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SOME OBJECTIVE METHODS OF DELIMITING OLYMPIC COLLECTIONS

- Bob Bruce -

Much has been said and written during recent months about the flood of Olympic stamps now pouring from the presses in many countries and the possible effects, both good and bad, upon Olympic philately. The same comments are appropriate to sports stamps in general. But all these comments, both positive and negative, do very little in guiding the Olympic collector, especially the neophyte, into making intelligent judgments so that he can keep his collecting appropriate to his pocketbook and still find it a thoroughly enjoyable hobby.

For a number of months the official periodical of the American Philatelic Society has tried to educate collectors in general by presenting the facts on many debatable stamp issues around the globe. This effort uses five criteria to "black blot" undesirable issues; the educational principles involved are sincere, but there is still an element of subjective judgment. Within the last two or three months the same publication has announced plans to disapprove all Olympic issues from countries which are not members of the International Olympic Committee.

A thorough study of the IOC and its functions with respect to any Olympic competition would seem to indicate that mere membership in the IOC is too narrow a category, that the standards for approval for issuance of Olympic stamps are too severe. Basically there are three groupings of nations which are important in this consideration. First are those nations who are actual members of the IOC. Then come those countries whose National Olympic Committees are officially recognized by the IOC. Members of both of these categories are eligible to send teams or individuals to Olympic competitions. But not all of them do and this creates a third category, those countries which actually participate in a given competition.

As of August 15, 1964, the International Olympic Committee included the following nations as full-fledged members: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jugoslavia, Kenya, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Republic (Egypt), United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. This roster now numbers fifty-three and is taken from Pages 2-4 of Bulletin 87 of the International Olympic Committee.

As of the same date the IOC recognized officially the National Olympic Committee of the following countries or territories as eligible for sponsorship of Olympic competitors: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antilles, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, British Guiana, Bulgaria, Burma, Cambodia, Camerocas, Canada, Central Africa, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China (Taiwan), Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany (East and West), Ghana, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Jugoslavia, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger Republic, Nigeria, North Korea, Northern Rhodesia, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Rhodesia, Romania, Russia, Salvador, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Sadan, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland,

Syria, Tanganyika, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Republic (Egypt), United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Viet Nam (South). This list numbers one hundred and sixteen; it is taken from Pages 5-9 of Bulletin 87 of the IOC.

It is interesting to note that the basic requirement for recognition of a national Olympic Committee by the IOC involves that national committee's acceptance by five of the international federations which control international competition in various individual and team sports. Typical examples of these international federations include the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the International Federation of Amateur Basketball, the International Federation of Volleyball, etc.

When one lists the countries actually participating in a given Olympic competition, the picture changes greatly. According to Page 12 of Bulletin 86 of the IOC (May 15, 1964) the following thirty-six nations were official participants in the recently-concluded winter Olympic Games at Innsbruck: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (East and West combined), Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Jugoslavia, Korea, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, Netherlands, North Korea, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United States.

To complete the picture, one needs an official entry list for the forthcoming Olympic Games in Tokyo. But apparently we must wait longer for that. As of August 18th of this year Chancellor Otto Mayer of the IOC advised that he could not supply the official entry list since he had not received it from the Japanese Organizing Committee. This delay, although perhaps completely justified, points up the difficulty of using the category of actual competitors as a criterion in delimiting one's Olympic collection. The flood of new issues continues and prices climb steadily shortly after issuance of many commemorative sets, but the determining list for qualification is not yet available. Whether the borderline countries, which so frequently produce the debatable material, will actually have entries in the Games is not known. To buy or not to buy, that is the question.

There you have the facts as to who belongs, who is eligible, and who competed at Innsbruck. The official competitors in Tokyo will be identified in due time. What you choose to do with the information is your own personal decision.

REPORT FROM RIMINI

- Ernest Trory -

(Editor's note: Although those of us in the United States and Canada did not know a great deal about the recent International Sports Philatelic Exhibition in Rimini as it developed, the following account gives us an excellent idea of the scope and success of the project. It appeared originally in Issue 16 of Ernest Trory's "Olympic Philatelist" and is reprinted, with minor editing, through the kind permission of Editor Trory. Our author (SPI 148) is a charter member of SPI and is well known for his monthly publication, "Olympic Philatelist" and his serial work "A Philatelic History of the Olympic Games", of which Part Five will be available very soon.)

"Verso Tokyo 1964" was held in Rimini's Municipal Theatre and for two short weeks included some of the finest collections of Olympic stamps in the world. Judging centered around the office suite of the Centro Internazionale di Filatelia Sportiva. The panel of judges included Carlo Condarelli of Italy (SPI 535), Chairman, Joseph Schneider (Switzerland), Ernest Trory (England), Imre Varadi (Hungary), Folker Weiss (West Germany), Egidio Pennati (Italy), and Pietro Olmi (Italy).

