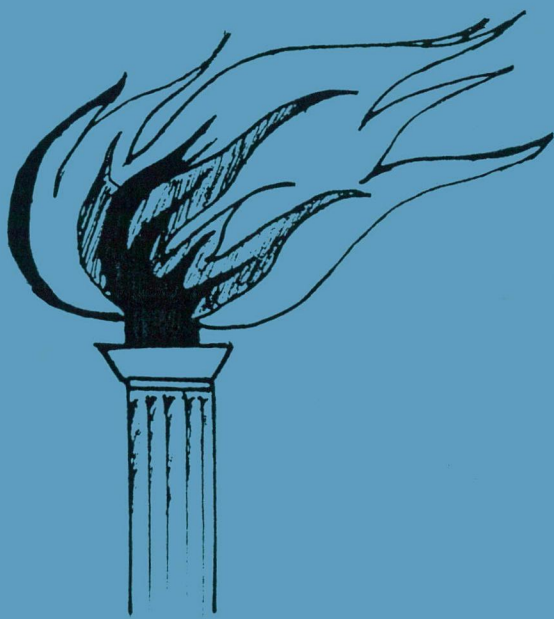


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Front page

At the time of writing this, the Olympic Games appear once again to be hit by controversy. By the time that the next bulletin will be ready for printing, we will know whether or not the Eastern Bloc and Russia really did boycott the XXIII Olympiad, or whether it was only a threat, though it appears to be genuine. Either way, perhaps it is time that the I.O.C. found ways to bring the Games back to the concept envisaged by Pierre de Coubertin.

For those of you whose interests lie in Olympics past, apologies that this issue is predominantly of the present. The Games only occur once in every four years, and it is only right that our journal gives as much information as possible. There will be plenty of opportunity in the next three years to linger in the past!

Douglas Muir, the Editor of Stamp Collecting, the weekly magazine, is printing a special Olympic issue on 5 July. It contains some very interesting articles on many aspects of Olympic philately, so make sure that you order your copy, or you may miss out.

I was very happy to receive Tom Wilson's article on sport and medicine, which you will find in this issue. It shows how two completely diverse subjects can often be combined, and how members from different societies can work together and help each other in their researches.

For security reasons, I have been asked to ask you not to mention the name of the Society on the envelope when writing to its officers. We live in dangerous times, and many feel that it is safer not to advertise that we collect stamps.

The next time we meet in print, the Los Angeles Games will be over, and the post mortem will have begun. In the meantime, thank you for your letters of encouragement. Have a good summer and enjoy the Games.

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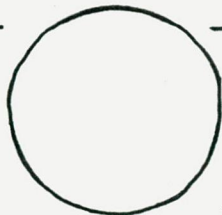
MEMBER'S FORUM

Member Harold Palethorpe has in his collection a postcard from Finland which has the illustrated roller cancellation for the Twelfth Olympic Games which were to be held in Helsinki in 1940. He wonders whether other members know of any similar cancellations, and whether there are others for Games that were never held.



XII OLYMPIA

20.7.-4.8. 1940



FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Don't ignore Olympic articles in the general press, they often provide useful background information. The Sunday Times colour supplement carried an article about the Los Angeles sites on 22 April. April issue of British Airways magazine "High Life" included an article entitled "In Search of the Los Angeles Cultural Olympics" by Nevis Hillier, which looks at the Olympic Arts Festival. The current issue of Lufthansa's "Bordbuch" includes an article about urban congestion in L.A. entitled "Olympia in Autopia". Volume 19, issue 4, the April 1984 issue of "Holland Herald" has an article called "The Long Run" about the marathon and the Olympics. Other useful background information is published in "Olympic Sport" the magazine of the British Olympic Association, and also in a glossy fund raising publication entitled "The Olympian", which is the magazine of the B.O.A. in the United States, based in Los Angeles.

S.O.C. has now become a member of the British Philatelic Federation, and automatically a member of the newly-formed British Thematic Association, and we now receive a copy of the fortnightly magazine "Stamp News". I will retain these as reference copies, but if members are interested in a particular topic, write to me enclosing an sae, and I will either send a photocopy at 8 pence a copy, or send the information in the form of a letter.

American Express are providing Olympic meter marks on their current promotion, and British card holders are providing at least 1p every time they sign an AMEX card sales voucher.

Car companies have also climbed on to the Olympic bandwagon, with a Solara 1.6 Olympic car from Talbot. Sanyo are the official suppliers of Olympic video film, and have prepared an attractive poster publicising the fact. 3M, the manufacturers of Scotch video tape have produced an

attractive colour booklet about the Olympics which contains some interesting facts and some good colour photographs. They are currently selling it with double packs of their video tape for approximately £10 per pack of two tapes. If any member would like a copy of the booklet, (128 pages) but does not own a video machine, please write to me. As I have a video, I would be willing to buy the packs and send the booklets on to members, although, to be fair, I may not be able to find a use for fifty or so blank tapes!

A wide range of goods are carrying the British Olympic Association logo, from book marks to tumblers, to T shirts and an Olympic holdall, available from International Franchises, a U.K. based company. One could spend a fortune on such souvenirs, but if members are interested in buying such items, it may be possible to buy in bulk. Some souvenirs are attractive collectibles, other are mere gimmicks.

The latest meter cancellation which I have from the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee, LAOOC, advertises the Olympic Arts Festival which is taking place from 1 June to 12 August. To obtain a copy of the cancel, send as many letters as you have the patience to write each month, until you get a reply!

"All Sport" is a new IPC magazine, and they are planning two special issues to be published during the Games. We can expect to see a proliferation of such magazines during the coming months. If any members come across any such magazines which are of particular interest, share your information by doing a write-up for the next issue of Torch Bearer. It is usually possible to obtain back issues in the year of publication.

The organisers of the Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo produced a lavish, glossy magazine,

which includes a "Who's Who" giving details of the athletes who took part. The International Olympic Committee also produce a magazine, entitled "Olympic Message", but recent articles have been rather technical.

In the last issue of Torch Bearer, members were asked to state whether they would be interested to attend a meeting during the British Philatelic Exhibition in October. This could only take place on Saturday, as the exhibition will not be open on Sunday after all.

Please tell your friends, fellow collectors and dealers about us when you contact them, as with more members, the Committee will be able to increase the number of services offered. Our first dealer member is Philcard International, 58, Greenacres, Hendon Lane, London N3 3TD. They offer Olympics, Sports covers and souvenir cards. Write to Eric Elias.

John Halliday, House of Farnam, PO Box 4846, Whittier, CA 90607 USA, a dealer, has available an attractive set of private LA covers in full colour. These are attractive items, printed from photo engraved copper die plates. Write direct to John Halliday for further details.

Next year will be our first anniversary, and a good time to meet other Olympic and sports collectors socially. Olymphilex '85 in Lausanne in Switzerland, will be hosted by the I.O.C. and would be an ideal opportunity to meet SPI, FIPO and IMOS members. If you are interested in such a visit, write to Bob Wilcock, if sufficient members reply, it may be worth organising a group trip, which would cut down on the costs quite considerably.

