E. C. has gone thoroughly into this problem and that it has failed to find a solution which could permit the I. O. C. to admit the refugees athletes to the Games. It has been decided to give a reply to this effect to this organization and on *Lord Aberdare's* suggestion, it will also convey the I. O. C.'s deepest sympathy with the refugees and exiles.

Sitting adjourned at 16.30.

Night Sitting at 8 p. m.

*Alteration of rules.* — On the E. C.'s proposal, the following two alterations are adopted:

*Art. 59.* — *Stand A.* « for members of the I. O. C. and two members... » etc. (instead of 4).

*Art. 38.* — Cancelling in the English text of the fourth line of the 3 words « of any kind » (These words do not appear in the French text).

The E. C.'s third proposal suggesting the limiting of the number of the I. O. C.'s members to 75 is turned down by a strong majority.

*Session 1953.* — Mr. *Edström* announces that the I. O. C. has been invited to visit the U. S. A., Mexico and Cuba, in a round trip. The members would then be welcomed at Chicago, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Mexico and Cuba. This voyage lasts 16 days. It is suggested, that the first sitting of the Session should take place at Los Angeles and the second at Mexico City. The date suggested is the month of April. A long debate ensues,

the following speakers are heard: Messrs *Lord Killanin, Stoiceff, Seeldrayers, Ketseas, Prince Axel, Garland, Gomez, Patteson, de Guell, Lord Burghley, F. Piétri, Moenck, Lord Aberdare and Brundage*. Mr. Jaffer suggests that the Session should take place at Karachi. Mr. *Seeldrayers* proposes Brussels. Mr. *Ketseas* proposes Athens. Messrs Gomez and General de Clarke propose Mexico City while *J. J. Garland* proposes Los Angeles. These various candidatures emanate from the debate, for a certain opposition is raised on account of the distance of the proposed voyage to America.

Secret Voting having been asked for, the result is as follows:

Voting papers delivered:	54
Voting papers returned:	54
Mexico City:	27 votes
Athens:	12 votes
Brussels:	12 votes
Los Angeles:	2 votes
Karachi:	1 vote

The absolute majority not having been reached, the second round gives the following result after Mr. *Seeldrayers*' withdrawal of the Brussel candidature in favour of Athens.

Voting papers delivered and returned:	54.
Mexico City:	30 votes
Athens:	24 votes.

*The Session of 1953 will therefore take place at Mexico City in April 1953.*

*Session 1954.* — Mr. *Ketseas* solicits the organization of the 1954 Session in favour of the town of Athens. This year coincides with the 60th Anniversary of the I. O. C.'s founding. A show of hands gives a great majority for *Athens* which has been chosen as the seat of the 1954 Session.

*New Sports at the Games.* — *Archery.* — Mr. *Bo Ekkelund* solicits the integration of this sport in the list of the optional sports of the Games. Archery has appeared already twice on the Games' programme, namely in 1908 and 1912. Mr. *Brundage* informs the Assembly that the E. C. has decided to suggest to the I. O. C. not to add new sports to the list of the Games as long as the eventual reducing of the programme is under discussion. Mr. *Massard* thinks that recognizing archery as an optional sport does not entail an increase of the official Programme the Games. As a matter of fact, the organizing Committee is not compelled by any rule to include in the Games optional sports which it does not want to introduce. While mentioning this, he also refers to the Game of volleyball. On Mr. *Albert Mayer's* proposal, it is decided to transmit these two requests to the Commission appointed to study the reducing of the Games' Programme.

*Attribution of the Games 1960.* — Mr. *Edström*, speaking on behalf of the E. C. proposes that the choice of the towns responsible for the organization of the Summer and Winter Games of 1960, should take place

in 1955 and that the Session of that year should be convened in Paris. In no way can this choice take place in a candidate town.

*Decision:* The attribution of the Summer and Winter Games 1960 will be decided at the 1955 Session in Paris.

*Protocol of the I. O. C.* — Mr. *Brundage* proposes to appoint a Commission to study the general aspect of the I. O. C.'s protocol. Accepted. The Commission consists of Lord *Aberdare, Taher Pacha and Bolanaki*.

Sitting adjourned at midnight.

*SITTING OF JULY 27th, 1952,*  
*Hotel Palace, Helsinki.*

*LIST OF PRESENCE*

President: Mr. J. S. Edström.  
Vice-President: Mr. Avery Brundage.  
Members of the E. C.: Messrs Armand Massard,  
Count Bonacossa, Lord Burghley.