A feature of the exhibition was the number of collections from such countries as Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, and Russia. Generally speaking, the offerings from the East European countries were not of such a high standard as those from the West. But it was encouraging to see them, many beautifully displayed and presented. What they lacked was the older material and the philatelic studies which characterized the more mature exhibits. In this respect the Italians seem to have rather more than the fair share of the early Greek classics.

The Grand Prix was unanimously awarded to Gugliemo Barettoni for his exhibit of early Greek Olympic Games stamps, many values of which were in complete sheets. A Gold Medal of Honour was also presented unanimously to Georges Papastefanou, founder of the Historical Museum of the Olympic Games in Olympia, for his world-wide efforts in the cause of Olympic Games and sports philately.

In its turn, the Olympic Games Museum awarded a Gold Medal and Diploma of Honour to myself for the most complete exhibit of the first two Greek Olympic issues of 1896 and 1906 which included studies of the 25 lepta and 60 lepta values and of the five forged values of the 1896 issue. I was also awarded a Gold Medal in the Hors Concours Class and a Silver Gilt Medal for my publication "A Philatelic History of the Olympic Games. I was not, of course, judging the Literature Class and readers will appreciate that the Olympic

Games Museum made its award entirely independently of the jury of the exhibition.

Of the nine Gold Medals awarded in the competitive classes, six went to Italians and one each to a Greek, a Pole, and an Hungarian. Of the five Silver Cups awarded, two went to Italians and the other three to West Germans. The Italians picked up seven Silver Gilt Medals of the eighteen awarded; the East Germans took three; the Swiss exhibitors took two; and one each went to a Spaniard, A Gzech, a Turk, a Russian, and an exhibitor from the Philippines.

In the Literature Class the awards were split among seven countries. The only Gold Medal went to Fabian Bura (SPI 216) of Poland. The two Silver Gilt Medals went to Great Britain and Hungary.

As the only English-speaking exhibitor, I want to make an appeal to the Englishmen and Americans among our readers to participate in the next Olympic Games Exhibition held on the continent. Preparations are already in hand for an even bigger exhibition to be held in Poznan, Poland, in 1966. I am, of course, anxious that Great Britain should be better represented and that Americans should also consider sending their stamps for exhibition.

MODERN OLYMPIC MEDALISTS ON STAMPS

- Jim Hughes -

Part Four

Dumbadze, Nima

Russia

1952 Women's discus throw (bronze medal)

Czechoslovakia 467

Nima set her world record toss of 187' lg" at Tiblis, Russia, on October 18, 1952, but could do no better than third place at the Helsinki Games earlier that year. Her Russian teammate, Nina Romaschkova, won the event with a 168' 8g" heave to knock some thirty-one feet off the old Olympic mark.



Dumitrescu, Ion

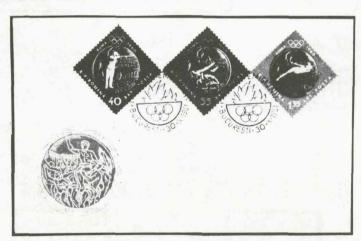
Romania

1960 Trap shooting

Romania 1454

Dumitrescu won this event at the S. S. Lazio Shooting Range by scoring 192 of a possible 200 to best Galliano Rossini of Italy, who had 191 of 200. Sergey Kalinin of Russia was third with a 190/200 score.





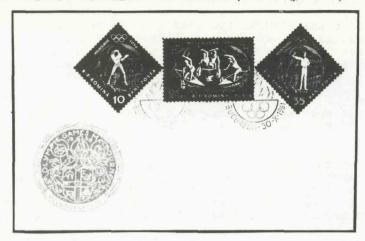
Dumitru, Alex

1956 Canoeing

Romania 1457

Dumitru, with his partner Simion Ismailciuc, won this 1000-meter Canadian Doubles event with a time of 4:47.4 on the Lake Wendouire course from canoeists from ten other nations.

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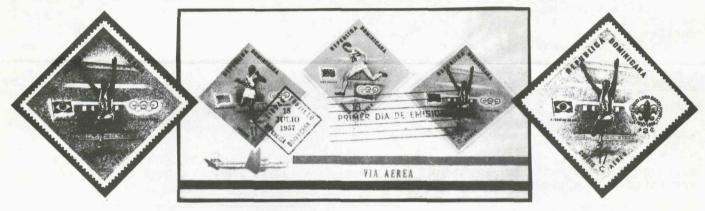


Ferreira da Silva, Adhemar Brazil

1952 Running hop, step, and jump (53' 2.59") 1956 Running hop, step, and jump (53' 7.5")

Dominican Republic ClO2 and CB6

At the 1952 Games, on a wholesale record-breaking day, this colorful Brazilian was the most productive performer of them all. Six times he took off into space and four times he broke existing world records, finally leaving the mark at 53' 2.59". At the Melbourne Games he went on to further heights in successfully defending his title, but had unexpected competition from Iceland's first Olympic medalist, Vilhjulmur Einarsson.



