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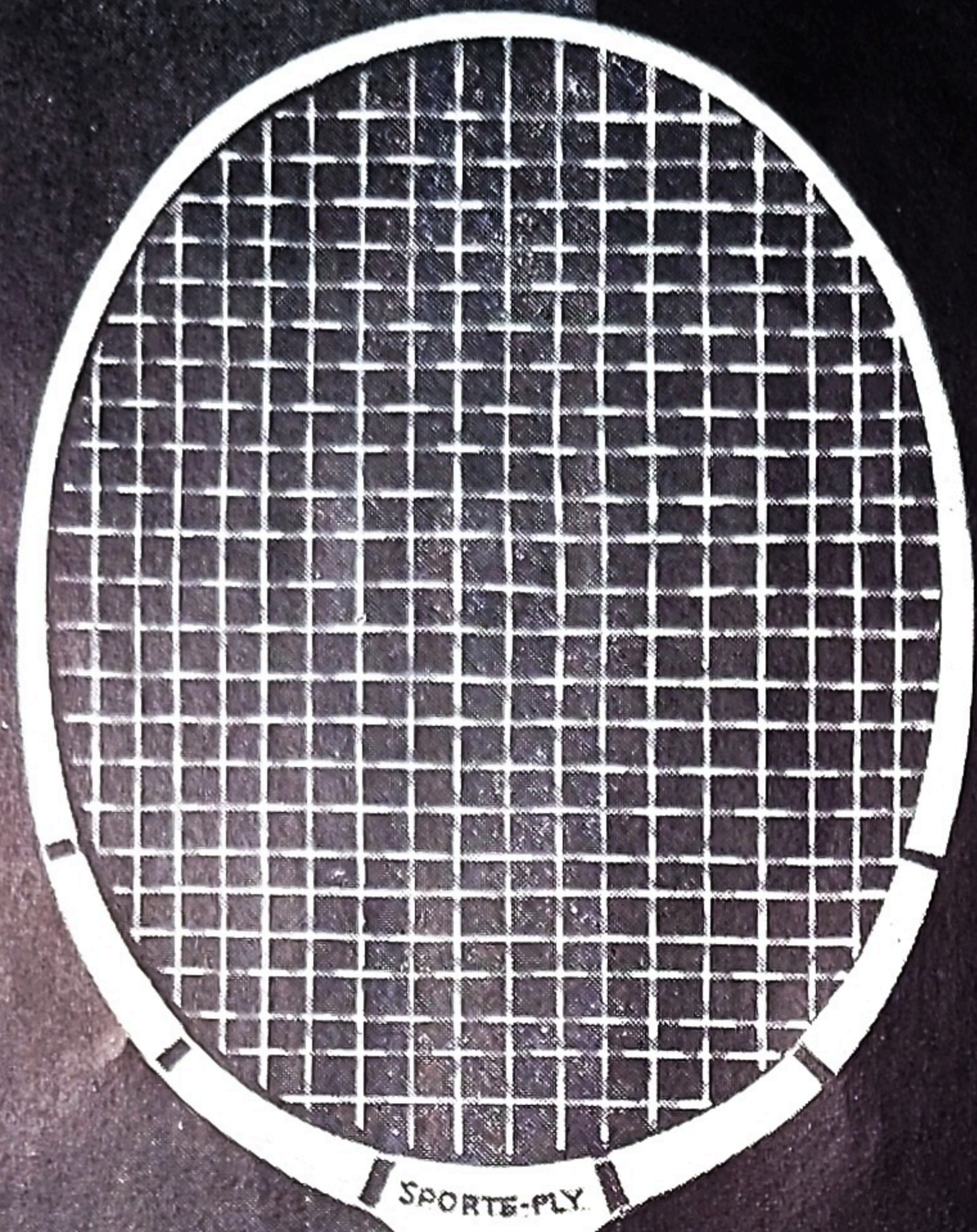
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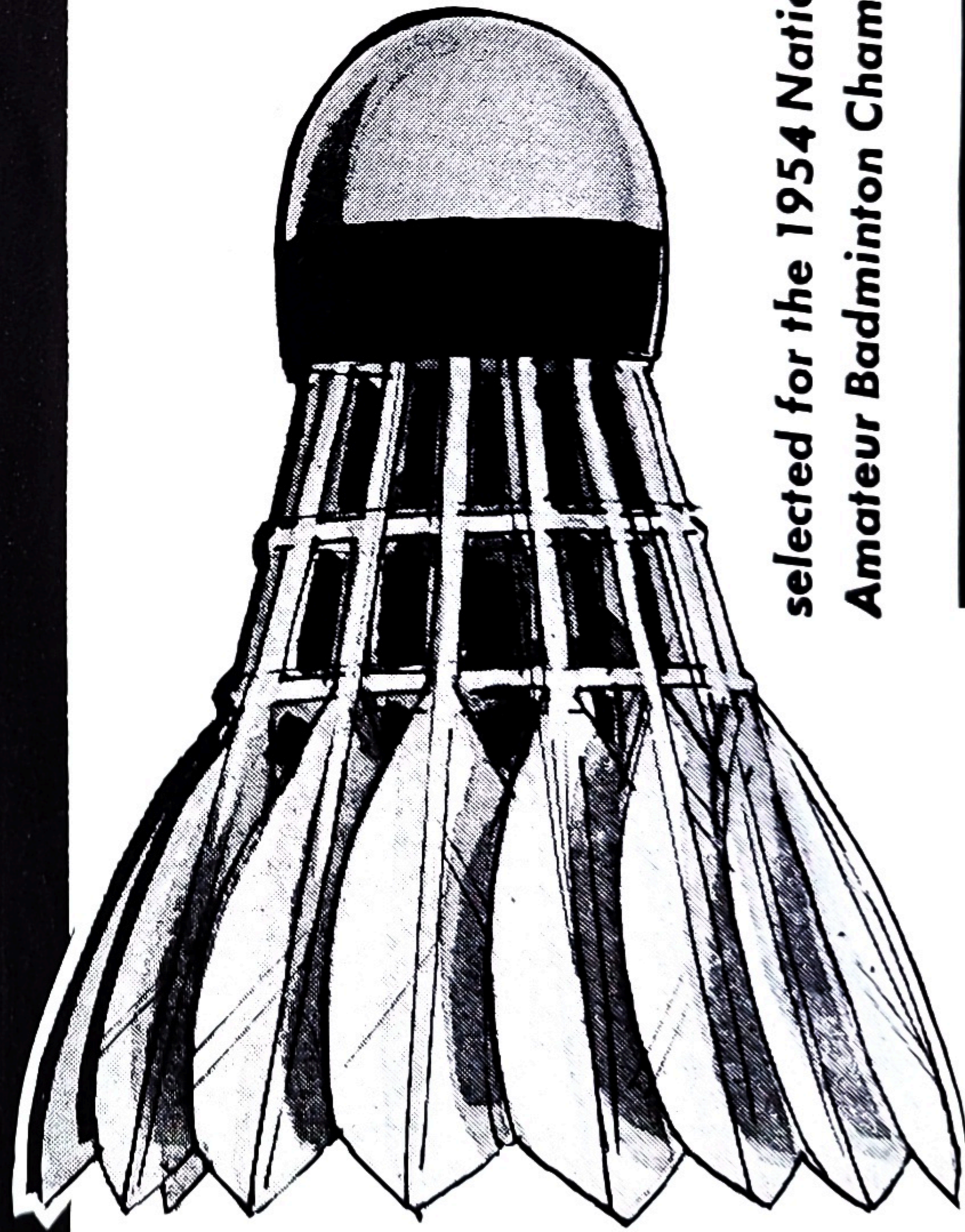
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EDITORIAL

From June to October is commonly known as the "off season" in American badminton, but not so in 1958. During the summer over 670,000 miles were logged by fifty-seven U. S. badminton players and eight Canadian players who, among them, played in eight foreign countries. The calibre of play ranged from the international down the scale to the intermediate club player level but everyone of these badminton enthusiasts was representing his or her country and everyone owed his travels to the game of badminton.

Our Thomas Cup Team, whom we had to leave as American Zone winner in our June issue, traveled to Malaya for the Interzone Ties. Unfortunately we were defeated in our first contest but nevertheless we gave a good account of ourselves. Proper conditioning to the tropical climate is a lesson we should have learned by now, and until we do there is little hope of bringing the coveted Thomas Cup home to America.

The European Badminton Tour proved itself an overwhelming success. The goodwill it has brought between North America and badminton players in those countries visited and the enjoyment it gave to all of those participating combined to make this tour one of the highlights of this, or any other year. It is given to few people to represent their country officially or unofficially in sporting events—usually only those at the very top in their sport—and there is inevitably a certain glamor and excitement attendant on such representation. Great hospitality and friendship were extended to those fifty-eight persons who went to Europe on our tour and they have shared with our international players the pleasures and experiences of competition with other countries.

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Hans Rogind, general chairman of the 1959 U. S. Open Nationals has come up with an idea which we hope

will get the support of U. S. badminton enthusiasts. There are not many places in the country with the facilities and the personnel for running a national championship. The physical set-up alone is one of the big problems. Hans is asking that those of you who live in an area where there is little chance of running such a championship support the Detroit nationals as your contribution to the game. The committee is asking for sponsors, the contribution is tax free, for the tournament. Please send your contribution to Mr. Rogind at 421 Farmdale, Ferndale 20, Michigan. He and his committee would be most grateful and you will be furthering the game of badminton.

Kenneth Macdonald New A.B.A. Secretary

The new Secretary of the American Badminton Association has not been a Director of the A.B.A. therefore you should be informed about him. The following are a few quick facts. He graduated from Brown University; he is married and has one son; he is in the fabrics trade, being manager of the wholesale showroom of Greeff Fabrics, Inc. He has played badminton for more than 20 years and, although he seldom goes to out-of-town tournaments, he and his wife, Jo, have won many club, county, and regional titles in Westchester County and in the Metropolitan Badminton Association. He has also been an officer of that Association, and has been chief organizer and director of the Gramatan Hills Badminton Club in Bronxville.

Ken and Ted Jarrett have played as partners in the Senior Doubles for a number of years and their top mark was reaching the semi-finals of the Nationals in Baltimore in 1949. These two are partners again now, off the court, in the time consuming job of running our organization, the American Badminton Association.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

I.B.F. News

The big news so far as U.S. Badminton is concerned is a change in the rules of the game of badminton. There is now no such thing as a let service. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING VERY CAREFULLY.

Beginning September 1, 1958 "If, in the course of service or rally the shuttle touches and passes over the net the stroke is not invalidated thereby." This is a radical change in that services where the shuttle touches the net are still good services to be played upon and are only "faults" if the shuttle lands outside the receivers service court. All member clubs, associations and individuals are asked to immediately put this law into effect. No doubt there will be some opposition to such a change but it is requested that everyone give this law a proper test during the season 1958-1959 with the realization that if it is generally considered unsatisfactory, the matter can again be brought up in London next July and can be reconsidered by the IBF. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

The officers of the I.B.F. were all re-elected, under the Presidency of R. Bruce Hay of England. Mr. S. Facht of Sweden has replaced Mr. E. L. Choong of Malaya on the Executive Committee.

Holland

We have received a very nice letter from Hanny Valkenburg of the badminton club which hosted our European travelers in Nijmegen. In it she voices the feelings of her club in hoping to see American badminton players on their courts soon again.

In the Third International Invitation Tournament in October Ferry Sonnevile of Indonesia defeated Denmark's Arne Rasmussen in the mens' singles finals. The ladies finals was also an international match in which England's Heather Ward won a very excellent match from New Zealand Champion Sonia Cox. Denmark took the ladies doubles and the mixed and England took the men's doubles.

Denmark

In the August issue of *Badminton*, the official organ of the Danish Badminton Association, forty-one pages out of the total forty-eight were devoted to the various Thomas Cup Ties that took place in Malaya! There were many excellent photos of all the players and teams including two of the U. S. Team. The center two pages of the magazine were devoted to a letter of thanks from the Danish team to all the players and officials in Singapore, Bombay, Penang and Karachi who had worked so hard to make the trip a success. The letter was printed in Danish on one page and English on the other.

Topping the list of ranking players for this season are U. S. Open Champions Finn Kobbero and Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen in the men's doubles. Finn also is Number One in singles and mixed. Thomas Cupper Poul Eric Neilsen, All England doubles finalist in 1958 is ranked number two, three and four!!! in the men's doubles with different partners. Mogens Kolle and Ole Jensen who played against the European Tour members at the Gentofte B.C. are the ninth ranking men's doubles pair in the country.

Malaya

Three titles in the Malayan Championships went to foreigners this year.

