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OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES.

ST. MORITZ 1948.

Federal Councillor Celio who next year will be the President of the Swiss Federal Council has informed the Olympic Committee that he has accepted its invitation to be Honorary President of the Winter Games 1948. Members also of the Honorary Committee will be Dr. Kobelt, Chief of the Swiss Military Department and General Guisan.

The number of countries competing has risen to fifteen, as Canada and Holland have announced their entries.

In the meantime the Technical preparations are advancing rapidly. The definite site of the Ski Long-distance races has been agreed upon and the measuring of this locality is now in operation. The long-distance races commence and finish at Salet. The chosen course is hilly and leads mainly through forest between St. Moritz-Bad, Stazersee, Celerina, Pontresina, Olympiaschanze and Surlej. The route of the Military Patrols Race is passing over the high Alps but also ends at Salet. The renovation of the Olympic Jumping Hill has already begun. The definite decision about the course of the Downhill race can be expected within a few days and the Ski associations will soon receive the plans and outlines of all the skiing stadiums.

As all the Ice-hockey Games cannot be held at the Olympic Ice Stadium some will take place on the play grounds near the Palace Hotel and the Suvretta-House.

The technical committee for the Bobsleigh and Sleighing competitions recently met at Montreux under the direction of its president, Dr. Cattani (St. Moritz). The bob-run as well as the Crestarun, must be made passable very soon after the first fall of snow. Every competing nation is allowed to enter two two-seater and two four-seater bobsleighs and also four skeleton competitors. The bob-races will be held in four laps and the tobogganing competitions in three runs from Junction and three from Top. The total time will be counted. The Swiss bobsleigh crews will be - Feierabend-Waser (two-seater) and Feierabend-Endrich-Waller-Waser (four-seater). The two other teams will be selected after two special coachings which will begin on the 10th of January. The coach of the Swiss crews is Joseph Beerly (Engelberg).

C. Water, Fischbacher, Baselgia and G. Olinger have been chosen as Swiss skeleton competitors.

Members of the jury are Comte De La Fregeolliere (Paris), Albert Mayer (Montreux) and Donna Fox (U.S.A.).

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SUNDRY NEWS.

The Norwegian Minister in Berne, Monsieur Jkystad, has paid an official visit to the town of Schaffhausen, in order to convey to the town Council the thanks of the King of Norway and the Norwegian Government, for the hospitality the town of Schaffhausen had given to 76 Norwegian soldiers who were transferred from the Concentration Camp of Dachau.

The Minister, after a short address in which he thanked the population for their friendly action towards his countrymen, handed to the Mayor a Diploma and the "Liberation Cross," the former bears the signature of King Haakon.

Mr. Bringolf, Mayor of the town of Schaffhausen, thanked the Minister for the presentation, which he said was proof of the friendly relations which have always existed between the two countries.

The Catholic Women's Association of Schwyz have protested against the sale of the 1st of August emblem depicting a woman in the nude, describing it as being indecent. (A.T.S.)