

# MOSCOW SESSION

*(Suite from bulletin 79)*

## Speech by L. I. Brezhnev

Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme  
Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Comrades,

On behalf of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, I cordially greet the members of the International Olympic Committee, the representatives of the organizing committees of the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo and Innsbruck and all foreign and Soviet guests attending the opening of the 59th Session of the International Olympic Committee.

Soviet people regard the opening of this session in the capital of the Soviet Union – Moscow – as recognition of the contribution made by athletes of our country and their organizations to the international Olympic movement. It is a great pleasure for us.

One of the main aims of the Olympic movement is to promote the development of people's wonderful physical and moral qualities.

On the banner of the social system under which millions of Soviet people live and work, daily performing splendid deeds in all spheres of human endeavour, are words which,

although simple, are permeated with the great ideals of humanism: 'Everything for the sake of man, for the benefit of man.'

It is for the sake of man and for the benefit of man that new towns, industrial enterprises, powerful electric stations, and canals are being built on the vast territory of our country and huge tracts of arable land developed for the needs of agriculture.

## Extract of the minutes 59th Session

*of the*

*International Olympic Committee  
Moscow - Hotel Sovetskaia  
June 5th to June 8th, 1962*

Chairman: *Mr. Avery Brundage*, President of the International Olympic Committee.

List of Presence: Annex No. 1, in the French text.

*Sitting of June 5th 1962 opens at 9.30 a.m.*

(A motion proposed by *Lord Killanin* (Ireland) in the course of the Session was carried, namely that in future the Minutes of all

Sessions will only record the decisions that were made whereas the names of the orators as well as the debates taking place will not be mentioned. The recording of the entire Session will be lodged in the archives of the seat of the International Olympic Committee at Lausanne as formerly.)

*The President* welcomes the members attending the Session. He conveys the apologies of members unable to attend, from whom letters and telegrams have been received.

The Minutes of the 1961 Session in Athens are ratified. A minute of silence is observed by the Assembly in memory of Dr. Ferenc Mezö who died recently.

At the *Chairman's* proposal, a vote of thanks was conveyed to the Olympic Committee of the U.S.S.R. for the magnificent Opening Ceremony which took place the day before. He regrets the absence of Mr. Andrianov who is ill and wishes to convey his best wishes for his speedy recovery.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Ratified.

#### NEW NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

The following are granted recognition: The Committee of the peoples Republic of Mongolia and the Committee of the Republic of Dahomey.

Under their new status of independent States the following Olympic Committees are recognized once again: The Olympic Committees of Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados whose States withdrew from the Federal Political Union of the West Indies thereby becoming independent States.

#### RULE 10 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Chairman proposes three amendments to this rule:

- a) To elect five members from amongst those qualified in the organization of international sport,
- or
- b) To revert to the old system of electing one to three members per country,
- or
- c) To elect members chosen from the International Federations (U.S.S.R.'s proposal).

*Decision:* To maintain the status quo.

#### NEW MEMBER FOR HUNGARY

Mr. Hegyi was proposed by the Hungarian Olympic Committee. Mr. Brundage points

out that this candidate is 65 years of age and, in his opinion, it is somewhat late for him to start an olympic career.

*Decision:* Deferred to the 1963 Session.

#### PLACING ON A POINTS BASIS

In order to prevent the fanciful points tables which appear regularly in the press after the Games, it is suggested that the International Olympic Committee sets a standard rule of placing.

*Decision:* Maintenance of the status quo, namely no placing on a points basis.

#### POLITICAL INTERFERENCE IN SPORT

A lengthy debate is held on this topic. The opinions are undivided namely that the International Olympic Committee will only grant the organization of the Olympics to a city which gives visas to all athletes and officials belonging to Olympic Committees recognized by the International Olympic Committee who send them with a view to participating in the Games. We wrote to the Interallied Travelling Bureau in Berlin which gave us the assurance that visas would be granted to East German athletes belonging to a unified German team.

*Germany.* The Olympic Committee of East Germany continues to be recognized provisionally, the Paris decision of 1955, confirmed in Athens last year, is still valid. Dr. Ritter von Halt gives the solemn undertaking that a unified German team is to participate in the 1964 Games in Tokyo.

*Korea.* As far as Korea is concerned, the Olympic Committee of North Korea is to be placed provisionally on the official list of the bulletin and the International Olympic Committee is to send a letter to the Committee of South Korea asking its opinion with regard to the participation at the Games of a unified team representing North and South Korea. Their reply is due by September 1st, 1962. In the event of a negative reply, the Olympic Committee of North Korea will be entitled to participate in the 1964 Games as an independent team.

