

# American Fencing



## OLYMPIC FOIL CHAMPION HONORED

Left to right: Miguel de Capriles, Christian d'Oriola, Jose de Capriles, Michel Alaux, and Hugo Castello.

## d'Oriola in New York

Christian d'Oriola, 1952 and 1956 Olympic Foil Champion and four times World Champion, stopped in New York for a few days in December on his way home from Melbourne to visit with his former teacher, Michel Alaux, now the resident fencing master at the Fencers Club.

The slim left-hander, generally regarded as the greatest foilsman of his generation, was the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered by amateur and professional fencers at the New York University Faculty Club. Jose de Capriles extended a formal welcome on behalf of the A.F.L.A. Other speakers included Mr. Blanc of the Fencers Club and Mr. Nunes of the New York Athletic Club. The Olympic champion took an exhibition lesson from Mr. Alaux at the Fencers Club later in the day.

## UNITED STATES BIDS FOR WORLD TOURNEY

As this issue goes to press, official word has been received from the F.I.E. that Hungary will not be able to hold the World Fencing Championships in July as originally scheduled. The A.F.L.A. Board of Governors has noted in emergency session, to make a formal bid for the championships to be held in Philadelphia, September 3 to 14, 1957. It is expected that Canada and several European countries will also bid for the top event in the world's fencing calendar, and a decision will be made late in February.

The world championships have never been held outside the European and Mediterranean areas. The A.F.L.A. Governors were of the opinion that the value of the tournament to the promotion of fencing in the United States justifies the extraordinary financial and organizational effort required.

## REPORT ON THE OLYMPICS

By Jose R. de Capriles, Captain

Instead of writing a straight news report, I'd like to share with all A.F.L.A. members our trip "Down Under." Before we get to the specific championships and the joys and disappointments which they produced, there is much of the pre-Games activity which may interest you.

The team which represented us turned out to be an excellent one, not only in fencing but in its team spirit, which made me very proud. George Worth proved to be an excellent manager; he took over the handling of a million details and arranged for our every need. The weather was cold and rainy for the first two weeks and many of us got colds and sore throats. Except for the barn-like setting for training in the Exhibition Hall, we found the organization for the Games was excellent. Food and transportation were the best possible and our Australian hosts extended themselves in every possible way.

During our training we held warm-up matches with Australia, Russia and Great Britain. We beat the Australians by a good margin although they have a good team. The Russians were strong in all weapons; we beat them in foil and epee, but they gave us a bad licking in sabre. To make matters worse Dick Dyer injured his back and leg. Fortunately he was able to recover before the sabre events, but this seemed to set off a series of mishaps that bothered us to the end. Maxine Mitchell's old tennis elbow flared up; she had to forego training. We fenced Great Britain in foil only, and lost to them 9-7. Byron Krieger pulled a calf muscle loose, and it was so bad that I made arrangements to use Al Kwartler in his place on the foil team which was to start only three days later. Then we discovered the miracle of super-sonic treatments. Byron was under the rays twice each day for long periods and by the time the foil team started he was able to compete (although I kept him out of the first day's matches). Kin Hoitsma came down with the chills; Shurtz caught such a bad cold that his eyes were blood-shot; Dyer got hay fever which became asthmatic; Tibor Nyilas gave me heart-failure with a wrist injury just before the sabre team, but he never fenced better. The "old" men of the team — Armitage, Goldstein, Bukantz and Lubell — developed no special ailments; our youngest, Judy Goodrich, suffered a nervous rash. With Maxine side-lined, Jan and Judy got some competitive training in individual dual round-robins with the Australian, British, Mexican and Roumanian entries.

During the training (and throughout the Games) Lajos Csiszar worked so hard that sometimes I felt guilty. He doubled in spades as coach, trainer, masseur, armorer, father confessor and what have you. Through it all, the bad news we got about Budapest from our Hungarian friends of course touched him very deeply. We were lucky to have Lajos along, but the job is really too much for only one man.

We ran into considerable trouble with the electric foils. The wiring and soldering was imperfect and the point casings were too brittle and broke off; the body cords were not long enough in some cases. We had to buy 15 additional blades and points from the Hungarians. Before the Games were over we had to purchase additional equipment from the Italians so that the foil competitions probably cost \$500. in equipment from the time the team was selected. Who can afford this sort of thing? It became our standard joke that in 1960 no one should be allowed to try for the foil team until he first qualified as a technician.

The competitions themselves were wonderfully organized. Every strong nation was there in full force, with the possible exception of Egypt in foil. Many weaker nations which in the past provided a large enough field to assure good warm-up matches did not enter teams. The result in many cases was an early sudden-death round among the strong teams.

Because of the strong and concentrated field, the team seedings were very important. In this respect we were fortunate in having Curt Ettlinger on the *Directoire Technique* and he did an excellent job. We had no quarrel with our seeding in foil and epee. In sabre we hoped to draw either Italy or France on our semi-final pool, but unfortunately this couldn't be arranged and instead we drew Hungary and Poland which placed one-two.

One of the impressive sights at the competitions was the long line of spectators (sometimes over two blocks long) waiting patiently to buy tickets. At some of the finals they had to turn away as many as 400 for lack of room.

As the championships progressed, the work-horse of the team was Axelrod. Not only did he fix weapons but he also won a lot of bouts (15/7) while Goldsmith finished with 8/11 and Bukantz 10/6. The epee and sabre men unfortunately never got the chance to get tired. In the individuals I had to make a hard decision: our foil champion (Shurtz) and epee champion (Cohen) were competing in the team event that followed their specialty and I therefore did not allow them to enter in their individual weapon.

As usual, our services as judges and directors were much in demand. Goldstein, Nyilas, Worth, Bukantz, Dyer and Kwartler and I served as directors on several occasions. I shared direction of the finals in the individual foil and epee and directed the entire sabre (except for bouts between team mates). The popularity of Americans as judges or directors was a great tribute to our general competence and strict impartiality.

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### FOIL TEAM

A determined, well-balanced Italian team finally broke the French jinx for the first time in many years. The path to victory was by no means easy: in the semi-final, Great Britain held Italy to a "match nul" (absolute tie), and in the final the Italians had to come from behind in every match.

The Franco-Italian meeting was almost a carbon copy of the match they fought in 1952. That truly great genius with the foil, Christian D'Oriola, once again scored 4 victories and had only 7 touches against him; but his herculean effort was not enough this time. When the last bout was called, Italy was leading 8-7, thanks to the superb performances of Mangiarotti and Bergamini, each of whom had won 3 bouts. The touch score was 57-57, which meant that, if Netter could beat Spallino by any score, France would win on touches as it did in 1952. Netter jumped to an early lead only to have Spallino tie at 4-4, and then win the championship on the final touch, 9-7 in bouts, 61-62 on touches.

The French in the first round underestimated a strong Russian team and were compelled to score heavily against Belgium in order to survive. This in effect cost Belgium a place in the semi-final, because they had earlier come from behind to defeat Russia. Thereafter France won handily until the final match with Italy, and her closest margin of victory was 10-6 against the United States.

Third place went to Hungary, which carried Italy to 8-8 in the final and lost by four touches, and then defeated the U. S. for the bronze medals, 9-5. The Hungarians are the strongest exponents of the new athletic foil style, offering very little target with the guard low, and relying on fast, simple thrusts with a maximum use of distance and timing, followed by a planned remise.

The United States duplicated its second-best showing (1948) by taking fourth; but the quality of performance approached the highwater mark of 1932. We had five Olym-

pic veterans and one "newcomer," who is the national champion. In order to improve our second-round seeding, we went all out in the preliminaries to crush Australia, 13-3; the margin of victory can be appreciated in view of the fact that Australia then tied Hungary 8-8 and lost only on touches. In the semi-finals we drew Italy and Great Britain, favored for the finals on the basis of two victories over France in the past year. The U.S.-British match was touch-and-go all the way, but our team clicked beautifully: Shurtz came from behind to win a big one; Axelrod and Bukantz were steady as rocks; Goldsmith rose to great heights and provided the margin of victory, 9-7. We were allowed to go home and to rest for the final the next morning while Italy and Great Britain fenced their match, which ended in a complete tie in bouts and touches. We were therefore sure to qualify for the finals, but the next morning we had to fence Italy to determine whether Italy or Great Britain would qualify. We would have to beat Italy 10-6 to put her out, and I decided to rest Bukantz and Goldsmith. We lost 9-4, but even so, Axelrod won the three bouts he fenced, including victories over Mangiarotti and Bergamini.

In our first final match, Axelrod and Bukantz split, and Krieger covered himself with glory by defeating D'Oriola, but the score was 10-6 against us. Bukantz turned his ankle in this match and we had to tape it up. Meanwhile Hungary was carrying Italy to 8-8, at one stage leading 7-5. I feared the Hungarian style would be more difficult for us than the Italian, and we agreed to gamble on beating Italy, assuming that the Italians would save some of their strength for the French match. Our hunch was right, and the gamble nearly paid off. We were leading 4-2 when Goldsmith met Bergamini; with the score tied at 4-4, Goldsmith made a simple attack and Bergamini counter-attacked, but the director saw it the other way. Later we led at 6-4, and again with

touches at 4-4, Axelrod made a beautiful riposte on Mangiarotti; both men stopped, but Albie's point had come off and the machine failed to register. Then Mangiarotti won the bout. Thus, instead of leading 8-3, our margin was 6-5, and with Bukantz's ankle getting worse, we eventually lost 9-7. Axelrod made a tremendous effort, winning three bouts despite a foot that was raw with broken blisters. He insisted on staying in against the Hungarians, but Bukantz had to be removed. The Hungarian style was as troublesome as I had expected, and we lost 9-5.

It was disappointing to come so close and yet so far, but still it was a wonderful performance. We fenced on a par with the very best in the world, teams with much more international experience, and we were never outclassed.

**FOIL TEAM Preliminaries**

**Pool A**

BELGIUM 9, RUSSIA 7 (Delaunais 3/1, Vanderauwera 3/1, Verhalle 2/2, Debeur 1/3; Roudov 2/2, Ossipov 2/2, Midler 2/2, Orsckankine 1/3). RUSSIA 9, FRANCE 7 (Roudov 3/1, Midler 2/2, Ossipov 2/2, Jdanowitch 2/2; Coicaud 3/1, Netter 2/2, Closset 2/2, Badoux 0/4). FRANCE 10, BELGIUM 4 (D'Oriola 3/1, Lataste 3/0, Coicaud 2/2, Netter 2/1; Delaunais 2/1; Debeur 1/3, Vanderauwera 1/3, Verhalle 0/3). France and Russia qualified with 17 and 16 victories respectively, while Belgium had 13 and could only score 15.

**Pool B**

GREAT BRITAIN 15, COLOMBIA 1 (Rene Paul 4/0, Hoskyns 4/0, Raymond Paul 3/1, Jay 4/0; Uribe 1/3, Blando 0/4, Echeverri 0/4, Camargo 0/4).

ITALY 9, COLOMBIA 0 (Lucarelli 3/0, Carpaneda 2/0, Di Rosa 2/0, Bergamini 2/0; Uribe 0/2, Blando 0/2, Echeverri 0/2, Camargo 0/3).

**Pool C**

U.S.A. 13, AUSTRALIA 3 (Bukantz 4/0, Axelrod 4/0, Shurtz 3/1, Goldsmith 2/2; Buckingham 1/3, McCowage 1/3, McKenzie 1/3, Steel 0/4).

HUNGARY 8 (57 t.), AUSTRALIA 8 (65 t.) (Somodi 3/1 (13 t.), Gyuricza 2/2 (12 t.), Tilli 2/2 (13 t.), Marosi 1/3 (19 t.); McCowage 3/1 (14 t.), Sichel 3/1 (14 t.), Cross 2/2 (17 t.), McKenzie 0/4 (20 t.).

**Semi-Final**

**Pool A**

HUNGARY 11, RUSSIA 5 (Fulop 4/0, Gyuricza 4/0, Sakovitz 2/2, Somodi 1/3; Midler 2/2, Ossipov 2/2, Jdanowitch 1/3, Roudov 0/4).

FRANCE 9, RUSSIA 4 (D'Oriola 3/1, Netter 3/0, Lataste 2/1, Closset 1/2; Midler 2/1, Ivanov 1/2, Ossipov 1/3, Jdanowitch 0/3).

**Pool B**

U.S.A. 9, GREAT BRITAIN 7 (Goldsmith 3/1, Bukantz 2/2, Axelrod 2/2, Shurtz 2/2; Jay 3/1, Rene Paul 2/2, Hoskyns 2/2, Raymond Paul 0/4).