Frigerio, Ugo

Italy

1920 Walking--3,000 meters (13:14.2)
Walking--10,000 meters (48:06.2)
1924 Walking--10,000 meters (47:49.0)
1932 Walking--50,000 meters (bronze medal)

Dominican Republic C98, CB2, and CB17

The "Jolly Italian" proved himself to be the world's greatest walker, winning with ease in 1924 when all but one of his competitors had either been cautioned or eliminated for running. In 1932 he finished behind the Englishman, Thomas Green, and the Latvian, James Dalinsh, in the inaugural 50,000-meter event through the streets of Los Angeles.







Friman, Oskari

Finland

1924 Wrestling--Greco-Roman (lightweight)

Finland B69

Friman was one of three Finns to win Greco-Roman titles and one of four Finnish wrestlers to win Olympic championships at Paris in 1924, where they copped one-third of the wrestling titles on the program.





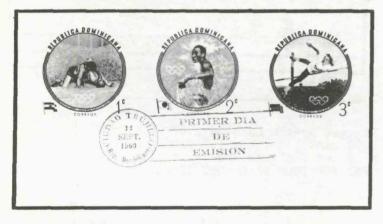
Furukawa, Masura

Japan

1956 Swimming--200-meter breaststroke (2:34.7)

Dominican Republic 526 and B35

Furukawa gave Japan its first Olympic aquatic victory in twenty years; in the process he clipped more than seven seconds off the old Olympic record in this event. He had set a world record of 2:31.0 for this event in Tokyo on October 1, 1955.







Gronberg, Axel Sweden

1948 Wrestling--Greco-Roman (middleweight) 1952 Wrestling--Greco-Roman (middleweight)

Turkey 986

Gronberg was one of five Swedish wrestlers to capture Greco-Roman titles at the 1948 Games. At Helsinki he became the first Swede to defend successfully his crown in this event. He is shown on this Turkish stamp in competition with the Turk, Yasar Dogu.

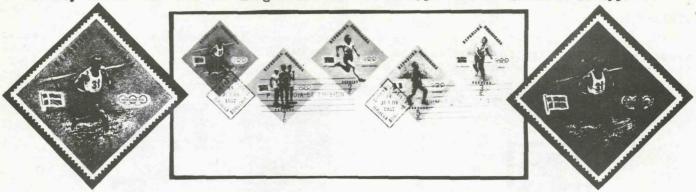
Hall, Lars

Sweden

1952 Modern pentathlon (32.0 points) 1956 Modern pentathlon (4,833 points)

Dominican Republic 479 and B6

It is interesting to note that this five-sport Olympic event has been pretty much a Swedish affair; since its inception in 1912 only twice (in 1936 and 1960) has a Swede failed to win the individual championship. Hall did not, however, lead the Swedish team to victory either time for the Hungarian team won in 1952 and the Russians in 1956.



Happe, Ursula

Germany

1956 Swimming--women's 200-meter breaststroke (2:53.0)

Dominican Republic Cll7 and CB23

This German mermaid became only the second woman to win an Olympic aqautic title for her country; both competed in this same event. She bested Eva Sekely of Hungary by threetenths of a second.







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SPI and SPOP member scores at Rimini exhibition. Pablo M. Esperidion (SPI 157), secretary of the Sports Philatelists of the Philippines, received a special award (a silver-gilt medal) for his exhibit at the recently-concluded International Sports Philatelic Exhibition "Verso Tokyo 1964" in Rimini, Italy. His prize-winning exhibit covered the history of the different sports popular in the Philippines. It included Philippine sports slogan cancellations and many covers autographed by Philippine sports stars and other internationally-known athletes who have competed in the Philippines. Congratulations to you, Pablo.

Report on the SCOSC track cover project. The Sports Collectors of Southern California report that their project of a two-color cachet honoring the recent U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. track meet was a complete success. The proceeds of the project were voted to the United States Olympic Fund and the California Striders, an amateur track club in the Los Angeles

Other recent doings of SCOSC. Guest speaker John P. Jesse (SPI 429) discussed weight lifting on stamps. He pointed out that there have been thirty-one stamps issued depicting that sport. The preparation of colored slides illustrating the more interesting and unusual sports stamps is a project now being considered by this active group.

