

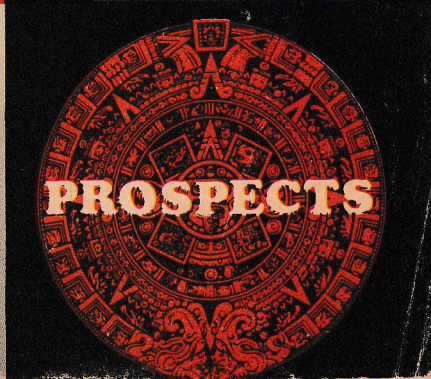
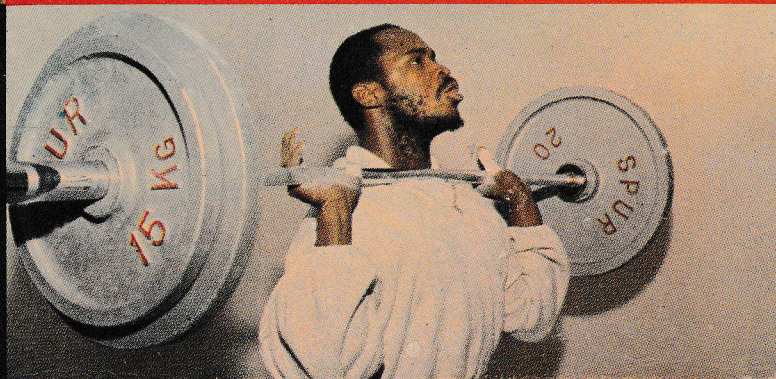
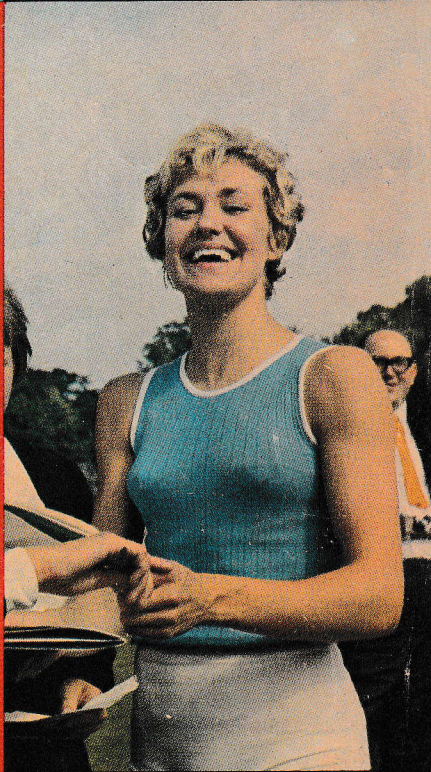
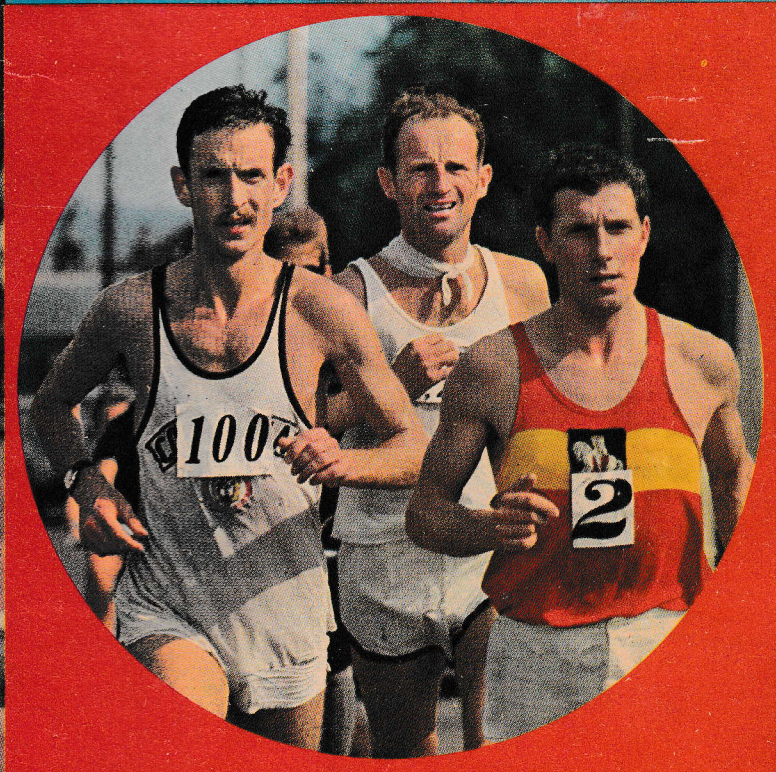
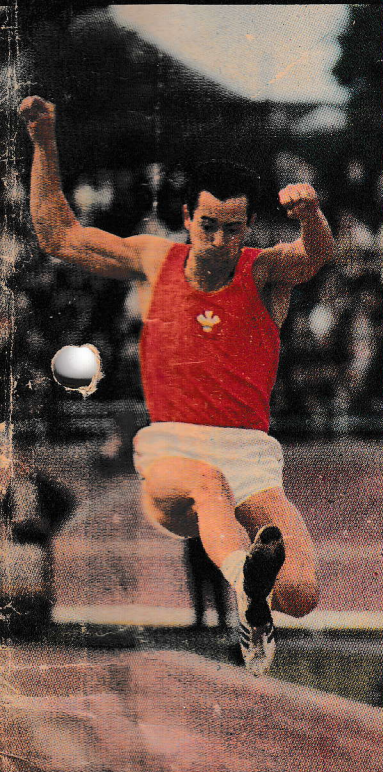
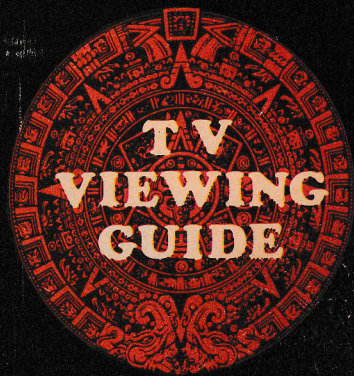
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apparently, is that the national governing body of a sport can make Olympic entries, without going through its national Olympic committee. In the Tokyo and Rome Games, Australia played a total of five qualifying matches and lost them all.