ITALY 8 (56 t.), GREAT BRITAIN 8 (56 t.) (Bergamini 3/1 (8 t.), Carpaneda 2/2 (14 t.), Spallino 2/2 (17 t.), Mangiarotti 1/3 (17 t.); Jay 3/1 (11 t.), Cooperman 2/2 (13 t.), Hoskyns 2/2 (16 t.), Rene Paul 1/3 (16 t.).

ITALY 9, U.S.A. 4 (Lucarelli 3/0, Mangiarotti 2/1, Bergamini 2/1, Di Rosa 1/2; Axelrod 3/0, Krieger 1/3, Lubell 0/3, Shurtz 0/3).

**Final**

1. ITALY d. HUNGARY 8-8 (59-63 t.) (Mangiarotti 3/1 (11 t.), Spallino 3/1 (14 t.), Bergamini 1/3 (16 t.), Carpaneda 1/3 (18 t.); Sakovitz 3/1 (16 t.), Somodi 2/2 (15 t.), Gyuricza 2/2 (16 t.), Fulop 1/3 (16 t.) d. U.S.A. 9-7 (Mangiarotti 3/1, Lucarelli 2/2, Di Rosa 2/2, Bergamini 2/2; Axelrod 3/1, Bukantz 2/2, Goldsmith 1/3, Krieger 1/3); d. FRANCE 9-7 (61-62 t.) (Mangiarotti 3/1 (14 t.), Bergamini 3/1 (14 t.), Spallino 2/2 (14 t.), Carpaneda 1/3 (19 t.); D'Oriola 4/0 (7 t.), Badoux 1/3 (17 t.), Netter 1/3 (18 t.), Lataste 1/3, (19 t.).

2. FRANCE d. U.S.A. 10-6 (Badoux 3/1, D'Oriola 3/1, Lataste 3/1, Coicaud 1/3; Axelrod 2/2, Bukantz 2/2, Goldsmith 1/3, Krieger 1/3); d. HUNGARY 11-5 (Netter 4/0, D'Oriola 3/1, Closset 2/2, Lataste 2/2; Gyuricza 2/2, Sakovitz 1/3, Tilli 1/3, Fulop 1/3).

3. HUNGARY d. U.S.A. 9-5 (Marosi 4/0, Fulop 2/1, Gyuricza 2/1, Somodi 1/3; Shurtz 2/2, Axelrod 1/2, Goldsmith 1/2, Lubell 1/3).

4. U.S.A. lost three.

**FOIL INDIVIDUAL**

Christian D'Oriola of France is firmly established as one of the all-time great champions in foil. He was the last Olympic champion with the conventional weapon and the first with the electric weapon. He has dominated the field now for nine years. His victory is important because many have tried to belittle the new electric foil by inferring it is ruining the game and encouraging the wild jabber. D'Oriola has simplified his game, it is true, and the beautiful long phrase d'armes will soon belong only to the lesson and the exhibition floor; but good technique is not at a disadvantage against the athletic jabber unless that technique is static.

Italy's Bergamini and Spallino fought to a tie for second and the former won the fence-off 5-4. Great Britain's Jay was a clear fourth and at one stage could have forced a 4-way tie for first. The Hungarian World Champion, Gyuricza, placed fifth on touches over France's Netter and Russia placed her first Olympic foil finalist (Midler) who finished seventh. Raymond Paul



**ALBERT AXELROD**  
As in 1952, hero of foil team.

was Britain's second man in the final and finished eighth.

We failed to place a man in the final, but the new strength in this field as exemplified by Hungary, Great Britain and Russia is even more apparent when we note that Mangiarotti was eliminated in the preliminary along with Lataste and our Goldsmith who is the Pan American champion. While D'Oriola is in a class by himself, there is now a more even distribution of strength at the level just below him. An interesting picture is painted by a tabulation of the semi-final field: Great Britain 3, Russia 3, France 2, Italy 2, Australia 2, Hungary 1, U.S.A. 1, Belgium 1 and Germany 1.

Axelrod, despite his very sore and raw foot, passed the first round from the same pool in which both Mangiarotti and Lataste were eliminated, but ran out of steam in the semi-final. Goldsmith missed the semi-final by one bout and Krieger, who replaced the injured Bukantz, found himself outclassed in a very strong pool.

**FOIL INDIVIDUAL Preliminaries**

**Pool 1**

Gyuricza, Hungary, 6/0; Roudov, Russia, 5/1; Spallino, Italy, 5/2; Jay, Great Britain, 4/2; Goldsmith, U.S.A., 3/4; Ramos, Mexico, 2/5; Uribe, Colombia, 1/6; Sano, Japan, 0/6.

**Pool 2**

Sichel, Australia, 5/2; Ossipov, Russia, 5/2; Axelrod, U.S.A., 5/2; Stratman, Germany, 4/3; Mangiarotti, Italy, 4/3; Dehez, Belgium, 3/4; Lataste, France, 1/6; Blando, Colombia, 1/6. Fence-off: Stratman d. Mangiarotti 5-4.

**Pool 3**

Netter, France, 5/1; McCowage, Australia, 5/1; Raymond Paul, Great Britain, 4/3 (17 t.); Bergamini, Italy, 4/3 (22 t.); Delaunais, Belgium, 4/3 (23 t.); Somodi, Hungary, 2/4; Massini, Argentina, 1/5; Krieger, U.S.A., 1-6. Fence-off: Paul d. Bergamini 5-4, lost to Delaunais 5-4 (total 26t.); Bergamini d. Delaunais 5-4, lost to Paul 5-4 (total 31 t.); Delaunais d. Paul 5-4, lost to Bergamini 5-4 (total 32 t.).

**Pool 4**

Midler, Russia, 6/1; D'Oriola, France 5/2; Rene Paul, Great Britain, 5/2; Verhalle, Belgium, 5/2; Fulop, Hungary, 4/3; McKenzie, Australia, 2/5; Asselin, Canada, 0/6; Echeverri, Colombia, 0/6.

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## Semi-Final

## Pool 1

Netter 5/2; Spallino 5/1; Raymond Paul 5/2; Midler 5/2; Verhalle 3/3; Roudov 2/4; Axelrod 1/5; Sichel 0/7.

## Pool 2

D'Oriola 6/1; Bergamini 5/2; Gyuricza 4/3; Jay 4/3; Stratman 4/3; McCowage 2/5; Ossipov 1/5; Rene Paul 1/5. Fence-off: Gyuricza d. Stratman 5-4; Jay d. Stratman 5-2.

## Final

- (1) D'Oriola (6-1) d. Spallino 5-1, Jay 5-2, Gyuricza 5-1, Netter 5-2, Paul 5-2, Midler 5-4; lost to Bergamini 5-3.
- (2) Bergamini (5/2) d. Spallino 5-4, D'Oriola 5-3, Gyuricza 5-3, Paul 5-3, Midler 5-3; lost to Jay 5-4, Netter 5-4. Won fence-off 5-4.
- (3) Spallino (5/2) d. Jay 5-4, Gyuricza 5-3, Paul 5-2, Midler 5-1; lost to D'Oriola 5-1, Bergamini 5-4.
- (4) Jay (4/3) d. Bergamini 5-4, Netter 5-2, Paul 5-4, Midler 5-1; lost to d'Oriola 5-2, Spallino 5-4, Gyuricza 5-3.
- (5) Gyuricza (3/4, 23 t.) d. Jay 5-3, Paul 5-0, Midler 5-0; lost to D'Oriola 5-1, Bergamini 5-3, Spallino 5-3, Netter 5-1.
- (6) Netter (3/4, 25 t.) d. Gyuricza 5-1, Bergamini 5-4, Paul 5-0; lost to D'Oriola 5-2, Spallino 5-1, Jay 5-2, Midler 5-1.
- (7) Midler (2/5) d. Netter 5-1, Paul 5-4; lost to D'Oriola 5-4, Bergamini 5-3, Spallino 5-1, Jay 5-1, Gyuricza 5-0.
- (8) Paul lost all.

## WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL

Miss Gilliam Sheen gave Great Britain its first Olympic fencing gold medal in history when she defeated Miss Orban of Roumania, 4-2, in a fence-off for the championship. The wild enthusiasm of the otherwise sedate Britishers was fully justified by the performance of the attractive and modest new champion. Miss Sheen had led her preliminary pool, had bogged down in the semi-finals and barely squeezed into the finals; but her sound basic game, and an excellent sense of distance and great poise under pressure carried her to victory. Miss Orban had defeated Sheen early in the regular round-robin, and looked like the winner when she beat Jan Romary midway through the final. However, Renee Garilhe of France defeated Orban to give Sheen her chance, and then shut out Romary in the bout that decided third place. If Garilhe had not lost to her teammate, Kate Delbarre, in the first bout, she would have been in a three-way tie for the title.

Jan Romary placed fourth; although she looked like the champion after winning her first three bouts. With each of her three losses we watched the gold, silver and then bronze medals slip out of her grasp. Fourth place in two successive Olympics certainly needs no excuses; but two factors worked to Jan's disadvantage this year: One was the absence of the injured Maxine Mitchell from the final (probably in place of Mueller-Preis of Austria), who would have given the United States a one-two punch that could have drastically altered the final standings. The second was an unfortunate psychological block concerning Sheen, which came about in this way: After Jan had easily qualified from the semi-finals, a protest in the bout between Domolki of Hungary, 1955 World Champion, and Roldan of Mexico held up the proceedings for nearly an hour. Finally Roldan won a well-earned victory, and the final bout between Sheen and Romary became necessary. If Sheen lost, Domolki



JANICE LEE ROMARY  
Retained 4th Place

would qualify; if Sheen won, a fence-off would decide the fourth qualifier for the final. Jan tried her best to beat Sheen, because we do not make "deals" as many of the European countries do; but the long delay had cooled her off and she lost 4-2. Then in the final, when Jan fenced Sheen again, she was too tense: She was torn between the determination to beat the Britisher and the knowledge that if she did so it would look as if a "deal" had been made. The final outcome was a disappointment to Jan, of course; but we were very proud of her performance.

Maxine Mitchell's old "tennis elbow" immobilized her for two weeks before the event. In the preliminaries she led her pool with impressive scores until her last bout, when the pain became so acute that she could only stand and stop-thrust. During the three-hour intermission, heat treatments were tried without success. Finally we gambled on a shot of novocaine, but the gamble failed because in the first semi-final bout her hand had lost all feeling and control of the blade. Still she would not withdraw; but her great competitor's heart was not enough. Everyone recognized that under normal conditions her powerful game would have made her a dangerous contender for the championship.

And what about Judy Goodrich? In this, her first Olympiad, she matured quickly and proved that she has the potential to be a strong threat in 1960. Her game needs more power and authority, but that will come as she grows older. Nervousness cost her the first four bouts; then she steadied down and won her last three. Unfortunately the four top girls had 4/3 records or better; by the time her pool was finished she was fencing well enough to have won a fence-off if one had developed.

WOMEN  
Preliminaries

## Pool/1

Mitchell, U.S.A., 5/1; Efimova, Russia, 4/2; Domolki, Hungary, 4/2; Delbarre, France, 3/3; Cesari, Italy, 3/3; Glen Haig, Great Britain, 2/4; O'Brien, Australia, 0/6. Fence-off: Delbarre d. Cesari 4-2.

## Pool 2

Romary, U.S.A., 5/2; Mueller-Preis, Austria, 5/2; Colombetti, Italy, 4/3; Roldan, Mexico, 4/3; Orb, Roumania, 3/4; Chitkova, Russia, 3/4; Veronet, France, 3/4; Joseph, Australia, 1/6.

## Pool 3

Sheen, Great Britain, 6/1; Orban, Roumania, 5/2; Garilhe, France, 5/2; Lachmann, Denmark, 4/3; Rastvorova, Russia, 3/4; Goodrich, U.S.A., 3/4; Nyari, Hungary, 1/6; Hardon, Australia, 0/7.

## Semi-Final

## Pool 1

Colombetti, 4/0; Lachmann, 4/0; Garilhe, 3/2; Mueller-Preis, 2/3; Efimova, 1/4; Mitchell, 0/5.

## Pool 2

Delbarre, 4/1; Romary, 3/2; Orban, 3/2; Sheen, 2/3; Domolki, 2/3; Roldan, 1/4. Fence-off: Sheen d. Domolki 4-2.