Charoen Watanasin of Thailand defeated Malaya's young Teh Kew San. Charoen and Kamol Sudthwanich defeated Johnny Heah and Lim Say Hup of Malaya and Thailand's Pratung Pattapongse defeated Tan Gaik Bee, Malayan Uber Cupper in 1956.

A newspaper article which came out immediately following the Thomas Cup Challenge Round stated that Malayan badminton is "no higher than fourth best now." In the finals of the Selanger Gold Cup Tournament Charoen Watanasin defeated A. Piruz of Malaya. Charoen had defeated Jim Poole in the semi-finals.

Mr. Frederiksen, manager of the Danish Thomas Cup Team, in an interview in Singapore after his team's defeat by Indonesia in the Thomas Cup Tie, is reported to have said "to sum it all up, we were beaten by the terribly warm climate." Words of Indonesian manager Yusuf—"The Danes made the mistake of badly underrating us." Malaya

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Nov. 8-9	San Diego Open B&C, San Diego, Calif.
Nov. 15-16	Lake Ellyn Open, Wheaton, Illinois
Dec. 5-7	Vancouver Invitational, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
Dec. 5-7	Western States Open, Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Dec. 6	Ladies Doubles Invitation, Wilmington, Del.
Dec. 12-14	Towson Open, Baltimore, Md.
Dec. 13-14	San Diego Closed, A, B&C, San Diego, Calif.
Jan. 16-17	Seattle City, Seattle, Wash.
Feb. 5-7	B.C. Open, Canada
Feb. 13-15	Connecticut State C
Feb. 14-15	Dave Freeman Open, A, B&C, San Diego, Calif.
Feb. 21-22	Niagara Falls C.C. Tournament, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Feb. 27-28	Vancouver Island Open, B.C. Canada
Mar. 6-8	Connecticut State B
Mar. 6-8	California State, Burbank, Calif.
Mar. 6-8	Washington State Open, Seattle, Wash.
Mar. 18-21	All England Championships, London, England
Mar. 20-22	Connecticut State A
Mar. 25-28	Canadian Open Championships, Quebec City, Canada
Apr. 1-4	UNITED STATES NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Detroit, Mich.

Australia

The following excerpts are from a letter from Mr. Rex Collins, Honorary Secretary of the Tasmanian Badminton Association. This association is affiliated with the Australian Badminton Association.

"Halls are our biggest problem with badminton, every little church hall and building being utilized as much as possible. Some of the halls in which badminton is played are really atrocious, but we still get our fun from it. . . . Shuttles are another problem here as all our shuttles are imported from England and as they pass through the tropics they seem to get the oils dried out of the feathers and they become very brittle. . . . A shuttle out here cost us approximately 63 cents in your money."

This is of course the end of the badminton season in Australia but we hope to have the names of their new champions in the next issue.

THE ROAD TO SINGAPORE

Indonesia Wins Thomas Cup

BY TED JARRETT

The overseas portion of the Thomas Cup operation for 1958 began with the assembly of the team members at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club on Friday evening, May 23rd. Through the generous co-operation of the officers of the club, it was made available for this occasion to which were invited officers of the A.B.A., including Claude Welcome and Jack van Praag, officers of the Southern California Badminton Association, wives, relatives and friends of the players. About 35 persons sat down to an elegant buffet dinner which had been whipped up by those staunch ladies Connie Davidson, Helen Tibbetts and Dottie Hann. The entire party moved to the Los Angeles International Airport at 11 P.M., where, after heart-warming farewells from the send-off party, we boarded the plane on schedule and the Clipper "Nightingale" was airborne at 12:15 A.M. In contrast to the customary arrangement, Flight #807 on this particular night happened to be all-Tourist, so, as soon as the "Fasten Seat Belt" sign went off, our knowledgeable travelers, headed by Joe Alston, scurried down the aisle and took over the down-stairs lounge (the saloon in the basement!) for the inevitable card game.

Eventually, everyone got a little sleep before the bright, clear dawn caught up with us at 5 A.M. far above the cloud covered ocean. This smooth initial leg of the journey ended as we landed at Honolulu at 7:45 and were garlanded with the traditional leis, as we were met by a large delegation of our hosts from the Nuuanu Y.M.C.A., including George Nelson, Francis Karratti and Albert Ramoz. After the necessary formalities at the airport, we were driven to the fine new and modern Central Y.M.C.A., where we checked into comfortable rooms for our 48-hr. stay. At 11 o'clock, our "Y" friends returned to take us on a sight-seeing tour of the city, including the former Royal Palace, the Waikiki area, the International Market and the Botanical Garden after which we returned to the "Y" for a nap and some rest.



Indonesia's victorious Thomas Cup Team pose behind the trophy which is the symbol of world supremacy in men's badminton. From left, Mr. Yusuf manager, Lie Po Djian, Njoo Kiem Bie, Ramel Rikin non playing captain, Tan King Gwan, Eddy Yusuf, Tan Joe Hock, Ferry Sonnevile. (Singapore Straits Times)

Following an early dinner, we were driven to the Kalakaua Recreation Center for our scheduled exhibition. The brief opening ceremonies included some gracious words of welcome from the Mayor of the city, after which a program of 4 matches was played, including a men's doubles and a mixed doubles in which local players paired with members of our team. A good-sized crowd was present, which showed keen interest in all of the matches.

On Sunday, we were privileged to enjoy another sightseeing ride, which took in the Pali (the famous mountain pass which presents such a spectacular view of the windward side of the island) and the N.E. coast road. In the afternoon, we enjoyed the privilege of visiting the celebrated Outrigger Club of Waikiki Beach for some sunning, swimming and surf riding. A strenuous practice session in the "Y" gymnasium capped the 2 very full days which constituted our stopover.

Monday morning, our tireless hosts picked us up for breakfast at their own "Y", the Nuuanu Branch, whose old rambling building is soon to be replaced by a new and modern structure, and then delivered us to the air-

port for our 11:30 departure on the next leg of the journey.

The long over-water stretch to the Philippines was smooth and comfortable, and not as tiring as we had expected, largely because of the amount of empty space in the Tourist compartment, which permitted movement and stretching out. After crossing the International Date Line and making brief refueling stops at Wake and Guam, we landed in Manila at 4:00 A.M., 2 hours ahead of schedule and before our reception committee had even gotten out of bed. At 11 A.M., after having "sacked out" at a hotel to catch up on some sleep, we were picked up by our good friend and host, Susano Negado, and taken to his office at the National Waterworks and Sewerage Authority for a brief reception. There followed a ride out to a country compound near the University, where we were served a buffet lunch and had a chance to get acquainted with the Philippine players with whom the team would be playing in the evening. The series of exhibition matches at the Rizal Stadium comprised a very long program, since 9 matches were scheduled in order to give all of the local players a chance to play. However,

the numerous matches provided our team members with a good workout in their initial contact with tropical weather. Unfortunately, the dominant publicity for the Asian Games, then going on in Japan, plus an untimely thundershower, kept the spectator attendance to a low figure.

After a cordial send-off from our hosts on Thursday morning, the Clipper "Flying Cloud" was airborne at 8:15 and gave us a fine view of fabled Corregidor Island as we circled over Manila Bay. Following another smooth flight, broken only by a refueling stop in sultry Saigon, we landed at the new Paya Lebar Airport in Singapore right on schedule. The large group which was on hand to welcome us included our good friend, Mr. Lim Chuan Geok, officials of the Badminton Association of Malaya, the Chairman of the JC Reception Committee, the entire Malayan squad, representatives of the U.S.-I.S., the American Association, the American Club, and, of course, the press. Following completion of formalities, an informal reception in the airport restaurant, and interviews with reporters, we were whisked to our rooms at the Ocean Park Hotel and, by 8 o'clock in the evening, the team was taking a strenuous practice session on the fine new courts of the Singapore Youth Sports Center. These courts are in a converted facility at the former airport, and are presided over by Wong Peng Soon, the former great Thomas Cupper, who spared no pains to secure good playing conditions.

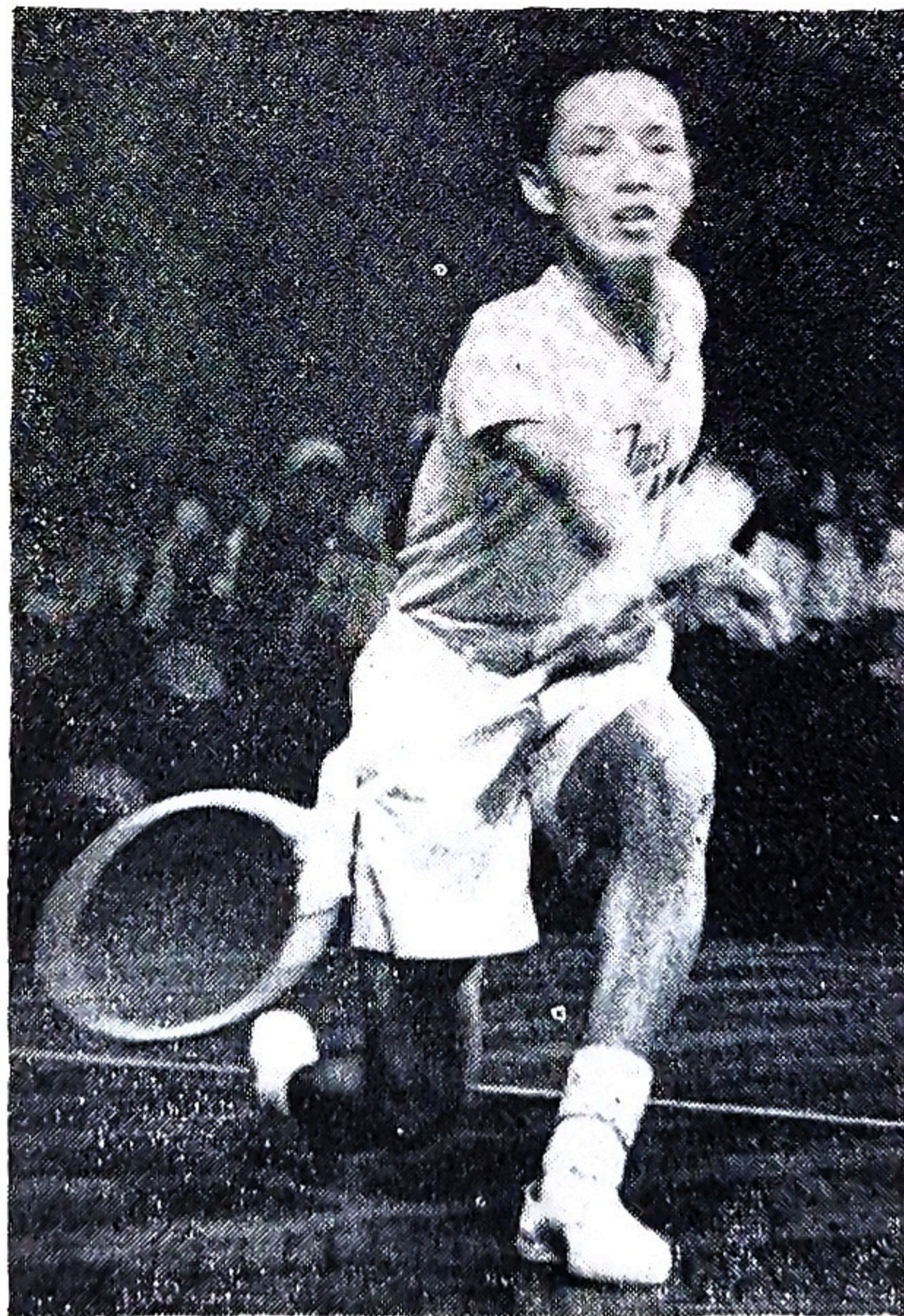
The week between the team's arrival in Singapore and the opening night of the semi-final Tie against Thailand was devoted to daily practice sessions, either at the Badminton Stadium or at the Sports Center, and resting up from the drain imposed by these workouts in the heavily humid heat. Each player sought to work out his own pattern for the use of salt tablets and liquids, to replace the body moisture lost through profuse perspiration. The first 3 or 4 days were tough and the players were all "pulled down," and they were only part way back "up" by the time the competition started.

U.S.A. vs. Thailand

The Cup play started on Thursday evening, June 5th, before a Stadium crowd which filled less than 2/3rds of the seats. After elaborate opening ceremonies, which included a parade

of the teams, playing of the national anthems, and introduction of the players to the Deputy Chief Minister of Singapore, the U. S. went out to play its first four matches against Thailand. In spite of the fact that none of us had ever seen the Siamese play and that they were, to that extent, an unknown quantity, we clearly remembered their impressive victories over India and Pakistan and we had no inclination to underestimate them. Once the action started, they proved to be tough, and we ended up the first evening trailing 0 to 4. Although the game scores gyrated wildly and all four matches went to 3 games, in only one was the 3rd game close, indicating the better conditioning of the Thais for play in the "sweat box" conditions prevailing.