Please contact me if you have any good contacts resident in LA, as I'm keen to obtain copies of cards cancelled at the sites of the various tournaments, especially of Long Beach, site of my special interest, archery.

Unless members particularly request general details of new Olympic issues, information about new stamps will not be given, as it is felt that a magazine which is only published at three monthly intervals is unable to give up to date information. However, news of postal stationery, handstamps and similar items will be given, when available, since this is usually ignored by the general philatelic press.

U.S. POSTAL STATIONERY.

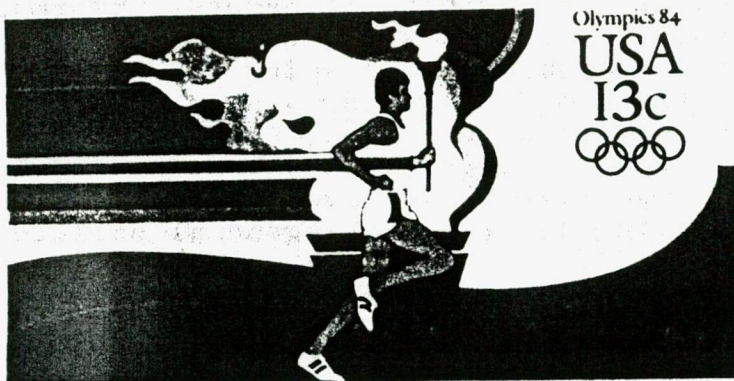
The 13 cent postal card featuring a runner carrying the Olympic torch was issued at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on 30 April, prior to the 8 May start of the cross country torch run in New York City. The Coliseum was the site of the 1932 Summer Olympics, and the opening and closing ceremony and the track and field events for this Summer's Games will also be held there.

Robert Peak of Scottsdale, Arizona, designed all the Olympic stamp and stationery items issued by the United States in 1983 and 1984. He also designed the 1969 Football commemorative and the 1978 Auto Racing embossed envelope.

The multi-coloured domestic rate postal card features a large rendition of the head of the Olympic torch. Superimposed against this is a male runner carrying the torch from left to right. The same flowing stripe motif used by Peak in the rest of his Olympic designs provides the background. The card is being printed by the offset process at the Government Printing Office. Its dimensions are 88.9mm x 138.7mm

Information by the U.S. Postal Service supplied to S.O.C. by Stamp News. Illustrations kindly supplied by Frank Spencer of David Field New Issue Service.

The "Stamp" of the U.S. postal stationery card.



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U.S. STAMPS.

The 20cent block of four stamps was issued on 4 May in Los Angeles. The stamps feature men's diving, women's long jump, men's wrestling and women's canoeing. The stamp dedication was held in the James West Alumni Centre at the University of California at Los Angeles, with the Postmaster General, William F. Bolger as the principal speaker. U.C.L.A. will be the host for the Summer Olympics gymnastic and tennis competition, and one of the two Olympic Villages will be there.

The vertically oriented stamps were modelled by Clarence Holbert of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington. They were printed in the process colours, yellow, magenta, cyan and black on the gravure press. There will be fifty stamps per pane, and on the selvedge of each pane of stamps will appear a four-digit plate number "Copyright, U.S. Postal Service

1983", "Use Correct ZIP Code" and "Mr ZIP"
(running position.)

As for the postal stationery card, these stamps
were designed by Robert Peak of Scottsdale,
and continue with the stripe motif of the card
and the previous 1984 Olympic issues.

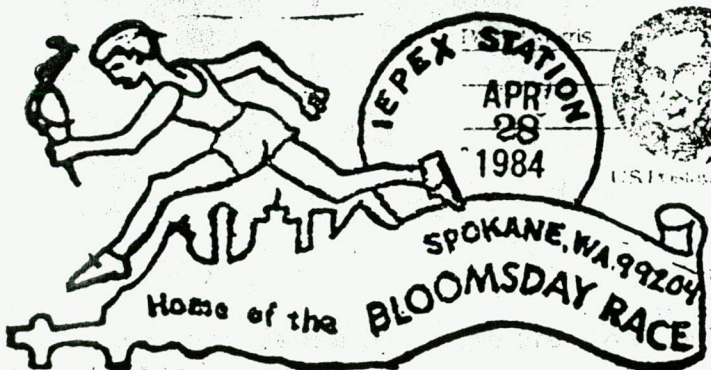
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On the following two pages, you will see
illustrated some of the cancellations and
cachets that were used during the Spring
in the United States. More news about the
cancellations and handstamps used in the U.S.
in the next issue of Torch Bearer.



GEORGE L. FREESE
22 QUARRY ROAD



GEORGE L. FREESE
22 QUARRY ROAD
GRANBY, CONN. 06035



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22 QUARRY ROAD
GRANBY, CONN.



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'84 OLYMPICS

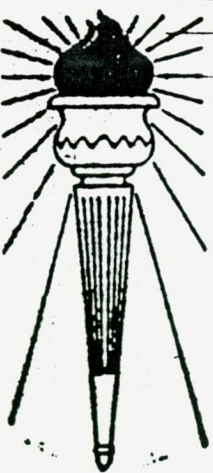
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GEORGE L. FREESE
22 QUARRY ROAD
GRANBY, CONN. 06032

U.S. POSTAGE

Released by Yugoslavia on 25 November 1983.
 Six stamps and a miniature sheet, as follows:
 4:00 dinars. Igman-Malo Ski Jump.
 4:00 dinars. Jahorina Slalom.
 16:50 dinars. Trebevic Bobsleigh.
 16:50 dinars. Bjelasnica Downhill.
 23:70 dinars. Zetra Ice hockey.
 23:70 dinars. Zetra Speed skating.

The printing of each of the stamps was 500,000, with the exception of the 23:70 dinars, ice hockey, of which only 335,000 were printed.



PROFILE

Bob Wilcock.

JIM THORPE.

"Sir", said the King of Sweden, when presenting the 1912 decathlon prize to Jim Thorpe, "You are the most wonderful athlete in the world."

A Red Indian, named Bright Path by his parents, Jim Thorpe was a natural all-round athlete. He attended the Carlisle Indian School, and while he was there, there was an athletics away match at Lafayette College. The hosts met the train bringing the visiting team, and were surprised when only two men alighted. The other man was Jim Thorpe's coach, and Jim won the match for his college by taking eight first places!

The modern pentathlon was introduced in 1912 as an event to find the best all round athlete in the world. Jim Thorpe handsomely proved himself to be that man, winning four of the five events, and he won the decathlon by almost seven hundred points more than the Swede, Hugo Wieslander. He also came seventh in the long jump, and just missed the bronze medal in the high jump.

He died in 1953 without his medals, or his name in the record books, because after the Games in Stockholm, it came to light that he had played minor league baseball for money, and by the rules of the day, that made him a professional athlete.