## Final

- (1) Sheen (6/1) d. Delbarre 4-3, Colombetti 4-2, Mueller-Preis 4-3, Garilhe 4-3, Lachmann 4-3, Romary 4-2; lost to Orban 4-2.
- (2) Orban (6/1) d. Delbarre 4-3, Sheen 4-2, Colombetti 4-0, Mueller-Preis 4-3, Lachmann 4-2, Romary 4-3; lost to Garilhe 4-3.
- (3) Garilhe (5/2) d. Colombetti 4-2, Mueller-Preis 4-1, Orban, 4-3, Lachmann 4-0, Romary 4-0; lost to Sheen 4-3, Delbarre 4-3.
- (4) Romary (4/3) d. Delbarre 4-2, Colombetti 4-3, Mueller-Preis 4-3, Lachmann 4-3; lost to Sheen 4-2, Orban 4-3, Garilhe 4-0.
- (5) Delbarre (4/3) d. Colombetti 4-3, Mueller-Preis 4-3, Garilhe 4-3; lost to Sheen 4-3, Orban 4-3, Romary 4-2, Lachmann 4-0.
- (6) Lachmann (2/5) d. Delbarre 4-0 and Colombetti 4-0; lost to Sheen 4-3, Orban 4-2, Garilhe 4-0, Romary 4-3, Mueller-Preis 4-1.
- (7) Mueller-Preis (1/6, 25 t.) d. Lachmann 4-1; lost to Sheen 4-3, Orban 4-3, Garilhe 4-1, Romary 4-3, Delbarre 4-3, Colombetti 4-3.
- (8) Colombetti (1/6, 27 t.) d. Mueller-Preis 4-3; lost to Sheen 4-2, Orban 4-0, Romary 4-3, Delbarre 4-3, Lachmann 4-0.

Fence-off: Sheen d. Orban 4-2.

## EPEE TEAM

Italy retained her championship in this event by defeating Great Britain, France and Hungary in the final round. They unquestionably had the best balanced strength of any nation, but the path to the final proved much more difficult than the final itself: in the preliminary round the U.S. forced an 8-8 tie which Italy won by two touches (more about this later); in the semi-final Belgium also tied the new champions at 8-8 and this time Italy was the loser by four touches. Belgium, the only conquerer of the champions, suffered its second consecutive heart-break in team competition. Its victory over Italy was after bowing to Hungary 1-5; when Italy defeated Hungary 9-3, Belgium again found itself eliminated on bouts as in the foil.

Hungary, which placed second, was undefeated throughout the event until she faced Italy in the final match. As in the foil, the Hungarians show remarkable improvement. France placed third by defeating Great Britain 9-3 and this pointed up our tragedy in not having passed the first round.

The U.S. fielded in my judgment the best balanced, most mobile epee team we have had in a great many years. It had a potential for a high place in the final but we muffed it with a shaky start. We were in a four-team pool with Italy, Great Britain and Australia. Our first match was with Great Britain and we fielded Cohen, Shurtz, Pew and Goldstein, all of whom had been fencing well. Unfortunately Cohen could not find his proper distance and his timing was off so

that he lost three bouts. Even with this surprising handicap we had two chances to win: with the score 7-7 we had the touch advantage, and our two last bouts were Shurtz and Goldstein, each of whom had a 2-1 record at the time and looked good. Shurtz got off to an early lead but couldn't make it stand up and finally lost 5-4; Goldstein then faced Jay, who is Britain's best competitor, and the match ended 9-7. The British had avenged the foil by turning the tables on us. Against Italy I used Pew, Hoitsma, Shurtz and Cohen. I knew Cohen's potential and felt he deserved another chance, and I also feared that the Italian mobility and blade game would reduce Goldstein's effectiveness. Pew and Hoitsma each won three bouts but Shurtz and Cohen could only contribute one apiece for an 8-8 tie which we lost by two touches. Once again our great potential failed to materialize by one bout. Had we beaten Italy we might have survived because we had fenced Australia in a warm-up match with 5-man teams and beaten her 21-4. I will always wonder (with many others) whether we would have made it if I had used Goldstein instead of Shurtz or Cohen.

The performances of "young" Pew and Hoitsma were wonderful, and "old" Goldstein confirmed my conviction that he is a marvelous team man. Goldstein not only did his share in his too-brief appearance on the strip, but throughout the training periods he was the spark-plug our younger and less experienced men needed.

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### EPEE TEAM Preliminaries

#### Pool A

ITALY 11, AUSTRALIA 5 (Delfino 4/0, Bertinetti 3/1, Pellegrino 2/2, Anglesio 2/2; Wolfensohn 2/2, Lund 1/3, Hockshall 1/3, Van Dijk 1/3). GREAT BRITAIN 9, U.S.A. 7 (Hoskyns 3/1, Howard 3/1, Jay 2/2, Rene Paul 1/3; Shurtz 2/2, Pew 2/2, Goldstein 2/2, Cohen 1/3).

GREAT BRITAIN 9, AUSTRALIA 3 (Rene Paul 3/0, Jay 2/1, Hoskyns 2/1, Howard 2/1; Lund 2/1, Van Dijk 1/2, Wolfensohn 0/3, Hockshall 0/3).

ITALY 8 (63 t.), U.S.A. 8 (65 t.) (Pavesi 3/1 (14 t.), Bertinetti 2/2 (14 t.), Pellegrino 2/2 (16 t.), Anglesio 1/3 (19 t.); Hoitsma 3/1 (12 t.), Pew 3/1 (16 t.), Shurtz 1/3 (18 t.), Cohen 1/3 (19t.).

#### Pool B

HUNGARY 14, COLOMBIA 2 (Rerrich 4/0, Nagy 4/0, Berszenyi 3/1, Marusi 3/1; Camargo 1/3, Echeverri 1/3, Uribe 0/4, Yangues 0/4).

RUSSIA 9, SWEDEN 7 (Tchernouchevitch 3/1, Tchernikov 3/1, Saitchouk 2/2, Tsirekidzo 1/3; Rehbinder 2/2, Morssell 2/2, Carleson 2/2, Ljungquist 1/3).

RUSSIA 15, COLOMBIA 1 (Oudras 4/0, Saitchouk 4/0, Tchernikov 4/0, Tchernouchevitch 1/3; Yangues 1/3, Uribe 0/4, Camargo 0/4, Echeverri 0/4).

HUNGARY 9, SWEDEN 5 (Rerrich 3/1, Sakovitz 2/1, Berszenyi 2/1, Balthazar 2/2; Carleson 2/1, Forssell 1/2, Sandwall 1/3, Rehbinder 1/3).

BELGIUM 11, LUXEMBOURG 5 (Dehez 3/1, Achten 3/1, Delaunois 3/1, Vanderauwera 2/2; Gretsck 2/2, Schmit 2/2, Leischen 1/3, Theissen 0/4).

FRANCE 9, LUXEMBOURG 6 (Dreyfus 4/0, Queyroux 2/2, Degalher 2/2, Nigon 1/3; Schmit 3/1, Gretsck 1/2, Theissen 1/3, Leischen 1/3).

### Semi-Final

#### Pool A

HUNGARY 11, BELGIUM 5 (Sakovitz 4/0, Berszenyi 3/1, Balthazar 2/2, Rerrich 2/2; Delaunois 3/1, Vanderauwera 1/3, Achten 1/3, Dehez 0/4).

BELGIUM 8 (63 t.), ITALY 8 (67 t.) (Delaunois 4/0 (9 t.), Achten 3/1 (16 t.), Dehez 1/3 (18 t.), Debeur 0/4 (20 t.); Pavesi 3/1 (16 t.), Pellegrino 2/2 (13 t.), Delfino 2/2 (19 t.), Bertinetti 1/3 (19 t.).

ITALY 9, HUNGARY 3 (Pavesi 3/0, Mangiarotti 3/0, Delfino 2/1, Pellegrino 1/2; Rerrich 2/1, Sakovitz 1/2, Balthazar 0/3, Nagy 0/3). Italy and Hungary qualified with 17 and 14 victories while Belgium had only 13.

#### Pool B

GREAT BRITAIN 10, RUSSIA 6 (Jay 4/0, Howard 2/2, Hoskyns 2/2, Rene Paul 2/2; Tchernouchevitch 2/2, Saitchouk 2/2, Vdovitchenko 1/3, Tchernikov 1/3).

FRANCE 9, RUSSIA 7 (Mouyal 3/1, Queyroux 2/2, Degallier 2/2, Dreyfus 2/2; Tsirekidzo 3/1, Oudras 2/2, Tchernouchevitch 2/2, Saitchouk 0/4).

### Final

1. ITALY d. GREAT BRITAIN 10-6 (Delfino 3/1, Pellegrino 3/1, Pavesi 2/2, Mangiarotti 2/2; Rene Paul 2/2, Hoskyns 2/2, Howard 1/3, Jay 1/3); d. FRANCE 15-1 (Pellegrino 4/0, Mangiarotti 4/0, Pavesi 4/0, Delfino 3/1; Degallier 1/3, Mouyal 0/4, Dreyfus 0/4, Nigon 0/4; d. HUNGARY 9-3 (Pellegrino 3/0, Delfino 3/0, Mangiarotti 2/1, Pavesi 1/2; Rerrich 1/2, Sakovitz 1/2, Berszenyi 1/2, Marosi 0/3).

2. HUNGARY d. FRANCE 9-7 (Rerrich 3/1, Sakovitz 3/1, Balthazar 2/2, Berszenyi 1/3; Mouyal 3/1, Nigon 2/2, Dreyfus 2/2, Queyroux 0/4; d. GREAT BRITAIN 10-6 (Sakovitz 3/1, Rerrich 3/1, Berszenyi 3/1, Balthazar 1/3; Jay 2/2 Raymond Paul 2/2, Hoskyns 1/3, Howard 1/3).

3. FRANCE d. GREAT BRITAIN 9-3 (Mouyal 3/0, Queyroux 2/1, Nigon 2/1, Degallier 2/1; Hoskyns 2/1, Howard 1/2, Paul 0/3, Jay 0/3).

4. GREAT BRITAIN lost three.



**RICHARD PEW**  
His 4th place was best U.S. epee performance since 1928.

### EPEE INDIVIDUAL

A triple tie for first among the Italians emphasized their superiority in this weapon. In fact, Pavesi, Delfino and Mangiarotti were so evenly matched that it required two fence-offs to determine the new champion. Pavesi finally won, with Delfino second and defending champion Mangiarotti third.

Our Dick Pew amazed everyone (except perhaps his proud coach George Coite) with a brilliant performance that placed him fourth on touches over Hungary's Balthazar. So well did he fence that up to his last bout he had a chance to enter a 4-way tie for first place. Perhaps his best performance was against Delfino, an experienced internationalist, who had a 5/1 record at the time and would be the new champion if he defeated Pew because both Pavesi and Mangiarotti had already finished with 5/2. Delfino jumped to a 3-1 lead and Dick tied it 3-3; Delfino made it 4-3 and Dick tied it again. Dick had already proved his poise and courage, but at this point he proved his real ability. Delfino had timed him several times on the step forward which Pew makes before his fleches. With the title in the balance for Delfino, Dick made a second-intention fleche which picked up the stop-thrust beautifully and hit Delfino on the chest. The crowd showed its appreciation and the disappointed Italian threw his mask across the room and almost cried — and who could blame him? In the entire tournament Dick won 20 and lost 7 while the champion Pavesi and runner-up Delfino won 15 and lost 9, and Mangiarotti had a 17/8 record. Too bad they don't pay off on totals for the entire event! Young Pew's three victories against the Italians in the team event and his excellent record in the early individual rounds (he had beaten Pavesi in the semi-final) had the Italians worried. That great epeeist Mangiarotti beat Dick 5-0 in an early bout of the final and one could almost hear him tell the Italian bench: "Watch, and I'll show you how to handle him." Dick

came off the strip and instead of being down-cast commented, "That was wonderful — the man is a genius." You can't beat spirit like that, and very few did.

Sewall Shurtz fenced well and could have made the final with a little luck. He passed the first round easily, led his quarter-final pool and missed a fence-off for the final by a narrow margin — two 5-4 bouts.

Kin Hoitsma's performance in the team deserved a chance in the individuals. He, Pew and Shurtz will be a strong nucleus for our future teams. Kin got off to a slow start but managed to get by the first round. In the quarter-final he lost three 5-4 bouts, any one of which would have given him a fence-off for a spot in the semi-final. But this was no easy round — stars like Rerrich of Hungary, Jay of Great Britain and Degallier of France were also eliminated.

As usual, the epee had the largest entry of all weapons.

#### EPEE INDIVIDUAL Preliminaries

##### Pool 1

**Tchernouchevitch**, Russia, 5/0; **Shurtz**, U.S.A., 4/2; **Delaunois**, Belgium, 4/2; **Gretsch**, Luxembourg, 3/2; **Asselin**, Canada, 2/4; **Korhonen**, Finland, 1/4; **Yangues**, Colombia, 0/5.

##### Pool 2

**Rehbinder**, Sweden, 6/1; **Stratman**, Germany, 5/2; **Lund**, Australia, 5/2; **Debeur**, Belgium, 4/3; **Tsirekedzo**, Russia, 4/3; **Soekarno**, Indonesia, 2/5; **Camargo**, Colombia 2/5; **Sano**, Japan, 0/7. Fence-off: **Debeur** d. **Tsirekedzo** 5-4.