Ronnie Palmer led off against their brilliant young Charoen Watanasin, and started fast. However, it is probable that the excitement of the occasion and the tension of playing the very first match prevented Ron from getting his "second wind." As a result, he remained "tight" and never got into that relaxed running for which we know him, and so was puffing early and faded fast in the last 2 games. Jim Poole, who never recaptured his Nationals form during the team's practice sessions, took the court against Thanoo Khajadbhye but could not get his game under



Charoen Watanasin of Thailand, the winner of the Malayan Open Singles and the Selangor Gold Cup Tournament. (Singapore Straits Times)

control. He lost the first game quickly, but put up a great battle to pull out the second in deuce points before fading out again in the 3rd. The first doubles match produced the most astonishing score of the evening, as Joe and Wynn started off like a whirlwind and completely dominated the play against an apparently badly disorganized Siamese pair. However, with the start of the 2nd game, Sunthorn and Kamol (first names are used in the interests of simplicity) found their touch and began to demonstrate the effectiveness of their unorthodox defense; soon our boys began to press and to make streams of errors. Joe and Wynn made a great battle of it in the 3rd game and came close to pulling it out, but did not have quite the endurance or steadiness. The remaining doubles match saw Manny and Mike against Charoen and Prida, and this was another see-saw affair, with our boys managing to salvage the middle game between lopsided losses in the other two.

Starting the second evening 4 matches down, our position was nearly hopeless, and Thailand clinched the Tie quickly when Pinit Pattapongse outstaided Manny in the opening #3 Singles match. Thereafter, of course, there was no suspense; however, our boys kept battling, and managed to salvage two matches. After Charoen had beaten Poole in straight games, Palmer went out and played like "The Runner" we know against Thanoo. In a beautiful exhibition of relaxed control, he swept through the 1st game and quickly went to 12-3 in the 2nd—and then he ran into what we have called "the invisible brick wall," that barrier which suddenly stops a player who is not fully conditioned to the devitalizing effects of the "Turkish bath" atmosphere of that Stadium. Ronnie continued to go through the motions, but his reflexes were gone and he lost his control; all of a sudden, he fell into a stream of errors and, in almost a twinkling, had lost the game 13-15. Although he won the match by default when Thanoo came up with a severe leg cramp, it is questionable whether the short 5-minute rest period before the 3rd game would have helped Ron any more than it did Jim Poole on the preceding evening. In the 8th match, Manny and Mike were not able to make it close against the No. 1 Siamese pair, so it was left to Joe and

Wynn to score our one legitimate victory in the last match of the Tie, a clearly earned win in which our boys played strongly and with grim determination.

Following our elimination from the Cup competition as of late Friday evening, 4 members of the team: Joe, Manny, Ron and Wynn, made plans to start the homeward trip at the earliest moment. Accordingly, they left on Sunday morning, the 8th, traveling by way of Hong Kong and Tokyo for brief whirls of sightseeing and shopping. In a warming gesture of good will, a number of our friends, including Mr. Lim, Fred Eu of the Reception Committee, Ong Poh Lim, and Johnny Heah, made it to the airport for the boys' early departure, to bid them farewell and happy landings.

Denmark vs. Indonesia

The result of the 2nd inter-Zone semi-final, between Denmark and Indonesia, was a shocking disappointment to the Danes who came to Singapore with much the strongest team, on paper. However, their defeat can be attributed, basically, to lack of adequate conditioning for the event. (Kops made the trip out by boat, without any play for 3 weeks, and the remainder of the team arrived by air only 1 day before the U. S. group). A second factor was the fatal mistake of under-estimating the opposition and trying to get by with a second-string doubles pair as their No. 2 team. Kobbero won the opening match from Ferry Sonnevile with a masterful exhibition of "control" badminton, and was able to end most of the rallies quickly without getting drawn into much running. After that, the "roof fell in," with Kops losing quickly to Tan Joe Hock and the great No. 1 doubles pair of Kobbero and Hansen disintegrating in the face of the rugged defense put up by Tan King Gwan and Njoo Kiem Bie. With Hansen playing quite badly in this match, and with the No. 2 pair of Nielsen and Mertz putting on a ragged effort, the Danes found themselves rocked back to a 1 to 3 deficit at the end of the first evening's play.

Starting the second session, Kobbero went on the court against the brilliant young Tan Joe Hock and began with a stretch of superlative play to dominate the match, winning the first game 15-1 and running up a 9-2 lead in the 2nd. Then, precisely

as happened to Palmer, he hit the "barrier" and began to come apart, and, although he kept on trying, he did not have enough left to hold off the keen and well-conditioned young Indonesian. Palle Granlund staved off the inevitable by winning the No. 3 singles from Eddy Yusuf, but the seasoned and canny Sonnevile clinched the victory by beating Kops handily. Thereafter, nothing mattered, but Kobbero and Hansen managed to salvage one more point and to rehabilitate their standing somewhat by beating the Indonesian No. 2 pair. At the end of the evening, all of the Danes were practically in a state of shock as a result of this shattering blow to their hopes.

Indonesia vs. Thailand

Not a great deal needs to be said about the inter-Zone final except that the result was not as one-sided as the score might indicate. The Indonesians won primarily because of their convincing superiority in the singles, and clinched the Tie by taking all 5 of these matches, but all 4 of the doubles matches went to 3 games. Although the game scores see-sawed, a couple of these could conceivably have gone the other way.

Interest in the Cup Ties picked up cumulatively as the competition progressed. The inter-Zone final was played in a packed Stadium, and the Challenge Round was sold out weeks ahead, with the result that there were spectators virtually hanging from the rafters. After the most convincing victories of Indonesia in the preceding Ties, Malaya was far from being completely confident, and it was apparent that the outcome would depend heavily on Eddy Choong. When the line-ups were announced, it was confirmed that he would be asked to play 4 matches; meanwhile, the Indonesians made a bold decision to play Sonnevile in 4 matches, teaming him in the doubles with Tan Joe Hock. (Comment: this latter move proved unwise, and it is probably fortunate for Indonesia that the final result did not hinge on the matches played by this pair, since these singles stars did not team effectively and lost both of their efforts together—although, admittedly, they did not try in the concluding one.)

Indonesia vs. Malaya

The Challenge Round began with Sonnevile playing Choong, and the huge crowd was in full cry as Eddy

battled gamely through a fairly close first game. Having seen Eddy worn down by Kops in the All England and having himself beaten him at Glasgow, the clever Sonnevile seemed to be playing a waiting game and it soon became evident that he knew what he was doing, for signs of distress from the tiny Malayan began to appear early. By the middle of the second game, Choong was dying fast and he did not even move for some shots near the end, an admission of almost total collapse which was shocking to those familiar with Eddy's record of dogged competitive spirit. Tan Joe Hock followed with a convincing victory over the young and relatively inexperienced Teh Kew San, who mixed some brilliant play with frequent flagrant errors and careless shots, particularly in the 2nd game when he served over the end line repeatedly. The first doubles match was a close affair between the marvelously effective Indonesian No. 1 pair and the Malayan No. 1, comprised of Johnny Heah and Lim Say Hup, with the former having the necessary edge in teamwork and defensive skill. Finally, with Malaya down 0 to 3, Eddy Choong came back on the court with that wonderfully steady old campaigner, Ooi Teik Hock, and they gained the sole point of the evening from the last-minute combine of Tan Joe Hock and Sonnevile.

On the second evening of the Challenge Round, Eddy Choong met Tan Joe Hock in the first match and the result was almost a duplicate of what happened the previous night. Tan Joe Hock played steadily and patiently, measuring his man and waiting for the collapse which was sure to come; and, again, Eddy "died" in the 2nd game and left the court a dejected figure, with the boos of the crowd thundering in his ears! The next match was the real thriller of the entire series of Ties. Teh Kew San, much steadier and more confident than on the previous evening, fought Sonnevile every inch of the way through 3 gruelling games, and only the latter's indomitable spirit and experience enabled him to win out by the narrowest of margins (after using a mixture of high and low serves throughout the match, at match point Sonnevile calmly flick served from the low serve position and Teh Kew San let the bird drop

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The sixth Open Amateur Badminton Championships will be held Wednesday, April 1st. through Saturday the 4th. 1959. There are two things we feel will help us to make this international meet one of the most outstanding competitions in American Badminton history.

First it is hoped that a new "World Circuit" of top players from

all over the globe will come into being. Through an energetic effort from Mr. Hilles R. Pickens, president of the Canadian Badminton Association, the Canadians have now decided to move their nationals from the first week of March to the end of March, and thereby make it possible that the two North American nationals can be held in succession. At the same time agreements have been reached between the C.B.A. and the A.B.A. to locate their nationals each year in the same part of our countries. The purpose is of course to make it possible and attractive for the players from the two countries to attend each other's national championships. Furthermore this will make it possible for our two associations to get together and work out a sensible plan in regard to foreign participation.

At the present time we are negotiating with five Asiatic world players to participate in what we call the "World Circuit." A plan has been set up among the World Invitation Tournament in Glasgow, the All-England, the Canadian and our tournament so that these players will be able to take in all four championships in that order. If the necessary funds can be raised, we will be assured of one of the most colourful and exciting nationals in many years.

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son and Carl Spencer and many more appointments will follow soon.

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PROPOSED WORLD CIRCUIT

Plans are under way regarding the lining up of the tournament dates of the All England Championships, the World Invitation at Glasgow, the Canadian Open and the United States Open Championships so that top-flight world calibre players might be induced to make a circuit of these tournaments. Up to the present the All England and World Invitation have cooperated very closely on this project with considerable success at both tournaments. The Open Championships of Canada and the United States are now set for consecutive weeks and in relatively close proximity to each other, Quebec and Detroit for 1959. This will make the following "World Circuit"—World Invitation, Glasgow March 7 or 14; All England Championships, London March 21; Canadian Open, Quebec City March 28 and U. S. Open, Detroit, April 4. These dates are the dates of the finals in each championship.

The gains which it is hoped will be achieved with this schedule are 1) a step-up across the border interest in our two North American tournaments with more leading players of both countries playing in both events and 2) wider participation by foreign stars from Europe and the Far East in our tournaments. Players from the Far East might play over here while returning home from the All England on a 'round the world route.

ON COACHING BEGINNERS

BY NANCY HORNER

The following article has been written especially for BIRD CHATTER by Mrs. A. M. Horner, Honorary Coaching Chairman of the Badminton Association of England. Mrs. Horner has directed her article towards those players who will be helping beginners, junior or senior, at the start of this season but this article will be of instructional value to any novice, and in fact to many intermediate players. A second article for the more advanced player will appear in the January issue.

Nancy Horner is a Scottish Internationalist now living in London. Mrs. Horner represented Scotland in fifteen international matches between 1948 and 1955. She held the Scottish Open Championship Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles in 1953 and has been four times Scottish National Singles Champion.

Enjoyment of a game does, as a rule, increase as one's standard improves, and coaching enables one to become more proficient in a shorter space of time. It is of particular benefit to the beginner to be sent off on the right foot, before any faults of technique have become habitual, and I am offering here some personal suggestions on coaching beginners, which may be found useful. I do not propose to go into technical details, as this would be difficult without some form of illustrations and diagrams, and no doubt anyone carrying out coaching has already a good working knowledge of the basic strokes.

The first important point to remember is that you must keep the attention of your group throughout the lesson. However large the class, and however restricted the space available they should all, whenever possible, be on court with their rackets (standing where they can see and be seen), and not sitting around watching the coach take all the exercise! A word of explanation on the stroke you are teaching (with a demonstration) is all that is necessary by way of preliminary, and then it is for the whole class to attempt it in slow motion—without a shuttle. Walk among them and put right any faults, encourage questions and discuss points of interest, but remember to keep your remarks audible to the class as a whole, and not only to the individual.