*Members of the I. O. C.:*

*Following list of presence*

Mr. Andrianov (U. S. S. R.)  
Mr. Romanov (U. S. S. R.)  
Mr. Gruss (Czechoslovakia)  
J. Loth (Poland)  
Mr. Moenck (Cuba)  
Mr. Mezö (Hungary)  
Mr. Ditlev-Simonsen (Norway)  
Mr. B. G. Waage (Island)  
J. Serratoso Cibils (Uruguay)  
Mr. G. de Stefani (Italy)  
S. A. R. Prince Axel de Danemark  
Sir Arthur Porritt (New Zealand)  
Mr. Sidney Dawes (Canada)  
S. A. S. Pierre de Monaco.  
Comte Paolo Thaon di Revel (Italy)  
Baron de Trannoy (Belgium)  
Mr. J. W. Rangell (Finland)  
S. A. Prince Jean de Luxembourg.  
Mr. Antonio Prado Jr. (Brazil)  
Mr. R. Azuma (Japan)  
Mr. G. D. Sondhi (India)  
Raja Bhalindra Singh (India)  
Mr. S. Takaishi (Japan)  
Lord Aberdare (Great Britain)  
S. E. Taher Pacha (Egypt)  
Mr. Seeldrayers (Belgium)  
Mr. Erik von Frenckell (Finland)  
Mr. Gemayel (Lebanon)  
Lord Luke (Great Britain)  
Mr. Lewis Luxton (Australia)  
Dr. José Pontes (Portugal)  
Mr. Garland (U. S. A.)  
Mr. François Piétri (France)  
Mr. Ketséas (Greece)  
Mr. Bolanaki (Greece)  
Dr. Karl Ritter von Halt (Germany)  
S. A. Duc Adolphe de Mecklenburg (Germany).

Procès-verbal: Otto Mayer, Chancellor.  
Interpreter: M<sup>me</sup> Roulier.

*AGENDA*

1. Adoption of the minutes of the past meetings.
2. a) Election of new members.  
b) Members who have resigned.

- c) Eventual nomination of a seventh member in the E. C.
3. Adoption of the Rules of the Regional Games.
4. Attribution of Olympic Awards.
5. Report of the protocol commission.
6. Claim of the Irish Olympic Committee.
7. Solutions brought to the: a) equestrian affair (O. C. Sweden-F. E. I.); b) wrestlers (O. C. Switzerland-F. I. L. A.).

*New members.* — The E. C. proposes three new members to represent Latin America, two of them to replace the resigning Members for Chili and Guatemala. The following members are being proposed:

to represent Panama: Dr Agustin Sosa.  
Colombia: Mr. Julio Gerlein Comelin.  
Venezuela: Mr. Julio Bustamente.

Mr. Mœnck gives full particulars of the proposed members' qualifications.

*Members who are resigning from the Committee:*

Mr. Rachid Saffet Atabinen (Turkey),  
Mr. Enrique O. Barbosa Baeza (Chili),  
Gen. Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes (Guatemala),  
Count Vallellano (Spain).

*Resolution:* The candidature of the proposed new members is committed to the E. C. for further inquiry.

*Seventh member for the E. C. suggested.* — Mr. Brundage thinks it is necessary to increase the number of the E. C.'s members from six to seven in order to give a fair representation to Latin America.

*Resolution:* Deferred to the next Session.

*Ruling of the regional Games.* — The new Ruling elaborated by the Commission appointed to this effect and the suggestions submitted by the I. Fs. is handed to all the members present. Mr. Brundage comments on this text briefly.

#### PROPOSED RULES FOR REGIONAL GAMES

In order to enjoy the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, and to be permitted to display the Olympic Flag, Regional Games must be conducted in accordance with the following minimum requirements:

1. The Games must be restricted to amateurs. They must not extend over a period of more than 15 days.
2. Contestants must belong to National Federations which are members of International Federations and participating countries must have National Olympic Committees recognised by the International Olympic Committee.
3. In order to further the high ideals of the Olympic Movement (which these Games should serve, according to Baron de Coubertin, who suggested that they be organised to supplement the Olympic Games), the Games should be confined to athletic sports controlled by International Federations recognised by the International Olympic Committee. They should not be held in conjunction with any other event such as a fair or Exhibition, and no other athletic event of importance should be held at the same time.
4. They must not be held within the period of twelve months following or preceding the Olympic Games. They must not be held more frequently than one in four years. Entries must be limited to the region designated.

5. The ceremonies in connection with the Games may be similar to, but must not be identical with those of the Olympic Games. There must be no extraneous events connected with the Games, particularly those of a political nature. The loud speaker must be used for sport purposes only and no political speeches are to be permitted. In fact there must be no commercial or political intervention whatsoever.

6. Control of all of the technical arrangements for the Games, including the appointment of the juries and the officials, must be in the hands of the International Federations.

7. There must be an International Court of Appeal similar to that described in Olympic Rule Nr. 49 for the purpose only of settling any matter of dispute outside the control of the respective International Federation.