Happily, his medals, (replicas) were restored to his family by the International Olympic Committee at a special ceremony in Los Angeles in January. Ed Epstein, of Sports Philatelists International, designed the attractive cover illustrated, to mark the occasion, and also designed a first day cover for the stamp being issued by the U.S. Postal Service on 24 May to honour this great athlete. Covers with a pair of the stamps posted airmail direct from Shawnee,

Oklahoma, the first day city, will be available from mid June, priced at L1:25 each, plus a 7" x 4" s.a.e. Mint stamps will also be available at 15 pence each, blocks pro rata. Members who are interested in purchasing these, should write to Bob Wilcock, whose address is on the Committee page.



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LOS ANGELES 1984



INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

RETURNS

JIM THORPE'S MEDALS

JANUARY 18, 1983

STOCKHOLM.
1912.



Sports Philatelists International

TORCH CEREMONY AT OLYMPIA

The Olympic flame was lit at the ancient Greek sanctuary on 7 May, amid the tightest security. Katerina Didaskalou, a twenty four year old drama student, dressed in the robes of a high priestess, was escorted by fourteen young women and two flute players, when she lit the torch from the rays of the sun with the help of a concave mirror, in the ruins of the Temple of Hera.

The small Greek presence, and the banning of the public from the ceremony, was a reminder of the bitterness and controversy that surrounded the occasion. Many Greeks felt that the Los Angeles Organising Committee committed sacrilege against the Olympic ideal by authorising the commercial sponsorship of the relay across the United States. A boycott staged by the Greek Amateur Athletic Federation, and threats by the local authorities to mar the ceremony, prompted the Greek Olympic Committee to stay away from Olympia and to cancel the five hundred mile relay run to Athens. The Mayor of Olympia, Spyros Foteinos, declared that the commercialism was an insult to the ideals of the Olympics, and did nothing to discourage a small demonstration outside the town hall of the modern village of Olympia.

After the lighting of the flame, it was handed to Professor Nicos Nissiotis, the Greek member of the International Olympic Committee, who in turn, gave it, housed in a safety lamp, to Richard Sargeant, the delegate of the Los Angeles organisers. It was carried away from the sanctuary in a helicopter, and transported from Athens to New York by chartered aircraft, instead of being sent via satellite, as it was originally intended.

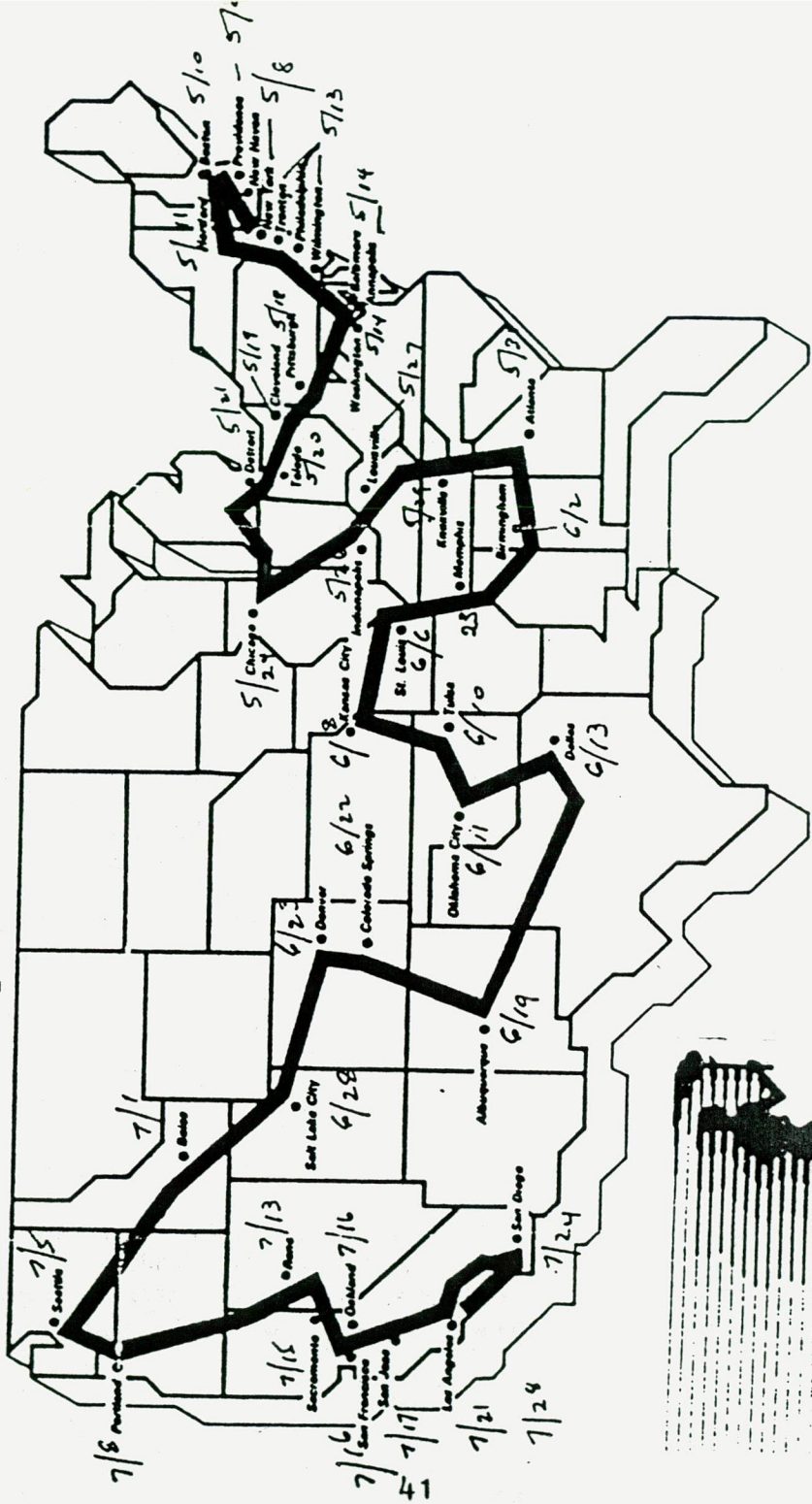
Philatelic news of the torch ceremony had not arrived from our Greek member, Mario Angelopoulos, at the time of going to press.