Expiration of memberships. Some of our former members won't be with us for our third year now getting underway. The following will have to get on the ball with a renewal lest they join the "has-been" group:

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Our "Journal of Sports Philately" is now one issue into its third year. Very likely the third year in a project such as this is the most crucial one. And since "JSP" is so vital to SPI, this third year of "JSP" is also terribly crucial to SPI.

Frankly, going as objective as possible, this issue came hard--not because there wasn't a decent supply of material for inclusion, but just because I simply didn't have the time to put things together effectively and even reasonably on time. It's going to be a tough fight!

Our "Olympiana" column is in trouble. It requires a steady flow of short articles to keep it alive. They haven't been coming in, even in this very busy Olympic year, so the column is floundering badly and may not make any more appearances. Can't someone apply artificial respiration?

/s/ Bob



Summer is over and Sports Philatelists International is now starting on its third year in our chosen hobby. I do hope that you had a very enjoyable vacation. For better or for worse, you have elected a new slate of officers for the next two years and they are now at the helm.

I hope that a good number of you have written to Bill Stoms for a prospectus of the New Mexico show where SPI will be giving its first award. I have seen this trophy; let me assure you that it would be a very nice item to have on one's desk.

While you are writing to Bill I hope that you will ask him to send you some of our sales book pages so that you can get rid of those duplicates which make you mad at your-self for buying. I know of no better way of getting extra cash to help buy the many new items they have been issuing lately!

Also don't forget to look over the auction pages in the August and forthcoming issues and to submit your bids promptly. The chances are that you will find many items which are missing from your collection.

The last few months have been a very trying time for the workers of SPI. Our editor changed both his position and his address. Our new secretary-treasurer also moved his abode and your president is getting ready to make a move up on the desert. As you know, this is all just the work of a love for a hobby; I am asking each and every one of you to please bear with us while we are getting settled and back in stride.

I would like to see some of our members take time to supply our editor with a list of Olympic labels; Olympic cancellations; known artist's proofs, deluxe sheets, trial proofs, and color proofs, and errors; and imperforate varieties. Another very interesting list which requires preparation is that of commercially-used covers. And still another needed list, virtually unlimited, is that of sports cancellations.

Let me say once more that your officers and co-workers want to help you with your collections. Anywhere you feel you can lend a helping hand, please feel free to do so even if it is just a suggestion or a bit of criticism which you feel is constructive.

/s/ Larry

PHILATELIC MARKET REPORT

- Fred Farr -

Tip of the month--Cyprus 234. On May 5, 1964, the Republic of Cyprus overprinted the 10, 30, 40, 50, and 100 mils denominations of its recent definitive set, using the United Nations emblem for the overprint. This new set is of interest to all sports collectors because the 40 mils denomination shows skiing on Mount Troodos. Incidentally, the 50 mils value depicts the gymnasium ruins at Salamis, but this was a school and not a place where athletic events took place. All orders for these stamps were cut by forty per cent and the set was sold out on the day of issue. Pierson Ostrow, the noted Italian-area specialist, has authoritatively estimated that only 110,000 sets were issued. Get this set immediately, both mint and on first-day cover. Remember that these stamps are desired not only by sports philatelists, but also by all collectors of Greece and by a vast host of collectors of European stamps.

Austria 394-97. On June 13, 1945, just one month after the end of World War II, the provisional government of Austria overprinted four values of Nazi Germany's semi-postal stamps. Only #396 is of interest to sports collectors because it was originally issued in 1944 in honor of the Brown Ribbon horse race, hald annually at Munich (Germany B283). Wholesalers do not offer this set and few dealers can supply it; those dealers who can offer the set ask \$3.00 or more for it. These stamps were valid only until July 2, 1945; hence they had a postal validity of less than one month--if you can find a commercially-used cover of this set, you are really lucky! Collectors in Germany want this set and they are driving up the price, so get it now.

Austria 618. Issued in 1957 to honor Austria's Himalayan mountain-climbing expedition, this stamp depicts Mount Gasherbrum II ("Beautiful Mountain") and there is nothing distinguished about the stamp. Although some two million copies were issued, most were used up on commercial mail. Wholesalers ask 18¢ for this stamp, which also happens to be the current retail price; so the retail price must soon advance to 30¢ or so. It's cheap, so why not get your copy now?

Austria 631. This stamp is a little bit more attractive than #618 and it too depicts a mountain, Graukogel ("Gray Dome"). This stamp was issued in 1958 to commemorate the Alpine Ski Championships, held at Badgastein. This time the printing was increased to three million copies, so this stamp is not likely to become scarce. Current retail is about equal to wholesale prices, being approximately 20¢. Buy now before your dealer is forced to raise his price.