*Sitting adjourned at 12 o'clock, and resumed at 3 o'clock.*

In connection with political interference in sport, the President agrees that the International Olympic Committee should approach UNESCO in order to obtain certain travelling facilities for sportsmen travelling overseas.

*Decisions:*

*Rule 10:* Rejected by a large majority, 5 votes in favour.

*Rule 11:* Rejected.

*Rule 13:* Concerning the election of the members of the Executive Board, a fair geographically based representation is accepted, on the other hand, the proposal to increase the number of the Executive Board is rejected by 17 votes to 16.

*Rule 16:* This proposed amendment is rejected by the required two thirds majority of votes not being obtained.

*Rule 19:* Rejected by a strong majority.

COMPULSORY INSTANTANEOUS TRANSLATION  
DECISION

This compulsory measure will not figure in the Rules and Regulations.

AVAILABILITY OF PHYSICAL CULTURE FOR ALL PEOPLES put forward by Mr. Aleksei Romanov is the subject of a lengthy debate when it is decided that Mr. Romanov's project will be examined by the Executive Board who will report on it.

BOLANAKI'S PROPOSAL - *Rule No. 4*

Mr. Bolanaki demands the reintegration of the former Rule No. 4 in the Olympic Charter which divides sports into compulsory and optional categories.

*Decision:* adjourned to a Session when Mr. Bolanaki will be present.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS  
TO THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

The Executive Board was invested with the necessary powers at the Athens Session to allocate the funds derived from the television rights of the Tokyo and Innsbruck Games to the International Federations.

The Marquess of Exeter elaborates his scheme which is adopted.

*Sitting adjourned at 5 o'clock.*

*Sitting of June 6th 1962 resumed at 9.30 a.m.*

THE FIGHT AGAINST DOPING

In the absence of Sir Arthur Porritt, President of the Commission, Dr. Ferreira Santos, member of the Commission, reports on the result of the first investigation he undertook with one of his Brazilian colleagues:

Dr. Mario de Carvalho Pini, pending the Meeting of the Commission.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Mr. Brundage summarizes the position of sport and relationship with the South African Olympic Committee with regard to the problem of racial discrimination. The assurances given in Rome were not carried out.

*Decision:* The International Olympic Committee is to write to the South African Olympic Committee to inform them that, if the policy of racial discrimination practised by their government in this respect does not change before our Session in Nairobi takes place in October 1963, the International Olympic Committee will be obliged to suspend this Committee. Decision carried by a vast majority against 5 votes which opted for immediate suspension.

REPORT ON THE TOKYO GAMES

The Japanese delegation is introduced, it is composed of:

Messrs.:

TSUSHIMA, President

TABATA, Hon. General Secretary

HIRASAWA, Member of the Executive Commission

IWATA, Assistant General Secretary.

Mr. Hirasawa submits the report, a copy of which is also distributed to all the members of the International Olympic Committee.

*Decisions:*

- a) Equestrian sports: for the complete cycle of events 4 participants may compete of whom three count in the placing.
- b) In view of the great distance (about 160 kms) between the site where all the Equestrian events are to take and the City of Tokyo, the proposed transfer of these Equestrian events to Europe has been suggested but this is rejected.
- c) An electronic installation is proposed for judging the finishes in the swimming events.
- d) The free day following the Opening Ceremony provided for in the new Rules and Regulations is cancelled. This amendment to the Rules is voted by a large majority with 5 votes against (Rule 52).
- e) It was decided provisionally in Athens that the first six winners (in Individual and team contests) would participate in the protocol ceremonies. At a large majority with 8 votes against, the status quo as it appears in the Rules is maintained.
- f) It is decided to cancel the text which figures in Rule 36 under letter 'd'.

Mr. Brundage points out that it is a misprint and that this text should never have appeared in the new Rules.

- g) The suppression of the hymns at the protocol ceremonies and their replacement by a fanfare of trumpets is rejected.
- h) Women's Volley-Ball will figure in the Programme of the Tokyo Games. This decision is voted by a large majority with 2 votes against. It is to be noted that a total of 16 teams (men and women) may be entered.
- i) The introduction of a cycling event for women proposed by the Union Cycliste Internationale is rejected.
- j) The adjunction of a skeet event in shooting is rejected.

*The sitting is adjourned at one o'clock and resumed at 3 o'clock p.m.*

#### APPLICATION OF THE RULE OF AMATEURISM

This rule is discussed at length and finally the report of the Commission is accepted by a large majority with a few small modifications of style.

It has to be understood that only the English text was approved, with the understanding that the French text would be constructed from it. This was due because of lack of time and the English text only has been presented by agreement of the meeting, as it has been mentioned by President Brundage.