1984 TORCH RELAY



8 May.	NEW YORK.
	NEW HAVEN.
9 May.	PROVIDENCE.
10 May.	BOSTON.
11 May.	HARTFORD.
13 May.	TRENTON.
	PHILADELPHIA.
	WILMINGTON.
14 May.	BALTIMORE.
	ANNAPOLIS.
	WASHINGTON DC.
18 May.	PITTSBURGH.
19 May.	CLEVELAND.
20 May.	TOLEDO.
21 May.	DETROIT.
24 May.	CHICAGO.
26 May.	INDIANAPOLIS.
27 May.	LOUISVILLE.
29 May.	KNOXVILLE.
31 May.	ATLANTA.
2 June.	BIRMINGHAM.
3 June.	MEMPHIS.
6 June.	ST. LOUIS
8 June.	KANSAS CITY.
10 June.	TULSA.
11 June.	OKLAHOMA CITY.
13 June.	DALLAS.
19 June.	ALBUQUERQUE.
22 June.	COLORADO SPRINGS.
23 June.	DENVER.
28 June.	SALT LAKE CITY.
1 July.	BOISE.
5 July.	SEATTLE.
8 July.	PORTLAND.
13 July.	RENO.
15 July.	SACRAMENTO.
16 July	OAKLAND.
	SAN FRANCISCO.
17 July.	SAN JOSE.
21 July.	LOS ANGELES.
24 July.	SAN DIEGO.
28 July.	LOS ANGELES.

This route may be subject to change.



The grandchildren of former Olympic legends, Jim Thorpe and Jesse Owens, were the first of the runners who are carrying the torch across the United States. Another who carried the torch through New York was Abel Kiviat, aged 91, who was a silver medallist at the Stockholm Games in 1912.

From the United Nations building on Manhattan's East Side, the flame was taken on a roundabout journey through New York, before embarking on the circuitous route lasting eighty two days, the longest torch relay in Olympic history. Runners from all walks of life will endure a variety of weather conditions, from the fierce heat of the Nevada and Arizona deserts, to the sub-zero temperatures of the Rocky Mountains. Gus Christie, the president of the Ventura chapter of the Hell's Angels motor cycle club, will carry the torch for one kilometre of its run through Ventura to the north of Los Angeles. The Olympic officials were more than somewhat embarrassed when they discovered that the \$3000 had been paid by the club for the kilometre leg of the journey. Officials admitted that the cheque sent to them simply said HAMCUS, and accepted it, without realising that it was an acronym for Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club of the United States!

The flame, set in a bronzed aluminium torch, is powered by propane gas, that will continue to burn, no matter how bad the weather conditions. Mr Charles Mitchell, the relay's Project Director, said that miner-type lamps may need to be used as an added protection, but the flame would not go out. It had originally been intended to keep the torch moving on a round the clock basis, but this was later altered, and the relay is being run for eighteen hours, with a break of six hours each day.

L.A. OLYMPIC SITES

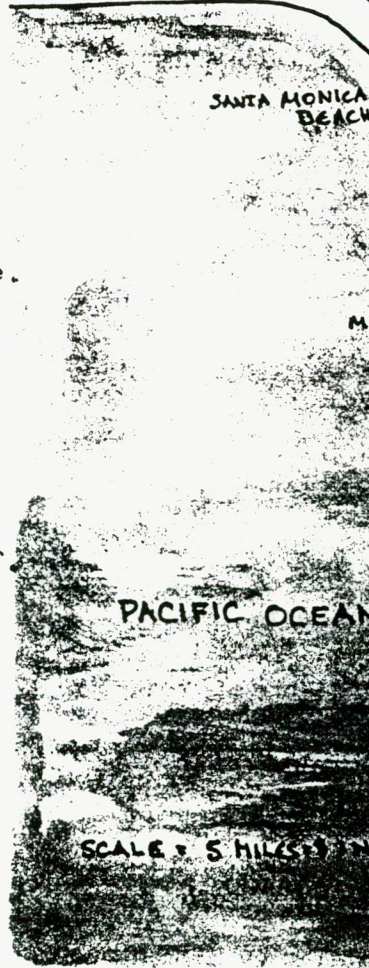
For those members who like to know where the various Olympic events are taking place, below is a list of the sports and their venues. It is likely that most will have some form of post office, and that special handstamps will be used, but at the time of writing, this had not been confirmed.

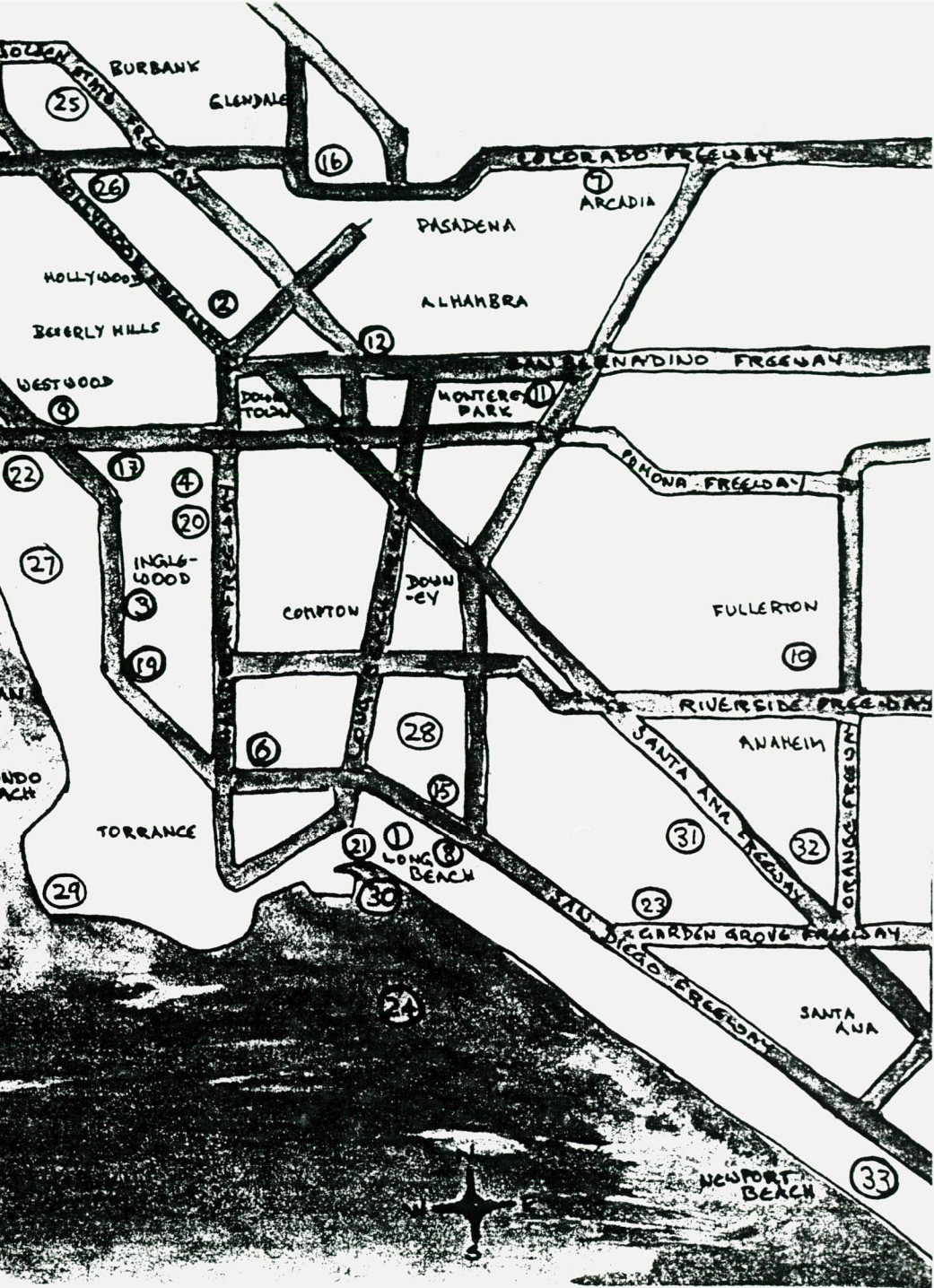
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| ① Archery | El Dorado Park, Long Beach. |
| ② Baseball | Dodger Stadium. |
| ③ Basketball | The Forum. |
| ④ Boxing | Los Angeles Sports Arena. |
| ⑤ Canoeing | Lake Casitas, 84 miles from downtown Los Angeles. |
| ⑥ Cycling | California State University Dominguez Hills. |
| ⑦ Equestrian Sports | Santa Anita Park and Fairbanks Country Club. |
| ⑧ Fencing | Long Beach Convention Centre. |
| ⑨ Gymnastics | University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) |
| ⑩ Handball (Team) | California State University Fullerton. |
| ⑪ Hockey (Field) | East Los Angeles College. |
| ⑫ Judo | California State University Los Angeles. |
| ⑬ Modern Pentathlon | Coto de Caza, 56 miles from downtown Los Angeles. |
| ⑭ Rowing | Lake Casitas. |
| ⑮ Shooting | Prado Recreation Area. |
| ⑯ Soccer | Rose Bowl, Pasadena. |
| ⑰ Swimming | University of Southern Calif. |
| ⑱ Water Polo | Pepperdine University, 30 miles from downtown L.A. |
| ⑲ Tennis | U.C.L.A. |
| ⑳ Track and Field | Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. |
| ㉑ Volleyball | Long Beach Sports Arena. |
| ㉒ Weightlifting | Loyola-Marymount University. |
| ㉓ Wrestling | Anaheim Convention Centre. |
| ㉔ Yachting | Long Beach Harbour. |