##### Pool 3

**Pew**, U.S.A., 5/0; **Carleson**, Sweden, 4/1; **Achten**, Belgium, 4/2; **Stone**, Australia, 3/3; **Echeverri**, Colombia, 2/4; **Leischen**, Luxembourg, 1/5.

##### Pool 4

**Schmit**, Luxembourg, 5/1; **Wiik**, Finland, 5/1; **Forsell**, Sweden, 4/2; **Hoitsma**, U.S.A., 3/3; **Oudras**, Russia, 2/4; **Smith**, Australia, 2/4; **Jimenez**, Mexico, 0/6.

#### Quarter Final

##### Pool 1

**Mangiarotti**, Italy, 5/1; **Pew**, 3/3; **Forsell**, 3/3; **Gretsch**, 3/3; **Rerrich**, Hungary, 3/3; **Hoskyns**, Gr. Britain, 2/4; **Debeur**, 2/4. Fence-off: **Pew** d. **Forsell** 5-1, **Rerrich** 5-5; **Forsell** d. **Gretsch** 5-2, **Rerrich** 5-3; **Gretsch** d. **Rerrich** 5-4.

##### Pool 2

**Carleson** 5/1; **Queyroux**, France, 5/1; **Pavesi**, Italy, 3/3; **Balthazar**, Hungary, 3/3; **Tchernouchevitch** 2/4; **Hoitsma** 2/4; **Achten** 1/5.

##### Pool 3

**Mouyal**, France, 5/1; **Delaunois** 4/2; **Delfino**, Italy, 4/2; **Schmit** 3/3; **Stratman** 2/4; **Jay**, Gr. Britain, 2/4; **Stone** 1/5.

##### Pool 4

**Shurtz** 4/1; **Rehbinder** 4/1; **Sakovitz**, Hungary, 4/1; **Wiik** 3/2; **Degallier**, France, 2/4; **Lund** 1/5; **Howard**, Gr. Britain, 1/5.

#### Semi-Final

##### Pool 1

**Queyroux** 5/2; **Balthazar** 5/2; **Mangiarotti** 5/2; **Delfino** 4/3; **Delaunois** 4/3; **Forsell** 2/5; **Shurtz** 2/5; **Schmit** 1/6. Fence-off: **Delfino** d. **Delaunois** 5-2.

##### Pool 2

**Pew** 6/1; **Carleson** 5/2; **Pavesi** 4/3; **Wiik** 4/3; **Mouyal** 3/4; **Gretsch** 3/3; **Rehbinder** 2/5; **Sakovitz** 0/6. **Sakovitz** was injured and withdrew, not having fenced **Gretsch**. Fence-off between **Pavesi**, **Wiik** and **Gretsch** ordered, with following results: **Pavesi** d. **Gretsch** 5-2; **Wiik** d. **Gretsch** 5-4.

#### Final

- (1) **Pavesi** (5/2) d. **Pew** 5-2, **Carleson** 5-3, **Delfino** 5-1, **Wiik** 5-1, **Balthazar** 5-3; lost to **Mangiarotti** 5-1, **Queyroux** 5-3.
- (2) **Delfino** (5/2) d. **Mangiarotti** 5-2, **Carleson** 5-3, **Queyroux** 5-3, **Wiik** 5-4, **Balthazar** 5-5; lost to **Pew** 5-4, **Pavesi** 5-1.

(3) **Mangiarotti** (5/2) d. **Pew** 5-0, **Carleson** 5-3, **Pavesi** 5-1, **Queyroux** 5-3, **Wiik** 5-0; lost to **Delfino** 5-2, **Balthazar** 5-3.

(4) **Pew** (4/3, 28 t.) d. **Delfino** 5-4, **Queyroux** 5-4, **Wiik** 5-3, **Balthazar** 5-2; lost to **Pavesi** 5-2, **Mangiarotti** 5-0, **Carleson** 5-3.

(5) **Balthazar** (4/3, 29 t.) d. **Mangiarotti** 5-3, **Carleson** 5-3, **Queyroux** 5-4, **Wiik** 5-4; lost to **Pavesi** 5-3, **Delfino** 5-5, **Pew** 5-2.

(6) **Queyroux** (3/4) d. **Carleson** 5-0, **Pavesi** 5-3, **Wiik** 5-2; lost to **Delfino** 5-3, **Mangiarotti** 5-3, **Pew** 5-4, **Balthazar** 5-4.

(7) **Carleson** (2/5) d. **Pew** 5-3, **Wiik** 5-1; lost to **Pavesi** 5-3, **Delfino** 5-3, **Mangiarotti** 5-3, **Balthazar** 5-3, **Queyroux** 5-0.

(8) **Wiik** lost all.

**First Fence-off:** **Pavesi** d. **Delfino** 5-2; **Delfino** d. **Mangiarotti** 5-2; **Mangiarotti** d. **Pavesi** 5-4.

**Second Fence-off:** **Pavesi** d. **Mangiarotti** 5-0 and **Delfino** 5-5; **Delfino** d. **Mangiarotti** 5-3.

#### SABRE TEAM

Hungary won what I believe will be her last sabre team crown for quite a few years, but her record will stand for a long time. **Gerevich** and **Kovacs** have passed their prime, and the defection of **Kereszetes**, **Hamori** and **Magay** to the United States leaves only **Karpati** as a nucleus for a new team. **Kereszetes** had the best record, winning 12 and losing 2.

The champions won 9-7 over Russia in the final and some thought they were very lucky. Of course the tension in this match was terrific. Poland and Russia fought another bitter battle for second place, with Poland winning 9-7, and France bowed to Russia 8-7 (with the touches 53-60) to drop to fourth place. Unfortunately the Hungarian-Russian and Polish-Russian matches were marred by too voluble an audience participation which was very heavily pro-Hungarian and pro-Polish. Now that the foil and epee are electric, this was the first time at the Games that the audience (and the fencers) had a real opportunity to disagree with the call of touches.

There were only nine teams, so the preliminary had three pools. We drew Hungary and Colombia but passed to the semi-final without fencing when Colombia failed to show up. In the semi-final we again drew Hungary, and Poland was the third team. With such a set-up our inability to reach the final was certainly no disgrace. As it was, a warm-up match in the preliminary might have helped. We faced Poland first and bowed 10-6 when **Dyer** dropped four and **Cohen** three. **Nyilas** fenced better than I've seen him in eight years and won three while **Worth** split at 2/2. **Dick** was overwhelmed by the speed and distance of the Poles and **Abe** couldn't seem to move right. Hungary then played it safe and put in her strong men against us. **Armitage** and **Kwartler** got into this one, and **Kwartler** scored our only victory. It really is too bad the competition was such a sudden-death affair because our six men had trained hard only to have some of them compete in only two bouts. On the other semi-final strip Russia and France eliminated Italy so we at least were in pretty good company. In 1952 Italy placed second and the U.S.A. fourth. In relation to the new strength in the field we can no longer look upon sabre as our best international weapon.

#### SABRE TEAM Preliminaries

##### Pool A

U.S.A. 9, COLOMBIA 0 (default); HUNGARY 9, COLOMBIA 0 (default).

##### Pool B

POLAND 12, GREAT BRITAIN 4 (**Pawlos** 4/0, **Pawlowski** 3/1, **Zablocki** 3/1, **Piatkowski** 2/2, **Porebski** 2/2, **Hoskyns** 1/3, **Cooperman** 1/3, **Jay** 0/4).

ITALY 8 (62 t.), GREAT BRITAIN 8 (66 t.) (**Ferrari** 3/1 (11 t.), **Pace** 3/1 (13 t.), **Ravagnan** 2/2 (18 t.), **Comini** 0/4 (20 t.); **Cooperman** 3/1 (15 t.), **Porebski** 2/2 (17 t.), **Roy Paul** 2/2 (17 t.), **Hoskyns** 1/3 (17 t.).

##### Pool C

RUSSIA 14, AUSTRALIA 2 (**Rylskii** 4/0, **Tychler** 4/0, **Kouzenetsov** 3/1, **Tcherepovskii** 3/1; **Fadgyas** 2/2, **Martonffy** 0/4, **Kovacs** 0/4, **Santo** 0/4).

FRANCE 9, AUSTRALIA 1 (**Roulet** 3/0, **Gamat** 2/0, **Lefevre** 2/0, **Morel** 2/1; **Szoeke** 1/2, **Martonffy** 0/2, **Fadgyas** 0/3, **Kovacs** 0/2).

#### Semi-Final

##### Pool A

FRANCE 9, RUSSIA 7 (**Lefevre** 4/0, **Roulet** 2/2, **Gamat** 2/2, **Morel** 1/3; **Tychler** 2/2, **Kouzenetsov** 2/2, **Tcherepovskii** 2/2, **Rylskii** 1/3).

RUSSIA 9, ITALY 7 (**Tychler** 3/1, **Tcherepovskii** 2/2, **Rylskii** 2/2, **Kouzenetsov** 2/2; **Narduzzi** 3/1, **Dare** 2/2, **Ferrari** 2/2, **Pace** 0/4).

FRANCE 8, ITALY 6 (**Lefevre** 3/1, **Roulet** 3/1, **Gamat** 2/1, **Morel** 0/3; **Ferrari** 3/0, **Ravagnan** 2/2, **Dare** 1/3, **Narduzzi** 0/3). Italy had 13 victories and conceded to Russia, since even if she won 8-8 from France she would only have 15 victories against Russia's 16 and France's 17.

##### Pool B

POLAND 10, U.S.A. 6 (**Zablocki** 3/1, **Kuszewski** 3/1, **Pawlowski** 2/2, **Pawlas** 2/2; **Nyilas** 3/1, **Worth** 2/2, **Cohen** 1/3, **Dyer** 0/4).

HUNGARY 9, U.S.A. 1 (**Kereszetes** 3/0, **Gerevich** 3/0, **Karpati** 2/0, **Hamori** 1/1; **Kwartler** 1/2, **Dyer** 0/2, **Cohen** 0/3, **Armitage** 0/2).

#### Final

1. HUNGARY d. FRANCE 12-4 (**Kereszetes** 4/0, **Kovacs** 4/0, **Gerevich** 2/2, **Magay** 2/2; **Lefevre** 2/2, **Roulet** 1/3, **Morel** 1/3, **Gamat** 0/4); d. RUSSIA 9-7 (**Kereszetes** 3/1, **Karpati** 3/1, **Hamori** 2/2, **Kovacs** 1/3; **Kouzenetsov** 3/1, **Rylskii** 2/2, **Tcherepovskii** 1/3, **Tychler** 1/3); d. POLAND 9-4 (**Kovacs** 3/1, **Karpati** 2/1, **Gerevich** 2/1, **Kereszetes** 2/1; **Zablocki** 2/1, **Pawlowski** 1/2, **Kuszewski** 1/3, **Pawlas** 0/3).
2. POLAND d. RUSSIA 9-7 (**Zablocki** 3/1, **Pawlowski** 3/1, **Kuszowski** 2/2, **Zub** 1/3; **Rylskii** 3/1, **Tcherepovskii** 2/2, **Bogdanov** 1/3, **Kouzenetsov** 1/3); d. FRANCE 10-6 (**Pawlas** 3/1, **Zablocki** 3/1, **Pawlowski** 2/2, **Kuszewski** 2/2; **Lefevre** 2/2, **Morel** 2/2, **Gamat** 1/3, **Roulet** 1/3).
3. RUSSIA d. FRANCE 8-7 (53-60 vs.) (**Tcherepovskii** 3/1, **Rylskii** 2/1, **Kouzenetsov** 2/2, **Tychler** 1/3; **Roulet** 3/1, **Lefevre** 2/1, **Gamat** 2/2, **Morel** 0/4).
4. FRANCE lost three.

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### SABRE INDIVIDUAL

Hungary's supremacy was maintained by Karpati in a very exciting final which witnessed the very serious challenge which both Poland and Russia are now able to make against the established order. I believe that the next few Olympic sabre titles will go to Poland and Russia, but for this one Karpati and Hungary survived. The new champion was clearly the best, but he had to win it on his own — the other Hungarian finalists, Gerevich and Kovacs (the 1948 and 1952 champions) did not "give" their bouts to the heir apparent.

Second place went to Poland's Pawlowski who was the only one to defeat the champion in the entire competition. A loss to Russia's third-place winner, Kouznetsov, cost him a tie for first place. Both Pawlowski and Kouznetsov are much younger than the top three Hungarians who were in the final. Kouznetsov had to fence off for third with Lefevre of France and defeated him 5-2. It was the first individual Olympic fencing medal Russia has ever won. The even strength of the final was emphasized by the fact that the great Gerevich had to be content with fifth and Kovacs was seventh in a triple tie which included the remaining finalists.

