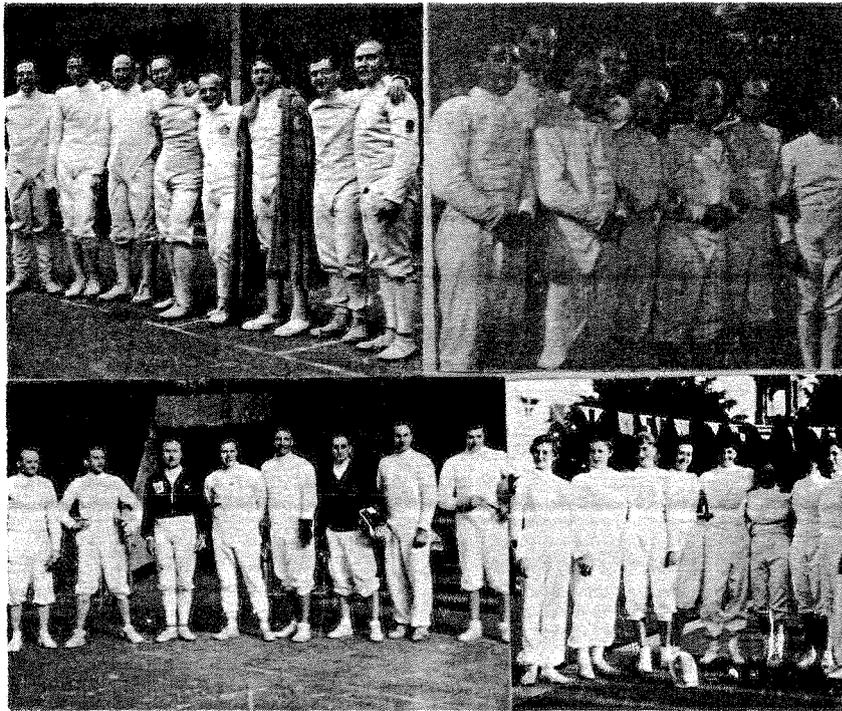


# American Fencing



U. S. - BRITISH EMPIRE TEAMS

TOP LEFT (EPEE): Skrobisch, Brooke, Schwende, de Capriles, Asselin, Makler, Berry, de Beaumont.  
 TOP RIGHT (SABRE): Gorlin, Cohen, Kwartler, Dyer, Szabolesky, Krassa, Vida, Erdely.  
 BOTTOM LEFT (FOIL): Vida, Fethers, de Beaumont, Reynolds, Bukantz, Krieger, Axelrod, Spingarn.  
 BOTTOM RIGHT (LADIES): Goodrich, Chambers, Acel, Kun, Gilbert, Allan, Sheen, Dalton.

## U. S. vs. British Empire

By Jose de Capriles

A match was finally arranged for August 27 and 28 between a U.S. team and one made up of representatives from the British Empire. The Executive Committee selected enough top-ranking fencers so that we had 4-man teams without using anyone in two weapons. The team of twelve men and four girls went to Toronto at their own expense and when we assembled for the matches it was very gratifying to find 15 other lunatics who made the trip just for fun and to cheer us on. From the lunatics we named James Flynn manager, Anthony Orsi trainer, Lajos Csiszar coach and William Reda score keeper.

The competitions were keen, yet there was the highest sportsmanship and fellowship so that everyone had a wonderful time. With the exception of the foil, each team match was very close and the results could have been reversed without discredit to anyone.

We were clearly superior in foil, taking the lead at 3-1, 6-2, 8-3 and 9-3 with the final score 12-4. Bukantz and Krieger were undefeated and Axelrod lost only a close one to Australia's champion Fethers. Spingarn was a last-minute replacement for Lubell; it was his first international match and he came through with one victory.

The epee team was next, and although we won 10-6 there were ten bouts which went to 2-2. Once again Makler proved his worth as an internationalist by winning his four bouts. At Helsinki we dubbed him our D'Oriolo and apparently he wants to keep the name. The U.S. got off to a 5-1 lead, then dropped three of the next four to lead 6-4. At this point Skrobisch, de Capriles and Makler won in that order to clinch the match at 9-4. Berry, our fourth man, dropped two 3-2 bouts and won one.

The ladies' event was dominated by Miss Kun of Canada and Miss Sheen of England. Both fenced as experienced champions and accounted for 8 of their team's 10 victories.

Four of those eight victories were by one-touch margins, so again the final result does not indicate how close the match really was. Miss Acel and Miss Goodrich showed to best advantage for the U.S. Miss Acel continued her marked improvement of this year and Miss Goodrich definitely has the poise and ability which will make her an excellent internationalist.

The sabre was a perfect climax to the two-day event. The British Empire had no team, so it was decided to accept a challenge from four Hungarian-Canadians. The final score in our favor was 9-7 and we had to come from behind all the way. Canada got off to a 2-0 lead, then our stars Gorlin and Kwartler tied it at 2-2; the next four bouts were also split. With the score 4-4 Canada took two for a 4-6 lead and Gorlin made it 5-6. Szabolesky, who starred for Canada, then upset Kwartler to make it 5-7 and things looked bad. Dyer, Cohen, Gorlin and Kwartler accounted for the last four bouts and victory. The first three bouts in this last series were won by such wide margins that the U.S. had a commanding lead on touches. The last bout, between Kwartler and Erdely, went to 4-4 and was finally won by a perfectly executed attack with the point.

### SCORES

**Foil Team:** USA 12, B.E. 4

Bukantz d. Vida 5-3, deBeaumont 5-2, Reynolds 5-3, Fethers 5-3; Krieger d. de Beaumont 5-3, Reynolds 5-2, Fethers 5-3, Vida 5-4; Axelrod d. Reynolds 5-3, Vida 5-0, deBeaumont 5-0; Spingarn d. Vida 5-2.

Fethers d. Spingarn 5-1, Axelrod 5-4; deBeaumont d. Spingarn 5-2; Reynolds d. Spingarn 5-3; Vida lost all.

**Epee Team:** USA 10, B.E. 6

Makler d. Schwende 3-2, deBeaumont 3-1, Brooke 3-2, Asselin 3-1; Skrobisch d. Brooke 3-2, Schwende 3-1, deBeaumont 3-2; de Capriles d. Asselin 3-0, deBeaumont 3-2; Berry d. Brooke 3-2.

Schwende d. de Capriles 3-2, Berry 3-2; Asselin d. Skrobisch 3-2, Berry 3-2; deBeaumont d. Berry 3-1; Brooke d. de Capriles 3-1.

**Ladies' Team:** B.E. 10, USA 6

Kun d. Dalton 4-3, Chambers 4-3, Acel 4-2, Goodrich 4-3; Sheen d. Goodrich 4-3, Dalton 4-1, Chambers 4-1, Acel 4-3; Gilbert d. Chambers 4-1; Allan d. Dalton 4-1.

Acel d. Allan 4-2, Gilbert 4-3; Goodrich d. Allan 4-1, Gilbert 4-0; Chambers d. Allan 4-3; Dalton d. Gilbert 4-2.

**Sabre Team:** USA 9, Canada 7

Kwartler d. Vida 5-2, Krassa 5-3, Erdely 5-4; Gorlin d. Erdely 5-4, Krassa 5-3, Szabolesky 5-2; Cohen d. Erdely 5-2, Krassa 5-2; Dyer d. Vida 5-1.

Szabolesky d. Cohen 5-4, Dyer 5-0, Kwartler 5-3; Vida d. Gorlin 5-4, Cohen 5-4; Erdely d. Dyer 5-2; Krassa d. Dyer 5-4.

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## President's Annual Message

The very complete coverage which **American Fencing** now provides throughout the year has greatly reduced the importance of an annual progress report by the president.

I do want to take this opportunity, however, to thank all of you who have made our modest progress possible.