Austria 647-48A. Unlike the previous two sports stamps, this set is a real corker. depicting sportsmen in action and printed in vibrant colors. Once again three million copies of each value were issued, but this set is fast disappearing from dealers' stocks and the current retail price is 40ϕ ; only a few wholesalers can supply it. Retail price is only 45ϕ so you can't go wrong here. Take special care to get #648A, which was issued three years after #647-48 and is often not offered with this set.

Austria B179-83. This beautifully engraved set depicts race horses, which is to be expected of a set issued to publicize Vienna's "Austria Prize" horse race. Although some 800,000 sets were issued, this set catalogues \$5.00 both mint and used. A very interesting situation has arisen in the price of this set—current wholesale is \$2.00 to \$2.40, up from \$1.50 in 1963. Current retail is \$2.25, which is about equal to the wholesale price! Especially desirable and attractive are the first-day covers, one of which was illustrated on Page 12 of the October, 1962, issue of this journal. In Europe the used set sells for ten per cent more than the mint set, so don't hesitate to buy a used set if you can't get a mint set.

Austria B207. This attractive stamp, depicting a jockey and race horse, is the orphan of Austrian sports stamps! Issued in 1947 to honor the same horse race as B179-83. this stamp was issued in a quantity of one million copies, yet it catalogues less than other Austrian sports stamps issued in quantities of three million--but don't ask me why. Most wholesalers no longer offer this stamp, although one wholesaler does ask 6¢ per copy; this is just about equal to current retail prices. You can't go wrong at less than a dime, can you?

Austria B224. This stamp is everything an Olympic Games collector could want, depicting the famous Olympic flame; yet this stamp is also a philatelic orphan. Like B207 this stamp was issued in an edition of one million copies and was intended to publicize Austria's participation in the 1948 Olympic Games. With a catalogue price of only 45ϕ , this stamp wholesales for 15ϕ and retails for about the same price. You won't have to rob your son's piggy bank to buy this stamp! Especially desirable are the official covers, cards, and first-day covers issued by the Austrian Olympic Committee, which all have a copy of this stamp. The committee also issued cards with the stamp imprinted on the card (postal stationary), so your collection should also include this item. Commercially-used covers are seldom seen and should be purchased whenever offered.

Asutria B277. Just four years after issuing B224, Austria issued an Olympic Games commemorative which is the very antithesis of a philatelic orphan, cataloguing some \$6.00 in value, either mint or used. This time only 350,000 copies were issued; this is reflected in the prices-current wholesale is \$3.00, which is more than retail prices! Once again commercially-used covers are much scarcer than first-day covers, although both are highly desirable.

Austria C32-46. I am loath to list such a high-priced set of sports stamps, but this set is much too desirable to be neglected. Ira Seebacher's handbook lists C33, C44, and C46 as sports stamps; this writer submits that C38 is also a sports stamp because it depicts a hut for mountain climbers located alongside Wetter Lake. Current wholesale prices vary from \$15.00 to \$19.00, but in each case the wholesaler has increased his price by several dollars above last year's price. Few retailers can offer this set and those who do offer it ask about \$19.00. Even used sets are worth \$12.00 wholesale, so don't pass up a used set if you can't find a mint set. If you are affluent, then this set is for you-but buy now for next year's price will be several dollars higher.

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SERVICES

Last call for golf covers and descriptions of the Tokyo Olympic Philatelic Service. Several months ago your editor offered free (except for covering postage) two desirable items of sports philately. He still has eight copies of the cover with the Shell Oil Company's golf slogan; those golf items are increasing gradually in numbers, but still aren't too frequent. There are twelve copies of the announcement of the services set up in Tokyo to help the sports philatelists get their share of the desirable material appearing in this Olympic year. The announcement is now obsolete, but the cover contains a beautiful red and gold reproduction of the emblem for the coming Olympics; it would provide fine illustrative material for an Olympic collection. If they are not claimed within a reasonable time, into the junk they go!

Summary of past Olympic Games. Hiro Mizue (SPI 92) reports a new paperback edited by Norris and A. Ross McWhirter and published by the Sterling Company of New York. It sells for one dollar. The title is "Guinness Book of Olympic Records"; the contents include 158 pages of records and seventy action photos. Apparently this new publication is largely based on the late Dr. Ferenc Mezo's "The Modern Olympic Games" (1956). The new paperback lists all Olympic gold, silver, and bronze medal winners by divisions of sports. It does not cover obsolete and winter events. Hiro indicates that the explanatory notes are particularly helpful. It sounds worth looking for in your bookstore.