VENTURA FREELON

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

1. El Dorado Park, Long Beach.
2. Dodger Stadium.
3. The Forum.
4. Los Angeles Sports Arena.
6. California State University
7. Santa Anita Park
Fairbanks Country Club.
8. Long Beach Convention Centre.
9. U.C.L.A.
10. California State University.
(Fullerton)
11. East Los Angeles College.
12. California State University.
(Los Angeles)
13. Prado Recreation Area.
16. Rose Bowl, Pasadena.
17. University of Southern Calif.
19. U.C.L.A.
20. L.A. Memorial Coliseum.
21. Long Beach Sports Arena.
22. Loyola-Marymount University.
23. Anaheim Convention Centre.
24. Long Beach Harbour.
25. Burbank Airport.
26. Universal City Studios.
27. L.A. International Airport.
28. Long Beach Airport.
29. Marineland.
30. "Queen Mary".
31. Disneyland.
32. Anaheim Stadium.
33. Wayne Orange County Airport.





LOS ANGELES TIMETABLE

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BOXING	●	●	●	●	
CANOEING					
CYCLING	●	●	●	●	●
EQUESTRIAN EVENTS	●	●		●	
FENCING				●	
FOOTBALL	●	●	●	●	●
GYMNASTICS	●	●	●	●	
HANDBALL			●	●	
HOCKEY	●	●	●	●	●
JUDO					
MODERN PENTATHLON	●	●	●	●	
ROWING		●	●	●	
SHOOTING	●	●	●	●	
SWIMMING	●	●	●		
DIVING					
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING					
WATER POLO				●	
VOLLEY BALL	●	●	●	●	
WEIGHTLIFTING	●	●	●	●	
WRESTLING		●	●	●	
YACHTING			●	●	
CLOSING CEREMONY					
DEMONSTRATION BASEBALL			●	●	
DEMONSTRATION TENNIS					
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Sporting activities developed before history began. To become a leader among his fellow tribesmen, it was necessary for the individual to excel in hunting skills, in training for battle, competing for brides, land and cattle, and for placating the gods. The outcome of these skills can be seen in the first Olympic Games which, for a brief time, united the warring tribes of ancient Greece. Later, a class of professional sportsmen emerged, leading to the division between spectators and participants with which we are familiar today.

The benefits of exercise were well known to the ancients, who recommended it for the promotion of health and well-being. This association with medicine has continued through the ages, and now its role in prophylaxis, therapy and rehabilitation is well established. For the collector of either medicine or sports stamps, the link forms a fascinating sub-topic.

GALEN. (Yemen 1966. SG 433-438)

If the great gladiators were the professional sportsmen of Rome, then the great Galen AD 129-199, was one of the early specialists in sports medicine. Born at Pergamon in Asia Minor, he was named Galenos, meaning tranquil, a name which was to prove inaccurate. After ten years of studying philosophy and medicine in the greatest centres of the Middle East, he returned home with a reputation already assured. He stepped into the much sought after position of chief surgeon for the gladiatorial games, and was an immediate success, as all his wounded recovered! His duties went beyond the treatment of injuries. He was responsible for prescribing appropriate diets and exercises for the gladiators and directed their training, and extended his mandate to devising programmes of physical education for a population already facing the mundane problems of keeping fit. At least two published works emerged from this experience; "Health, the Concern of Medicine

with Gymnastics" and "Exercises With a Small Ball". He believed in sport for all. Throughout his career, in addition to the use of drugs, he prescribed diets, exercises and massage as therapy in diverse conditions.

After three years as chief surgeon to the gladiators, Galen left for Rome, where he soon acquired a large and lucrative practice. He lectured publicly, performed experiments on animals in front of large audiences, and wrote extensively. He was arrogant, regarding himself as omniscient and infallible, and was critical of his colleagues, who he regarded as criminals and charlatans. "Most physicians are like athletes who aspire to victory in the Olympic Games without doing anything to deserve it", he wrote. He did make many contributions to medicine, particularly in anatomy and physiology, but his very authority proved a stranglehold on further advances. His word became dogma, his errors were perpetuated, and criticism of him was regarded as heresy until the time of the Renaissance.

PER HENRIK LING. (Sweden 1939. SG 228-9)

The Dark Ages were characterised by asceticism, with resultant neglect of the human body, and it was not until the early nineteenth century that physical education became incorporated to any extent into school programmes. To P.H.Ling, 1776 to 1839, goes the credit for placing exercise on a scientific footing. Born in Sweden, he first studied theology, and displaying a gift for languages, he mastered French, German, Danish and English, as well as his mother tongue. He wrote poems and plays with equal fluency in several languages. His first sporting interest was fencing, which he was reputed to have taken up after an attack of gout, in the hope of improving the mobility of his arm. He became so adept, that he rose rapidly from pupil to instructor and applied himself to the study of anatomy and physiology. Gymnastics next appealed

to him, for he saw in this the means of restoring the health of his people, as well as improving their morale and strength. In 1814, he became the founder and director of the Royal Central Institute of Gymnastics, which still flourishes. He classified gymnastics as medical, educational, military and aesthetic. Medical history recognises him for introducing gymnastics for therapeutic purposes.