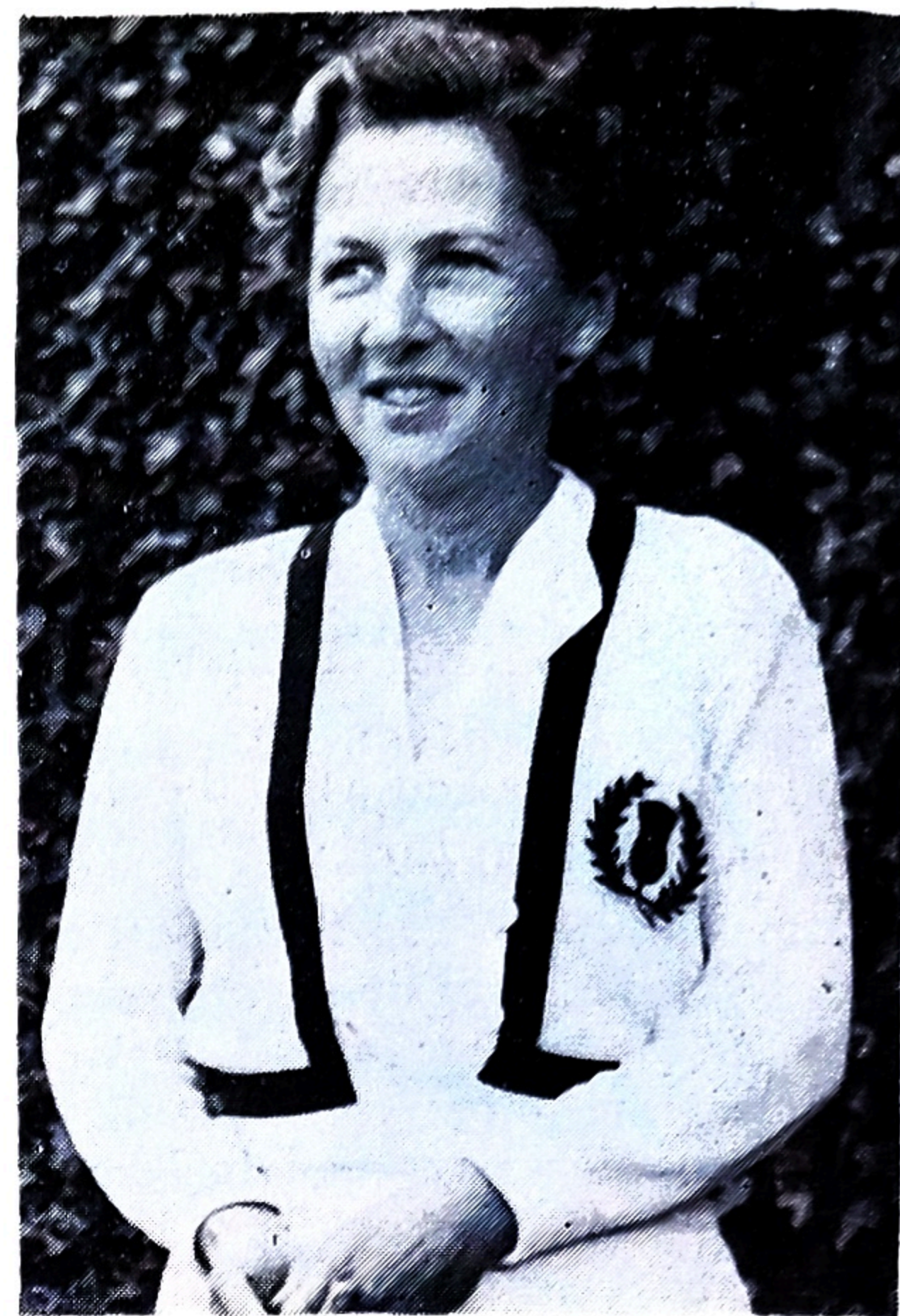
The next stage is to issue shuttles and let everybody practise the shot on court. This is where the difficulties start, particularly with the beginner, because there may be no one but the coach capable of "feeding" accurately. You may therefore have to take each individual separately, which is a slow process, but usually you will find that one or two of the more promising will be able to assist you by doing some of the feeding. Obviously they must be encouraged to do this, however inexpert they may be, so that the maximum number of people are employed at a time.

There are several opinions as to how many people can practise on one court at once, and many ingenious suggestions have been made. I personally, however, always err on the side of safety. If you have several beginners with a number of shuttles on a court, the confusion is bound to be considerable, and there is a danger of accidents, particularly to the eyes. Usually, if I have a large class and only one or two courts, I reckon that six is the maximum number for one court. In this way you can practice with three pairs—the overhead clear (both doing the same shot), the smash or drop (one doing the underarm clear), the services (one pair in the centre of the court, and the other two pairs using the right angles at the tram lines on the side lines), etc.

Having set out a possible general plan of action, I should like now to consider in what order one might arrange one's programme. I suggest the following:

1. *The grip.* Explain particularly that a faulty grip can seriously hamper improvement, and can render the making of certain shots virtually impossible. Having stressed this point, however, I do try to ensure that attention to the correct grip has not made the player so grip-conscious that he has become muscle-bound. I usually mention the importance of relaxation here, a subject to which it is necessary to revert very often at all stages.

2. *The overhead clear.* This stroke (played, of course, to rather a poor



Nancy Horner, Scottish Internationalist and Honorary Coaching Chairman of the Badminton Association of England.

length at first) makes usually an encouraging start for the beginner.

3. *The service.* Explain that this is the most important shot in the game. The emphasis here should be on a good low service, and I do not normally teach the other types at this stage.

4. *The smash.*

5. *The drop.*

6. *The service again.* Probably this time the high service, and now introducing the receiving of service.

7. *The backhand.* With beginners you may find that facility in the backhand shots comes slowly. A good method of practising is to teach the pupil first the underarm clear, and feed him with easy drop shots on his forehand and backhand, until he develops a facility for changing his racket from one wing to the other.

8. *Footwork.* By now you will have brought in footwork on several occasions, but it is probably time to go into this subject in more detail. If you have a particularly unathletic class, it is usually advisable to talk about movement about the court and

state of readiness earlier in your programme than this.

9. *Net play.* This is an encouraging lesson particularly for those people, usually girls, who just cannot reach the back of the court with their shots, and yet who have quite a delicate touch in close play. I usually make the point that here and here alone the grip need not be the orthodox one, and that the result is what counts. Even the despised "frying-pan" grip is permissible for putting the shuttle down at the net.

This leaves several shots—such as the drives, the drive and flick services, and the backhand clear—which should be taken as and when the class is capable of going further.

I do not suggest for a moment that the above order should be strictly adhered to, but it may serve as a guide. You will notice that I have not so far mentioned tactics. This is because I find that the time to introduce tactics with beginners varies tremendously with their ability.

Sometimes too early an introduction serves only to confuse—remember that even keeping the score in badminton is not easy to begin with!—but, on the other hand, practicing the shots can become wearisome, if you're not allowed to play in a game and find out what they are for! Usually, therefore, as soon as I think the majority of the class can take it, I coach the elementary tactics of mixed doubles, and then from there proceed to ladies' and men's doubles. Remember that tactics are of little use without strokes, and it will be necessary after a period of playing games to return time and time again to the practice of strokes.

One final word of advice—if you are not very careful, you will tackle things too quickly, your beginner will start to worry, and this will result in tightened muscles and nervous tension. Try to bear in mind that enjoyment of the game is what matters, and keep your coaching a relaxed and jolly affair.

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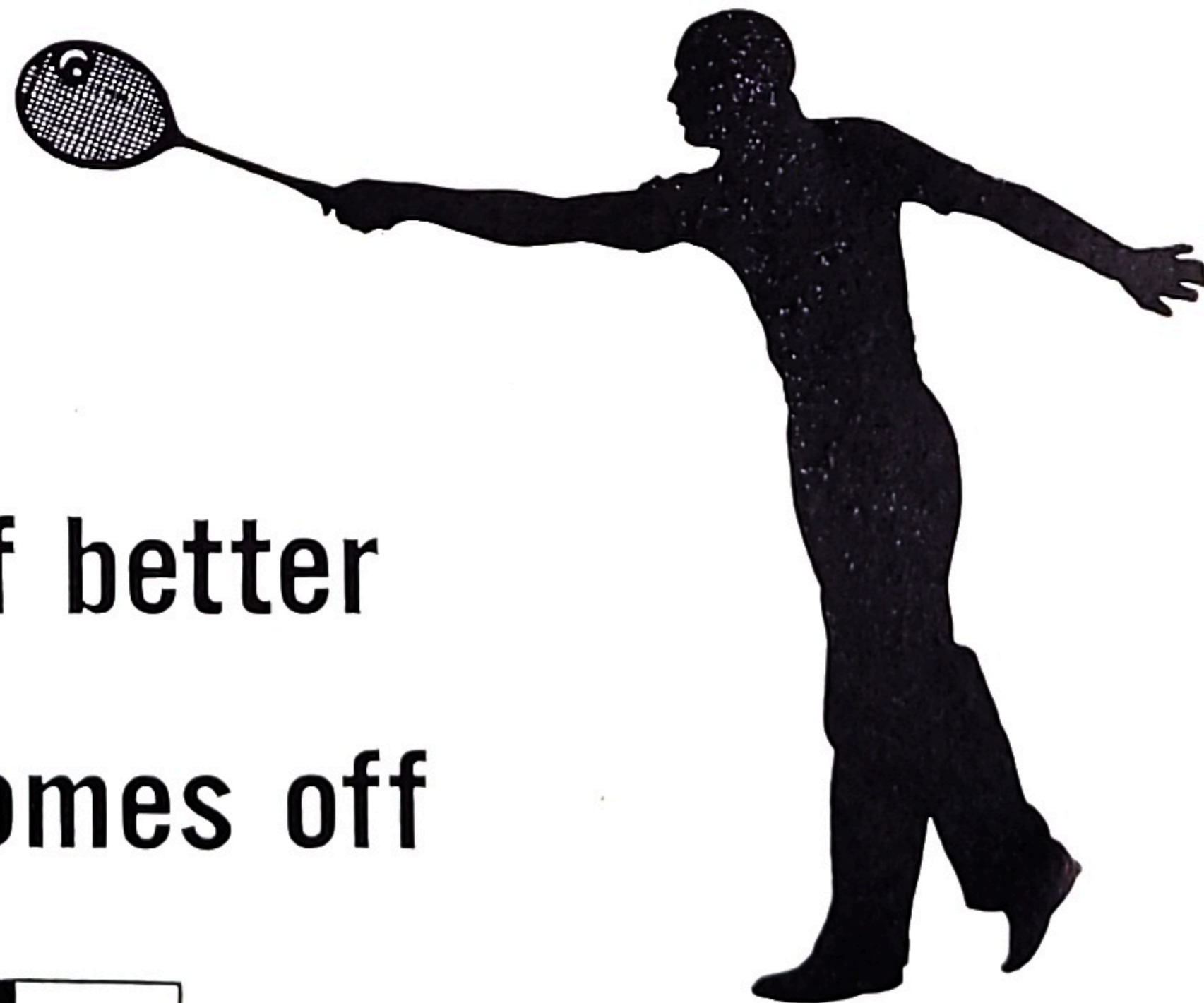
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'Shuttling' Through Europe

BY P. KOLLE & J. DEVLIN

On Sunday, August 24th, the European Badminton Tour became a reality as 58 people gathered in Idlewild Airport and introduced themselves to their fellow tour members as they recognized each other by brilliant green Lanseair overnight bags. Confusion was great and spirits and expectations high.

England—Dottie and the Bobby!

London weather gave its best show to greet us on Monday afternoon, and the troop of bodies with green bags was hustled off into a waiting bus for the first of many bus trips. This was also the first of many "lost" articles. One of Frank Devlin's suitcases failed to turn up in London, and Frank had to dress in borrowed clothes for nine days.

A full day of sightseeing on Tuesday, followed by our first match in the evening, rounded out the stay in London. Unfortunately, the queue for the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London was so long that there was no point in wasting all day trying to get in—too bad, really, because the Jewels are a marvelous sight to behold. While watching the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, Dottie Hageman, interested in taking pictures, stepped out on the curb for a better view. A "bobby" on horseback passed along the edge of the road asking everyone to move back, including Dottie. To this request, Dottie answered, "I can't, your horse is on my foot!" And, it was. No harm done, however, and this was the first of many "accidents" for 'Daffy Dottie.'

The British impressed us with their great politeness. Mrs. Holt got lost the first evening because she could not remember the name of her hotel. A man and his young son offered to drive her around the vicinity until she could recognize the place. With the memory "Court" and "on the number 12 bus line," they finally found the Coburg Court, having passed it often on the other side of the building where the sign read Coburg Hotel. With the price of gas what it is in England, nearly 60 cents per gallon, this was a wonderful gesture.

The buses taking us to the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club became lost and arrived at the famous All England Tennis Club, the site of the annual Wimbledon tennis matches. A thorough tour of Wimbledon and environs ensued before the S. and B. Club could be located. Before the evening was over, we felt, like Napoleon, that we had "met our Wimbledon," as we won only two of the 40 official matches. We should qualify this result by saying that three English international women belong to our host club, and they played often because of the shortage of women opponents for us. In this match, as in all of the following ones, play did not follow the usual lines, and we played one game of 15 points, no set, against two different opponents. Since our hosts requested mixed doubles, we readily complied, but after our fourth match, in Copenhagen, we decided that mixed was definitely our weakest point.