8. The rules and regulations of the Games must be submitted to the I. O. C., and to each of the International Federations concerned, for approval. They should be furnished in two or more languages so that all participants may be fully informed.

9. Provision must be made for the presence of a representative of the I. O. C., who shall prepare a complete report of the Games for the I. O. C.

10. The words « Olympic » and « Olympiad », the five rings and the olympic motto CITIUS ALTIUS FORTIUS, must not be used in any manner in connection with Regional Games. The olympic flag may be used only in one place and that is in the Stadium on a flag pole alongside the center pole bearing the flag of the Games.

11. The organisation, the fields, the buildings and all other facilities should be ready at least a year before the Games.

#### Remark

Messrs the members of the International Olympic Committee are informed that the PROPOSED RULES FOR REGIONAL GAMES, annexed to the minutes, are not the definitive rules, but only the project which was taken in discussion at the I. O. C. Meeting.

The definitive Rules will be printed and soon sent to the I. O. C. Members, the National Olympic Committees, as well as to the International Federations.

After a long debate the following *decision* is taken:

- a) M. Vargas' proposition is accepted without opposition (Inclusion of the old article 5 in the new text);
- b) It is decided to forbid the use of any flame;
- c) Subject to the two above points the project of Ruling is committed to the E. C. which will draw up the final text with no further discussion.

#### *Attribution of the olympic awards for 1952.*

1. *Olympic Cup:* Town of Oslo (for perfect organization of the Winter Games 1952).
2. *Olympic Diploma:* a) Mr. Bill Henry, U. S. A. (for his history of the Olympic Games and having forgone his author's rights in favour of Amateur Sport);  
b) Mr. Harry Neville Amos, New Zealand (for his athletic and administrative qualities in favour of Amateur Sport).
3. *Fearnley Cup:* Iprottasamband Islandis (Club celebrating this year its 40 years

of fruitful activity in favour of sport in Island).

4. *Taher Pacha Cup*: Mrs. F. E. Blankers-Koen, Holland (for her brilliant performance in feminine sport).

*Protocol's Commission*. — This commission, composed of Messrs Bolanaki, Lord Aberdare and Taher Pacha, set at Helsinki and will submit its report to the E. C. for examination, this report will then be forwarded to all the members.

*Swedish O. C.'s Claim*. — Mr. *Edström* informs the Assembly that an agreement has been reached between the I. O. C., the I. F. and the O. C. for Sweden concerning the equestrian question. It has been decided that in future, the « *Prix des Nations* » will be eliminated from the Games Program and replaced by a *Championnat olympique de saut d'obstacles*. The non-commissioned officers fulfilling the amateur status will be authorized to compete in this event.

*Vote of thanks to the president*. — Mr. *Ferreira Santos* speaking on behalf of his colleagues, thanks Mr. *Edström* and pays him great tribute for the six years of tireless activity spent during his Presidency. The Assembly rises and cheers him loudly.

Mr. *Edström* replies.

SPEECH BY MR. J. S. EDSTRÖM THE 27TH OF  
JULY 1952.

Dear colleagues and friends,

As this is the last time I preside in the I. O. C., I wish to thank you for the patience you have had with me during the time I have had the honour to be your president. I leave you because of my old age, but I can assure you that I shall never fail to take an interest in your work.

I feel sure that you will continue your activities in true amateur spirit without influence by political or financial interests.

I thank you for your kindness to appoint me honorary president. I hope that this will enable me to visit you when my health so permits.

There is one thing I should like to stress at this instance. I visited Baron Pierre de Coubertin a few months before his death. He told me that he would love to have the Olympic Games take place once in our own city — in Lausanne.

We have had the pleasure to receive here the Mayor of Lausanne, Mr. P. Graber, and some other persons representing different interests in that city. They formally asked for coming Olympic Games, preferably for those of 1960. May I again ask you to do your best to meet the wishes of the city of Lausanne. It would be a worthy decision if the city of our home was allowed to welcome us in a new Stadium and other sporting grounds for said Games.

And now, my dear friends, I bid you Good Bye.

*Intimation to the press*. — On Mr. *Brun-dage's* request, the Assembly passed the following resolution which will be communicated to the press at Helsinki:

« The I. O. C. deplors the practice in the newspapers of the world, of attributing and publishing tables of points showing national placings in the Olympic Games. This is entirely contrary to the rules and spirit of the Olympic Games, which are contests between individuals with no points scored. »

Mr. *Waage* (Iceland) presents the Gold Medal for Merit of the *Iprottasamband Islandis Club* to the President.

Session closes down at 12.30.

The procès verbal is examined by Messrs *Massard* and *F. Piétri*.

*The President:*

J. S. EDSTRÖM.

*The Chancellor:*

OTTO MAYER.