FRIEDRICH LUDWIG JAHN. (DDR 1978. SG E2055)
Almost at the same time as Ling in Sweden, Jahn, 1778 to 1852, established the first outdoor gymnasium in Berlin. He loved the outdoor life and had a way with children, but primarily he was a patriot and a nationalist. A fit nation was a strong nation, he believed, and he hoped to see the German youth rise in opposition to Napoleonic rule, and it was not long before this movement spread throughout the country. Jahn himself, was liberal-minded and democratic, though an outspoken social critic, characteristics which later led to the closing of his gymnasium and his imprisonment by the reactionary Prussian government. He was not a physician, but a teacher who had been honoured as Turnvater, (Father of Gymnastics) His principle of gymnastics training was eventually adopted by a united Germany. The peak development of the Turnvereine (Gymnastic societies) was reached during the period of the Nazi movement.

JAMES NAISMITH. (U.S.A. 1961. SG1188)
A doctor gave sport one of its universal games, namely basketball. The game was invented by James Naismith, 1861 to 1939, who received his MD from the University of Colorado. Naismith was a man who loved youth, and he demonstrated this as an educator, a humanitarian and a practicing Christian. Canadian born, he obtained his first degree at McGill University in preparation for the ministry. He then studied theology, but felt that he could contribute more to society through physical education. He was successively director

of physical education at McGill, Springfield College, the YMCA in Denver, and finally, for forty years, at the University of Kansas. It was in 1891, when he was at the YMCA College in Springfield, that he invented basketball, to fill in the gaps in the winter months between the football and the baseball seasons. He obtained his medical degree later, having combined his studies with the post of physical director at the YMCA in Denver. Basketball was introduced as an Olympic sport for the first time in 1936, and the National Association of Basketball Coaches raised money from spectators, officials and players, in order to send the aging father of the game to Berlin to be present at the opening ceremony. It was the greatest moment of his life.

ROBERT TAIT MCKENZIE. (Canada 1975. SG 801-2) The stamps celebrating the Montreal Olympics are a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to sport. He was a talented painter and sculptor, as well as a practicing orthopaedic surgeon and anatomy lecturer. In a remarkably full life he was able to successfully combine three careers, sport, art and medicine.

Robert Tait McKenzie 1867 to 1936, was born in Ontario, and as a youth became expert at outdoor winter sports and a lover of nature. He entered McGill University, where he excelled in football, swimming, fencing, gymnastics and athletics. He succeeded James Naismith as director of the gymnasium at Springfield YMCA College and continued his study of the techniques of physical education. He applied his knowledge of anatomy and muscle action to medicine, and besides teaching gymnastics and serving as medical attendant to the university teams, he specialised in orthopaedic surgery. He turned his artistic talents to record graphically the expressions of straining athletes, while he used his ability as a sculptor to demonstrate

anatomy to his students. "The Sprinter" and "The Plunger", selected for the Canadian stamps, are representative of his many masterpieces. Compare them with "The Discus Thrower" by Myron and "The Pugilist Resting" by Apollonius, both the works of ancient Romans.

In 1904, McKenzie answered the call of the University of Pennsylvania to establish a department of physical education. With his keen appreciation of the ancient Greek ideals, he became involved in the revival of the Olympic Games. It was natural that the founder, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, should seek his advice often and invite him to be a guest of honour at successive Games. During and after the First World War, he applied himself to the rehabilitation of the wounded and devised many effective exercises, training programmes and appliances. McKenzie led a very full life, and left a heritage of many articles, books and works of art.

ALAIN CALMAT. (Panama 1961. SG 812-4)

Born in Paris in 1940, Calmat qualified in Paris in medicine in 1966. As a student, he won the silver medal for speed skating at the 1964 Olympic Winter Games at Innsbruck. At the next Games in Grenoble in 1968, he was the Olympic Torch carrier. He did a residency in New York, but returned to Paris to practice medicine.

TENLEY EMMA ALBRIGHT. (Dominican Rep. 1957 SG715)

It is appropriate to end with a touch of glamour! Tenley Albright was born in 1935, the daughter of the internationally famous Boston physician, Fuller Albright. She took up ice skating after recovering from poliomyelitis at the age of eleven. After winning the U.S. ladies' skating title, she was the world champion in 1953 and 1955. At the Olympic Winter Games in Italy in 1956, she won the gold medal for figure skating. Only then did she study medicine, graduating from Harvard University in 1961.

ERIC LIDDELL SOUVENIR

The Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies held their annual Convention in April. The theme of their cover, card and handstamp honoured Eric Liddell, who won the gold medal in the 400 metres in the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris. At the time of writing, the following items are still available.

Unserviced cover.	30p
Serviced cover with Congress Handstamp.	60p.
Flying Scotsman carried cover	L1..
Congress Miniature Sheet.	50p.
Congress Sheet on cover.	L1:10
Overprinted Stampex Souvenir sheet.	L1:25
Stampex sheet on cover.	L2

Postage and packing should be added as follows: 1 item, 20p, 2 to 4 items, 24p, 5 to 7 items, 28p and 8 to 10 items, 34p. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the Scottish Philatelic Society, and sent to Mr. A. T. Balfour, 3 Carfrae Grove, Edinburgh.

Born the son of Scottish missionaries in China in 1902, Eric Liddell was sent home to be educated, and his final studies were at Edinburgh University where he read science. There too, he developed his athletic potentialities and his prowess in running and on the rugby field were quickly recognised. Although not a runner of great style, arms swinging at shoulder height, head too far back and knees too high, he won, and won again, until he was picked to represent Britain in the Sprints at the 1924 Olympics. On learning that the 100 metre heats were to be held on a Sunday, he withdrew. His faith, based on principles instilled into him as a child, would not allow him to participate on a

Sunday, not even for the Olympics. With his withdrawal, another British hope, Harold Abrahams, upset the form book and went on to win the 100 metres. Liddell then channelled all his energy into the 400 metres and won his semi-final in 48.2 seconds. On 11 July the final took place and Liddell shot off in the inside lane at great speed, passing the 200 metre mark in 22.2 seconds, he ran on to win in a spectacular record-shattering time of 47.6 seconds. He did not stay long to celebrate, but slipped away quietly to prepare his address for a service at Old Scots Kirk in Paris the following day. Such was this man of principle.

From information supplied by the Scottish Philatelic Society.

