



## SPORT

# Coming Events and Olympic Prospects

**N**EXT year will see two major appointments in the New Zealand sportsmen's year book—the Olympic Games at Melbourne and a tour of New Zealand by the Springbok Rugby team. Already the track and field athletes are well into their training; already footballers and public are wondering who will receive New Zealand's highest Rugby honours. But this year has its sporting highlights, too. There will be visits from an Australian Rugby team, a French League team, a United Kingdom women's golf team, and possibly an Association football team from Hong Kong—a purely Chinese team.

In *Question Mark* on the YA stations on Monday, April 11, listeners can hear the well-known sports commentator Winston McCarthy acting as chairman in a discussion with two others on New Zealand's chances at the Olympic Games, along with such questions as team personnel, training, and so on. Should we take advantage of the closeness of Melbourne and send a large team to the Games? Or should we send only those with a fair chance of success? Arguments can be given on both sides. On the one hand, the more people who get overseas competitive training the better; on the other, by spending sensibly on the 1956 team the money saved can be used to ensure that no one who really deserves to go to the following Games will be rejected through lack of finance. Anyway, these and similar questions will be discussed in *Question Mark*.

Another Easter Monday programme of interest to sportsmen will be the New Zealand motor-cycle Grand Prix at Cust, beginning at 1.45 p.m. Station 3YA will broadcast eye-witness accounts during the afternoon, and full results will be heard on the National Link at 9.0 p.m.

When the Australian football team tours New Zealand in August and September they will play 13 matches, including three tests—the latter being at Wellington on August 20, Dunedin on September 3, and Auckland on September 17, all of them fully covered by the

NZBS with running commentaries and after-game assessments. No doubt the Australians will play their usual open, attractive football, but apart from their intrinsic interest, these matches, along with this season's Ranfurly Shield games, will be largely the basis on which next year's team to meet the Springboks is picked. That is why this year's New Zealand selectors, T. C. Morrison, A. E. Marslin and J. T. Sullivan have also been appointed for the next year.

The French League team will arrive in July, and will play two tests at Auckland on August 6 and 13. At the time of going to press the team had not been selected, but there will be 30 members, a larger team than usual, for it will play up to three matches a week in Australia before coming over here, with exhibition matches in America on the way home. A French team last toured here four years ago, when it was beaten in the only test played by one point. Last year the French were runners-up in the World Cup League series.

The New Zealand Football Association is negotiating to bring an all-Chinese Soccer team out here from Hong Kong. The last Chinese team to come here was a University team which drew record crowds in Auckland and elsewhere in 1923. If it comes, the present team will play seven or eight games in New Zealand.

Apart from the captain, Mrs. B. R. Bostock, the eldest of the visiting six-women United Kingdom golf team is 21, the youngest 18. They will be here during October and November, and will compete in the New Zealand championships. In addition to provincial games, they will also play New Zealand at Heretaunga on October 26.

## No Ordinary Man

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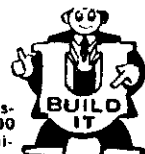
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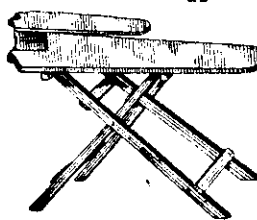
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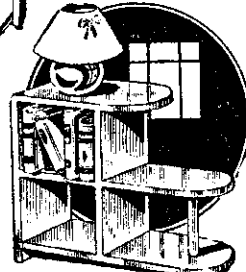
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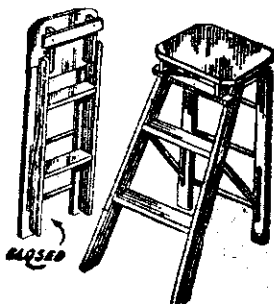


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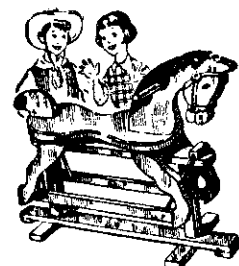


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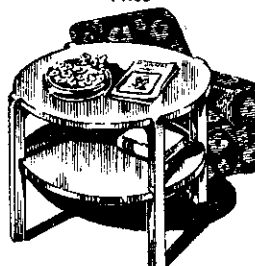
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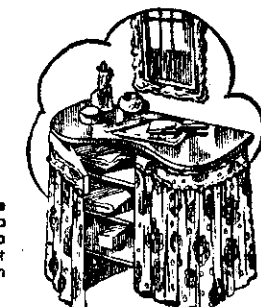
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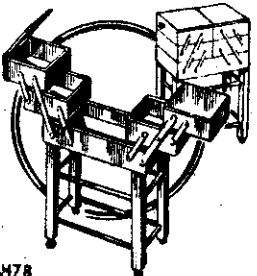
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