Tibor Nyilas was undefeated in his preliminary pool but in the quarter-final he was one bout shy of a tie for the fourth qualifying place. Worth and Kwartler got into the semi-final, but the field was so strong that they ran into trouble and were both eliminated by the same score, 2/5. Al Kwartler had the misfortune of being in a pool which included the first, second and fourth place winners. Both Worth and

Kwartler were fencing well and need no alibi; the semi-final of these Olympics was as strong as some finals I've seen.

The entire final round (except for the first bouts between team mates) was conducted by an all-American jury consisting of Bukantz, Dyer, Kwartler, Worth and myself. This was an unusual honor, as there were several competent officials from other nations not represented in the final. Our reputation for competence and impartiality is something we can all be proud of.

### SABRE INDIVIDUAL

#### Preliminaries

##### Pool 1

**Narduzzi**, Italy 5/0; **Worth**, U.S.A., 3/1; **Golliardi**, Uruguay, 3/1; **Ramos**, Mexico, 1/4; **Sano**, Japan, 1/4; **Szoeke**, Australia, 1/4. Fence-off: **Ramos** d. **Szoeke** 5-3, **Sano** 5-2.

##### Pool 2

**Porebski**, Gr. Britain, 3/0; **Ferrari**, Italy, 3/1; **Kwartler**, U.S.A., 2/1; **McKenzie**, Australia, 1/3; **Yangues**, Colombia, 0/4.

##### Pool 3

**Dare**, Italy, 5/0; **Hoskyns**, Gr. Britain, 3/2; **Fladygas**, Australia, 3/2; **Vanderawera**, Belgium, 2/3; **Asselin**, Canada, 2/3; **Gomez**, Colombia, 0/5. Fence-off: **Vanderawera** d. **Asselin** 5-3.

##### Pool 4

**Nyilas**, U.S.A., 5/0; **Stratman**, Germany, 3/2; **Echeverri**, Colombia, 3/2; **Cooperman**, Great Britain, 2/3; **Theisen**, Luxembourg, 2/3; **Soekarno**, Indonesia, 0/5. Fence-off: **Cooperman** d. **Theisen** 5-2.

#### Quarter-Final

##### Pool 1

**Ferrari** 5/0; **Kovacs**, Hungary, 4/1; **Lefevre**, France, 3/2; **Kwartler** 3/2; **Rylskii**, Russia, 2/2; **Golliardi** 1/4; **Ramos** 0/5.

##### Pool 2

**Gerevich**, Hungary, 6/0; **Nardozi** 4/2; **Vanderawera** 3/3; **Tcheropovski**, Russia, 3/3; **Porebski**, 3/3; **Kuszewski**, Poland, 2/4; **Echeverri**, 1/5.

### Pool 3

**Karpati**, Hungary, 5/0; **Roulot**, France 4/1; **Zablocki**, Poland, 4/2; **Stratman** 3/3; **Nyilas** 2/4; **Hoskyns** 2/4; **McKenzie** 0/6.

### Pool 4

**Pawlowski**, Poland, 5/0; **Dare** 4/1; **Worth** 3/3; **Kouznetsov**, Russia, 3/3; **Cooperman** 3/3; **Gomot**, France 2/4; **Fladygas** 0/6. Fence off: **Kouznetsov** d. **Cooperman** 5-3.

### Semi-Final

#### Pool 1

**Karpati** 7/0; **Pawlowski** 5/2; **Narduzzi** 4/3; **Lefevre** 4/3; **Stratman** 3/4; **Tcherepovski** 3/4; **Kwartler** 2/5; **Dare** 0/7.

#### Pool 2

**Kovacs** 6/0; **Gerevich** 5/2; **Zablocki** 4/2; **Kouznetsov** 4/3; **Ferrari** 3/4; **Roulot** 2/5; **Worth** 2/5; **Vanderawera** 1/6.

### Final

- (1) **Karpati** (6/1) d. **Kovacs** 5-3, **Lefevre** 5-2, **Gerevich** 5-4, **Zablocki** 5-0, **Narduzzi** 5-3, **Kouznetsov** 5-2; lost to **Pawlowski** 5-4.
- (2) **Pawlowski** (5/2) d. **Kovacs** 5-3, **Lefevre** 5-2, **Karpati** 5-4, **Gerevich** 5-3, **Zablocki** 5-1; lost to **Narduzzi** 5-2, **Kouznetsov** 5-3.
- (3) **Kouznetsov** (4/3) d. **Pawlowski** 5-3, **Lefevre** 5-1, **Zablocki** 5-4, **Narduzzi** 5-1; lost to **Kovacs** 5-4, **Karpati** 5-2, **Gerevich** 5-3. Won fence-off 5-2.
- (4) **Lefevre** (4/3) d. **Kovacs** 5-2, **Gerevich** 5-4, **Zablocki** 5-1, **Narduzzi** 5-3; lost to **Pawlowski** 5-2, **Karpati** 5-2, **Kouznetsov** 5-1.
- (5) **Gerevich** (3/4) d. **Kovacs** 5-4, **Narduzzi** 5-4, **Kouznetsov** 5-3; lost to **Pawlowski** 5-3, **Lefevre** 5-4, **Karpati** 5-4, **Zablocki** 5-4.
- (6) **Zablocki** (2/5, 29 t.) d. **Gerevich** 5-4, **Narduzzi** 5-0; lost to **Kovacs** 5-1, **Pawlowski** 5-1, **Lefevre** 5-1, **Karpati** 5-1, **Kouznetsov** 5-4.
- (7) **Kovacs** (2/5, 30 t.) d. **Zablocki** 5-1, **Kouznetsov** 5-3; lost to **Pawlowski** 5-3, **Lefevre** 5-2, **Karpati** 5-3, **Gerevich** 5-4, **Narduzzi** 5-4.
- (8) **Narduzzi** (2/5, 31 t.) d. **Kovacs** 5-4, **Pawlowski** 5-2; lost to **Lefevre** 5-3, **Karpati** 5-3, **Gerevich** 5-4, **Zablocki** 5-0, **Kouznetsov** 5-1.

## Women's Intercollegiate Christmas Invitation

By **Julia J. Pugliese**

Judy Morofsky of Hunter College defeated June Johnson of Rochester Tech, 4-0, in the fence-off for first place to top the field of 47 contestants in the annual Christmas Invitation Tournament of the Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association, held in Jersey City on December 15. Miss Morofsky's only loss in the final was to Barbi Brill of Rochester Tech, who finished third. This was the fourth consecutive year that the A.F.L.A. gold medal has been won by a Hunter undergraduate, as Harriet King won in 1955 and 1954, and Beverly Feigelman in 1953. The eleven competing colleges were Barnard, Brooklyn, Farleigh Dickinson, Goucher, Hunter, Jersey City, Montclair, N.Y.U., Paterson, Rochester Tech, and Temple.

**Finals:** (1) Morofsky, H., 6-1, won fence-off; (2) J. Johnson, RIT, 6-1; (3) B. Brill, RIT, 5-2; (4) D. Comerio, J.C., 3-4; (5) P. Schwabbe, H., 2-5, 22 t.; (6) D. O'Connor, J.C., 2-5, 24 t.; (7) M. Churchill, N.Y.U., 2-5, 25 t.; (8) J. Ulrickson, Pat., 2-5, 26 t.

**Semi-Finalists:** D. Bethel, Bklyn; C. Cox, H.; E. Eschen, NYU; P. Ruane, Pat. **Quarter-Finalists:** Triantafloou, Barnard; Bellavia and Gales, Bklyn; Galaida and Moran, FD; Gager, H.; McInerney, J.C.; Neuhs, Ross, and Stukowski, Pat.; Choate, RIT; Beckett, Temple.

## NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chairman Alvar Hermanson of the N.C.A.A. Rules Committee has released the rules for the National Collegiate Fencing Championships to be held at the University of Detroit on March 22 and 23. These rules follow the pattern set in previous years, except for two new items: (1) beginning this year, the jury **must** consist of five officials for all bouts; and (2) the experiment with the "no foul" rule has been discontinued; the new F.I.E. and A.F.L.A. rules will be in effect, so that a touch "off the target" in foil and sabre will stop the action and annul any subsequent touch.

### NORTH ATLANTIC INTERCOLLEGIATES

The seventh annual North Atlantic Intercollegiate Fencing Championships will be held on March 16, 1957 at Syracuse University. The three weapon tournament is held on one day, with the team events in the morning and afternoon and the individual championships in the evening. The University of Buffalo will be defending the Broad Sword trophy for the fifth straight year. Any school in the North Atlantic section interested in participating should write for particulars to Professor Ben Burt, Fencing Coach, Syracuse University, Syracuse 10, New York.

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# News from the Divisions

## Northern California

By Ferard Leicester

The following are the results of recent divisional competitions:

**Women's Junior**, 11/23/56, F.F.A.: (1) Carol Reid, Halberstadt, 8-2; (2) Edith Short, BF, 7-3; (3) Shon Brownlee, LAH, 6-4.

**Foil Team Junior**, 11/24/56, Stanford: (1) Composite team (McDougall, Glazer, Kelly) defeated Berkeley Fencers 5-0 in final.

**Sabre Junior**, 11/30/56, L.A.H.: (1) Laurance Brownlee, LAH, 5-1, fence-off; (2) Severo Pesol, LAH, 5-1; (3) Jack Anderson, SFSC, 4-2, 16 t.; (4) Leo Thompson, LAH, 4-2, 21 t.

**Epee Junior**, 12/7/56, H.S.F.: (1) Neils Schultz, 4-0; (2) Robert Simons, 2-2, 13 t.; (3) Leo Galvin, 2-2, 17 t.

**Women's Junior**, 12/14/56, F.F.A.: (1) Carol Reid, HSF, 3-0; (2) Huguette Arleton, FFA, 2-1; (3) Shon Brownlee, LAH, 1-2.

**Epee Intermediate**, 12/15/56, H.S.F.: (1) John McDougall, Stanford, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) Robert Searles, BF, 4-1; (3) Hart Kait, USN, 2-3, 19 t.; (4) Joseph Waffa, Mich., 2-3, 21 t.; (5) George Hampton, BF, 2-3, 22 t.; (6) Jose Tafoya, LAH, 1-4.

## Oregon

By William Kennard

Fencers vacationing or on business in the Pacific Northwest in July are invited by the Oregon Division to compete in the Highland Games Sabre Championship and the Robin Hood Festival Championships in foil, epee, and sabre. These are outdoor events held annually in the vicinity of Portland. In Portland, non-resident fencing privileges are extended to A.F.L.A. members at Nottingham's School of Fencing, 332 S.W. Madison. The results of 1956 competitions:

**Foil Intermediate**, 3/4/56: (1) Pat Buie, Reed; (2) Robert Evans, NSF; (3) Don Naylor, PFC.

**Epee Intermediate**, 4/27/56: (1) Bob Geier, unatt.; (2) Pat Buie, Reed; (3) Robert Fortner, NSF.

**Highland Games, Open Sabre**, 7/21/56: (1) Harry Jensen, RSMC; (2) Bob Geier, unatt.; (3) Don S. Naylor, PFC.

**Robin Hood Festival, Epee**, 7/27/56: (1) Bob Geier, unatt.; (2) Harry Jensen, RSMC; (3) Richard Socky, RSMC.

**Robin Hood Festival, Foil**, 7/28/56: (1) Harry Jensen, Richland SMC; (2) John McDougall, Stanford U.; (3) Bob Geier, unatt.

**Robin Hood Festival, Sabre**, 7/28/56: (1) Harry Jensen, RSMC; (2) Bob Geier, unatt.; (3) John McDougall, Stanford.

**Foil Open**, 12/17/56: (1) John McDougall, NSF; (2) Bob Geier, NSF; (3) Robert Evans, NSF.

## Kentucky

By Carl M. Burge

The division hopes for renewed interest in fencing in Lexington with the development of a new group sponsored by the City Recreation Division under the direction of Bob Hensley. The results of the Open Sabre event on December 9: (1) Bob Hensley, Lexington, 6-1; (2) Carl Burge, Louisville, 5-2; (3) Paul Ross, Lexington, 4-3, 24 t.; (4) Francis Wolff, Louisville, 4-3, 26 t.; (5) Bill Snedegar, Lexington, 4-3, 28 t.; (6) John Gehant, Louisville, 2-5, 31 t.; (7) Charles Thomas, Louisville, 2-5, 32 t.; (8) Jerry Cartwright, Louisville, 1-6.