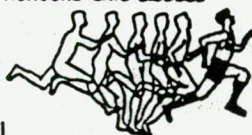
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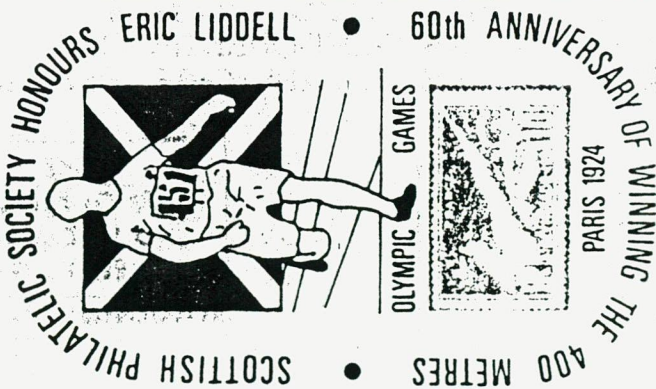
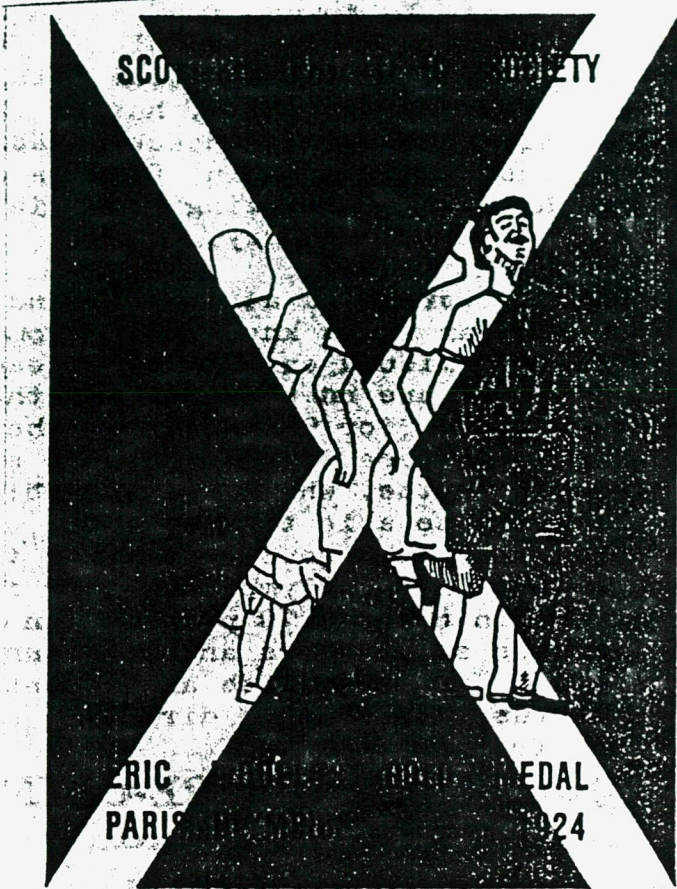
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ERIC LIDDELL'S GOLD MEDAL
AT THE
PARIS OLYMPICS OF 1924.

Illustration on the Eric Liddell Souvenir Cover.



BASKETBALL QUALIFYING ROUNDS

The 1984 Pre-Olympic men's European qualifying tournament was held in France from 15 to 25 May. Sixteen teams competed for three places in Los Angeles, among them the British team. Italy and Yugoslavia have places by right, having taken the gold and silver medals in Moscow. Heats took place at Le Mans, Saint Quentin, Orleans and Grenoble, with the finals taking place in Paris at the Omnisportshall at Bercy.

Slogan postmarks were used at Orleans and Saint Quentin, but as far as is known, not from the other towns. Bob Wilcock can offer one each of the two postmarks, one on plain cover, the other on Olympic postcard, for 95 pence for the pair, plus 7" x 5" sae. There is also a large size, self-adhesive vignette, which is available for L1 each. Bob is also able to supply the postmark illustrated in the news column for the 90th Anniversary of the Olympic Charter for 25 pence on plain card or 70 pence on an IOC postcard. Please send orders and remittance by the end of June, together with an address label. Covers and cards will be sent direct to members in late July from Paris.



TOURNOI PRE-OLYMPIQUE DE BASKETBALL SENIOR MASCULIN

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READING MATTERS

A recently published book by David Wallenchinsky entitled "The Complete Book of the Olympics" is full of useful facts and figures about all Olympic Games since 1896. It is published in a large format paper back by Penguin and costs £6:95. It is presently available from most larger booksellers.

Another interesting book of background knowledge was written by Richard Mandell in 1971, and is entitled "The Nazi Olympics". Although well researched, it does contain several errors of fact. Published in this country by Souvenir Press at £2:95, it was originally released by Macmillan in the United States. It probably is no longer readily available, but for further information, write to Souvenir Press, at 95 Mortimer Street, London W.1.

A book entitled "The Games" was published by Proteus Ltd. in 1980. It was compiled by Marshall Brant, and is a record of the Olympic Games from their conception in Paris in 1894 until 1980, taken entirely from contemporary newspaper cuttings. The only criticism of this otherwise fascinating record of previous Olympiads, is the quality of the reproduction of some of the newsclippings. Using the original articles as they appeared does not make for easy reading, and most of the photographs have reproduced very badly. Bound in hard back, and coffee table size, it is priced at £8:95. It is probably still available if you look, otherwise, write to Proteus at Breinar House, Sale Place, London W2 1PT.

In 1971, Ballantine Books Inc. of New York, published a series of paper backs entitled "The Illustrated History of the Violent Century" Number 1 "Human Conflict" is sub-titled Olympiad 1936, and was written by Judith Holmes. Like that of her compatriot, Richard Mandell, the book contains several errors of fact, but

it is full of interesting background information. It cost \$1 at the time it was published. For further information write to Ballantine at 101 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10003. U.S.A.

Two booklets which should be on every Olympic collector's book shelf are "Katalog der Vignetten zu den Olympischen Spielen by Paul Rampacher, and "Die Poststempel der Welt zu den Olympischen Spielen 1906 - 1960" by Günter Schneider. Although both are written in German, they are easy to follow, and the Schneider illustrates every postmark. The first deals exclusively with Olympic vignettes, the other, with all postmarks, including slogan cancels and handstamps. The Rampacher was issued in 1959, and covers all Games up to 1956. Both booklets are still available from Vera Trinder Ltd, Bedford Street, London WC2. price, £5 each.

"Die Deutsche Reichspost bei den IV Olympischen Winterspielen und den XI Olympischen Sommerspielen" (the German Posts at the IV Olympic Winter Games and the XI Olympic Summer Games) is a booklet that has been reprinted from archival material from the German Postal authorities from 1936 and 1937. As it is written entirely in German, much of it in Gothic print, it is necessary to have an above-average knowledge of German to understand it. However, for those who do have a mastery of the language, it is a very useful book, and gives a clear insight into the workings of the postal authorities. Available from Peter C. Rickenback, 14 Rosslyn Hill, London NW3 1PF, priced at £3:30 inc. post.