We have increased our membership by one-third and have thereby improved our national finances to a point where we may soon be able to operate without the traditionally heavy demands on the non-divisional Metropolitan group. We are on the right road but still have a long way to go: the national treasury must provide insulated strips for our national epee championships; within another year or two we will again have the very heavy expenditure for a new edition of the Rules Book; there will be some expense in connection with the new electrical foil. All of this means that our membership drive must continue to gain momentum. **American Fencing** has again proved its tremendous value in increasing and consolidating our scattered membership.

Our professional Associate members have shown a great willingness to cooperate; their efforts have helped us and I see no signs of the dire consequences which had been predicted. We should make better use of their talents and the time they are willing to devote to our organization. But we are failing to make the most of this new Associate classification. It is not only available to our professional brethren; it includes all amateur non-competitors and was created to encourage former and now inactive fencers to rejoin our ranks. A little effort in this direction, especially by our older divisions, should prove fruitful. I again want to suggest the use of this membership to cement the interest of our non-fencing audience at competitions and exhibitions.

We have reorganized some of the administrative procedures in the national office and hope they will produce a higher efficiency. A comprehensive check list of the duties of divisional secretaries, with explanatory material, has been mailed to all divisions in the hope that changes in personnel will not cause a lag in efficient reporting. In the past such changes in personnel have frequently resulted in failure to give new members their copies of **American Fencing** until the season was almost over.

This season the Olympic Committee will select and train a Pan-American Team which will reflect credit on all of us. The A.F.L.A. must contribute to the general fund-raising effort and, in addition, we will have to finance a girl's team. Although the Olympic Committee has not allotted funds for a women's team, we feel sure that the girls will make an excellent showing. This will enhance our international standing and increase the possibilities of our taking a full fencing contingent to the 1956 Olympic Games. The New York Metropolitan Governors have approved a special competitor's tax of 5 cents for Novice events, 10 cents for Junior and Intermediate, and 15 cents for Senior events to help raise the necessary funds; I urge every division to follow this example.

Your National and Divisional officers, as well as the many committeemen, are interested in improving the A.F.L.A. These unselfish enthusiasts give a great deal of their time, without remuneration and frequently at considerable inconvenience, so that we may enjoy organized competitive fencing throughout this country. Give them your support and constructive criticism; both will be appreciated. On their behalf I extend to you sincerest wishes for a pleasant fencing season.

—Jose de Capriles

## JAPAN AND UNITED STATES TIE IN FENCING

By Alfred P. Rubin

The three-weapon fencing match between the Japanese Olympic squad and a U.S. tri-service team authorized by the Far East Command was held on Saturday, May 29, and went off more satisfactorily than anybody had dared hope. The judging was up to the best standards—completely impartial and consistent. Each weapon was fenced to five wins, so that a total of 22 bouts was sufficient to determine the results. The United States won in foil; Japan won in sabre; and the two teams tied in the epee, which was fenced with the electrical weapon.

Lt. Robert Nielson, U.S.A.F., with three victories, and Lt. J. G. Alfred P. Rubin, U.S.N., with two victories were undefeated and accounted for the foil match. Lt. Stuart Paltrow, U.S.A., was the third member of the U.S. foil team.

In sabre, Munemitsu Shirai and Katsuhisa Iida were undefeated to win for Japan, 5-1. Shirai was the best fencer in the tournament. He had missed by one qualifying for the finals in foil at Dortmund last year, and in sabre he had no difficulty against the U.S. fencers. He has an excellent style and is only 23 years old. Lt. JG Raymond Potts, U.S.N., won the only victory for the United States.

In epee, Arthur Bruce, Navy, won two and lost one; John Stomfag-Stitz, Army, broke even 1 1/2-1 1/2; and Major William Mc Garvey, Army, won one and lost two.

Miss Christine Haycok, Lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps, fenced four Japanese girls and broke even in her four bouts.

The sportsmanship was exemplary throughout the meet, and this was helped to no small extent by the obvious irreplaceable quality of the judging.

### ELECTRICAL EPEE

John C. McKee announces that he has received permission from the publishers of "Electrical Manufacturing" to reproduce a fine technical article on the electrical epee by Mr. W. R. Durrett, and will make photo-offset copies available to all fencers without cost. A copy may be obtained by sending Mr. McKee a **stamped, self-addressed envelope bearing 6¢ postage.** Mr. McKee, fencing master for the Cavaliers and the Dragons, may be reached at 1301 Pearl Street, Santa Monica, California.

### PAN AMERICAN GAMES

In order to help finance the participation of a women's team in the Pan-American Games next March, the Southern California Division will run two gala events, with all profits to be earmarked for the international fund reserve. For the same purpose, a special tax will be levied upon metropolitan competitions, to be 5 cents for novice, 10 cents for junior and intermediate, and 15 cents for senior events.

## 1956 OLYMPIC FENCING SCHEDULE

The organizing committee of the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne, Australia, has announced the schedule of the various events, including of course fencing. The Games as a whole will run for 17 days, 2 more than customary, due to the fact that nothing will be scheduled on Sundays. The opening ceremony will be on Thursday, November 22. The Games will close on Saturday, December 8.

### Fencing Schedule

**Foil team**—Friday and Saturday, November 23-24.

**Foil individual**—Monday and Tuesday, November 26-27.

**Women's individual**—Wednesday and Thursday, November 28-29 (and Friday, November 30 if needed).

**Epee team**—Wednesday and Thursday, November 28-29.

**Epee individual**—Friday and Saturday, November 30-December 1.

**Sabre team**—Monday and Tuesday, December 3-4.

**Sabre individual**—Wednesday and Thursday, December 5-6.

The fencing events will take place in the Town Hall of St. Kilda, a suburb on Port Phillip Bay within a short distance of the center of Melbourne. The Town Hall is on the main street-car route, four miles from the "city." Provision has been made for about 200 contestants and 140 officials.

Two adjoining halls are reserved for fencing; the over-all dimensions are 135 ft by 130 ft., so that six, and possibly eight, full length strips will be available. A dais in the middle will accommodate the bout committee. Space has been provided for dressing rooms, medical office, administrative office, armory, and lounge rooms.

Visiting teams will be housed in a self-contained Olympic Village built by the Victorian State Government, designed to take care of 6,000 male competitors and officials. A total of 3,000 rooms, some in apartment houses and some in 5-room houses, will be used for sleeping quarters; kitchens and dining rooms will be installed in separate buildings. Women competitors will be housed at two residential colleges of Melbourne University.

The Olympic Village will be located in Heidelberg, a residential suburb about eight miles from the Main Stadium, and about twelve miles from the Town Hall of St. Kilda. official delegations, the F.I.E. has made arrangements to reserve 30 rooms with bath in good hotels near St. Kilda. Single rooms with bath will cost \$10 per day.

### F.I.E. LICENSES

Promptness and accuracy in the issuance of F.I.E. licenses has been difficult because the F.I.E. operates on the calendar-year basis, while the A.F.L.A. records are kept on a season basis. To remedy the situation, the Foreign Secretary has been instructed to request F.I.E. licenses for the calendar year 1955 for all A.F.L.A. active members in good standing on August 31, 1954. The same pattern is to be followed in subsequent years.

## British Empire Championships

By Carl Schwende

The British Empire Games were held at Vancouver in August and produced the following results in fencing:

**Foil Team** was won by England, with R. Pcul, A. Cooperman and A. Jay. Second was taken by Australia, with Canada third.

**Foil Individual** was won by Rene Paul of England. John Fethers of Australia placed second and A. Jay of England third.

**Epee Team** was won by England, with R. Paul, A. Jay and C. deBeaumont. Canada placed second and Australia third.

**Epee Individual** was won by I. Lund of Australia. Rene Paul of England placed second and Carl Schwende of Canada was third.