Our reception at Wimbledon was very nice, and we were treated to a running buffet during the course of the evening's matches. Also, unlimited extra practice was available after the official matches were completed, a great help to those of us who had not picked up a racket since last spring. The shuttles were donated by R.S.L., a service of which we were very appreciative. Bobby Hill broke out his guitar during the party which followed the play, held in the big lounge of the Club. Bob is studying at McGill University in Montreal for a certificate in high school teaching (he is already qualified as an elementary school teacher), and has been a disc jockey in Montreal for five years. He is a very accomplished player, and kept the party alive with old English ballads, rock 'n roll, sentimental favorites, and yodelling. At midnight, the troop left to pack for the next day's journey to Oslo.

Norway—Halibut and more halibut!

We arrived at Oslo at 5 a.m. on August 29th, having been on the boat from Newcastle for two nights and a day. Carolyn Ament had recovered the white shorts she had left at Wim-

bledon and Roy Reeves was keeping guard over his wallet and watch, which had caused a 2 a.m. call to Jorgen Kolle on the night after the Wimbledon match—a most unpopular call, to be sure!

The boat trip started in mass confusion, as "our leader," Jorgen (George) Kolle, had reworked the rooming list to put friends together, and the Customs Officials were giving us room tags according to the original list of two weeks previous. What a mess! Luckily, we got everything straightened out *before* the boat began to move, because after we started across the open North Sea, our party dwindled rapidly. Lena Cancelli and Judy Devlin were among the first to disappear (Lena finally appeared on deck 24 hours later), and even Mrs. Holt, who had easily weathered a typhoon in the Pacific, lost her supper the first night. To make matters worse, Polly Kolle, feeling fit as a fiddle (with the aid of a seasickness pill—"just in case"), typed away madly at the bar until well after midnight, with Margaret Raymond, Gladys Mallory, Hugh Mitchell, and Jorgen keeping her company while engaged in a friendly poker game. Some brave souls still on deck after the lights went out, were treated to coffee and sandwiches by the crew, who considered the crossing the smoothest of the summer. On the following day, warm sun and smooth sea were enjoyed by nearly all, and Alistair MacLachlan paraded around in his badminton shorts because of the "intense heat."

Jane Shaw was the early-bird on the 29th, out on deck at 4 a.m. to have a look at the famous Oslo fjord. However, although docking time was 7, we actually arrived in harbor at 5, so there was no chance for a view at all. After docking and during the sightseeing in the morning, we were all impressed by the beautiful City Hall in which there hung a painting depicting in a moving manner the life of the Norwegians, their struggles during the Nazi occupation, and their eventual freedom. The extreme cleanliness of the city amazed us. Evidently very little coal is used, and so the soot problem of a normal U.S. city is abolished.

Europe

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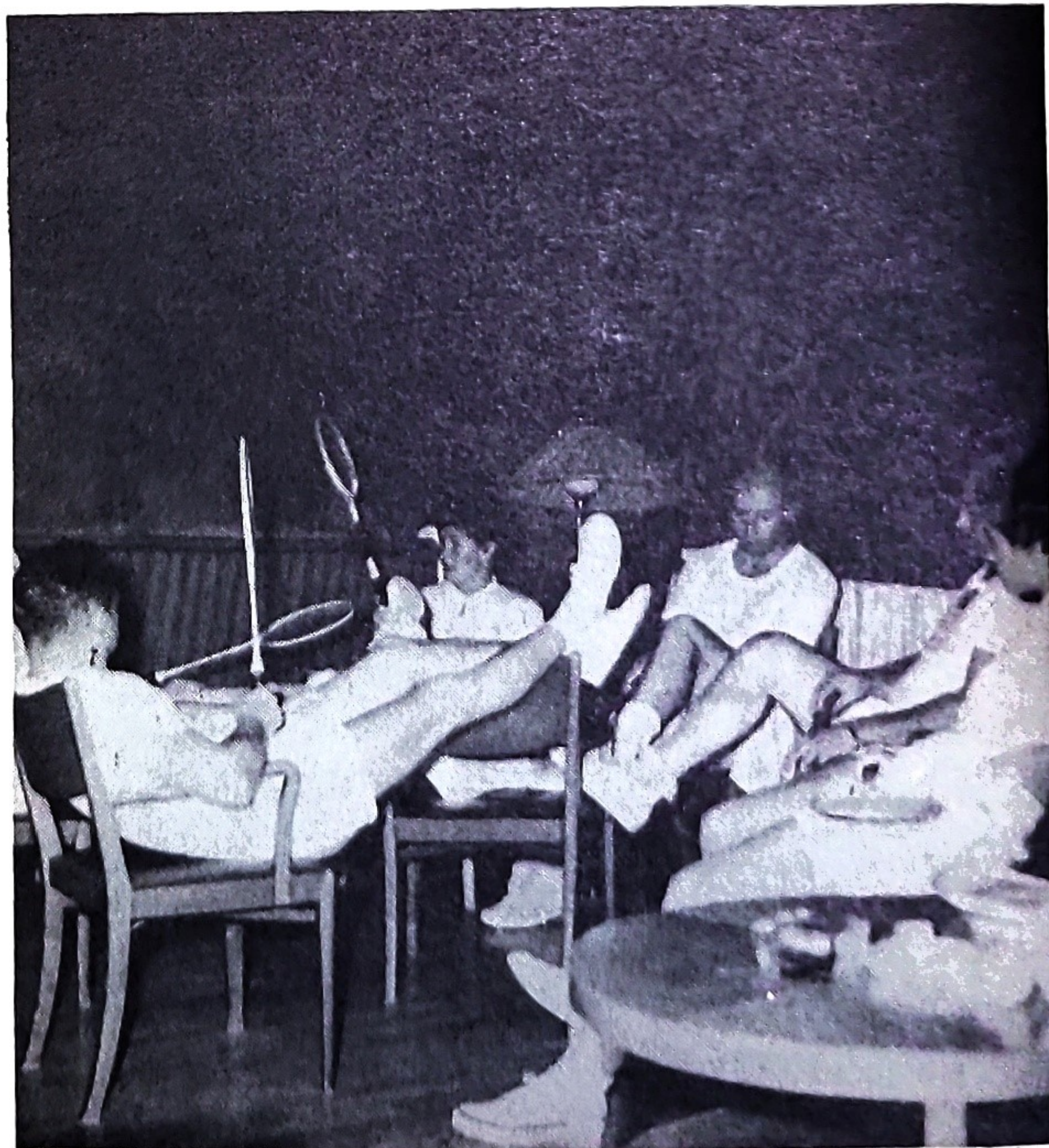
The following pictures are all from the European Badminton Tour. Lanseair Travel Service, who arranged the technical details is happy to sponsor these pages and hope to see a Badminton Tour every year.



Frank Devlin is interested in the games while Polly Kolle seems to be more interested in Bele Nordin, the President of the Gothenburg Badminton Club.



Mogens Kolle, Aase Jacobsen, Judy Devlin and Finn Kobbero all seem very happy.



Badminton must be tiring. Dick Yeager, M. Bray, B. Fischer, W. Crow, and Judy Devlin all seem to be pooped.

Festivities in Gothenburg. Foreground:
W. Crow, C. Ament. Background:
A. Chesterton, D. Hasbrouck, T. Parsons,
M. Bell.



Tom Smith, Lela Brear, Polly Kelle, Ruth
Smith and Dick Yeager aboard the
"Braemar" heading for Oslo.



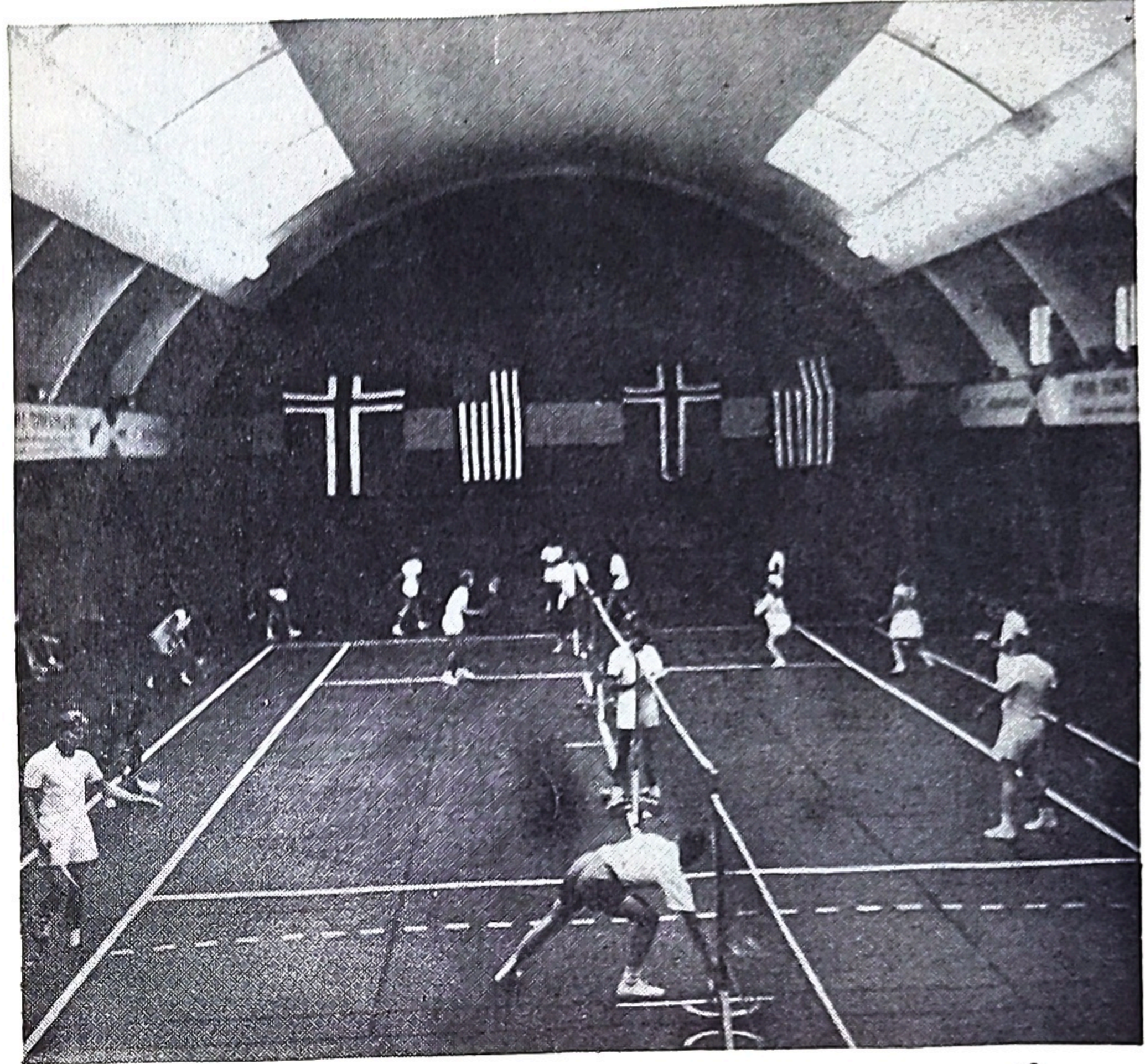
Marty Bell being held by the police for
losing her boarding pass. C. Ament
and H. Mitchell watch helplessly.



Flags of welcome—outside the Badminton
Hall in Oslo.



M. Bray, J. Devlin, Mona Lisa Englund and A. MacLachlan admire the banner of the Orgryste Idrettsallskap, presented to the BIRD CHATTER editor by the Club.

