



PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL Pat Paulsen began to campaign for votes this week before what he thought was a captive audience from State Penn. until he realized that the crowd was really a group of early Penn State arrivals in Los Angeles. Paulsen will seek support from some 70,000 fans expected at the Coliseum Saturday, when he gives a halftime address at the Lion-UCLA contest.

Elections, Sex Tests Beset Olympic Games

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A calm Mexico City, heavily patrolled by police and soldiers, awaits the opening of the Olympics Saturday as new controversy swirled around the Games.

The International Olympic Committee was locked in argument over whether to re-elect as President Avery Brundage, the rich 81-year-old-Chicagoan who has headed the Olympics since 1952. The Communist countries oppose him.

Striking students, whose clashes with the police in recent weeks have cost upwards of 50 lives, held secret policy meetings. Indications were that any future protests would be on the orderly side.

The IOC's medical commission is in a dispute with the International Swimming Association over girl swimmers taking the sex test. Berge Phillips, the Australian president of the association, says the tests are degrading and shocking and opposes them.

However some girl swimmers have volun-

teered to take the tests. So far more than 500 girls out of the 962 competing here have passed the tests. There have been no rejections. The tests were instituted after manish appearing girls won medals in past Games.

No one knows to what extent the violence that beset this nation has affected the expected influx of tourists. The reason is that the government required rooms to be paid for in advance. The hotels naturally report they are sold out.

Already the Games have set a record. More than 7,500 athletes from more than 100 nations are competing here. Tokyo in 1964 set the present record of 94 nations and 5,565 athletes although Helsinki in 1952 drew 5,867 athletes from only 69 nations.

A sellout crowd of more than 80,000 is expected for the opening ceremonies in the ultra-modern Olympic Stadium.

Politics, Professionalism ... Gods Spin Over Olympics

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When it came time every four years to pay tribute to the proprietors of Mount Olympus, whom they worshipped, the Greeks were of a single mind. They temporarily ended their petty wars and sent their greatest athletes to engage each other in more aesthetic pursuits. They threw the spear for distance instead of for death, ran for time and not for a general, boxed for an olive leaf, not for their life.

The Greeks felt the real meaning of the Olympics—the competition of God-given gifts and personal sacrifice, the short duration of peace, and the fraternity of men through sport. They ran and rode, jumped and boxed, only with a mind to whip the other guy.

With them—with Euripides, with Phidipides and with Pericles, the Olympic ideal died. It was their creation, a precious craftsmanship. The Romans abused it, then killed it. A Frenchman resurrected it, but did so as a promotional ploy. And the sacrilege continues to today, to Nov., 1968, to the Mexico City Summer Games.

Beneath the ceremony, the pomp, the pageantry, lies the stark reality of the Olympic Games. It is a study in mass self-deception; in irony. Supposedly an international athletic competition above the sway of politics, it has become enmeshed in just that; billed as a show-

case of the world's finest amateur athletes, it reeks of under-the-table professionalism; originally conceived for the moral uplift of man, it debases female competitors with a compulsory test of sex, which in the opinion of many, proves only a woman's right of residence on the planet.

Perhaps it is impossible to divorce politics from an international event, although Avery Brundage, president of the International Olympic Committee, seemingly has worked an eight-hour day for most of his 80 years to do it. His record has been impressive. He opposed a U.S. move to boycott the 1936 Games in Berlin when Hitler was solidifying his power behind the Aryan supremacy theory. America showed up, and a poor Southern Negro named Jesse Owens won four gold medals and sent Hitler home—red-faced, broiling, and perhaps thinking twice about his theory.

His one failure, though, almost aborted the '68 Games and left the host country, Mexico, up a \$150 million tree.

South Africa, which had been voted out of the 1964 Olympics in protest of its racial apartheid policy, was readmitted last February by the International Committee. Subsequently, approximately 40 nations hinted they would rather watch the proceedings via satellite than mix company with an immoral aggregation of runners and swimmers. So South Africa was kicked out. The result? A record-breaking swimmer, Karen Muir, and a world-class black runner, Humphrey Khosi, are denied the experience which has governed their very existence over the past several years.

Won't Matter

South Africa's racial policies are indeed reprehensible, but it is doubted here that piously removing them from the Olympics will alter their political and social destiny.

And here again, an inescapable irony emerges. The Russian representative on the Olympic Committee charged South Africa with "violating Olympic ideals". A few months later, Soviet tanks were patrolling Czech streets, just as they had in Hungary only months before

the 1956 Games in Melbourne. Indeed, if mankind must judge the governments under whose flags the athletes compete, the Russian moral posture should be up for examination. And a few-score other nations, too.

Charges of professionalism is a specter which haunts all of amateur athletics today. Sac and Fox Indian Jim Thorpe, one of the greatest athletes of all times, was forced to surrender all his Olympic medals when the world discovered that he had taken \$15 a game for playing baseball as a starving unknown youth. Today, however, a Russian athlete can somehow support a family while devoting all his time to competition and practice, and an American can live quite well despite traversing the world on the invitation of a promoter who needs a "big name" to sell his show. Even the American scholarship college athlete must answer to the charge of professionalism; in exchange for four years of service, he receives for free an education sometimes worth upwards of \$10,000.

One Too Many

The newly-installed sex tests strike a distressing chord in any dignified human. Witness the case of one Ewa Kloubkowska of Poland, a bronze medal winner in the 1968 Winter Games. Ewa checked in with one extra chromosome, a sin which banishes her from further athletic competition, unless she should choose to challenge Tommy Smith or Jim Ryun. The inalterable shame of the controversy is the damage perpetrated upon Ewa's pride, when not even the American Medical Association recognizes the examinations she was forced to undergo—the buccal smear and the karyotype—as foolproof methods of determining an individual's sex.