#### OLYMPIC AWARDS

Mr. Pietri reads his report.

##### *Decisions:*

1. *Olympic Cup*: is awarded to the Organization Committee of the IV Juegos Deportivos Bolivarianos, Barranquilla, Colombia.
2. *Olympic Diploma*: To Mr. Nicolas Andrianov, ex-leader of sports and physical education in the U.S.S.R.
3. *Fearnley Cup*: is awarded to the Foreningen for Skidloppningens och Friluftslivets framsande (Association for promoting skiing and life in the open air).
4. *Taher Trophy*: To the American athlete Phil Y. Coleman.
5. *Bonacossa Trophy*: is awarded to the Mexican Olympic Committee.

#### EQUESTRIAN SPORTS

It is proposed to divide the equestrian sports into two sections of events, one for men and one for women competitors.

*Decision*: The ultimate decision will rest with the Executive Board. In the dressage event, it is requested that the number of contestants per nation be fixed at three instead of two.

*Decision*: Rejected by a large majority with only 8 votes in favour.

#### VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. Gomez and Mr. Guerlin Comelin convey their thanks to the members of the Olympic awards bestowed on their respective organizations. Mr. Aleksei Romanov does likewise with regard to the diploma awarded to Mr. Nicolas Romanov.

*The Sitting is adjourned at 5 p.m.*

*Sitting of June 7th resumed at 9.30 a.m.*

#### SPORT IN AFRICA

Comte de Beaumont reports on behalf of the Commission over which he presides. It has decided to call itself C.A.I.O.: International Olympic Aid Committee. Comte de Beaumont visited 11 African and Asiatic countries and expects to visit more next September.

*Decision*: Comte de Beaumont is to compile a further report and present it at the 1963 Session. On their side, the International Olympic Committee will invite to the Nairobi Session not only the National Olympic Committees recognized by them but also those already in existence in Africa as well as outstanding personalities in these African countries which do not yet possess National Olympic Committees.

#### REPORT ON THE INNSBRUCK GAMES

The Austrian delegation is introduced. It consists of:

Bundesminister Dr. Heinrich DRIMMEL,  
President

Prof. Friedl WOLFGANG, General Secretary  
Mr. Edgar FRIED, Secretary of The Austrian Olympic Committee

Dr. Dietrich BUKOWSKI, Attache of the Austrian Embassy at Moscow.

Dr. Drimmel presents the report of the delegation. Mr. Brundage thanks the delegation and congratulates it on the work accomplished at Innsbruck.

*Decisions*: The International Skiing Federation proposes the addition of a second jumping event. This proposition is put to a vote which approves of it by 21 votes to 2 with the reservation that only three competitors per country be allowed to take part in both events.

The International Skiing Federation also proposes the addition of an event in the

programme consisting of a 5 km. cross-country event for women. This proposal is also accepted on the condition that the number of women competitors is not increased. The Austrian Delegation makes a few reservations concerning this last event and it is left a free-hand to add this event to the programme if it deems it possible. (Decision adopted by 16 votes to 14.)

The Skating Union requested the introduction of an Ice dancing event in the Programme, this proposal was turned down by a large majority.

#### THE OLYMPIC ACADEMY

Mr. Jean Ketseas gives a very interesting description of the construction which is being carried out in Olympia in connection with the Olympic Academy. The Chairman, Mr. Brundage thanks and congratulates the Greek Olympic Committee for the work realized so far.

#### RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS

Comte de Beaumont proposes that before each Session, the International Olympic Committee invites the press to a reception.

*Decision:* The International Olympic Committee will examine this suggestion, Mr. Brundage is of the opinion that this reception could take place in the form of a cocktail-party. He adds that after each sitting during our Sessions, the Chancellor gives a Press Conference and that he attends the final one personally.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

- a) Cancellation of the text which figures after the letter *d*) of Rule 36.
- b) Rule 52, last paragraph, suppression of the following text 'not including the day following the Opening Ceremony which is free from competition'.
- c) In the French text only: Rule 36, letter *b*) 'one official for 5 competitors' not 3 as indicated. (The number mentioned in the English version of the Rules is exact.)
- d) Rule 30. Add after fifteen: 'in the first line: and a maximum of 18'. This last amendment has been adopted by 28 votes to 8.

MR. SAUL CHRISTOVAO FERREIRA PIRES, member for Portugal: has been placed on the retiring list by the Executive Board which approved the report put forward by the Commission consisting of Mr. Mohammed Taher and Dott. de Stefani who investigated the disagreement between this member and our Committee. The Assembly unanimously

approved the decision adopted and Mr. Pires has ceased to be considered a member of the International Olympic Committee.