## Northern Ohio

By Helen Hassler

The following are the results of meets held during the first half of the 1956-57 season, which drew 133 entries in 11 events:

**Foil Open**, 10/17/56: (1) R. C. Vickery, Woodland RC; (2) Jack Williams, Case; (3) Herb James, Woodland RC.

**Epee Open**, 10/14/56: (1) Al Styler, Woodland; (2) Al Musichuk, Cuyahoga Falls Blades; (3) Herb James, Woodland.

**Sabre Open**, 10/21/56: (1) Thomas Legeza, Woodland; (2) Glenn Knoll, Case; (3) Herb James, Woodland.

**Women's Open**, 10/28/56: (1) Lise Colvin, Woodland; (2) Joan Steigerwald, Woodland; (3) Kay Kitson, Cuyahoga Falls Blades.

**Sabre Novice**, 11/4/56: (1) Herb James, Woodland; (2) Al Musichuk, CFB; (3) G. Sobul, Ohio State U.

**Foil Prep**, 11/11/56: (1) James Powrie, CFB; (2) Ray Truby, CFB; (3) Valdez Gelazis, Fenn College.

**Women's Novice**, 11/11/56: (1) Esther Musichuk, CFB; (2) Nancy Sue Higgins, CFB; (3) Norma Simmons, Woodland.

**Epee Novice**, 11/18/56: (1) Guy Pinter, Fenn; (2) Ken Fetherhoff, Case; (3) Joseph Kitson, CFB.

**Foil Novice**, 12/2/56: (1) Al Styler, Woodland; (2) Herb James, Woodland; (3) Al Musichuk, CFB.

**Women's Junior**, 12/9/56: (1) Sue Billings, Salle Simonian; (2) Helen Hassler, Salle Simonian; (3) Norman Simmons, Woodland.

**Foil Junior**, 12/16/56: (1) Herb James, Woodland; (2) Al Styler, Woodland; (3) William Javrich, Salle Simonian.

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## Gulf Coast

By Mabel Morse

The following are the results of the first five prize competitions for the 1956-57 season:

### Texas City Rec. Center, 12/1/56

**Epee Novice**: (1) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 5-0; (2) Charles Robertson, Ind., 4-1; (3) T. R. Melton, Buc., 3-2.

**Sabre Novice**: (1) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 5-0; (2) Don Greene, UH, 4-1; (3) Charles Robertson, Ind., 2-3, 21/20; (4) Max Endel, HFC, 2-3, 21/16.

### Univ. of Houston, 12/8-9/56

**Women's Open**: (1) Betty Jean Kolenda, Ind., 5-0; (2) Marcelle Ducros, SdE, 4-1; (3) Nancy Derrick, SdE, 3-2; (4) Roxan Renneberg, Ind., 2-3; (5) Susan Platts, Lamar, 1-4; (6) Mabel Morse, SdE, 0-5.

**Foil Open**: (1) Jack Baird, Buc., 5-0; (2) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 3-2, 18 t.; (3) Ben Firth, CAFB, 3-2, 20 t.; (4) Desi Trevino, A&M, 2-3, 21 t.; (5) Don Greene, UH, 2-3, 22 t.; (6) Eugene Bui, A&M, 0-5.

**Sabre Open**: (1) Don Greene, UH, 4-0; (2) Jack Baird, Buc., 3-1; (3) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 2-2; (4) Desi Trevino, A&M, 1-3; (5) Mike Simmons, Rice, 0-4.

**Epee Open**: (1) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 5-1, won fence-off; (2) Ben Firth, CAFB, 5-1; (3) John Kirschke, 4-2, 8 t.; (4) Jack Baird, Buc., 4-2, 12 t.; (5) Paul W. Moomaw, Rice, 2-3; (6) Don Greene, UH, 1-5; (7) R. J. Betts, Rice, 0-6.

### Rice Institute, 12/15/56

**Women's Novice**: (1) Nancee Kirk, UH, 3-1, won fence-off; (2) Gloria Estrada, Buc., 3-1; (3) Susan Platts, Lamar, 2-2, 14 t.; (4) Ann Robertson, Lamar, 2-2, 17 t.

**Foil Novice**: (1) J. A. Elliott, A&M, 3-1, 2-0 on fence-off; (2) Don Greene, UH, 3-1, 1-1 on fence-off; (3) John Kirschke, A&M, 3-1, 0-2 on fence-off; (4) Robert T. Shelby, UH, 1-3; (5) Lou Conzibio, Ind., 0-4.

### Texas A&M, 1/5/57

**Epee Prep**: (1) John A. Kirschke, A&M, 5-0; (2) Robert W. Coker, A&M, 3-2, 9 t.; (3) Albert Yantis, A&M, 3-2, 10 t.

**Sabre Prep**: (1) John A. Kirschke, A&M, 4-0; (2) Pat Harrison, UH, 3-2; (3) Desi Trevino, A&M, 1-3, 16 t.; (4) David McClung, A&M, 1-3, 18/16; (5) Don W. Palombo, A&M, 1-3, 18/15.

### Texas City Rec. Center, 1/12/57

**Women's Prep**: (1) Susan Platts, Lamar, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) Nancee Kirk, UH, 4-1; (3) Mary Louise Ruiz, Travis, 3-2, 17 t.; (4) Cynthia Courtie, Buc., 3-2, 19 t.

**Foil Prep**: (1) Roger Melton, Buc., 5-0; (2) John Kirschke, A&M, 4-1; (3) Eugene Buie, A&M, 2-3, 22 t.; (4) Gene Wofford, Buc., 2-3, 23/21; (5) Robert Shelby, UH, 2-3, 23/19.

## PLANS FOR MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr. Paul E. Dahl, chairman, has announced the preliminary plans for the Midwest Championships to be held on May 4 and 5, 1957 at the Armory, 500 South 6th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota. The dead-line for receipt of entries is noon, April 29; for withdrawals, noon May 2. Epee, sabre, and women's foil are expected to start promptly at 9 a.m. on May 4; men's foil on May 5. The annual meeting is scheduled for 10:30 p.m. May 4.

A block of 50 rooms to accommodate approximately 150 visiting fencers has been reserved at the Curtis Hotel, 10th St. and Third Ave. South.

## New England

By Helen F. Kenney

The results of competitions held recently are listed here:

**Women's Prep**, 11/15/56: (1) Enid Lumley, Salle Elde; (2) Helen Daniels, Radcliffe; (3) Yulo Otero, Dana Hall.

**Epee Prep**, 11/16/56: (1) Les Dirks, MIT; (2) Arnis Silarajs, Latvian FC; (3) Robert Levis, unoff.

**Sabre Prep**, 11/30/56: (1) Larry Campbell, MIT; (2) Laurance Noble, Salle Elde; (3) Robert Dorn, Boston U.

**Sabre Novice**, 12/2/56: (1) Ted Hasbrouck, U. Conn.; (2) Saul Moskowitz, Brown; (3) Harold Miller, MIT.

**Women's Novice**, 12/8/56: (1) Toni Schoolman, N.Y. Fencers Club; (2) Heidi Fiske, YWCA; (3) Maureen Molloy, Saltus.

**Foil Novice**, 12/15/56: (1) David Tolan, Army; (2) William Trebilcock, Harvard; (3) Uldis Kakhtins, Latvian FC.

**Epee Novice**, 12/16/56: (1) Egils Kakhtins, Latvian FC; (2) Burton Moore, U. Conn.; (3) Roy Norris, MIT.

**Women's Handicap**, 1/5/57: (1) Sophie Parker, N.Y. Fencers Club; (2) Enid Lumley, Salle Elde; (3) Helen Kenney, YWCA.

**Epee Junior**, 1/6/57: (1) Clayton, U. of Conn.; (2) Burton Moore, U. Conn.; (3) R. Spinella, Waterbury YMCA.

## Connecticut

By Marion Traficanti

The following is a report on recent competitions:

**Foil**, 10/28/56: (1) Edgar Sanchez, Naugatuck YMCA; (2) John Norton, Yale; (3) Robert Goering, Yale.

**Women**, 11/4/56: (1) Maureen Garrick, Naugatuck YMCA; (2) Eva Schutt, Waterbury YMCA; (3) Palma Chiodo, Naugatuck YMCA.

**Three-Weapon**, 11/11/56: (1) Romolo Garbatini, New Haven YMCA; (2) Edgar Sanchez, Naugatuck YMCA; (3) Ralph Spinella, Waterbury Y.

**Foils for Two**, 11/18/56: Women's section: (1) Palma Chiodo, Naugatuck YMCA; (2) Marion Traficanti, Naugatuck YMCA; (3) Rose Barocco, New Haven YMCA. Men's section: (1) Sigfried Jesswein, Hartford YMCA; (2) C. Barton Brodrick, Norwalk YMCA; (3) Edgar Sanchez, Naugatuck Y.

## Washington, D. C.

By Letty Rogers

The following is a report on the outcome of competitions recently held in the division:

**Foil Novice**, 12/8/56: (1) Henry Rodriguez, DCFC; (2) Richard Yelton, DCFC; (3) Edward Harris, WFC.

**Women's Novice**, 12/8/56: (1) Billie Bryan, DCFC; (2) Joyce Freedman, DCFC; (3) Kate Curry, WFC.

**Epee Novice**, 12/16/56: (1) Talbert Dick, DCFC; (2) Sid Miller, Johns Hopkins; (3) Joseph Rivkin, Johns Hopkins.

**Sabre Novice**, 12/16/56: (1) Col. Nicholas Chavasse, DCFC; (2) Henry Rodriguez, DCFC; (3) Edward Harris, WFC.

## Maryland

By Gloria Lee Morrison

The two divisional competitions held in December gave the following results:

**Women - Beginners**, 12/5/56, 9 entries, Goucher College: (1) Clara Hoover, Goucher, 8-0; (2) Diane Kressler, Goucher; (3) Pamela K. Husted, Goucher.

**Foil - Beginners**, 12/14/56, 7 entries, International YWCA: (1) Peter J. Ruel, St. John's, 6-0; (2) Marshall Lasky, St. John's; (3) Jack Wilson, International Y.

## METROPOLITAN EVENTS

**Foil Novice**, 11/10/56 and 11/25/56: (1) Wolfe, CCNY, 5-1; (2) Reyes, Santelli, 4-2, 16 t.; (3) Ayres, Columbia, 4-2, 20 t.; (4) Greene, NYU, 3-3; (5) Mercurio, NYU, 2-4, 26 t.; (6) Desaro, NYU, 2-4, 28 t.; (7) Wertlieb, FC, 1-5.

**Foil Team Novice**, 12/1/56: (1) Salle Santelli (Reyes, Greenwalt, Prostick) defeated NYU "A" 6-3, Saltus 6-3, NYU "B" 5-4, in roundrobin.

**Sabre Team Novice**, 12/2/56: (1) NYU "A" (Paredo, Greene, Bavuso) defeated Fencers Club 5-4, Saltus 6-2, Columbia "B" 6-3, in finals. CCNY, Columbia "A" and Columbia "C" also competed.

**Foil Prep**, 12/13/56: (1) Kadish, 7-1; (2) Trotter, 5-3, 27 t.; (3) Colon, 5-3, 29 t.; (4) Dasaro, 4-4, 25 t.; (5) Sadick, 4-4, 31 t.; (6) Matlin, 4-4, 34 t.; (7) Goldstein, 3-5, 35 t.; (8) Jackson, 3-5, 37 t.; (9) Schmidt, 1-7.

**Mixed Doubles**, 12/16/56: (1) Santelli "B" (Betty Santelli 4-1 and Bob Blum, sabre, 4-1); (2) Connecticut "B" (Schutt, Gabertini, 6 v. 29/38); (3) Connecticut "C" (Millstein, Broderick, 6 v. 29/36); (4) Saltus "A", 4 v., 33 t.; (5) Santelli "A", 4 v., 36 t.; (6) Saltus "B", 2 v.

**Foil, College Invitation**, 12/27/56: **Finals**: (1) Peredo, NYU, 6-2, won fence-off; (2) Norton, Yale, 6-2; (3) Davis, NYU, 5-3; (4) Wommach, Navy, 4-4, 31 t.; (5) Glasser, CCNY, 4-4, 33 t.; (6) Wedemeyer, Yale, 3-5, 34 t.; (7) Gerwitz, Temple, 3-5, 35 t.; (8) Murdoch, Temple, 3-5, 36 t.; (9) Wolfe, CCNY, 2-6. **Semi-finalists**: Ayres, Columbia; Alessio, NYU; Russomano, N.D.; Finnerty, Friedman and Miller, Princeton; Schwartz, Rutgers; Hay and Powell, Yale.