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Recent APS black blots on sports stamps. I stand corrected on the black blots listed in the June issue of "The American Philatelist". Sharjah received the rap for its Olympic set.

The July issue of the same publication was a banner one in assessing black blots to sports sets. Albania's eight-item set for the Olympic Games (with four imperforates and two souvenir sheets) was labeled as limited in printing, excessively long, and interntional oddities. Guinea Republic was slapped for its six-item high-value airmail stamps overprinted in orange and red for the Tokyo Games; the basis was unwarranted high values. San Marino was accused of an unnecessarily long set on its Olympic issue. And Yemen got the axe for its set of eight stamps (plus two souvenir sheets) for the Tokyo festivities. As sports enthusiasts we did pretty well (or badly) in this issue.

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Slight change in policy by Afghanistan. The APS on-the-spot observer in Kabul, Afghanistan, reports that the Ministry of Communications is modifying its policies on philatelic services. A special board has been appointed to assist in the development of a new philatelic policy. So one of the most important changes is that "low denomination stamps, unusable postage commemorative stamps would no longer be produced". What about the high denomination jobs which hurt the pocketbook so badly?

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Olympic publication from the Netherlands. One of the columnists in the philatelic press has reported a catalogue of the Winter Olympic Games released by the "Sports and Games Study Group" of the Netherlands Topical Association in Zeist. The compiler is J. E. Stolk.

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New efforts to combat undesirable stamps. On his return from PHILATEC in Paris, David Lidman, stamp editor of "The New York Times", reports that two organizations are joining the American Philatelic Society and the joint commission of the British Philatelic Association and the Philatelic Traders' Society in their educational efforts against undesirable issues. Both the Association of Philatelic Journalists and the International

Philatelic Federation adopted resolutions condemning such issues and appointed international commissions to alert collectors accordingly. Since the FIP is composed of thirty-three national organizations throughout the world (APS represents the United States); it is entirely possible that such a plan, if pursued sincerely and vigorously, might well spread the word pretty thoroughly through international circles. But would the investment-minded collector and the speculator stop buying the junk when they see its market value rising steadily and far in advance of more solid material?

REVIEWS

"Scouts on Stamps of the World". This delightful little handbook has an interesting history. When first compiled in 1949 by Harry D. Thorsen Jr. (SPI 287), it listed the issues of only sixteen countries. Revised in 1955 with the aid of Arthur McKinney (a former SPI member), it then covered twenty-four countries. Now the co-workers have done it again but the country count has jumped to sixty-four. And it might be much higher except for the criteria which are applied in the selection of the stamps for inclusion.

The user of this handbook must realize that Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI), in which the co-compilers are prime figures, does not recognize as scout stamps any issue from a communist or communist-dominated country. They stoutly maintain that scouting does not and cannot exist in any communist country. All stamps in this handbook either depict Boy or Girl Scouts or pay honor to some person or event of a Scouting nature.

The handbook consists of forty-eight pages on glossy paper with a heavier cover. All stamps are identified by Scott catalogue numbers; most stamps are illustrated. There is a concise description of each set. A special insert presents color prints of thirteen stamps depicting Lord Baden-Powell.

Further information can be obtained by writing to the senior compiler, Harry D. Thorsen Jr. at 387 Sunset Road, Winnetka, Ill. The price is \$2.00. R.M.B.

Sports Supplement #5 of K-Line album pages. Recently off the press is Supplement #5 of the K-Line album pages devoted to sports. This supplement consists of forty-one pages covering twenty-four countries and including 1963 and 1964 issues about evenly divided. As usual the sheets are of heavy stock, punched for three-ring binders and rounded on the corners. As with the original preparations and the first four supplements adequate philatelic and topical data precedes each set of sports stamps. The number of album pages devoted to souvenir sheets is quite limited in this supplement and only once does an imperforate set appear on the same page with the corresponding perforate set.

Regular users of these pages will appreciate the fact that the editor has gone back in several cases and picked up issues previously omitted on the pages. Such omissions are usually caused by insufficient emissions to merit a page; when new material is issued by the country, it is then possible to add an entire sheet, incorporating both issues.

Not only are these pages the only thing on the market for sports collectors who prefer printed album pages, but they also adhere supplement after supplement to the very high standards adopted in the original pages. The K-Line advertisement appears regularly on the back page of our journal. R.M.B.

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR

Dear Bob,

Since the writing of the letter-to-the editor by George Kobylka in regards to the number of stamps that are listed as sports stamps in our "JSP", I have been asked for my opinion on this subject and also what stand SPI should take.

