

## Judges

The standard of judging was not so good in 1962 and 1963; the Council had to take sanctions towards some Judges. Once more I would ask the Member Associations to send younger, though, of course, experienced, Judges to international competitions and Championships.

## Technical Committees

The two Technical Committees have had several meetings: the Figure Skating Committee met 8 times, the Ice Dance Committee 5 times. Both have done very good work, as can be seen from the Agenda of the Congress. The Figure Skating Committee and especially its Chairman, Mr. Dedic, worked very hard on the second part of the Judges' Handbook (on Free Skating); some copies of it have been distributed among you. The third part of this Handbook, on Pair Skating, is still in the stage of preparation. The Ice Dance Committee has been working on the improvement of the regulations, especially with a view of creating new compulsory dances, an idea of Mr. Wilkie's which has been continued by Mr. Meudec. I think you will all agree in giving the Committee Members our best thanks.

And now I hope that our present work will be, as usual, a great success for the improvement of our sport.

## 7. Motions concerning modifications of the Special Regulations for Figure Skating and Ice Dancing

Before starting the discussions about proposed modifications of regulations, two delegates want to make a remark. K. Enderlin exposes his idea to send to ISU Championships a combined German team, consisting of skaters from both the Federal and the Democratic Republic, under the Olympic flag; it would then perhaps be easier for the DDR to obtain visa for the Championships. J. Dedic mentions that there is a lack in the Regulations about how long after a performance a protest can be lodged. He proposes that a special Committee be formed to draft a new proposal to amend Rule 325, composed of the Figure Skating Committee, enlarged by E. Labin and H. Beatty (see page ). First are discussed a few proposals, delegated by the Congress to the Figure Skating Committee.

### Proposal No. 22 (age limit for Referees and Judges)

The opinions on this are divided. N. Stephens repeats that restrictions should be based on activity, not on age; Mrs. Benedict thinks that the decision should be left to the National Associations; so does H. Milde. Mrs. Bianchetti thinks that old people are not able to stand so long on the ice. K. Enderlin points out that several old Referees and Judges are Member of the Council of their National Associations, so these bodies can never be detached in their appointments. At last, H. Beatty's proposal

to add the words „if possible“ leads to the **approval** of the second part of proposal no. 22 with this addition.

### Proposal No. 30 (musical reproduction)

A technical discussion evolves between K. Enderlin, H. Beatty and H. Schiechtl about infinite variability, frequency and voltage. It is left to the Drafting Committee to find the right wording of the text and the right place in the Regulations (it has been finally **put in** as rule 329 para 3).

**Proposal No. 41** (ISU diplomas for free skating and for compulsory figures).

E. Labin is against the proposal; so is K. Beaumont, who thinks it a mistake to have diplomas based on the two aspects of figure skating. The proposal is then **rejected** by the delegates with 9 votes for, 14 against and 1 abstention.

### Proposal No. 93 concerning Rule 302, para 9

As this is an improvement of wording, it is **referred** to the Drafting Committee.

**Proposal No. 94** is put to discussion together with **Proposal No. 147** (both about pair skating program).

H. Beatty remarks that the North American Championships do not have an intervening day. Physically an intervening day would not likely be possible, and psychologically it is not thought advisable. Therefore he requires that, should the proposal be accepted by Congress, an exception be made for the North American Championships. K. Beaumont is of the opinion that a good Judge should be able to judge on one performance; besides, two performances are equally disliked by skaters, Judges and the public. The skaters, who were asked for their opinion about a double program by R. Marx expressed themselves all against it, though K. Enderlin had a different experience. E. Labin points out that such a double program would not be possible at the next Olympic Winter Games, as the organization is already in a too far developed stage to make the required alterations. He rejects a double program and reads out a proposal, worked out by him with a Czech pair skater, concerning a compulsory program of 2½ minutes. H. Milde requests that the proposals be studied by a special committee. The proposal of Germany DDR (No. 147) has been inspired by the sportive side: it does not seem fair to show the work of one year's hard training in one program of only 5 minutes. K. Enderlin adds that with a double program the work of the Judges would be facilitated, as has been shown at the second trial in Budapest. Hereupon the Vice-President proposes not to change the existing Rule, but to have another two years' trial of the double