#### SESSIONS TO BE HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE IN LAUSANNE

By 23 votes to 14, it is decided that our Session of the International Olympic Committee will be held every fourth year in Lausanne, Headquarters of the International Olympic Committee, and this in the year preceding the Olympics. Exception is made for 1963 when the Session has already been fixed for Nairobi.

#### MEETINGS WITH THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES IN 1963

At Mr. Alexander's suggestion, the Executive Board will convene the representatives of the National Olympic Committees in Nairobi in 1963. The Conference of the Executive Board with the International Federations will, on the otherhand, take place in Lausanne in June 1963.

#### NEW MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

To succeed to Mr. Bo Ekelund whose mandate has expired. The Assembly unanimously elected Mr. Constantin Andrianov (U.S.S.R.).

#### VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks is addressed to Mr. Andrianov and to Mr. Romanov as well as to the Organizing Committee of the Moscow Session for the generous hospitality bestowed on the members of the International Olympic Committee and the outstanding success of this Session.

#### NAIROBI SESSION

This Session will be held between 7th of October and October 19th 1963.

Dr. J. Ferreira Santos, on behalf of the members, thanked the Chairman Mr. Brundage for the successful handling of the work achieved at this Session.

*The Session ended at 1.30 p.m.*

The President: Avery Brundage  
The Chancellor: Otto Mayer.

#### LIST OF PRESENCE

Figures in the minutes of the French text. (Annex No. 1.)

## Annex N<sup>o</sup> 2

Proposals from Messrs. K. Andrianov and A. Romanov to be brought on the Agenda of the Moscow Session.

### I. SOME PROPOSALS ON MODIFICATION OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES CHARTER

To make the following *underlined* amendments and additions to the present Rules 10, 11, 13, 16 and 19:

#### Rule 10

The International Olympic Committee is a permanent organization. It selects such persons as it considers qualified to be members. (Suppression of the text in which it is said that members should be able to speak at least French or English.)

Members of the International Committee are delegates of the Committee to their countries or *international federation* and not representatives of their country or *international federation* in the Committee. They may not accept from the Governments of their countries, or from any organization or individual, instructions which will, in any way, bind them or interfere with the independence of their vote.

*The International Committee takes all measures to have a member for each country whose national olympic committee is recognized by the International Olympic Committee except in the largest and most active in the Olympic Movement, where there may be two. While electing the International Olympic Committee members recommendations of the national olympic committees have in the first instance to be taken into consideration. They have to be citizens and reside in a country for which they are elected.*

*After consultations with appropriate international federation the International Committee elects its members from among Presidents or members of governing bodies of international federations as well. (...)*

#### Rule 11

Members of the International Olympic Committee are elected for life, but a member:

- 1) May resign his membership
- 2) Shall cease to be a member if he *loses his citizenship or cease to reside permanently in a country for which he was elected, or ceases to work in a governing body or loses his connections with an international federation of Olympic sport a member for which he is, etc.*

#### Rule 13

An Executive Board is elected from among the members of the International Olympic Committee to facilitate the management of its affairs.

The Executive Board is composed of the President, two Vice-Presidents and *eight* members. *When electing members of the Executive Board a just geographical representation is ensured.*

These *eight* members are elected to hold office for four years and retire in rotation by *two every second year.*

(The following as in the existing text.)

#### Rule 16

To word in the following way:

*The International Olympic Committee is carrying out its activities in a close contact with International sport federations and national olympic committees.*

The Executive Board convenes *regularly, at least once every two Years, a conference with delegates of those international federations whose sports are recognized by the International Committee as Olympic, and conference with delegates of the recognized national olympic committees for consideration of general problems of the Olympic Movement as well as problems pertaining to the organizations concerned.* Each federation and *national olympic committee* invited to attend such a conference is entitled to send 2 delegates. *The International Olympic Committee members may take part at such conferences too.*

The conferences are convened by the President of the International Olympic Committee who names the date and place of the meetings, takes the chair, agendas and *schedule* of such meetings shall be prepared by the Executive Board *in agreement* with those concerned.

*Recommendations adopted at such meetings are, by all means, taken into consideration by the International Committee.*

#### Rule 19

To add the following para:

'Presidents of the international federations and national olympic committees, recognized by the International Olympic Committee, who are not members of the International Olympic Committee may attend the meetings. They are entitled to take part in the discussions of questions concerning them but without vote.

'The members of the International Committee are entitled to deliver speeches at the meetings in their native language provided they undertake to ensure translation into French or English. The organizers of the meetings will provide for a simultaneous translation of all speeches at least into French and English.'

*Other proposal to be brought on the Agenda:*

'Accessibility of physical culture for all people';

(the subject will be developed in Moscow).