**Ladies' Individual** was won by M. Glen-Haig of England, with her team mate G. Sheen placing second and Eileen of Wales third.

**Sabre Team** was won by Canada's trio of L. Krasa, C. Schwende and R. Asselin. England placed second and Australia third.

**Sabre Individual** was won by Mr. Amberg of England. Cooperman of England and Fethers of Australia were second and third respectively.

### A.F.L.A. PIN

The official A.F.L.A. pin—a gold weapon and shield—is now available to all members for \$3, prepaid. Orders should be sent to Mrs. W. J. Lutzko, 9—62d St., West New York, New Jersey, specifying whether screw-back or pin is desired.

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

By RALPH GOLDSTEIN, Secretary

### National Rankings

The Board of Governors has approved the following National Rankings for the 1954-55 competitive season:

#### Women

1. Mrs. Maxine Mitchell .... So. California
2. Grace Acel ..... Westchester
3. Madeline Dalton .... Metropolitan N.Y.
4. Mrs. Janice Lee Romary....So. California
5. Paula Sweeney ..... Michigan
6. Mrs. Sallye Chambers ..... Michigan
7. Mrs. Estelle Atkin .... Metropolitan N.Y.
8. Judy Goodrich ..... Michigan
9. Ida Balint ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
10. Mrs. Dolly Funke .... Metropolitan N.Y.

#### Foil

1. Joseph Levis ..... New England
2. Albert Axelrod ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
3. Dr. Daniel Bukantz .. Metropolitan N.Y.
4. Allan Kwartler ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
5. James Strauch ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
6. Arthur Spingarn ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
7. Nathaniel Lubell .... Metropolitan N.Y.
8. Harold Goldsmith .... Metropolitan N.Y.
9. Neil Lazar ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
10. Lt. Chas. Steinhardt..Washington, D.C.

#### Epee

1. Sewall Shurtz ..... So. California
2. Alfred Skrobisch .... Metropolitan N.Y.
3. Peter Conomikes .... Washington, D.C.
4. Ens. Richard Berry ..... Illinois
5. Ken Hoitsma ..... New Jersey
6. Henry Kolowrat ..... New Jersey
7. Donald G. Thompson ..... Illinois
8. Edward Vebell ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
9. James Gosline ..... No. Ohio
10. Jose de Capriles ..... Westchester

#### Sabre

1. George Worth ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
2. Allan Kwartler ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
3. Sol Gorlin ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
4. Norman Armitage ..... So. Carolina
5. Jose de Capriles ..... Westchester
6. Abram Cohen ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
7. R. Richard Dyer ..... Philadelphia
8. Dr. Tibor Nyilas .... Metropolitan N.Y.
9. Robert Blum ..... Metropolitan N.Y.
10. Nickolas Muray ..... Metropolitan N.Y.

### 1955 NATIONALS

In accordance with the motion made at the Annual Meeting, an effort has been made to ascertain whether an earlier date would be generally more satisfactory for the 1955 National Championships. A partial canvass of divisions has already indicated, however, that an earlier date would not be desirable. Some colleges hold their final examinations at the end of May, others early in June, and others in mid-June. Most employed fencers, however, find it easier to take vacations after June 1. Accordingly, the Board of Governors voted to hold the 1955 Nationals at approximately the same time as in 1954. Present plans call for the tournament to start on Wednesday night and terminate on Friday evening of the following week. Dr. Paul Makler of Philadelphia, Grace Acel of Westchester, and Dr. James Flynn of New Jersey, were appointed a committee to draft the schedule of events after consultation with the divisions.

### Financial Report

By Leo Sobel, Asst. Treas.

#### Balance Sheet — August 31, 1954

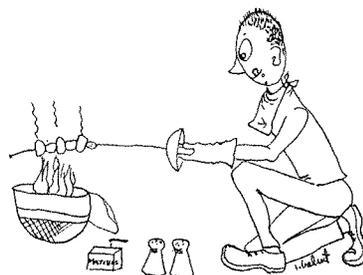
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in Banks	\$4,796.95	
Accts. Receivable	348.55	
Other Assets	211.46	
Total Assets		\$5,356.96
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Reserve - Nat. Ch.		
Revol. Fd.	\$1,687.28	
Reserve - International Fd.	1,867.15	
Deferred Income	5.00	
Total Liabilities		\$3,559.43
<b>Surplus</b>		
Deficit as of		
Sept. 1, 1953	(\$449.43)	
Income for year		
1953-54	\$2,246.96	
Surplus balance		\$1,797.53
Total Liabilities and Surplus		\$5,356.96

#### Operating Statement

September 1, 1953 - August 31, 1954	
<b>Income</b>	
National dues	\$4,147.10
Metropolitan bal.	803.56
Miscellaneous	384.64
Total Income	\$5,335.30
<b>Expenses</b>	
Office Expenses	\$ 586.22
Salaries	666.60
Nat. Champ.	
Deficit	642.06
American Fencing (net)	1,193.46
Total Expenses	3,088.34
Net Income	\$2,246.96

### A.F.L.A. MEMBERSHIP

The official membership at the end of the 1953-54 season totalled 1,980—an increase of 13 over the total reported in the August issue of **American Fencing** after receipt of final reports from a few divisions. The official total represents an improvement of approximately one-third over the previous year, despite the increase in dues required by the precarious financial position of the League in 1952-53.



### NORTH ATLANTIC SECTION

A petition for the formation of a new A.F.L.A. section, the North Atlantic Section, was officially presented to the Board of Governors and was unanimously approved. The new section will encompass the divisions on the Atlantic Coast from New England to Washington, D.C., and as far west as Western New York, but will exclude the New York Metropolitan (non-divisional) group. The North Atlantic Section will replace the All-Eastern Section, except that present All-Eastern intermediate events will become Metropolitan competitions. Dr. Paul Makler, who presented the petition, was named chairman of the new Section in charge of developing its program for the year 1954-55.

### MID-WEST SECTION

Rule 95 (a) has been amended to read: "Participation [in the Mid-West Championships] is limited to the divisions which are members of the Mid-West Section and such other divisions and individuals as may be invited by the Mid-West Executive Committee." The new by-laws of the Section, submitted by Vice-President Thompson, were unanimously approved by the Board of Governors.

### Sectional Dues

Under an amendment to the by-laws approved by the Board of Governors, sectional dues are hereafter to be paid directly by the divisional secretaries to the secretary of the Section.

### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The Board of Governors, acting on the recommendation of its standing committee and of the Northern California Division, unanimously voted to award the A.F.L.A. Certificate of Merit to **Arthur W. Lane** of Berkeley, California. Mr. Lane is coach of the Berkeley Fencers Club.

### REINSTATEMENTS

The Board of Governors approved the reinstatement of Jerry Widoff and Jack Oldstein to amateur status. Mr. Widoff, a professional musician, had been assistant coach at his alma mater, C.C.N.Y., while completing his studies under the G.I. Bill. Mr. Oldstein, now in the advertising business, had accepted an assistantship in physical education while studying for his master's degree.

### ITALO SANTELLI MEMORIAL

At the suggestion of Canadian fencers, the Italo Santelli Memorial Sabre Competition held in Montreal, and the similar event held in New York, will be consolidated and will be scheduled alternately in Montreal and New York. The Canadians have a perpetual trophy for this competition and a die from which medals will be struck each year by the host city.

Ishay Drazin, A.F.L.A. non-divisional member and formerly of Brooklyn, is now residing in Jerusalem and has organized a team at the Hebrew University. The national Israeli champion in foil is Dr. Paul De Clerc, of Belgium, a member of the United Nations staff on duty in Jerusalem.