**Epee Team Intermediate**, 1/5/57: (1) NYU "A" (Pascal, Rosenberg, Farrell) defeated Columbia "A" 5-0 on fence-off after each finished 2-1 in matches, 16 bouts won; (3) Saltus, (4) NYU "B". Salle Santelli and Columbia "B" also competed.

**Women's Team Intermediate**, 1/6/57: (1) Salle Lucia (Genton, Schwabbe, King) defeated Santelli 5-4, Saltus 6-3, NYU 9-0 in roundrobin.

**Women's Team Novice**, 1/12/57: (1) Salle Lucia (Schwabbe, Genton, Cox, Martin) defeated Jersey City STC, 5-0, Salle Santelli 5-4, Saltus-Pavlov composite 6-2, in roundrobin.

**Three-Weapon Team** (Honeycutt Trophy), 1/13/57: (1) Salle Santelli "A" (Kwattler, Goldstein and Bickley, Blum), 21 pts. against; (2) New York AC (Matusek, Santos, Pongo), 23 pts. against; (3) Santelli "B" (Reyes, Sims, McLaughlin), 30 pt. against.

**Women's Sr.-Int.**, 1/17/57: (1) Anne Drungis, Santelli, 7-2, won fence-off 4-1; (2) J. Schoek, FC, 7-2; (3) H. King, Lucia, 6-3; (4) H. Brewster, N.Eng., 5-4, 22 t.; (5) I. Balint, FC, 5-4, 25 t.; (6) J. Dardia, FC, 4-5, 23 t.; (7) D. F. Wortman, SS, 4-5, 28 t.; (8) B. Santelli, SS, 4-5, 31 t.; (9) E. Laws, Canada, 0-9.

**Foil, Sr.-Int.**, 1/19/57: (1) Allan Kwattler, Santelli, 9-2, won fence-off 5-4; (2) A. Axelrod, SS, 9-2; (3) A. Cohen, FC, 7-4, 33 t.; (4) R. Goldstein, SS, 7-4, 37 t.; (5) E. Quinn, NYAC, 7-4, 39 t.; (6) M. Brandeis, FC, 7-4, 41 t.; (7) J. Canvin, FC, 6-5; (8) A. Spingarn, FC, 4-7, 45/39; (9) S. D'Ambola, NJ, 4-7, 45/36; (10) P. Dufault, W., 3-8, 49 t.; (11) D. Marmer, FC, 3-8, 50 t.; (12) A. Rose, SS, 0-11.

**Sabre Team Intermediate**, 1/20/57: (1) Salle Santelli (Spector, Marcell, McLaughlin, Goldwyn) defeated Fencers Club "A" 5-4, Fencers Club "B" 5-4 and NYAC 6-3 in final. Saltus and CCNY also competed.

## DOROTHY FRIEDMAN MARRIED

Dorothy Friedman, A.F.L.A. non-divisional governor, was married on December 28, 1956 to Mr. Leon A. Wortman. Congratulations!

## Official A.F.L.A. Notes

By Ralph Goldstein, Sec.

The meeting of the Board of Governors on January 8 received the report of the nominating committee for national officers for 1957-58. This is printed elsewhere in this issue of American Fencing. The Board also received a report on the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne.

### F.I.E. Congress

The President reported on the meeting of the F.I.E. in Melbourne, which was attended by Jose de Capriles, Ralph Goldstein, Tibor Nyilas and George Worth. The U.S. delegation voiced objection to the failure of the F.I.E. to pay for the food and housing of the North American member of the Directoire Technique, Mr. Ettinger, while paying for these expenses of the European members. This discriminatory action was justified on the basis of a 1952 resolution of the F.I.E. The Board of Governors authorized a withholding of F.I.E. dues for this year until this matter is cleared up satisfactorily.

### 1957 World Championships

At the F.I.E. meeting in Melbourne, the Hungarian delegation announced the possibility that Budapest may not be able to hold the 1957 World Championships. The Congress gave the Hungarians until the end of January to make a definite decision. The U.S. delegation offered to hold the World Championships in this country in the event that they could not be held in Budapest.

The President stated that the University of Pennsylvania had offered the use of its facilities, but that it still would cost at least \$10,000 to finance the championships if they are awarded to the U.S. A major financial problem will have to be faced. The United States has never staged a major international fencing event, except the fencing portion of the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

### Classification Rules

The Board decided to hold the old classifications until the end of the 1956-57 season, in view of the confusion that would result from a change to the new system in the middle of the season. The classification of fencers in the new categories is to go forward, however, as rapidly as possible in order that any controversies may be decided before the 1957-58 season begins.

### Action on Divisions

A petition for the reinstatement of the charter of the Cincinnati Division was approved.

The Board approved the formation of the Charlotte, North Carolina Division, with jurisdiction over an area within a fifty mile radius of the city of Charlotte but not extending beyond the boundaries of North Carolina.

Deferred for future consideration were the formation of the Grand Canyon Division as an offshoot of Arizona Division, and the possibility of establishing an Oklahoma Division.

### Hungarian Athletes Tour

The Board of Governors approved the nation-wide tour sponsored by Sports Illustrated for a large group of Hungarian fencers and two gymnasts for the purpose of raising funds to relieve suffering in their home country.

## AN OLYMPIC JOURNAL

By Jose de Capriles

I kept no diary of the Olympic trip and a day-to-day account would only bore you. But there were some experiences which are an integral part of the non-fencing side of the Games.

We assembled in Los Angeles on November 3rd and during our two-day stay we were very grateful for the wonderful reception which the fencers of the Southern California Division (and some from the Northern California group) extended to us. Wally Goldsmith met us and put himself at our disposal; Marty Kirschner devoted all his time to us and was simply wonderful; the Division held a banquet at the Los Angeles A.C. and we had the pleasure of renewing old acquaintances and making new friends.

Our plane for the trip was manned by Air Force personnel who proved to be very pleasant and efficient. The Pentathlon was assigned to the same plane, so we had Bill Andre along with us; his events preceded our epe team competition and we would only be able to see him on the second day. Hawaii was our first stop and for many of us the 36-hour stay was much too short. We stayed at the Royal Hawaiian on Waikiki Beach and enjoyed it thoroughly. We then proceeded to Canton Island for a brief refueling stop, jumped to the Fiji Island for another breather, and arrived in Melbourne at 3 P.M. on November 9. That night, and for the rest of the Games, we found out that the food department had really outdone itself—it was the best food any of us could recall from previous Games. The weather turned out to be very uncertain and, as one Australian put it, we had four seasons each day for the first two weeks or so. The training is covered in the main report. We were assigned two houses, and the team split as follows: Axelrod, Bukantz, Goldsmith, Goldstein, Hoitsma, Lubell, Pew and Shurtz in one; Armitage Cohen, Csizsar, de Capriles, Dyer, Krieger, Kwartler, Nyilas and Worth. Our three girls were housed in the women's section of the village, but for the first time the girls lived in the same area and used the same village facilities so that it made it much nicer for all concerned (although they did have a big iron fence around their sleeping quarters and a guard was stationed at the gate). I set curfew for all of us at ten P.M. with an occasional relaxation to midnight. Everyone was aware of his responsibility to the team and cooperated to the fullest. The spirit of this group was really wonderful.

When Curt Ettinger arrived I learned that the acting F.I.E. president was under the impression that Ettinger and the Australian members of the *Directoire Technique* were in the capacity of observers or trainees and that all decisions and votes were in the hands of the three European veterans: Roszgonyi, Cuccia and Mercier. We soon got this impression corrected and had no trouble thereafter.

The Mayor of St. Kilda held a reception at his beautiful Town Hall (where the fencing championships were held) for the fencers and yachtsmen of all nations. I was asked to make the response to his honor's

address of welcome. It was nine days before the Championships, so we relaxed training. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet all the other fencers and the Mayor took a liking to us and became our friend for the rest of the Games. He presented me with a genuine boomerang from the interior. The Russians went out of their way to be friendly, but actually there is nothing strange about it. The athletes at these Games have in the past established that politics has no place in sport. As you will see later, this is not always true of the officials.

I made the interesting discovery that when you pull out the plug in the bathtub the water runs down the drain counter-clockwise. Although language was no problem to us in Melbourne, differences in expression some times caused raised eye-brows: one of our girls was invited to go out on Sunday and her escort asked her whether she'd like to go to the beach or preferred to go in the bush with him. Of course the bush turned out to be the country.

The president of the Australian Fencing Association held a reception at his home for the team captains and Games officials, and I took our three girls along. It was fun to watch Judy's awe at meeting such world figures as D'Oriola and Mangiarotti for the first time. Lady Clarke invited six or eight of our team to a baraque at her estate in the "bush" and I had an interesting conversation with the mother of Lady Clarke when she asked me what I thought of Australians. Apparently she had some reservations about Americans, because when I told her I liked the Australians and found them very much like our mid-west and south-west Americans, she replied, "I'll have to think that one over," in a tone which indicated she wasn't sure it was a compliment.

Nick Murray and his wife Peggy arrived and we had dinner together several times. He was assigned as a judge for the Games, and was on his way around the world.

I was invited by General Popov, leader of the Russians, to a luncheon on board the ship *Gruzia* which had carried the major part of the Russian athletes and officials to Melbourne. This is the ship that was "lost" for some time during the early revolt in Hungary. The General was very friendly and called for me in his personal car to take me to the ship. When we arrived to the dock there was a crowd of curious spectators. At the luncheon I found the leaders of many countries, but the Hungarians were conspicuous by their absence. Two Poles attended and seemed so uncomfortable that I inquired why they had come. I was told that the invitation had been turned down, but they were then advised that if they failed to attend it would be considered a deliberate affront. They came in the hope of avoiding any incidents later on during the Games. In addition, the boat which the Russians bragged so much about as their navy's pride turned out to be one which had been built for Poland in England and confiscated from her by the Russians. I liked these two Poles and sat next to them during the luncheon (which of course provided much vodka) and had the thrill of listening to two toasts: "To Poland and her new found freedom" and "To President

Eisenhower and his continued health." I left the luncheon with the Poles.

Lady Clarke's barbaque was a splendid affair. We were represented by Jan and Maxine, Nyilas, Dyer, Worth, Kwartler, Cohen and myself. A dance-floor had been set up on the lawn outside the main house, and big circus tents covered tables loaded with all sorts of meats and salads. Outside, a huge grill was cooking steaks (and the Australians have wonderful beef). A native came out to one of the pastures and demonstrated the art of throwing a boomerang and everyone had a good time.

The degree to which the Australians put themselves out to make the Games a success is best illustrated by two examples. At the Olympic Village there were a large number of housewives who would come every morning for several hours to clean the rooms and make the beds. They came without pay and contributed their efforts to the success of the Games. At the fencing competitions a large body of men and young ladies was needed every day at 8:30 A.M. for scorekeepers, timers, runners, administration, and the typing of each day's results so that each team received a copy the following morning. All of these people were there on time and stayed as late as 1 A.M. sometimes. What did they get for the two weeks grueling effort? The gratitude of all of us and the pride of having helped. Oh, yes . . . they had the privilege of a free luncheon at the restaurant in Town Hall.

As the Games drew to a close we had our team party at one of the best restaurants in the city. The team presented Csizsar, Worth and me with gifts, a gesture which touched us deeply.

The trip home always seems slow, yet our only regret was that we hit Hawaii at night and couldn't spend at least another 36 hours there. When we landed at the Fiji Islands we found there was something wrong with one engine. At first it was thought we would have to stay there several hours or even a whole day. Some of our passengers (not fencers) left the airport and went into the small town. In the meantime the pilot got the engine turning by making a runway start. Once it was running he didn't dare turn it off for fear it would fail to start again; he couldn't keep it running and wait for the people to get back from town because we were going to Hawaii non-stop and couldn't lose that much fuel. We took off and left several people behind.

When we landed in Los Angeles, some of us only had a few hours for the connection to New York. Wally Goldsmith, the old reliable, was at the airport to greet us.

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### JAMES MURRAY

"Jimmy" Murray, retired Columbia University and New York Athletic Club fencing master, died on January 28 after a long illness. He was close to 90 years of age.

The career of James Murray, dean of American fencers, was featured just two years ago in *American Fencing* (February 1955 issue).