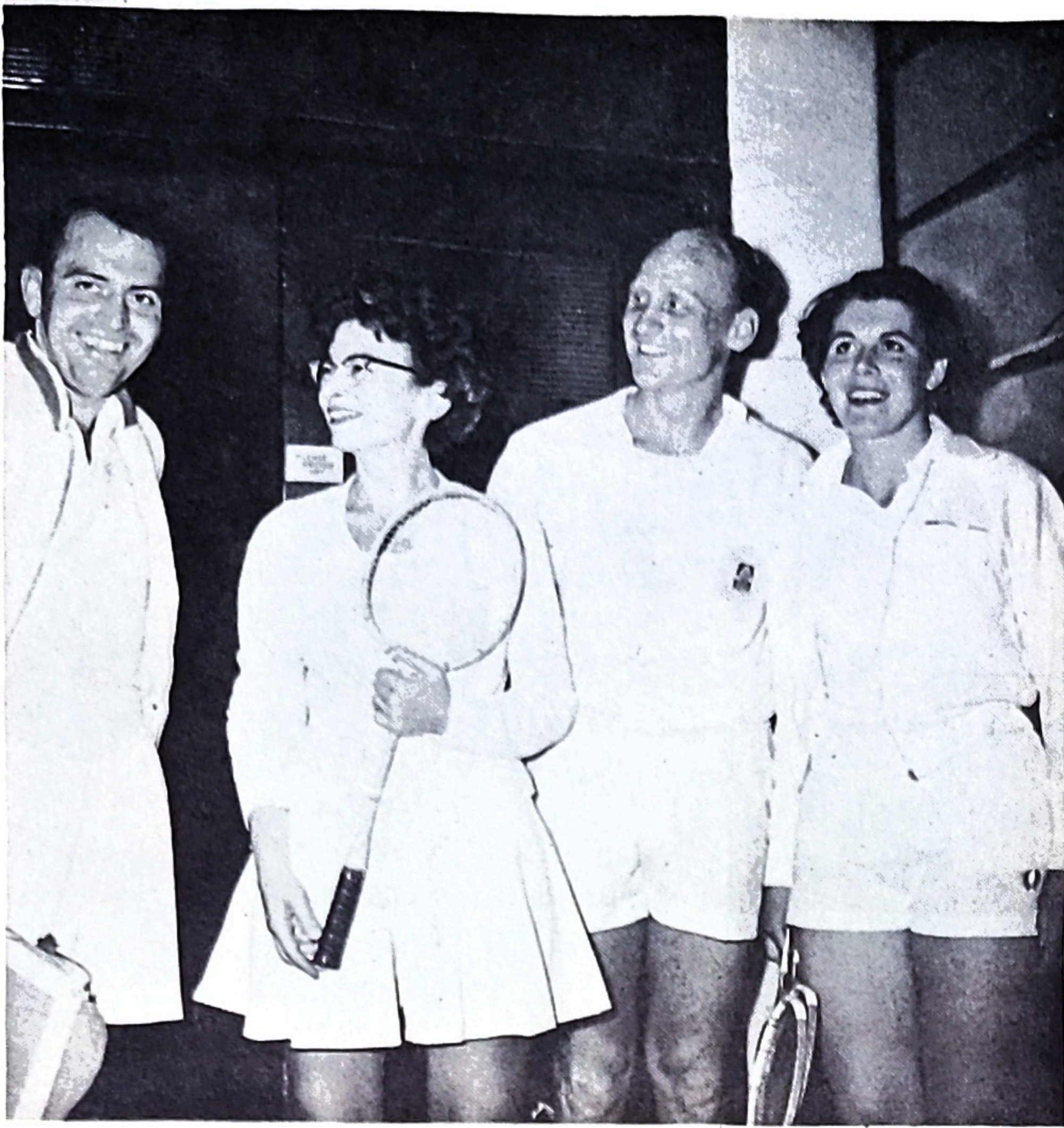


Ward Crow, right foreground, and others during the match in Norway.

A. MacLachlan, Denmark's Ole Jensen, D. Yeager and Mogens Kalle of the Gentofte B.C. in Copenhagen pose wearily before the "Old Boys" bulletin Board.



Dinner in Denmark—M. Bray with the Danish Badminton Association President, N. F. Christensen, G.B.K.'s President, C. Jensen and the President of the Copenhagen Badminton Association.



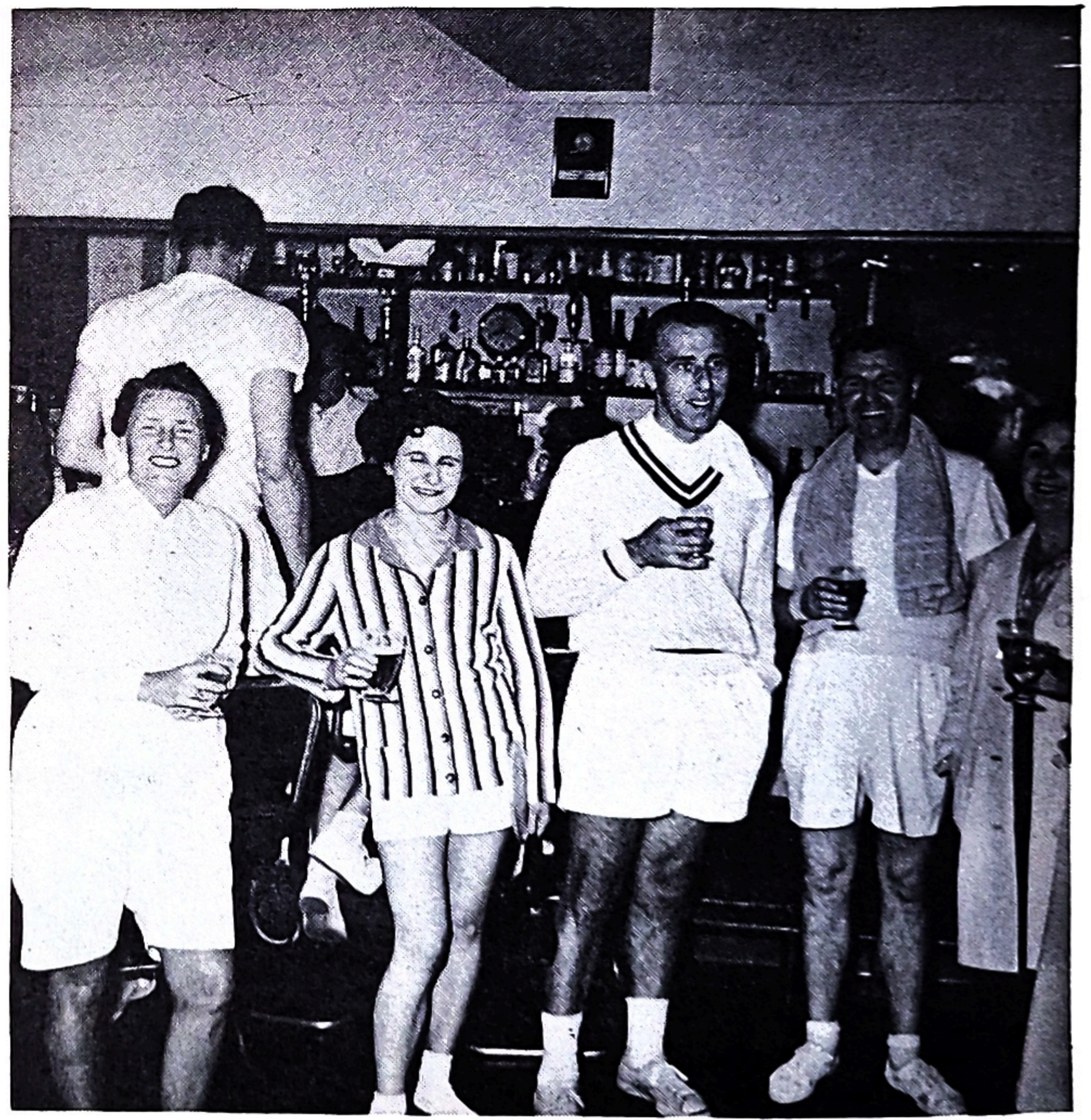
Bill Frye and Polly Kolle with England's Bill and Iris Rogers.



Bobby Hill and Louise Parsons perform after the match. Arthur Chesterton watches raptly.



My name is Fischer—spelled F-I-S-C-H-E-R



Doris and Bob Schroeder enjoy a beer after the match at Wimbledon.

Hans Gustaf Myhre was the official badminton representative, and, after meeting us on the boat, where he renewed friendships with U. S. and Canadian players alike, he arranged a practice session in the late afternoon for more than 30 diehards. Norwegian ski sweaters became the craze, and our meeting place, Schmidt's, did a booming business while we were in town. Lee Summa, Lena Cancelli, and Claude Gaughler visited and met the commander of the U. S. atomic submarine "Skate" which was in Oslo harbor. The 29th was remembered, not always happily by some, as "Halibut Day." It was arranged that we have a local delicacy, broiled halibut steak, at a cozy little mountainside restaurant overlooking Oslo. And for dinner, the hotel where all but 10 of us were staying, served only one dish—fried halibut! A major problem arose for those who intensely disliked fish, mainly Bob Hill, Doreen Reddock, and Dick Hasbrouck.

The badminton matches on the 30th were most enjoyable. Our hosts seemed amazed at the age scope of our players, not to mention the range in size from 4'10" Lena Cancelli (size 5 dress!), to 6'3" Dick Hasbrouck. Evidently in Norway only the youngsters compete to any extent, and active players over 30 are a rarity. It was too bad that they could supply only eight girls, but we redeemed ourselves by winning 11 out of 16 official matches. Play continued steadily for 4 hours as players from both teams engaged in endless "friendlies." These extra-curricular matches were great fun, and we all wished that there had been even more time to play. Afterwards everyone gathered upstairs in the club-room for food, drink and dancing. Bobby Hill surprised our hosts by playing in rapid succession the three Norwegian songs which he had learned, words and music, in just one hour on the boat. He sang so well that the Norwegians could not believe that he had never known a word of Norwegian before. Bobby called a square dance, and then Maureen Bray followed suit. These dances were terrifically popular, and Hugh Mitchell always seemed to be swung with the greatest force out of his square into the middle of the adjoining one! Jorgen accompanied Bobby on the piano. At the end of the party the president

of the host club presented a model of a Viking Ship and a scroll to Mr. Devlin to accept for the group and the A.B.A.

Sweden—Banner to *Bird Chatter*

In Gothenburg we met the language problem for the first time.. In fact, Bud McDonough would still be circling the streets of the city if he had not run into Colson Hillier and found directions back to the hotel! No organized sight-seeing was planned so we branched off to the museums, town hall, canal tour of the city and harbor, Liseberg amusement park, indoor swimming and the beach. Doreen Reddock, Bill Fischer and Bill Frey practically lived at the pool, Bill Frey causing a mild uproar among the natives when he appeared in his almost luminous red American length swimming trunks. Bud and Jane McDonough tried the beach the first day and it took them the best part of the afternoon to explain that they wanted a bathing hut in which to change clothes. Very peculiar habits, those Americans! On Monday we were treated to the warmest day in Gothenburg in ten years—80°F. The only rain we had seen fell for just a few moments in Oslo and, with the sun shining brilliantly at all other times, it seemed hard to believe that these countries have had their worst summer in years. But as Jorgen was quick to explain, Lanseair arranges everything! Tom Parsons continued his average of one shipment of presents home per city.

The Swedish team met us on the courts in the late evening and then we adjourned to a local restaurant to a dutch-treat dinner and dance. Here the president of the Ois, the host club, made a speech of welcome to us which was translated by "our leader," by now known affectionately as "Yorrrgie," so named by Alistair MacLachlan, our Scotch-Canadian. Jorgen performed a similar function for Frank Devlin's response. This marked the first and only time that translations were necessary.

The host association very kindly presented us with souvenirs for our special talents—to the youngest member of the team, Martha Parsons, aged eleven; to the only member who did not speak English, Martelia Bell from Ala-bammy; to the member who spoke most languages, Alistair Mac-

Lachlan; to the biggest drinker, Dick Yeager; to the biggest milk drinker, Bill Fischer; to the most under the weather, Jack Koehler, suffering from an infected foot. A very pretty replica of the club banner, the Ois being the oldest Swedish club, founded in 1887, was presented to Susan Devlin in absentia for her work in making the tour a reality. A jolly party to be sure.

Denmark—Shoe trouble for Betty Hillier

Our stay in Copenhagen was the longest of the trip and provided an opportunity to visit the cleaning establishments, the hairdressers and places of minor and major repair. Our train arrived at 6:40 p.m. September 2nd and we were given the royal treatment. East Coast players recognized Mogens "Mike" Kolle who met us along with his wife, father and the President of the Danish Badminton Federation. All the women were presented with lovely corsages of red and white carnations and felt like queens. There is nothing like a pretty corsage to buck one up after a long and tiring train—ferry—train ride.

Gladys Mallory and Margaret Raymond purchased two beautiful clock-thermometer-barometer combinations to be given by the Tour group to Jorgen Kolle and Susan Devlin in appreciation for their trials and tribulations on our behalf. This marked the first time that "Yor-r-gie" had ever been given a present from his group, and he was very touched and thrilled. The actual presentations were made in Amsterdam just before we all dispersed to Brussels, Paris, London, Switzerland, and/or home.