If you have any books about the Olympic Games, either philatelic or background information, which you think may be of interest to other members, send a review for inclusion in a future column of READING MATTERS.

An interesting situation has arisen with the West German stamp for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. To recap briefly, for those of you who may not know the full story. In 1980, the West German postal authorities prepared a stamp to commemorate the Moscow Games. However, before the stamps were released, the West Germans pulled out of the Olympics because of the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. The stamps were never released, and the prepared stamps were destroyed under security conditions. In 1983, Frau Elizabeth Gscheidle, the wife of the former Minister of Posts, franked letters with stamps that she found in her husband's desk. It turned out that the stamps she used, were the withdrawn Olympic issue. It appears that her husband had saved three sheets of one hundred and fifty stamps, (50 stamps on each sheet) from the incinerator as a souvenir. It has been stated by both Herr and Frau Gscheidle that all the stamps were used to frank letters, yet now it appears that a mint copy will soon be coming up for auction in Switzerland. Had the stamp been offered for sale in Germany, it would certainly have been seized by the authorities, and possible legal action taken, both against the auction house and the vendor. If the lot is purchased by a German and returned to Germany, the authorities have the right to seize the stamp without recompense, but a Swiss auctioneer is under no obligation to divulge either the name of the buyer or of the vendor.

At present, the catalogues do not list the West German Olympic issue of 1980, either mint or used, nor are they likely to in the foreseeable future. It is neither the first time, nor the last, that stamps that should have been destroyed have been offered for sale. In time, the furore will die down and the stamps will appear on the market without penalty. What is fairly certain is that if, as Frau Gscheidle

Somalia Miniature Sheet for Romolympil in 1982.

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has claimed, all the 150 stamps in her husband's desk were used on letters, more are sure to appear on the market, and the price for used copies is likely to come down very substantially. It does not, however answer any of the questions surrounding the discovery of mint examples.

SOMALIA MINIATURE SHEET FOR OLYMPHILEX '85.

I have heard that F.I.P.O. are at present negotiating with the postal authorities of the Democratic Republic of Somalia to issue a miniature sheet to commemorate the international Olympic stamp exhibition to be held in Lausanne in 1985. It appears that some twelve thousand of these sheets, containing three or four stamps, will be prepared, with a probable "face" value of 30 or 35 Somalian shillings, some £1:75 sterling. From information received, it would appear that two thousand of these sheets will be on sale at the exhibition, while the remaining ten thousand will be sold to a philatelic agency for world-wide distribution.

Whereas a total printing of twelve thousand is fairly modest by present day standards, it is nevertheless disturbing that F.I.P.O. is getting involved with purely speculative issues, which serve little useful purpose, other than to extract money from gullible collectors. This is not the first occasion that Somalia have issued a souvenir sheet for an Olympic philatelic exhibition. In 1982 at Romolyphil, a similar sheetlet was produced. As far as I can tell, this too was sold only at the exhibition and through philatelic agencies. If the Italian Olympic Committee are prepared to lend their name to such practices, that is one thing, I would have thought that F.I.P.O., who is trying to get recognition from the Federation Internationale de Philatelie, would have thought twice before becoming involved!

For the first time ever, there will be two events for handicapped people as a part of the official programme in this summer's Olympic Games in Los Angeles. On 11 August, which is the last full day for track and field events, there will be a 1,500 metre wheelchair event for men, and an 800 metre wheelchair event for women. About six nations are expected to enter the competition for these two events.

Mr Cameron of the Dereham Stamp Centre, Norwich Street, Dereham, Norfolk NR19 1AD, can provide many of the more modern issues with a sporting theme. Quote SG numbers, and mention our Society when writing to him, and he will try to complete your wants list as soon as possible.

For those of you who collect more than just the stamps and postal history of the Olympic Games, you may be interested to know that the United States Mint are producing a gold Ten Dollar coin and a silver One Dollar to commemorate the Los Angeles Games. They are also producing boxed sets of all the 1984 coinage, including the Silver Dollar, for sale to collectors. Prices start at £32:50 each for the dollar coin to £360:00 for a proof copy of the gold Eagle. In Great Britain, orders are being processed by Spink Modern Collections Ltd. 29-35 Gladstone Road, Croydon CR0 2BZ. While on the subject of Olympic coins, you may be interested to know that the first known Olympic coin was struck in 480 BC!

Harry Allen, 63-81 High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 6FP, the new issue dealer, is producing specially designed covers for the Winter and Summer Games stamps released by Yugoslavia and the United States. I believe that there will be a total of some sixty four covers, and they will cost £1:85 each. Mr Allen claims that these covers will be "in great demand by collectors throughout the world" (his words) If you can't wait to part with your money, you can write to

him at the above address. Harry Allen also runs a comprehensive new issue service for thematic collectors, including Olympics.

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Make a note in your diary to buy Stamp Collecting Weekly on 5 July. It will be a special Olympic issue, and several members of our society are contributing articles. There should be something of interest for everyone, so don't miss this edition, Olympics are only newsworthy for the general collector every four years!

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1984 is not only Olympic year, it also marks the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the International Olympic Committee in Paris in 1894. The illustrated French slogan postmark will be in use at the Paris 08 post office from 2 May until 1 August 1984.



First, "Chariots of Fire", next, "The First Olympics". A new five part series about the first Games of 1896 is being filmed in Athens to be screened in the summer. Alex Hyde-White, the son of the late Wilfred Hyde-White has been cast as Arthur Blake, "the best runner from Harvard University and the cream of the crop", (TV publicity blurb) was not among the first six places in any of the events! It remains to be seen how accurate the film will be to historical fact.

In brief

In the previous issue of TORCH BEARER, it was stated that I.M.O.S. was a German based society. Apparently this is incorrect. It is an international society. The Chairman is Heinrich Mannhart of Switzerland, though most of the other Officers are German.

Paaavo Nurmi, th Flying Finn, was portrayed on a stamp of Turkey in 1940 (SG 1266) though the runner is not mentioned by name. He was also on the proposed set for the 1940 Games, but this set was never issued. Does any member have any further details of these stamps?

BRITISH OLYMPIC DAY.

This was a fund-raising event organised by the British Olympic Association, and held at Crystal Palace on Bank Holiday Monday, 7 May. There were some attractive exhibits about the Olympics, including details of the Shropshire Olympics organised by the Much Wenlock Olympian Society in 1850, and a history of the Cotswold Olympics. Some attractive full colour posters about the Olympics were also exhibited.

VIDEO TAPES.

The video tapes mentioned in the Secretary's column will cost £10:49 for a pack of two VHS tapes. BETA format with the Olympic booklets are also available.

Women's shooting events will be held for the first time this year. At last year's world championships, the Eastern Bloc women took twenty one medals, out of a total of thirty. If they do not attend the Games, it will devalue the medals won.

Reproductions of old Olympic posters are available from Antik Print, P.O.Box 2216, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Prices not known. Alternatively, buy the Cook Islands 1984 Olympic issue, which also features past Olympic posters.