In the first place, let me say that I can understand very well just what opposition each album maker feels he is in with the vast number of items that are being issued. I am fairly sure that, just as soon as a new set of pages appears, he received many complaints that such-and-such an item has been excluded. Personally, I think that these fellows have done a very good job.

Since SPI is an international group and our membership does span the globe, I feel that in our new issues column we must list everything which we have heard that our members add to their collections and then leave it up to the individual to draw a red line through

the items which are of no interest to him. This is the only fair way to handle the problem from our standpoint.

It has also been suggested that SPI set up a committee to define what should be included in a sports collection. This is not feasible; nor is it the purpose of SPI. Our purpose is to list those items which are directly connected or can be classified as tie-in material, of which there is a great deal.

It has been said that in the Olympic area only the stamps of the participating nations should be shown; I ask you, in all candidness, are not the stamps of the nations which are members of the IOC (but not actually participating in a particular competition) equally justified in issuing commemorative stamps? As we know, the A.P.S. does list every month the black-blotted items; we have passed along this list of sports items and then left it wholly to the collector whether he wanted to include them in his collection. It might be of interest to some collectors to know that the 1896 Greek Olympic set was very much looked down upon as being too long and thus unnecessary and that the same was true of the 1906 issue.

I honestly believe that it is time for the album makers to look to the future as there is no stopping the number of sports stamps that will be issued. SPI has approximately five hundred members; if a country issues a sport set in 100,000 units and each SPI member nibbles at the bait, who buys the other 99,500 units? It might well be possible to set up their sheets for the different games and events—thus Olympic Games, Sokol Games, Asian Games, etc., and/or soccer championships, basketball, ski meets, etc. The balance of sports items could be incorporated as miscellaneous sports and recreation.

All of this goes back to the one thing; stamp collecting is a hobby and should be used as such. It is your collection for your pleasure and it is up to you to include or exclude items according to your own dictates.

/s/ Larry McMillan

NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

- Barbara T. Williams -

June Addenda

- United Arab Republic (Yemen). 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 1/4b multicolored (globe encircled by ribbon showing emblem of Japan and Yemen); 1/3b multicolored (Olympic flame and torch); 1/2b multicolored (discus); 1b multicolored (flags of Japan and Yemen); 1 1/2b multicolored (swimmers); 4b multicolored (same as 1 1/2b); 6b multicolored (same as 1/3b); 12b multicolored (same as 1/4b); and 20b multicolored (same as 1/2b). Printed by photogravure by the Austrian State Printing Works, Vienna. (Additional information)
- San Marino. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 1L green and brown (runner); 2L red-brown and black (woman gymnast); 3L slate, brown, and black (basketball); 4L red and black pistol shooting, fencer, and runner); 5L blue and brown (canoeing); 15L orange and brown (high jump); 30L blue and gray (diving); 30L lilac and gray ("On to Tokyo"); 70L green and brown (woman runner); 70L blue-green and brown ("On to Tokyo"); 120L blue and brown (cycling); and 150L red and black (fencing). Printed by photogravure by the Italian Government Printing House, Rome. (Additional information)
- 25th Albania. Rimini Stamp Exhibition, June 25-July 6, 1964. Scott 733 (National Stadium in Tokyo) overprinted "Rimini 25/VI/1964". Quantity: 80,000.
- 27th Central African Republic. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 25fr multicolored (javelin); 50fr multicolored (basketball); 100fr multicolored (runners); and 250fr multicolored (swimming). Imperforate sets and a souvenir sheet containing all four stamps also exist. (Additional information)

July Addenda

- Jugoslavia. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 25d gray, yellow, and black (runner); 30d gray, violet, and black (wrestling); 40d gray, green, and black (rowing); 50d gray, red, and black (basketball); 150d gray, ochre, and black (soccer); and 200d gray, blue, and black (water polo). Designed by Nikola Masnikovic. Printed by offset in sheets of fifty by the Bank Note Printing Institute of Belgrade. Quantities: 2,000,000 (25d and 30d), 1,500,000 (40d), 1,000,000 (50d), and 200,000 (150d and 200d). (Additional information)
- lst United States. Duck hunting permit stamp. \$5.00 multicolored (Hawaiian nene geese).
- 1st Upper Volta. 15fr multicolored (head of ancient athlete); 25fr multicolored (an-