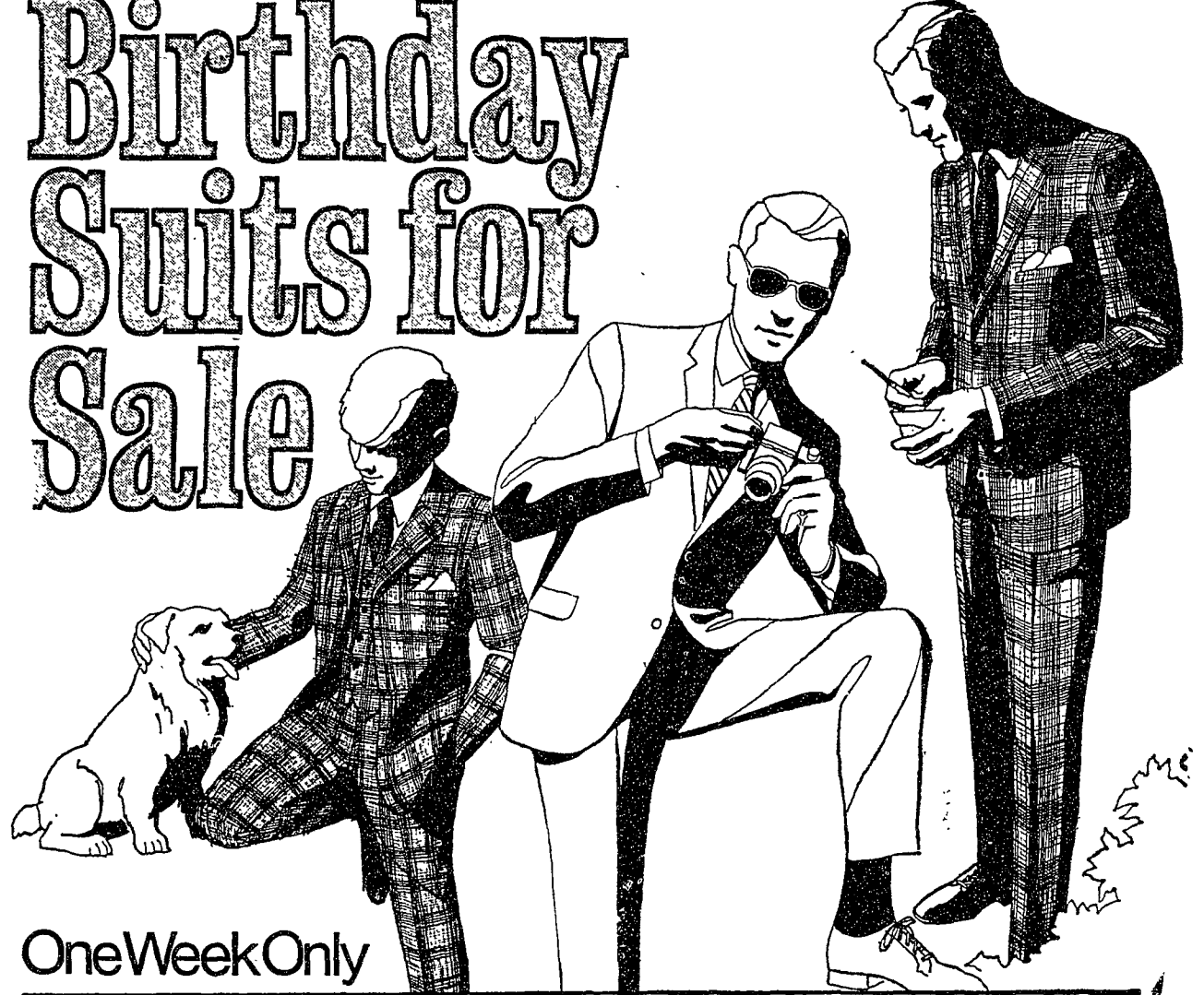
No, the Olympic Games are not quite what the reigning gods on Olympus had in mind. They are, however, the best man can do—international, but sometimes exclusive; amateur, yet blatantly professional; free of politics, but mired in the possibility of strikes and boycotts.

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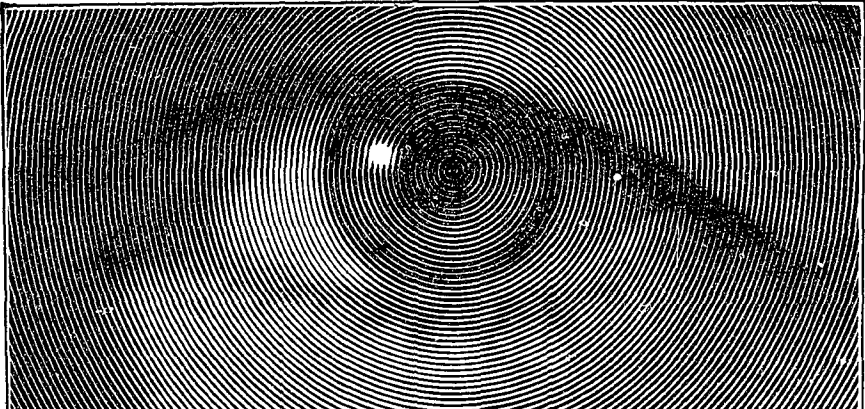
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