—R. Goldstein

## GULF COAST TIES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR CONNECTICUT TROPHY

By Jose de Capriles

The revitalized Gulf Coast division tied our two-time-winner, Southern California, for the coveted Connecticut Trophy. The award is made annually to the division which rates highest in five categories. Points are given for the first five places for (1) total active and collegiate membership, (2) per cent increase in total membership, (3) number of competitions, (4) number of competitors and (5) best record for regular and efficient reports to national headquarters. Unfortunately some divisions fail to file adequate reports and thereby lose credit in three of the five categories. This is a division trophy and the non-divisional group, administered through the national office, is not eligible. Since Southern California is the current holder of the Trophy it will retain it until January 31 and then forward it to the Gulf Coast for the balance of the season.

The results:

**Total Active and Collegiate Membership.** (1) Southern California, (2) Michigan, (3) Gulf Coast, (4) Illinois, (5) Western New York.

**Percentage Increase in Membership.** (1) Westchester, (2) Connecticut, (3) Gulf Coast, (4) Oregon, (5) Philadelphia.

**Number of Competitions.** (1) Southern California, (2) Gulf Coast, (3) Illinois, (4) Michigan, (5) Western New York.

**Number of Competitors.** (1) Southern California, (2) Michigan, (3) Illinois, (4) Gulf Coast, (5) Northern California.

**Standing at Headquarters.** (1) Gulf Coast, (2) New Jersey, (3) Western New York, (4) Southern California, (5) Maryland.

**Final Standings:** Gulf Coast (17), Southern California (17), Michigan (10), Illinois (8), Westchester and Western N. Y. (5).

### A.F.L.A. Committees 1954-55

**Executive:** The President, the Secretary, the Foreign Secretary, Dr. James Flynn and Miguel de Capriles.

**Auditing:** Norman Lewis, Chairman; Sol Gorlin; James Strauch.

**Certificate of Merit:** Nickolas Muray, Chairman; Tracy Jaeckel; Leo Nunes.

**Constitutional:** Miguel de Capriles, Chairman; Robert Blum; Paul Maker; Donald S. Thompson.

**Electric Foil:** Tom Bickley, Chairman; Albert Axelrod; James Castello; Bela de Tuscan; George Santelli.

**Gala Night:** Ralph Goldstein, Chairman; Rudolph Ozol; Louis Shaff.

**Medals and Trophies:** Allan Kwartler, Chairman.

**Membership:** Ralph Goldstein, Chairman; all Division Chairmen.

**National Bout Com.:** Jose de Capriles, Chairman; Daniel Bukantz, Raymond Chambers; Dorothy Friedman; Tracy Jaeckel; Austin Prokop; Sidney Schwartz; George Worth.

**National Championship Tournament:** Rudolph Ozol, Chairman; Douglas Boyea; James Castello; Irving DeKoff; Wilfrid Ritayik; Louis Shaff.

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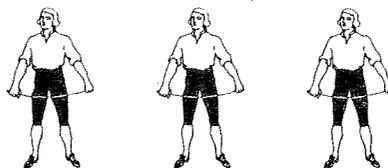
Lt. Rubin informs us that his earlier report (June issue) that Fritz Weber had returned to the United States was in error. Shortly after sending us his report on the Japanese-U.S. match, Lt. Rubin received a letter from Col. Weber, who is still in Korea. —M. de C.

### ABOUT DEAN CETRULO

Alan DeCicco of Newark, N. J., has called our attention to an inadvertent error in the story on the 1954 National Championships which stated that Sewall Shurtz at 22 is the youngest national champion in 25 years. Mr. DeCicco writes: "The record shows that another champion won a national championship at the age of 22—in 1941—namely, Dean Cetrulo, when he was an undergraduate student at Seton Hall College."

Mr. DeCicco is correct: Dean Cetrulo won the national foil title for the first time in 1941, following an exciting four-way fence-off for the championship. Cetrulo was out of competition during the war, but he repeated his foil victory in 1947, and the next year finished first in sabre and second in foil. Both Shurtz in 1954 and Righeimer in 1929 won their championships in epee.

—M. de C.



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On the recommendation of the Metropolitan Committee, the Board of Governors has approved a list of directors for metropolitan events in foil and sabre. The list includes both amateurs and professionals, and is divided into those who are fully approved and those who are provisionally approved. The latter are marked with a (\*) below:

Grace Acel	F*	-
Albert Axelrod	F*	-
Frank Bavuso	F*	-
Daniel Bukantz	F	S
Dean Cetrulo	F*	S*
Abram Cohen	F*	S*
Lajos Csiszar	F	S
Madeline Dalton	F*	-
J. de Capriles	F	S
M. de Capriles	F	S
Helena Dow	F*	-
Warren Dow	F	S
R. Richard Dyer	F	S
Dernell Every	F*	-
James Flynn	F*	S
Dolly Funke	F*	-
Silvio Gioioto	F*	-
H. Goldsmith	F*	-
Jack Gorlin	-	S*
Sol Gorlin	F*	S*
Allan Griffin	F*	-
Paul Hess	F	S
Tracy Jaeckel	F	-
Leo Kellerman	F*	-
Allan Kwartler	F	S
Neil Lazar	F*	S*
Norman Lewis	F	S*
Nat Lubell	F	S*
Edward Lucia	F*	-
Paul Makler	F	S
Nick Muray	F*	S*
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Leo Nunes	F	S
Tibor Nyilas	F	S
Larry Olvin	F*	-
Anthony Orsi	F*	S*
Rudolph Ozol	F*	S*
Leslie Pongo	F	S
Austin Prokop	F	S
George Santelli	F	S*
Stanley Sieja	F*	S*
James Strauch	F*	-
Vincent Surdi	F*	-
Marcel Tetaz	F*	S*
Maria Tishman	F*	S*
Peter Tishman	-	S*
Edward Vebell	F*	-
George Worth	F	S

### Metropolitan Committees

**Metropolitan Chairman:** Dorothy Friedman.

**Metropolitan Secretary:** Dolly Funke.

**Metropolitan Treasurer:** Leo Sobel.

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**Epee:** J. Richard Lutz, Chairman.

**Sabre:** Martha Rothman, Chairman.

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# 1954-55 Metropolitan Schedule

## OCTOBER

- 23rd  
Sat. - 10 A.M. SABRE TEAM, Novice. J. M. Castello Trophy and Medals. McBurney-Saltus Auditorium. Entry fee \$2.70. J. Strauch in charge.
- 24th  
Sun. - 10 AM FOIL TEAM, Novice. Dernel Every Trophy and Medals. New York A. C. Entry fee \$2.70. A. Drungis in charge.
- 29th  
Fri. - 7 PM WOMEN'S TEAM, Novice. George Santelli Trophy and Medals. Salle Santelli. Entry fee \$2.70. E. Siegel in charge.
- 30th  
Sat. - Noon EPEE TEAM, Novice. Jose de Capriles Trophy and Medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$4.20. M. Markowitz in charge.
- 31st  
Sun. - 1 PM HIGH SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL. Edward Lucia Medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee 50¢. A. Axelrod in charge.