- cient statue of boxer); 85fr multicolored (statue of ancient athlete); and loofr multicolored (statue of "Venus de Milo"). Also a souvenir sheet. (Additional information)
- llth Cameroons. Tropics Cup Competition (soccer), Yaounde, July 11-19, 1964. 10fr (soccer game in stadium); 18fr (sports equipment-cycling, soccer, basketball, weight lifting, tennis, boxing, and fencing); and 30fr (entrance to Yaoundi Stadium and map of Africa). (Additional information)
- Jordan. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. If multicolored (Olympic torch, Olympic rings, and Hussein City Sports Stadium)(air mail); 4f multicolored (same as lf); 10f multicolored (same as lf); and 35f multicolored (same as lf). Printed by Bradbury Wilkinson Company, New Malden, Surrey, England. Quantities: 1,000,000 (1f), 483,000 (4f), 288,450 (10f), and 180,000 (35f). Note: all four stamps are designated for air mail use, but the lowest air mail rate in Jordan is 25f.
- 15th German Democratic Republic. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 5pf turquoise and black (cyclist); lOpf green and black (volleyball); 2Opf red and black (judo); 25pf blue and black (diving); 4Opf + 2Opf violet and black (runners); and 7Opf brown and black (equestrian). There is also a souvenir sheet of the same six sports in slightly different designs, colors, and face values. Designed by Gerhard Stauf of Leipzig (set of stamps) and Axel Bengs and Rudolf Skribelka of Berlin (souvenir sheet). Printed by combined screen and engravure copper plate methods by VEB Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei, Leipzig. The surcharge of the 4Opf + 2Opf value is for the National Olympic Committee.
- Argentine Republic. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 4p + 2p ochre, sepia, and red (National Stadium); llp + 5p light blue and black (yachting); and 12p + 6p green and black (fencing). Printed in sheets of one hundred by lithography by Casa de Maneda (State Mint). Quantity: 200,000. The surtax will be used to send Argentinian athletes to the Olympic competition in Tokyo. (Additional information)
- 23rd Hungary. Lawn Tennis History Exhibition. 3fr + 1.50fr red and black (Sports Museum, Budapest). Quantities: 470,000 perforate and 5,000 imperforate.
- 24th <u>Libya</u>. Investiture of Hassan Rida Senussi, Crown Prince of Libya, as President of the Boy Scouts of Libya. 5m red, green, and yellow (boy scout emblem) and lOm red, green, and yellow (same as 5m). Souvenir sheets of both stamps exist. Quantity: 200,000.
- 29th German Democratic Republic. Honoring the "Ernst Thalmann" Pioneers. 10pf + 5pf (Pioneers studying); 10pf + 5pf (Pioneers studying nature); and 25pf + 10pf (Pioneers playing ball and leapfrog). All multicolored. Designed by Ingeborg Freibel.
- Surinam. Girl Scout Jamborette, Paramaribo. $3\phi + 1\phi$ multicolored (stylized campfire flame); $8\phi + 4\phi$ multicolored (same as $3\phi + 1\phi$); $10\phi + 5\phi$ multicolored (same as $3\phi + 1\phi$); and $20\phi + 10\phi$ multicolored (same as $3\phi + 1\phi$). Designed by Peters Manders. Printed by offset lithography by Enschede en Zonen, Netherlands.
- 30th Congo. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 25fr multicolored (shot putter and stadium); 50fr multicolored (weight lifter and stadium); 100fr multicolored (soccer and stadium); and 200fr multicolored (high jump and stadium). A souvenir sheet with marginal inscriptions also exists. (Additional information)
- 30th Gabon. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 25fr (early Greek runners); 50fr (massage in ancient gymnasium); 100fr (ancienting with oil before games); and 200fr (ancient jumper, javelin thrower, discus thrower, and lancer). A souvenir sheet also exists. (Additional information)

August Addenda

- Poland. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. 20gr multicolored (hop, step, and jump); 40gr multicolored (rowing); 60gr multicolored (weight lifting); 90gr multicolored (relay); 1zl multicolored (boxing); 2.50zl multicolored (soccer); 5.60zl multicolored (high jump); 6.50zl multicolored (diving); and 10zl + 5zl (souvenir sheet). Designed by Josef Karolkiewicz. Printed in sheets of twenty by polychrome offset by the State Printing Works. Quantities: 6,000,000 (20gr), 8,000,000 (40gr and 60gr), 5,000,000 (90gr and 1zl), 4,000,000 (2.50zl), and 1,300,000 (5.60zl and 6.50zl).
- 17th Poland. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. Souvenir sheet containing 2.50zl multicolored (shooting), 2.50zl multicolored (canoeing), 5zl multicolored (fencing), and 5zl multicolored (basketball). Designed by Jerzy Jaworoski. Printed in polychrome offset by the State Printing Works. Quantity: 800,000.
- 20th <u>Japan</u>. 18th Olympic Games, Tokyo. Six souvenir sheets, each containing one of the six previously-issued pre-Olympic sets. Quantities: 2,000,000 (lst, 2nd, and 3rd sets) and 1,500,000 (4th, 5th, and 6th sets).

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