The Gentofte Badminton Club, the second largest of the 35 clubs in Copenhagen with 735 members, was most impressive. Directly upon entering, there is a glassed-in main office and pro shop, and about six illustrated showcases full of sportswear. Behind this office is the main court, with permanent stands along both side lines. On either side of this court, and separated from it by a short wall and heavy curtains hanging from the ceiling, is a set of three courts, making a grand total of 7, all with dark green floors and white lines—absolutely super conditions. On either side of the main entrance are ample changing rooms. (It was

here that Bob Schroeder discovered that he had left his underwear, clean no less, in Gothenburg. Such is life!) One and all soon found that the circular steps to the left of the office led to a huge room above, with a bar and tables. From here, we could have a beer (training only required when actively engaged in competition), and look out through the large picture windows onto the center court. After the matches, everyone adjourned to this room for beer and akvavit, plus open faced sandwiches. Speeches were made, and responses given. All the visitors were presented with a piece of heather by Mrs. Tonny Ahm, considered the greatest woman player Denmark has ever produced. The heather had been especially picked from a large estate in Jutland which was given to the Danish-American Association by Mr. William S. Knudsen. On each July 4th, all Americans living in Denmark celebrate Independence Day there. This is the only place outside the U. S. where July 4th is celebrated, and hundreds and thousands gather there each year. Many Danes now

living in America return for the festivities. The heather was gathered for us as a further symbol of the friendship of the people of our two countries. After dinner, dancing continued until the wee hours of the morning, the music supplied by Bobby Hill on the guitar, and Jorgen Kolle, Louise Parsons, and Denmark's Ole Jensen alternating on the piano.

The funniest incident in Copenhagen concerned Colson and Betty Hillier. Betty's shoes needed repairing, so they walked to a little shop near the hotel and, having carefully copied the address, left the shoes, to be picked up before closing time. The day's tour was to take us to Elsinore to see, among other things, Hamlet's Castle, which we had had a glimpse of when crossing by ferry from Sweden to Denmark. We gorged ourselves on a 36 course luncheon, a Danish specialty. The avid picture-taking crew of Mitchell, Mallory, MacLachlan, and Hasbrouck continued snapping shutters (by this time, even Dick Yeager and Bill Fischer had finally broken down and

taken a few snaps), and suddenly the Hillier's remembered the shoes. Jorgen offered to return early and pick them up, and asked for the address. With great pride, Colson picked a scrap of paper from his pocket. Jorgen took the paper and roared—the address read, in Danish, "Not over three hours," and referred to the parking limit sign in front of the store! Roll on Amsterdam!

Holland—Sidetracks of Tom and Bob

The train ride to Amsterdam left much to be desired. For 15 hours we jogged along, alternating between card games, eating and sleeping. A three hour ferry ride from Denmark to Germany helped to pass the morning and provided the usual opportunity to spend the last few coins of one country before being loaded down with the currency of the next. A whistle stop was Hamburg, where we found it hard to believe that the enormous station had been completely leveled in the War—more stops and starts—then, Utrecht. This is Tom Parson's story. "I was having supper on the Diner with three Eng-



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lish people who live in Malaya and were returning to England. After an hour or so, the head waiter asked if I was going to Amsterdam. He suggested that I get to my car, as they were removing it at Utrecht and attaching it to the end of another train. When I got up, I found the car had already been removed." Tom talked hard and fast, and in the wrong language, to three strangers. Finally he was understood by one of the conductors, led off to another train, and sent on his way free of charge. In Amsterdam, an English-speaking lady put him on a street car and, by showing the conductor the name of the hotel, he "told me where to get off, one block from the station, and only 10 minutes after the rest arrived." Little did Tom know that Bob Hill had also been separated while he was in another car playing his guitar for a group of 100 Mormons who were in the midst of changing missionary stations. Bobby did not know of his mistake until Rotterdam. Left without his passport, wallet, or jacket, he obtained a lift from two elderly ladies who were driving to Amsterdam. Upon arrival, he was given street car fare, and arrived 20 minutes after Tom!

Our first day in the "Venice of the North" was Sunday the 7th and, for lack of anything else to do on a bright and sunny day, we took a short sight-seeing tour which included a look at Rembrandt's house, and, but naturally, a canal trip. On Monday we visited a diamond cutting factory, and then took off for a leisurely trip to Nijmegen, just ten minutes from the German border. En route, Tom Parsons tipped his hat to Utrecht, and we passed through the famous battle ground of Arnhem. Most of our trip would have been under water if the dykes had broken, and a common sight was a sail boat floating along in the midst of apparently flat green fields. We had lunch in a 17th century fortress-turned-restaurant by the Waal River, and watched the barges as they passed between Arnhem and Nijmegen on their way to Germany and Switzerland. To our left was a tower built in the time of Charlemagne and, hidden behind, the remains of an 8th Century chapel. We continued to the Town Hall of Nijmegen where we met a Vice-President of the International Badminton Federation A. C.

J. van Vossen. It was in Nijmegen that Dick Hasbrouck bought the souvenir silver spoon to be given to the person who most nearly guessed the total miles traveled from New York as far as Paris—his personally conducted one kroner contest. The spoon was won by Frank Devlin with a slightly excessive 6000 miles.

Very successful matches were arranged by Hanne Valkenburg, who had taken us under her wing since our arrival in Holland, and a light supper, speeches, and presentations followed. Besides the presents for Jorgen and Sue, there was a pretty alarm clock in the shape of a globe which was given by the group to Frank Devlin with thanks for being such a good spokesman for us at each dinner. Here also, we presented the last of our framed group pictures to the Nijmegen B.C., with the hope that, although they were bound to forget our names, maybe our faces would help to remind them of a very appreciative American-Canadian group which had been treated with such kindness and goodwill. We presented a similar picture to each of our five host clubs.

Belgium, France, England, Home

From Amsterdam we became separated somewhat. Bob Hill flew straight to Montreal, the Kolles left for a business conference in Switzerland, and thirty-nine of our party went to the World's Fair in Brussels, spending about twelve hours there before joining the rest of the group in Paris. The highlight of Paris was the Folies Bergere. At precisely 9:55 p.m. Saturday, September 11, Bill Fischer was "kissed and hugged by Yvonne Ménard, the beautiful star of the Folies" as she passed among the night clubbers. A report in the U. S. newspapers during the third week in September told of the replacement of Miss Ménard as the top star due to slashed wrists. Sentimental Bill, she is pining! There were well-known buildings galore at which to gaze but even Hasbrouck and MacLachlan had acquired finger fatigue and light meter obstinacy.

One final 7 a.m. start and those of the group who did not fly straight home from Paris boarded the boat-train for London, arriving in the nick of time at London Airport. One more incident to round out the trip—and this in the form of a bomb scare! While refueling at Dublin air-

port a bomb was reported as being on our plane, to do away with an Irish Government official traveling on the flight. After a complete search of plane and every piece of luggage for 102 passengers, we reboarded for the final leg to Idlewilde, somewhat shaky! We hoped that Mrs. "Apprehensive" Parsons would survive it!

Sunday, September 14 and back on our North American continent. We had been participants in the first tour of its kind ever to have originated on this side of the Atlantic, and fifty-eight badminton lovers were tired but happy travelers returning home.

LETTERS

I would like to send you a few lines to tell you a little about the short visit of the Badminton Tour to Oslo. As far as I could see they were all very happy when they left us, and the Norwegian badminton fans including myself certainly had a wonderful experience. For me it was probably even more exciting because so many of my American and Canadian friends were on the tour, but as I have mentioned before, from our point of view the tour was a tremendous success. We had the press pretty well covering up this "historical" event.

As you understand it was all lots of fun, and I hope you will convey our very best regards to all our new friends in your next issue.

Hans Myhre, Oslo

I wish to thank all concerned with the planning of the European Badminton Tour. It was a great success. We really enjoyed all the people on tour and met some very fine people in the various countries. We felt very welcome in each country we visited. The people in those cities in which we played badminton were amazed that so large a group were able to make the trip and that they were paying their own way. It was a real good-will trip.

My only personal disappointment is that we did not have the sanction of the Directors of the ABA. Were they ashamed of us as players? as persons? or just not interested in the run-of-the-mill badminton people? We all try to back their endeavors and I think they could have lent their help in this venture.

Gladys Mallory, Seattle.
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Flying Feathers

Thomas Cup highlights: thrill of watching the great Wong Peng Soon, 4 times All-England Champion, demonstrating wizardry of his fabulous backhand . . . flashing, boyish grin of Tan Joe Hock, and his distinctive gesture of brushing his hand across his crew-cut hair . . . Poole working on school papers right up to departure of plane from L.A. . . . Hartgrove, coming up out of a card game—and putting cream in soup . . . Jim Poole, concerned about doing the right thing, following the Siamese players in bowing to Princess Vadhana of Thailand . . . Modesty and dedication of newcomers to the inter-Zone Cup Ties: the Indonesians and Siamese . . . Quiet, determined leadership exercised by Ferry Sonnevile in his position as field captain of the Indonesian team . . . Unswerving confidence of Eddy Yusuf in the abilities of his team and their destiny as ultimate winners . . . Unusual effectiveness of backhand low serve used by Indonesians . . . Surprising make-up of Malayan team, and shocking lack of conditioning . . . Tragedy of Eddy Choong, ending playing career in public disgrace . . . Rue in the faces of the Danes as they watched the Challenge Round and envisioned "what might have been" . . . Talent of Palle Granlund at the piano in composing impromptu lament in tribute to Tan Joe Hock . . . Sight of Prataung Pattapongse, Thailand women's champ, playing two successive singles games with Peng Soon in grim, unsmiling concentration . . . Smooth organization of the entire operation, by committee under Fred Eu . . . Invaluable assistance, and generous hospitality, of Lim Chuan Geok! . . . Solid character and warm friendship displayed by our old friends, Ong Poh Lim and Ooi Teik Hock . . . Impressive and typically British ceremonies in recognition of Queen Elizabeth's official birthday, including Governor's garden party.

Jim Jackson is now stationed with the Navy in the San Francisco area. He brought his wife and father to visit the San Francisco Ocean View badminton group. Jim comes from Dallas, where he was State champion for two years . . . The Midwest B.A.

lost five clubs and gained four during last season, bringing the total to 33 . . . About a dozen players from the San Francisco area traveled the 350 miles to play in the Semana Nautica tournament in Santa Barbara . . . Dick Ball received the McTavish medal for the highest average in physics at Loyola College. In the fall, he will take advantage of his scholarship for graduate study in engineering at Johns Hopkins University . . . Following the Thomas Cup matches, an International Open tournament was held in Penang, and the Gold Cup tournament was played in Selangor. Jim Poole lost in the semifinals of both tournaments to Thailand's Charoen Watanasin.

Bob Steinwald, Ken Davidson Award winner when a junior in 1956, graduated from Johns Hopkins amid a shower of awards. Elected a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary collegiate leadership society and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, he received the Student Activities Commission Varsity Seals and Keys for exceptional service to respective organizations for two consecutive years. Bob left soon after for a lacrosse tour of England with the Hopkins team. He is now attending Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore.

Many badminton players excel at other sports. Former national mixed champion Loma Smith won her first Southern California women's amateur golf crown with scores of 80-77 for the par 75 course; in a senior vs. junior match at the Los Angeles Tennis Club, Thelma Welcome helped the seniors to a 4-3 win in singles, and won two matches in the 6-2 win in doubles over the youngsters; Bunky Roche played regularly with Frank Roberts Sr. as a successful doubles combine in the Inter-Club tennis league in Baltimore; Fred Stieber and Bart Harvey are also regular league players; Margaret Varner, playing the tennis circuit all summer, lost her singles at Wimbledon to none other than the world's second ranking table tennis player, reached the doubles finals with Margaret Osborne duPont; the National Lacrosse Tournament

brought together bird-chasers Lee Chadbourne, Kate Barrett, Millie Barnes, Sue and Judy Devlin, Martha Leipold, and McGregor Stewart, with Lee, Millie, and Judy making the All-American team, Sue gaining honorable mention; Doris DeLord seeded sixth in the New York State Womens' tennis tournament.

Mildred Sirwaitis won a new racket and press at the Midwest B.A. raffle held in aid of sending juniors to the California National. Over \$200 was raised, with the Geevers and Joe Tiberi giving a total of 5 new rackets as prizes . . . Purdue and the Midwest will miss Bea Maré, South Africa's addition to U. S. badminton for the last two seasons. Bea was in the finals of nearly every tournament she played in, and won many prizes to take home with her as mementos of her stay . . . Happy birthday to Douglas, the first born of Sandra (Dailey) and Steve Price. Sandra was Junior National runner-up in the Minneapolis tournament in 1951.

McGregor Stewart spent the weekend of July 4th in Connecticut where she met film star Doris Day. If you see "Miss Casey Jones," due to be released in about four months, be sure to look for McGregor in the balcony scene . . . Have you seen the large (over five inches) plastic shuttle called a "Tennis Bird" now available in all the sports stores? Understand that Herpel Perkins and his wife won one in the Midwest B.A. raffle . . . Patsey Stephens' leg injury still preventing her from taking any exercise . . . Chuck and Helen Tibbetts now flying in Chuck's new plane.