## NOVEMBER

- 4th  
Thurs. - 7 PM WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, Seniors and Intermediates only, direct elimination final. Helena M. Dow Medals. McBurney-Saltus Gymnasium. Entry fee \$1.75. L. Olvin in charge.
- 6th  
Sat. - 10 AM SABRE INDIVIDUAL, Novice. Norman C. Armitage Medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee 90¢. J. Strauch in charge.
- 7th  
Sun. - 1 PM FOIL Pan American Qualifying Tryout. Olympic Foil Squad members excused. New York A.C. No prizes. Entry fee \$1.75. D. Friedman in charge.
- 13th  
Sat. - 10 AM EPEE, Pan American Qualifying Tryout. Olympic Epee Squad members excused. Fencers Club. No prizes. Entry fee \$2.75. J. Lutz in charge.
- 14th  
Sun. - 10 AM FOIL INDIVIDUAL, Novice. John R. Huffman Medals. New York A.C. Entry fee 90¢. A. Kwartler in charge.
- 16th  
Tues. - 7 PM WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, Prep. Evelyn Van Buskirk Medals. Rohdes Academy. Entry fee 90¢. N. Lubell in charge.
- 20th  
Sat. - Noon SABRE Pan American Qualifying Tryout. Olympic Sabre Squad members excused. McBurney-Saltus Gymnasium. No prizes. Entry fee \$1.75. J. Strauch in charge.
- 21st  
Sun. - Noon WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, Novice. Madeline Dalton Medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee 90¢. G. Acel in charge.
- 23rd  
Tues. - 7:15 PM FOIL INDIVIDUAL, Prep. Leo G. Nunes Medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee 90¢. A. Drungis in charge.
- 30th  
Tues. - 7:15 PM FOIL INDIVIDUAL, Seniors and Intermediates only, direct elimination final. Warren A. Dow Medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee \$1.75. D. Friedman in charge.

## DECEMBER

- 4th  
Sat. - 10 AM WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, Open. (Pan American tryout.) Maria C. Tishman Medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.75. L. Olvin in charge.
- 5th  
Sun. - Noon EPEE INDIVIDUAL, Novice. Robert S. Driscoll Medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.90. W. Latzko in charge.
- 7th  
Tues. - 7 PM SABRE INDIVIDUAL, Seniors and Intermediates only, direct elimination final. Nickolas Muray Medals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$1.75. M. Rothman in charge.
- 11th  
Sat. - Noon SABRE TEAM, Intermediate Championship. George V. Worth Medals. McBurney-Saltus Gymnasium. Entry fee \$5.25. N. Lewis in charge.
- 12th  
Sun. - Noon EPEE INDIVIDUAL, Seniors and Intermediates only, direct elimination final. Tracy Jaeckel Medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$2.75. M. Markowitz in charge.
- 14th  
Tues. - 7 PM WOMEN'S TEAM, Intermediate Championship. Dolly Funke Medals. Salle Santelli. Entry fee \$5.25. G. Acel in charge.
- 18th  
Sat. - Noon FOIL TEAM, Intermediate Championship. Curtis Effinger Medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee \$5.25. A. Kwartler in charge.
- 19th  
Sun. - Noon EPEE TEAM, Intermediate Championship. Alfred Skrobisch Prizes. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$8.25. W. Latzko in charge.
- 28th  
Tues. - 1 PM FOIL INTERCOLLEGIATE INDIVIDUAL. Limit of four entries per school. James Murray Trophy and Albert Axelrod Medals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$1.25. A. Kwartler in charge.

## JANUARY

- 8th  
Saturday FINAL PAN AMERICAN TRYOUTS, Men. Open only to qualifiers and Pan-American Squad members. Entries accepted only in two or more weapons. **Foil at 10 AM; Epee at 2 PM; Sabre at 7 PM.** Official Certificates. New York A.C. Blanket entry fee \$3.50. J. de Capriles in charge.
- 9th  
Sunday CONTINUATION OF Jan. 8th PAN AMERICAN TRYOUTS. **Epee at 10 AM; Sabre at 2 PM; Foil at 7 PM.** N.Y.A.C.
- 11th  
Tues. - 7 PM WOMEN'S TEAM, Junior Championship. Eve C. Siegel Medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$3.60. G. Acel in charge.
- 16th  
Sun. - 1 PM FOIL TEAM, Junior Championship. Joseph L. Lewis Medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee \$3.60. A. Axelrod in charge.
- 22nd  
Sat. - 10 AM EPEE-SABRE TEAM, Open. Lyon Trophy, AFLA Medals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$4.50. L. Sobel in charge.
- 23rd  
Sun. - Noon EPEE TEAM, Junior Championship. Ralph M. Goldstein Medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$6.60. P. Mijer in charge.
- 25th  
Tues. - 7 PM SABRE TEAM, Junior Championship. Preliminaries. Montague Trophy and Dr. Daniel Bukantz Medals. Salle Santelli. Entry fee \$3.60. N. Lewis in charge.
- 27th  
Thur. - 7:30 PM Finals of Jan. 25th event if necessary. McBurney-Saltus.
- 29th  
Sat. - Noon THREE WEAPON INDIVIDUAL. Open. Direct elimination. President's medals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$2.75. L. Sobel in charge.
- 30th  
Sun. - 1 PM WOMEN'S FINAL PAN AMERICAN TRYOUT. Limited to qualifiers. Official Certificates. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.75. J. de Capriles in charge.

## FEBRUARY

- 6th  
Sun. - 1 PM SABRE TEAM, Metropolitan Open Championship Q Qualifying Round for Nationals. A.F.L.A. medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee \$5.25. N. Lewis in charge.
- 12th  
Sat. - 10 AM EPEE TEAM, Metropolitan Open Championship & Qualifying Round for Nationals. A.F.L.A. medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$8.25. J. Lutz in charge.
- 15th  
Tues. - 7 PM WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, Prep. Grace Acel medals. Salle Santelli. Entry fee 90¢. E. Siegel in charge.
- 19th  
Sat. - Noon WOMEN'S TEAM, Metropolitan Open Championship & Qualifying Round for Nationals. A.F.L.A. medals. McBurney-Saltus Aud. Entry fee \$5.25. N. Lubell in charge.
- 20th  
Sun. - 10 AM FOIL TEAM, Metropolitan Open Championship & Qualifying Round for Nationals. A.F.L.A. medals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$5.25. D Friedman in charge.
- 22nd  
Tues. - 10 AM EPEE TEAM, Open. Special Rules. Washington Square Cup, A.F.L.A. medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$8.25. J. Lutz in charge.
- 27th  
Sun. - Noon EPEE INDIVIDUAL, Open Qualifying Rounds for Nationals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$2.75. J. Lutz in charge.

## MARCH

- 5th  
Sat. - Noon FOIL INDIVIDUAL, Open Qualifying Rounds for Nationals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee \$1.75. A. Drungis in charge.
- 6th  
Sun. - Noon SABRE INDIVIDUAL, Open Qualifying Rounds for Nationals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$1.75. M. Rothman in charge.
- 11th & 12th  
Intercollegiate Fencing Assn. Championships. New York.
- 19th  
Sat. - Noon WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, Open Qualifying Rounds for Nationals. McBurney-Saltus Auditorium. Entry fee \$1.75. L. Olvin in charge.
- 20th  
Sun. - 10 AM EPEE INDIVIDUAL, Junior Championship. Norman Lewis medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$2.20. J. Lutz in charge.
- 25th & 26th  
NCAA Championships. University of Illinois.
- 26th  
Sat. - Noon SABRE INDIVIDUAL, Junior Championship. Dr. Tibor Nyilas medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee \$1.20. A. Cohen in charge.
- 27th  
Sun. - 10 AM FOIL INDIVIDUAL, Junior Championship. Silvio Giolito medals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$1.20. A. Drungis in charge.

**APRIL**

- 2nd Sat. - Noon WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, Junior Championships. Marion Lloyd Vince medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.20. E. Siegel in charge.
- 3rd Sun. - Noon SABRE INDIVIDUAL, Metropolitan Open Championship. A.F.L.A. medals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$1.75. M. Rothman in charge.
- 16th Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championships.
- 19th Tues. - 7 PM FOIL INDIVIDUAL, Prep. Dean Cetrulo medals. Rohdes Academy. Entry fee 90¢. A. Axelrod in charge.
- 23rd Sat. - 10 AM FOIL INDIVIDUAL, Metropolitan Open Championship. A.F.L.A. medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee \$1.75. D. Friedman in charge.
- 30th Sat. - Noon WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, Metropolitan Open Championship. A.F.L.A. medals. McBurney-Saltus Gymnasium. Entry fee \$1.75. N. Lubell in charge.