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# National Calendar

## FEBRUARY

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| 16 Gulf Coast—E&W—Jr. Qual.              | 2:00 pm  | Rice Inst.              |
| New England—SABRE—Shakespeare Team       | 2:00 pm  | Lotvian F.C.            |
| No. Calif.—FOIL—Interm. Team             | 8:00 pm  | Stanford                |
| Western N.Y.—FOIL—Team                   | 7:00 pm  | Y.M.H.A.                |
| 17 Metropolitan—FOIL—Team Ch. Q.R. Nat.  | 10:00 am | N.Y.A.C.                |
| New England—FOIL—Open                    | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.                  |
| No. Ohio—EPEE—Open                       | 1:30 pm  | Fenn                    |
| Wash., D.C.—SABRE—Messineo Open          | 1:30 pm  | YMCA                    |
| 22 Metropolitan—EPEE—Team Special        | noon     | Fencers Club            |
| 22-23 Intercollegiate—WESTERN CONFERENCE |          | San Francisco St. Coll. |
| 23 Gulf Coast—F-E-S-W—Interm. Qual.      | 9:00 am  | U. Houston              |
| Western N.Y.—F&S—Prep                    | 7:00 pm  | U. Buffalo              |
| 24 Metropolitan—SABRE—Team Ch. Q.R. Nat. | 11:00 am | N.Y.A.C.                |
| New England—EPEE—Open                    | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.                  |
| No. Ohio—EPEE—Team Ch.                   | 1:30 pm  | Case                    |

## MARCH

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|------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1 No. Calif.—SABRE—Open                  | 8:00 pm  | Letterman AH          |
| 2 Gulf Coast—E&S—Novice Qual.            | 2:00 pm  | Teaxs A&M             |
| Long Island—FOIL—Open                    |          | to be ann.            |
| No. Calif.—WOMEN—Interm. Team            | 8:00 pm  | Berkeley F.           |
| Western N.Y.—WOMEN—Team                  | 1:00 pm  | Neighb.House          |
| 3 Metropolitan—WOMEN—Novice              | noon     | Santelli              |
| New England—FOIL—Levis Team              | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.                |
| No. Ohio—SABRE—Team Ch.                  | 1:30 pm  | Case                  |
| 8 New England—EPEE—Team                  | 6:00 pm  | Latvian F.C.          |
| Western N.Y.—E-Prep—F-Novice             | 7:30 pm  | U. Buffalo            |
| 9 Gulf Coast—F-S-W—Open Inv., Qual.      | 2:00 pm  | San Antonio           |
| Metropolitan—SABRE—Novice                | 1:00 pm  | Saltus Club           |
| New England—WOMEN—Team                   | 1:30 pm  | Latvian F.C.          |
| No. Calif.—SABRE—Open Team               | 8:00 pm  | Letterman AH          |
| Western N.Y.—3 WEAPON—Ind.               | noon     | Neighb.House          |
| 9-10 Border—F-E-S-W—Prep                 | 1:00 pm  | Holloman AFB          |
| 10 Metropolitan—EPEE—Novice              | 10:00 am | Fencers Club          |
| No. Ohio—FOIL—Team Ch.                   | 1:30 pm  | Case                  |
| Wash., D.C.—F&W—(Uncl. only)             | 1:30 pm  | YMCA                  |
| 15-16 Intercollegiate—ICFA CHAMPIONSHIPS |          | Concourse Plaza, N.Y. |
| 16 Intercollegiate—NORTH ATLANTIC        |          | Syracuse University   |
| Gulf Coast—F-W—Novice Qual.              | 2:00 pm  | Rice Inst.            |
| No. Calif.—WOMEN—Open                    | 8:00 pm  | S.F.S.C.              |
| 17 Metropolitan—F-E-S—MASTERS            | 10:00 am | Fencers Club          |
| New England—3 WEAPON—Castello Team       | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.                |
| No. Ohio—EPEE—Div. Ch.                   | 1:30 pm  | Case                  |
| Wash., D.C.—E-S—(Uncl. only)             | 1:30 pm  | YMCA                  |
| 22-23 Intercollegiate—NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS |          | U. of Detroit         |
| 23 Gulf Coast—F&S—Prep Qual.             | 2:00 pm  | to be ann.            |
| Metropolitan—FOIL—Novice                 | 10:00 am | N.Y.A.C.              |
| New England—SABRE—Interm.                | 2:00 pm  | Harvard               |
| 24 Metropolitan—WOMEN—Interm.            | 1:00 pm  | Santelli              |
| New England—EPEE—Interm.                 | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.                |
| No. Calif.—WOMEN—H. Mayer Mem.           | 2 pm     | Burke School, SF      |
| 28 New Jersey—WOMEN—Ch., Q.R.Nat.        | 7:00 pm  | to be ann.            |
| 30 Metropolitan—EPEE—Interm.             | 10:00 am | Fencers Club          |
| New England—WOMEN—Interm.                | 1:30 pm  | M.I.T.                |
| No. Calif.—EPEE—Open                     | 8:00 pm  | Berkeley F.           |
| Western N.Y.—E&S—Interm.                 | 1:00 pm  | U. Buffalo            |
| 31 Metropolitan—FOIL—College Freshmen    | 1:00 pm  | Santelli              |
| No. Ohio—FOIL—Div. Ch.                   | 1:30 pm  | Fenn                  |
| Wash., D.C.—E-W—Open Div. Ch.            | 1:30 pm  | YMCA                  |

## APRIL

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| 5 No. Calif.—FOIL—Open                   | 8:00 pm  | Letterman AH   |
| 6 Gulf Coast—E-W—Prep Qual.              | 2:00 pm  | Rice Inst.     |
| Long Island—SABRE—Open                   |          | to be ann.     |
| New England—FOIL—Prep                    | 2:00 pm  | Brandeis       |
| 7 ALL-OHIO—F-E-S-W—State Ch.             | All day  | Columbus, O.   |
| Metropolitan—SABRE—Interm.               | 10:00 am | Fencers Club   |
| New England—FOIL—Interm.                 | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.         |
| Wash., D.C.—FOIL—Open Div. Ch.           | 1:30 pm  | YMCA           |
| 12 No. Calif.—FOIL—Open Team             | 8:00 pm  | Letterman AH   |
| 13 Intercollegiate—WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS |          | Rochester Tech |
| New England—WOMEN—Prep                   | 1:30 pm  | Brandeis       |
| No. Calif.—WOMEN—Open Team               | 8:00 pm  | Berkeley F.    |
| 13-14 Border—F-E-S-W, 3 W. Open Teams    | 1:00 pm  | El Paso YMCA   |
| Gulf Coast—E&S, Open & Team, Qual.       | 2:00 pm  | Texas A&M      |

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| 14 New England—3-WEAPON—Ind.         | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.         |
| No. Ohio—WOMEN—Div. Ch.              | 1:30 pm  | Fenn           |
| Wash., D.C.—SABRE—Open Div. Ch.      | 1:30 pm  | YMCA           |
| Western N.Y.—3 WEAPON—Team           | 10:00 am | Baden St. S.H. |
| 20 Gulf Coast—F-E-W—Open Inv., Qual. | 2:00 pm  | Galveston      |
| No. Calif.—EPEE—Open Team            | 8:00 pm  | Berkleye F.    |
| 27 New England—WOMEN—Cass Trophy     | 1:30 pm  | Camb. YWCA     |
| Western N.Y.—WOMEN—Div. Ch.          | 7:00 pm  | B.J.C.         |
| 27-28 Gulf Coast—F&W—Open & Team Q.  | 2:00 pm  | U. Houston     |
| 28 Metropolitan—SABRE—Ch. Q.R. Nat.  | 10:00 am | N.Y.A.C.       |
| New England—SABRE—Div. Ch.           | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.         |
| No. Ohio—SABRE—Div. Ch.              | 1:30 pm  | Case           |
| Wash., D.C.—3 WEAPON—Div. Ch.        | 1:30 pm  | YMCA           |
| Western N.Y.—FOIL—Div. Ch.           | 1:30 pm  | B.J.C.         |

## MAY

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| 3 New England—FOIL—Boys under 15     | 6:00 pm  | Latvian F.C.          |
| 4 Metropolitan—EPEE—Ch. Q.R. Nat.    | 10:00 am | Fencers Club          |
| Long Island—EPEE—Open                |          | to be ann.            |
| Western N.Y.—E-S—Div. Ch.            | 1:30 pm  | B.J.C.                |
| 4-5 Midwest—SECTIONAL CHAMP.         |          | Minneapolis, Minn.    |
| North Atlantic—SECTIONAL CHAMP.      |          | Wilmington, Del.      |
| 5 Metropolitan—WOMEN—Ch. Q.R. Nat.   | 1:00 pm  | Santelli              |
| 11 Metropolitan—FOIL—Ch. Q.R. Nat.   | 1:00 pm  | N.Y.A.C.              |
| New England—EPEE—Div. Ch.            | 2:00 pm  | Harvard               |
| 12 New England—FOIL—H.S. Boys        | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.                |
| No. Ohio—F-E—Gilman Trophy           | 1:30 pm  | Fenn                  |
| 17 Western N.Y.—4 WEAPONS—Team       | 10:00 am | U. Buffalo            |
| 18-19 Pacific Coast—SECTIONAL CHAMP. |          | San Francisco, Calif. |
| 19 New England—FOIL—Div. Ch.         | 2:00 pm  | M.I.T.                |
| No. Ohio—F-W—Hdcp. under 16          | 2:00 pm  | Fenn                  |

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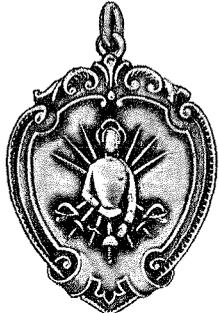
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# National Nominations



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## THOMPSON NOMINATED FOR A.F.L.A. PRESIDENCY

The A.F.L.A.'s nominating committee for national officers consisting of Dr. James H. Flynn, chairman, Fred Duncan, Mabel Morse, Marvin Metzger and Daniel Lyons has submitted a unanimous report nominating the following officers for the 1957-58 fencing season:

For President, Mr. Donald S. Thompson, Shaker Heights 22, Ohio; for Vice-President, Mr. Gerard Biagini, San Francisco, California; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Edmond Zeisig, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 3rd Vice-President, Mr. Calvert E. Schlick, Baltimore, Maryland; 4th Vice-President, Mr. Jack Carnell, North Texas Division.

For Secretary, Mr. Ralph Goldstein, Yonkers 2, New York; for Treasurer, Mr. Leo Sobel, Bronx 51, N. Y.; for Foreign Secretary, Mr. Tracy Jaeckel, New York, N. Y.

According to the By-Laws of the A.F.L.A., additional nominations may be made on written petition of not less than ten voting members of the League provided such petition is presented to the Secretary of the League by April first. No candidates other than those nominated by the nominating committee or by petition may be elected at the annual meeting.

The nominating committee's report follows the custom of replacing the President after a four-year period of service and of rotating the vice-presidents (each representing a section). Mr. Biagini, Mr. Zeisig and Mr. Schlick are currently 2nd, 3rd and 4th vice-presidents, while Mr. Carnell replaces Harold Van Buskirk as the representative of the Southwest Section. The other nominees are present incumbents of their positions.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Northern Ohio Division team that won the national epee championship in 1952. He served as a vice-president of the A.F.L.A. in 1952-55, when he went out of office in regular rotation. He was then appointed by the Board of Governors as a special vice-president in charge of arrangements for the 1959 Pan American Championships which are scheduled to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Thompson has been a life-long fencing enthusiast, and has taken an active part in the management of several national championship tournaments. He is an officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He is the father of Donald G. Thompson, member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic fencing team, and of Miss Gail Thompson, also a fencer. Young Donald's wife, Sue, is one of the outstanding foilswomen of the Midwest.

Mr. Thompson is the first non-New Yorker to be nominated by the official nominating committee for the A.F.L.A. Presidency in the 68-year history of the League. His nomination was in a measure made possible by the formation of the New York Metropolitan Division last year; formerly the New York fencers—the largest group in the A.F.L.A.—were "non divisional" members directly under the authority of the national officers and the national board of governors.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

By Tracy Jaeckel

**Military Championship.** The World Military Championships have been scheduled for April 22-29 in Luxembourg. The following A.F.L.A. members have requested permission to represent the United States: Col. William B. Kunzig, Hobart Edmonds, Joseph Velarde, Robert Goldman, Charles Steinhardt, Aubrey Seeman, Jerry Mau and Richard Pew.

**U.S.S.R. Invitation.** The U.S.S.R. has sent a formal invitation to the A.F.L.A. for U.S. participation in the "Third Friendly International Games" in Moscow to be held in July 1957. The dates have been set for the convenience of those intending to participate in the World Championships in Budapest. (There is, however, considerable doubt that the World Championships will be held in Budapest due to the political situation there.)

**New Epee Point.** The F.I.E. is investigating the possibility of approving a new-style flat epee point.

**Necrology.** In December, Mr. Rene Lacroix of France, founder the International Fencing Federation, died. He was the oldest Honorary Member of the F.I.E.



Scene at Salsus-McBurney Masquerade for benefit of Olympic Fund.

**NOTICE:** The Rules Committee regrets to announce that the publication of the new Rules Book and Manual has been unavoidably delayed for a few weeks.

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