AUSTRALIA'S Olympic Federation omitted Rome silver medallist Noel Freeman from their Olympic team, saying his time of 1:31:34 for the 20km walk, when winning the Victorian title in icy, windy conditions, was "not outstanding compared with current world times." Freeman, fourth in Tokyo and second in Rome, said he was "disgusted."

LEADING all-rounder among the competitors in Mexico may be Imbert "Sledge" Roberts, who represents the Antilles island of St Lucia in the shot, discus and at wrestling. Just for good measure, the former Caribbean shot champion will be team-manager for himself and his lone team-mate, sprinter Phillip Jules, and act as St Lucia's delegate at the Commonwealth Games conference on October 23.

Another tiny contingent is the trio from Sierra Leone, headed by London-based heavyweight boxer John Coker, who went to the Commonwealth Games in Jamaica two years ago but was unable to compete when officials failed to find a pair of gloves big enough to fit him. The USSR's Olympic team, in contrast, will number 401, including 99 women, for all sports except soccer and hockey. Final tally of entries, when they closed on August 28, was 119 countries and 7,226 competitors, compared with the previous record totals of 94 and 5,546 respectively set in Tokyo. In the inaugural Modern Olympic Games in 1896 285 competitors represented 13 nations.

LATEST STATEMENTS from vociferous IOC president Avery Brundage concerned the subjects of the USSR's participation in Mexico and growing commercialism of the Games. Commenting on a suggestion that the Russians be banned from the Olympics following their invasion of Czechoslovakia, Brundage said, "If participation in sport is

to be stopped every time the politicians violate the laws of humanity, there will never be any international contests."

Referring once again to his familiar opposition to commercial capitalisation Brundage observed, "The Winter Games have grown too big and too expensive. We had 3,400 journalists in Grenoble. We had Olympic butter. We had Olympic sugar. I would not, however, go as far as to say that the Winter Games will be abandoned. They will definitely be held as planned in Sapporo in 1972."

NATIONALIST CHINA, who will have some 60 competitors in seven Olympic sports, predictably protested at being described as "Taiwan" on official application forms and identity cards. Their Olympic Committee president, Yang Sen, said they would change the offending word to "Republic of China" on all forms.

MIDDLEWEIGHT boxer Viktor Ageyev and heavyweight Alexander Vasyushkin were dropped from the USSR Olympic team after a drunken street brawl in Moscow, during which they beat up innocent bystanders. Both were also stripped of their titles of "Honoured Masters of Sport." According to "Soviet Sport" Ageyev had previously been arrested several times for drunkenness. This disciplinary action follows a sweeping purge of other Soviet sportsmen, including footballers, weightlifters and divers, accused of drinking and other offences.

LAURENCE GOUGH, 19-year-old Dublin university student, has learned to his cost that the penalty for protest can be severe. As one of the few Irish fencers to pass the qualifying standard, Gough expected to be selected for Mexico. On learning that he had been passed over, he told the Olympic Council of Ireland that he could have beaten men who had been picked, adding bitterly that some of the four-man squad to compete were themselves selectors.

The Irish Fencing Association then expelled him for life on the allegation that he had brought the organisation into public disrepute. Gough intends to put the matter before the International Fencing Federation in Paris.

THE COMPETING COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN, Algeria, Antilles, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, British Honduras, Bulgaria, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Central Africa, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo-Brazzaville, Congo-Kinshasa, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominica, Dutch Antilles, East Germany, Ecuador, Eire, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Formosa, France, Gabon, Ghana, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Lybia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Monaco,

Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Rumania, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sudan, South Korea, Spain, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, UAR, Uganda, Uruguay, USA, USSR, Venezuela, Virgin Islands, Vietnam, West Germany, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

At press-time, the only countries with National Olympic Committees not taking part were Albania, Cambodia, Dahomey, Jordan, Nepal, Rhodesia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa.

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