**MAY**

- 1st Sun. - 10 AM EPEE INDIVIDUAL, Metropolitan Open Championship. A.F.L.A. medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$2.75.
- 7th Sat. - Noon EPEE INDIVIDUAL, Intermediate Championship. James Strauch medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$2.75.
- 8th Sun. - 10 AM THREE WEAPON TEAM, Open. Special Rules. F. W. Honeycutt trophy and Henry Breckinridge medals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$6.25. L. Sobel in charge.
- 14th Sat. - 10 AM FOIL INDIVIDUAL, Intermediate Championship. Austin Prokop medals. Grand Central YMCA. Entry fee \$1.75. A. Axelrod in charge. No Foul Rule.
- 15th SABRE MASTERS. Limited to members of the Olympic

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**Metropolitan Secretary (entries)**  
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- Sun. - 1 PM or Pan American Teams who competed in sabre; to winners of two or more medals in National Sabre Championships; to professionals who are members of the A.F.L.A. George Santelli trophy, Salle Santelli medals (6). New York A.C. Entry fee \$1.75. A. Cohen in charge.
  - 21st Sat. - Noon SABRE INDIVIDUAL, Intermediate Championship. Allan Kwartler medals. McBurney-Saltus Gymnasium. Entry fee \$1.75. A. Cohen in charge.
  - 22nd Sun. - 1 PM FOIL MASTERS. Limited to members of the Olympic or Pan American Teams who competed in foil; to winners of two or more medals in National Foil Championships; to professionals who are members of the A.F.L.A. Rene Pinchart trophy and Fencers Club medals (6). Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.75. A. Kwartler in charge.
  - 28th Sat. - Noon WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, Intermediate Championship. Nathaniel Lubell medals. McBurney-Saltus Auditorium. Entry fee \$1.75. G. Acel in charge. No Foul Rule.
  - 29th Sun. - 1 PM EPEE MASTERS. Limited to members of the Olympic or Pan American Teams who competed in epee; to winners of two or more medals in National Epee Championships; to professionals who are members of the A.F.L.A. Sanford Saltus trophy and Miguel de Capriles medals (6). Fencers Club. Entry fee \$2.75. J. Lutz in charge.
- NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
 June 8 to June 17. Exact schedule in future issue.

**RULES FOR METROPOLITAN COMPETITIONS**

**Entries**, team and individual, must be filed with the Metropolitan Secretary, **Mrs. Dolly Funke, 41 East 22d St., New York 10**, not less than 10 days before the date scheduled for the event. Clubs may file as many team entries as they wish in team events. Team entries may be charged by the Fencers Club, Grand Central YMCA, Saltus-McBurney, New York A.C., and N.Y.U. Individual entries may be charged by the New York A.C. and N.Y.U. All other entries must be accompanied by the proper entry fee. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Amateur Fencers League.

**Competitors** must report to the Bout Committee at least 15 minutes prior to starting time, and must be ready to fence when called. Teams having only two members at scheduled starting time will be compelled to fence the first match with only those two members. **Upon entering a competition each fencer obligates himself to remain to the end of the contest, to assist in judging and directing, unless excused by the Bout Committee.**

**Equipment** must conform strictly to the rules. Uniform, mask and glove must be clean and in good condition. Anyone wearing defective or unsafe equipment will be denied the right to compete. **All contestants must have not less than two acceptable weapons at the start of the competition.** All epee events are held with the electrical weapon.

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# News from the Divisions

## News from Kansas City

By Ed Moriarty

The non-divisional Kansas members of the AFLA are looking forward to the establishment of a new division in this area. It has not been practical to build upon Army or service bases because of the turn-over, but it is believed that enough members can be obtained from the local club, the Kansas City Amateur Fencing Association, and from Wichita, Kansas State University at Manhattan, and the University of Kansas at Lawrence. The center of military fencing is at Ft. Worth, which recently sponsored a tournament with over 50 entries from Omaha, Ft. Riley, Wichita, Manhattan and Kansas City. Kansas City won two firsts (women and sabre), one second (foil), and two thirds (women and foil).

The K.C.A.F.A. has put on a fencing display and demonstration in connection with an exhibition of edged weapons at the Kan-

sas City Museum. The display, drawn from the collection of Dr. Sloan Wilson, showed the progress of the sword through the centuries. Favorable publicity from this activity resulted in the discovery of many fencers in the area, including a Brazilian Army officer studying at the General Consul School.

## Southern California Schedule

1954-1955

(Entries must be mailed, with fees, at least one week in advance of the competition, to the Chairman of the Bout Committee, **Salvatore DeBellis, 12365 Montague St., Pacoima, California.**)

### September

12: Duff Foils (W) and Cathcart Epee, Griffith Park; 17: Prep Foils, men and women, Pasadena Y; 24: Novice Foils, Beverly Hills Y.

### October

1: Junior Foils, Pasadena Y; 10: Faulkner mixed (women—foil, men—sabre), FSF; 15: Novice women and Junior team foil, Valley J.C.; 22: Novice epee (ink), Beverly Hills Y.

### November

5: Junior women and Junior epee, Valley J.C.; 12: Junior epee team, Pasadena Y; 19: Junior women's team and Novice sabre, Pasadena Y.

### December

3: Junior sabre, Long Beach Y; 4: Olympic fund raising open house (details later), Occidental; 10: Senior women and Junior sabre team, Beverly Hills Y; 17: Senior foil, Knights FC; 19: Bowen Handicap Foils (men), Knights FC.

### January

7: Senior epee and Intermediate women, L.A.A.C.; 14: Senior sabre, Knights; 21: Intermediate foil, Pasadena Y; 28: Intermediate epee and Intermediate women's team, L.A.A.C.

### February

11: Intermediate sabre, Beverly Hills Y; 18: Open foil, L.A.A.C.; 25: Open women, L.A.A.C.

### March

4: Open foil team, L.A.A.C.; 11: Open epee, L.A.A.C.; 25: Open epee team, L.A.A.C.

### April

1: Open sabre team, L.A.A.C.; 15: Open women's team, L.A.A.C.; 22: 3 Weapon individual, L.A.A.C.; 24, 3 Weapon team, Knights FC.

**May 8-9 Pacific Coast Championship, San Francisco.**

**July 6, Annual Meeting of the Division.**

## Oregon

Jack Nottingham, who opened a Salle in Portland in July 1953, has sent us a most informative summary of the progress of fencing in that area during the past year. The A.F.L.A. schedule, which listed 20 events last year, will be doubled in 1954-55. Divisional membership, which is now 64, is expected to pass the 100 mark by the end of the season. The two colleges sponsoring fencing are planning increased schedules in 1954-55, and seven other schools are considering adding fencing to their sports program. A Northwest Fencing Letter, patterned on the California Fencer, is in press.

Mr. Nottingham is a firm believer in the superiority of professional over amateur teaching, "simply because only in isolated cases have I seen people appreciate and work hard for something that is free." He adds: "In another two years this area should be able to support another Professional, and if it can it means that there will be just that much more Fencing, a larger Division here and tougher competition."

—M. de C.

## LAMPL WINS ALDO NADI CRITERION

Joseph Lampl, Los Angeles A. C., winner in 1950, won the 4th annual Aldo Nadi Criterion by defeating Clayton Williams, Aldo Nadi Fencing Academy, in the final match, 12-11. Maestro Nadi directed.

Mr. Lampl, who drew a bye in the first round, defeated Herbert Sauke, A.N.F.A., 10-8 in the semi-finals. Mr. Williams defeated Robert Crawford, Faulkner S.F., 10-8, in the first round and Carl Milletaire, A.N.F.A., 11-9 in the semi-finals. Mr. Sauke entered the semi-finals by defeating Lucius Foster, F.S.F., 11-9; and Mr. Milletaire by defeating Wallace Goldsmith, Hollywood A. C., 10-8.

## CAVALIER AWARDS

By John C. McKee

The Cavaliers of California celebrated their 20th birthday on September 7 with the official presentation of the 1954-55 Gold Medallion awards. The "most honored opponent" award went to Thomas Tarbet, L.A.A.C. by a slim margin over Josef Lampl. The award for the commercial firm contributing most to the development of fencing was won by the Castello Fencing Equipment Company for its development of the cable-weave handles for three weapons. A special award was presented to Mr. Ralph Faulkner for his fine job of coaching Sewall Shurtz, National Epee Champion. Other awards were made to Trudi Wodgenske, as the student accomplishing the most for the Cavaliers in the way of public relations, A.F.L.A. liaison and personal achievement; Fred Davenport, Gerry Laverne, Evelyn Capps, Charles Harbst and George Siebert.

## Northern Ohio

By M. J. Warnock, Secretary

At the Division's annual dinner, the following executive committee was elected: Arthur L. Wade, Chairman; Madison H. Dods, Vice-chairman; Margaret J. Warnock, Secretary; John Shelly, Treasurer; William Durrett, Armorer; William Bishop and Charles Simonian, members at large. The annual award "Fencer of the Year" was unanimously voted to Charles Simonian; this award is not necessarily for fencing ability but rather for the person who has contributed the most to the cause of fencing for the person who has contributed the most to the cause of fencing in the Division and fencing generally. Mr. Simonian has, in addition to furthering the interest of fencing, turned "pro," thus filling a long-desired need in this area. We wish him every success.

Rear Admiral R. E. Bakenhus, U.S.N. Ret., sent us an interesting clipping from the Seattle Times of March 25, 1954, containing an advance story on the Pacific Northwest Tournament. The story ran a full column and was headed by an amusing cartoon. There was a good popular description of the various weapons. —J. de C.

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**FENCING MAJOR SPORT AT YALE**

By Albert Grasson

At the June meeting of the Undergraduate Athletic Association, comprised of all the captains and managers of the major and minor sports, fencing was unanimously elevated to major status at Yale. An important factor in this decision was the extraordinary record of Yale fencers, not only in intercollegiate competition, but nationally and internationally as well in the years after graduation. In 1936, for example, when Bob Grasson (Yale coach 1921-1952) was appointed U. S. Olympic foil coach, he had six of his pupils on the American team in the various weapons. What makes the record most unusual is that Bob Grasson's pupils learned their fencing at Yale, and this tradition is being carried on under the present head coach. The success of the Yale program in fencing was a great stimulus to the introduction of the sport in the athletic departments of many other colleges. Perhaps now that fencing is a major sport at Yale, the same decision will be made in other institutions. This would give a tremendous boost to fencing throughout the country and enable the fencing coaches to attract a larger proportion of the natural athletes in the student body.

**COLLEGE FENCERS  
TOUR AIR BASES**

By Hugo Castello

Last April, Col. Hall F. Achenbach, Director of Personal Services for the Northeast Air Command, suggested that I organize a group of New York University Fencers to go on a three-week tour of the seven air bases of the Northeast Command, reaching as far north as Thule in the Arctic Circle, for the purpose of giving fencing exhibitions. There were some difficulties in making arrangements due to final examinations, summer jobs, etc., but the following group was named:

Irving de Koff, N.Y.U. School of Education alumnus and coach of Columbia University, instructor in charge; Pat Petix, St. Albans, L. I.; Thomas Cakourous, Freeport, L. I.; Martin Taylor, Brooklyn, New York, and Edward Nober, assistant coach at Columbia, Brooklyn, New York.

As matters turned out, transportation priorities interfered with the plan to visit Sonderstrom and Thule within the available time, but the itinerary included Westover AFB (Mass.), Pepperell AFB (St. John's, Nfd.), Narsarsuak, Greenland (BW 1), McAndrew AFB (Argentia, Nfd.), and Goosebay, Labrador. Several exhibitions and demonstrations were staged at Pepperell and Goosebay, and a great deal of interest was evidenced among both officers and enlisted men. The party did not return in time for the nationals, but sent Jose de Capriles a telegram from Newfoundland which was read at Gala Night congratulating the new national champions.

**FENCING DROPPED  
AT WEST POINT**

The Army Athletic Association has announced the decision of the U. S. Military Academy to discontinue fencing as an intercollegiate sport and its resignation from the Intercollegiate Fencing Association after nearly 50 years of membership. The Academy's invitation to the association for the holding of the 1955 championships at West Point has accordingly been withdrawn, and letters have been sent to all opponents listed on the 1954-55 dual meet scheduled requesting release of West Point commitments.

The decision followed shortly after the resignation of Marcel Pasche as fencing coach at the Military Academy.

Fencing fortunes at West Point have been on the down-grade for several years. A growing lack of interest among the Academy's athletic authorities has coincided with the rapid growth of fencing in numbers and strength among other colleges in the country. At the Naval Academy, on the other hand, the fencing program has kept pace with national developments, so that Navy teams have consistently been among the top contenders for every important collegiate competition.

**N.C.A.A. Adopts "No Foul" Rule For 1954-1955**

At its meeting of June 14, 1954, the Fencing Rules Committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association voted to conduct the 1955 National Collegiate Championship under the "no foul" rule used by the Big Ten for the past four years. This decision is frankly experimental in character, and its primary objective is to facilitate the adoption of the electrical foil by eliminating technical problems in the construction of an efficient and inexpensive machine.

Under the 1954-1955 rules, therefore, the action in foil and sabre will not be halted when a judge sees or thinks he sees a hit outside the valid target. A "foul" on the attack will not invalidate the riposte, a "foul" on the riposte will not invalidate the counterriposte, and so on. In other words, a foul is exactly like no hit at all, and the judges will be required to signal only when they see a touch on the target. It follows that, when questioned by the director, the judges may answer in only one of three ways: "Yes", "No", or "Abstain."

According to the experience of the Big Ten, as reported by Max Garrett, the "no foul" rule does not change the conventional character of the foil in any way. The style of fencing is the same: Big Ten fencers have had no trouble in AFLA or in past NCAA tournaments where the international rules prevail, and a fencer accustomed to the international rules needs only a few exceptions to feel perfectly at home under the

"no foul" rule.

The positive advantages of the new rule, from a technical viewpoint, are two: (1) The fencing tends to be more continuous, so that young fencers are less likely to get into the bad habit of stopping or dropping their guard when they think they have scored or received a touch outside the target; and (2) the play is more interesting to the spectators, inasmuch as there is more action and there are fewer interruptions for discussions among the officials.

In point of fencing theory, there are no clear advantages. The argument in favor of the "no foul" rule is that the valid target is limited and the fencer is under no obligation to defend the invalid target, so that he should not be penalized by the annulment of a riposte when his opponent fails to hit the valid target. The argument against the rule is that it fails to penalize the defender who allows the attack to get past his guard—the exact spot where the attack lands being fair or foul, most often, by such minor measure of distance that the defender cannot be given credit for failing to parry. Of a more serious character is the objection that the "no foul" rule may discourage the attack because the risk of a successful riposte is greater, i.e., not only when the attack passes or is parried, but also when it lands a fraction of an inch outside the target. This is contrary to the conventional encouragement of the attack, and is particularly bad for young fencers who should be given every incentive to

develop strong attacks.

Finally, the major objection to the "no-foul" rule at present is that it is different from the A.F.L.A. and F.I.E. rules, and in principle, all technical rules of fencing should be the same throughout the world. The N.C.A.A. Committee, however, was of the opinion that, over the long pull, it was desirable to develop a broad-scale experiment which might serve as a basis for international consideration of the "no foul" rule, particularly if it has a bearing on the simplification and lower cost of the electrical foil.

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#### COACHES' CONFERENCE

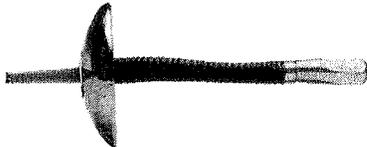
The Coaches' Association and the N.Y.U. School of Education were joint sponsors of a Conference which attracted teachers of fencing from many parts of the country. The program committee, headed by Hugo Castello, arranged a series of lectures for three mornings; the afternoons were devoted to practical demonstrations and fencing sessions. In addition to a thorough study and demonstration of several electric foil machines, the Conference covered the following:

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The interest at this Conference, and the intelligent cooperation which is being developed by the Coaches' Association shows that the organization is maturing rapidly and will play an increasingly important role in the development of the sport in this country. The president, Stanley Sieja, and his predecessors of recent years are to be congratulated.

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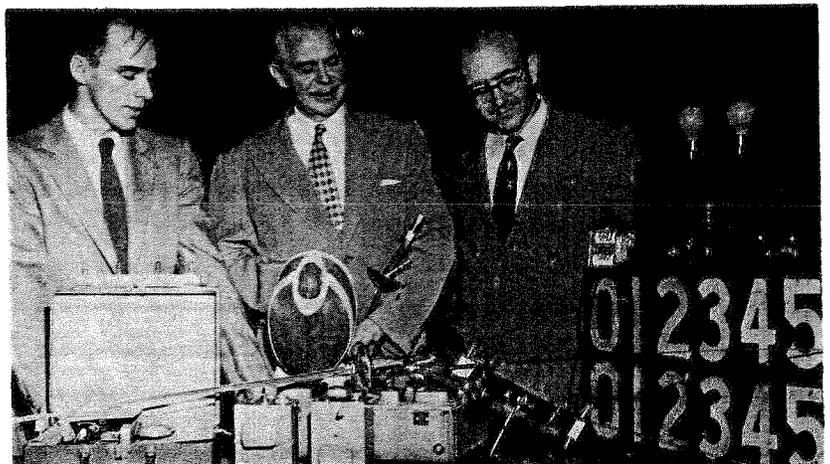
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**Stanley S. Sieja**

Fencing Coach, Princeton University  
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The new president of the coaches' association was born in Brooklyn 39 years ago of Polish ancestry. An accomplished gymnast, he studied fencing with the great Julio Martinez Castello while in high school, and had a brief but successful career as an amateur. At Castello's invitation, he became N.Y.U.'s assistant and freshman coach while taking his B.S. in Physical Education and later earned an M.A. in Orthopedics. A teacher of wide experience in physical training as well as fencing, he is director of the rehabilitation program at Princeton University and assistant track coach. Among his best known pupils at Princeton are Jack Hughes, Chambliss Johnson (former I.F.A. and N.C.A.A. sabre champion), Henry Kolowrat—current N.C.A.A. epee title holder, nationally ranked at No. 6—Kinmont Hoistma, ranked at No. 5, and Allan Hoffman.

Stanley joined the Air Force as a flying cadet in the Army, and wound up as a Major with the D.F.C. and Airman Medals with clusters. He was in charge of air transport in Australia and New Guinea, and served with the C.I.C. An ardent flyer, he has been test pilot with the Taylorcraft Aviation Corporation and now teaches aviation in his spare time.

In December 1938, Stanley traveled to Havana at his own expense to help the U. S. team in its international fencing match with Cuba; and in 1952 he was named Manager and Trainer of the U. S. Olympic Fencing Team. He has written several articles for American Fencing and is currently interested in the development of the electrical foil.

—M. de C.

## The A.F.L.A.'s Debt to Secondary School Fencing

By Larry Olvin

The current national rankings show that a substantial percentage of the men listed began fencing in the New York City high schools. Prep school fencers also account for much of the success of N.Y.U., C.C.N.Y., Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania and Rutgers in intercollegiate competition. And the list of coaches who fenced in secondary school is also large: The Castello and Cetrulo brothers, Lucia, Kaplan, Velardi, Garrett, Tauber, etc. Many Eastern fencers, had they not been bitten by the bug as schoolboys, might easily have been diverted in college to other sports, and the A.F.L.A. today might be much poorer in resources and good fellowship. I am convinced that, except for the fact that the New York Public Schools Athletic League is unaccountably opposed to girls' fencing, our women's lists would show a similar background and be that much enriched (cf Lapeer High School in Michigan).

Let us then agree that the secondary schools are a prime source of interest and recruitment for fencing. Yet the A.F.L.A. in the East has done little to nourish and expand that source. A set of A.F.L.A.-P.S.A.L. medals for a New York tournament in May, and the assistance of League members in judging the annual Washington Square meet run by N.Y.U., has been the sum total of effort in the past 15 years.

The A.F.L.A.'s link with the schools is conspicuous by its absence. If the boys do not go on to college (and many don't in these days of the draft) or to a college that encourages entry into A.F.L.A. competitions, they are often lost to fencing. In a show of hands at the last A.F.L.A.-P.S.A.L. tournament, only 10 out of 50 schoolboy fencers knew what the League was. Most of these youngsters did not know who was the current national champion in their weapon, but **did** know the leading stars in track and tennis even though they did not engage competitively in these sports.

If we in the A.F.L.A. feel hamstrung by the lack of skilled fencing masters, consider the plight of the youngsters in the schools. In the 15 years or so I spent as amateur faculty coach at Eastern District, I remember only an occasional faculty member in the nearly 20 P.S.A.L. schools before the war who could instruct a team. The boys had to depend on interested alumni, a scholarship at Santelli's or Vince's, brief clinics on Saturday mornings run by the officials at P.S.A.L. matches, book-learning, or just plain observation and empiricism. In New Jersey, the Cetrulos and their friends kept

the torch burning in a few schools on a voluntary basis. But the A.F.L.A. did nothing officially.

Now, one of Jose de Capriles' first acts on assuming office last year was to name me chairman of a Liaison Committee composed of former schoolboy fencers now active in the A.F.L.A. The following plans have been developed to bring the League into closer relationship with school fencing:

(1) The A.F.L.A. is explained to officials of both public and private schools, advisers, and fencers. Back copies of **American Fencing** are distributed free of charge to all interested.

(2) A **pre-season secondary schoolboy foil competition** will be held on **October 31**, at 1 P.M., in the gym of the Grand Central Y for the Edward Lucia medals. A nominal fee will be charged. We hope to arrange for several short exhibitions of higher-level fencing.

(3) Douglas Boyea of the Grand Central Y has offered further assistance in connection with instruction. He will open his Monday and Tuesday evening classes at the Y to boys and girls without charge, provided they have their own equipment. **He needs help from interested amateurs** to handle the group. If the response is large enough, Doug has offered to run another session on Fridays.

(4) Ed Lucia, Chairman of the A.F.L.A. Membership Committee, will take half a dozen or so into his group at the Salle Santelli.

(5) An appeal is being made to the fencing clubs in New York to see whether they can find a place for several school-age fencers.

(6) Youngsters will be encouraged to join the League. (The propriety of this has been cleared with the P.S.A.L.; in fact several faculty advisers have asked about Associate Memberships for themselves.)

The A.F.L.A. membership, both men and women, who are interested in this program, can cooperate in several ways:

a) By attending on October 31, both as officials and as hosts or hostesses;

b) By volunteering to assist with the "Y" classes **one** Monday or Tuesday night in each of **two** months:

c) By taking special interest in one of the school-age fencers who are invited to their particular Salle.

d) By offering constructive suggestions, either orally or in writing to Ed Lucia, Jose de Capriles, or myself.

**The A.F.L.A.'s debt to secondary-school fencing has come due.** Let us all pitch in!