Cynthia Dryden playing tennis this summer for the first time . . . Thelma and Claude Welcome hosted Sue Devlin for a few days in July. Vacationing by driving across the country, Sue also saw Lois Alston, Beulah and Mannie Armendariz, Jack Van Praag, and Frank Peard . . . Shirley Mans waitressing in Atlantic City over the summer . . . Ted Jarrett in Baltimore during July, visiting with the Jack Hessey's . . . Norma Slauer is now living in Washington, D. C. and working for the government.

Harry Quinn of the New Haven Club and Ellen Ward have set their date to be married this fall . . . Ed Dunning of Baltimore joined pal Ed Tillery in the marriage ranks in October, the latter having tied the knot in early September. Third pal, Howard Herbst, will follow suit in February . . . Mary Jane Smith of Connecticut gave birth to a baby girl . . . The Bethel Club held a very successful "Steak Cook-out" picnic during the summer . . . Bunky Roche now out of the Army and working as a clothing salesman in Baltimore.

Wilmington junior Peter Kortman now a boarder at the McDonogh School in suburban Baltimore . . . A femme fatal has finally caught Harry Hackett. Lovely auburn haired Ann Dilworth (also of Philadelphia) and Harry will tie the proverbial knot on November 20th, quietly but surely. Congratulations are, indeed, in order . . . After his European Tour, Bill Frey seriously thinking of taking up the guitar. Ask him and maybe he will tell you why . . . Wissahickon B.C. held a masquerade party and midnight supper on October 18th.

Hope everyone was watching the 76 Sport Club on TV when the program was devoted to badminton one night in August. Dave Freeman was the spokesman while Mannie and Beulah Armendariz, Joe and Lois Alston, Mike Hartgrove and Ron Palmer demonstrated play. Excellent Show. The only dark spot was that Lois Alston turned her ankle quite seriously during the filming part and was unable to play for a week or so . . . Buzz Martin had a few days of worry early in October when a very serious forest fire burned many homes in the area near the Martin home in Monrovia . . . Pat Cornell now learning Russian . . . Roy Reeves is the spitting image of Sweden's Rune Brinkestedt . . . Lena Cancelli and Lee Summa still warbling "All Day, All Night, Mal-de-Mer," in memory!!! . . . Mary Bowman has described it in a nutshell—"The Historical European Badminton Tour." Does she mean hysterical? . . . Terrie Tucker visiting relatives in Philadelphia on her way west from Europe . . . Millard H. Lambert, Jr., of the Roanoke B.C., won the men's singles championship at the University of Georgia last spring.

Seen at Forest Hills — Charlotte Decker, Doris and Larry DeLord, Dot O'Neil, Carol Steinbaugh, McGregor Stewart, Margaret Varner.



Southern Champion like Eichelberger (r.) with finalist Bob Love.

The summer at the Tibbetts home went like this: Mindy — molar extraction, tonsillitis, chicken pox; Jeff — stitches in the forehead from a thrown rock, hay fever which completely closed his eyes, chicken pox; Deb — sore muscles and stiff neck from an auto accident, chicken pox; Chuck — dislocated hip; Helen — sprained and torn muscles along her spine from the May 29th auto accident. Helen spent a month unable to do anything, and then was allowed to type and urged to attempt badminton, in order that the therapist might find which part of her back was affected the worst. Understand the Tibbetts family is looking forward to a "relaxing" winter.

In badminton circles, as well as elsewhere, there are sad notes mixed with glad notes. Early in June Scott Seiler, up and coming junior from Northern California, died in a tragic drowning accident. In the Detroit Junior National, Scott had distinguished himself by winning the Under 15 singles and doubles, the former by defeating Jack Keating handily. Last year he was sick at the time of the Wilmington tournament, and this spring in California, he lost to Ted Ebencamp in the quarter-finals. His best event was mixed, in which he and Carol Mintner nearly upset the eventual winners, Cynthia Dryden and Ebencamp, in the semi-final round. Scott was considered a top threat to win the Junior National next season. His wit and friendliness, as well as his top flight play, will be missed in junior circles. . . . BIRD CHATTER also regretfully

notes that, unknown to all but a few, Curtis Barber heard of his father's death while he was on the European Badminton Tour. Curtis was a quiet and popular member of the Tour group, and all of his friends join together in expressing their deep sympathies . . . Our sincere sympathy also to the van Praag family, on the death of Jack's younger brother. He passed away in September.

Virginia Hill, long time secretary of the Southern Calif. B.A. can probably write a book on how to type without using all the fingers. She broke her little finger in June, but managed to get all her typing done despite this very hampering injury. Nothing stops her from working for badminton! . . . Two southland knees are being taken under the knife this year. Both are junior knees at that. Virginia Greene had her operation this summer. Tom Treloggen hurt his knee during the Junior Nat'ls. Then it improved. Again it was hurt during the October junior tournament at San Diego. Now he will have to have surgery as well as being out of badminton for a year. This is a real loss for the shuttle scene, because Tom would have been the top ranking local junior of the season.

Evie (Talley) and Lew Hankins are now living in Troy, N. Y. after a year of suntanning in Manhattan Beach, California. Lew is working for a master's degree in Nuclear Engineering at R.P.I. Evie's brother Bunny, a freshman at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md. . . . Chuck Tibbetts was on the B-52 when it set the world speed and distance record in late September . . . Margaret Varner now working in Wilmington, Delaware, as the tutor for 6 year old Billy duPont, son of the tennis star Margaret Osborne duPont . . . Donna Connolly has a new mixed partner for 1975, a son born last April 13th in Seattle.

Norma Pritula, Thelma Burdick, and Norma Slauer earned sectional tennis rankings . . . Henry Salaun, squash champ and also badminton player, is the top New England tennis player . . . Thelma Welcome merited the number 10 position in national Senior tennis listings.

The new age ruling affecting junior play gives another year of eligibility to, among other top players, Dick Gorman, Janet Ogilvie, Puss

Pritchard, Dan Rudy, Ted Hutton, and Sharon Pritula . . . McGregor Stewart now working for American Express Co. . . . John Sudbury was in Baltimore in October, playing at the Gilman Club. In Ponca City, Okla., where the temperature rises to 117°, they play in an air conditioned gym.

The various occupations of the members of the European Badminton Tour are proof that not all sports enthusiasts are connected with physical education. Gladys Mallory is an office manager for Active Transport, while fellow Seattle-ites Hugh Mitchell, Lela Brear, and Tom Smith are employed by Pacific Telephone. Tour members were protected for bone breakages by osteopath Dr. Charles (Bud) MacDonough, and against jaywalking by Police Captain Ward Crow, Seattle Traffic Division. Publicity-wise, Bob Schroeder, a salesman of network TV for CBS, could be relied upon. The "10-4" girl was Terrie Tucker, a dispatcher for the California Highway Patrol. The code means "message received," and is, says Terrie, not always correctly used on the television shows. Connected with scientific endeavors are Dr. Cecelia Reigel, a biochemist for Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia; Curtis Barber, a chemist for Union Carbide; Martelia Bell, a biochemist for the Southern Research Institute; May Purcell, a medical technologist for the Veterans' Hospital of Philadelphia, and Carolyn Ament, secretary at the Veterans' Hospital in Baltimore.

Dick Yeager has his own construction business, and Bill Fischer works as a salesman for Burroughs Adding Machines. Office work keeps stenographer Doreen Reddoch busy. Dottie Thomas is a secretary, while Lena Cancelli is a bookkeeper. Esther Gwinnett and Lillian Snyder are office clerks; Lillian's aunt, Mrs. Claire Fell, is the acting principal of an elementary school this winter. Bank work employs Jack Koehler, an estates officer for the Waterloo Trust Company, Bill Frey, a bank examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Dottie Hageman, a bank teller in Seattle.

Tom and Ruth Smith had the distinction of being grandparents, and Doris and Bob Schroeder had the youngest children, two boys aged 9 and 5. Jane Shaw, a part time in-

structor at Syracuse University, left her husband to care for their four children during the three weeks. Happy housewives are Mary Bowman, Jane MacDonough, Betty Hillier, Louise Parsons, Grace Cogan, Doris Schroeder, and Mildred Crow, the mother of three future policemen. Louise Parsons had a busman's holiday, however, as her children, as well as husband Tom, were along on the trip. Stevie was left as the man of the family while his Dad was "touring" Utrecht!

Commercial artist Dick Has-

brouck, who should have had a contest with Bobby Hill as to who could east most fastest, convinced everyone that he really did have a hollow leg which thrived on Dutch chocolate.

There were two "badminton weddings" during the summer. One was Ron Palmer's to Dee Ann Gideon in July. It took place in San Diego and was quite an affair. Then in August, the newlyweds moved to Redlands. All this at the same time that Ron undertook a completely new job, make for a busy person. Let's hope the badminton doesn't get lost

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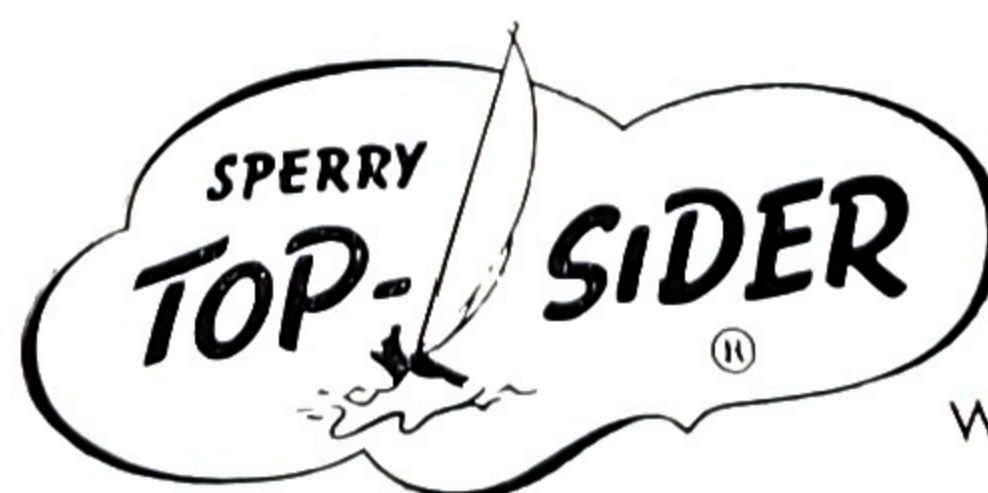
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in the shuffle . . . Joan Gibbs became Mrs. Jim DeAndre in a September ceremony in Pasadena. The matron of honor was twin sister Jean, now Mrs. Bob McCallum. The reception was held outdoors and a surprise thunder shower very nicely waited until people had already eaten.

Craig Brand, a 16 year old Orange, Connecticut youth, son of Mr. Howard Brand, former Canadian Champion and former member of the Ice Capades and Mrs. Brand has been one of the outstanding players in Connecticut. He participated in the Junior Championship Tournament held in Fairfield and the State "B" and "C" Tournaments. Craig is junior champion in all three under 18 events and holds the State B three events and the C singles.

Byron Settle, former President of the Southern B.A., moves to Florida in the middle of November from Roanoke, Virginia . . . Earl Hansell, formerly of Charlotte, N. C., and Atlanta, Georgia, is now living in Tampa, and is busy trying to form a club there . . . Clay Norment of D. C. is again a proud papa, their fourth or fifth girl—just can't keep track . . . Malaya's Tan Joe Hock, possibly the best singles player in the world today, is a twenty year old high school boy . . . Judy Devlin now an English teacher . . . Paula Roloff, 1957 California State B singles champ, just came back from a pleasant trip to Alaska. She brought back postcards instead of gold dust . . . In September, Indonesia issued a set of three commemorative postal stamps honoring badminton, and Indonesia's victory in the Thomas Cup. The Cup is beautifully engraved on the stamps.

Rosine Capehart became Mrs. H. Creighton Jones in June, and has moved to North Carolina. Our belated congratulations to her and her husband . . . Frank "Pop" Hinds has retired from Central Presbyterian Church, and he and Winnie are now permanently established in Massachusetts . . . Alan Mahaffey, wife Betty and daughter Donna Maree have moved back to Southern California. They had been living in Newcomerstown, Ohio for a couple of years . . . Dottie Hann and Connie Davidson craved the crap tables this summer so they went to Las Vegas and spent several days with oth-

ers of the same mood. Didn't hear any mention of their winning, but they did have a good time . . . When the Manhattan Beach Club was painted on the outside by its members Frank Peard, temporary member from Ireland, was wielding a brush with gusto.

THOMAS CUP

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in!!). Thus, Sonneville, for the third time, won the clinching fifth point for his team and pandemonium broke loose as the Indonesians war-danced around the floor.

After order was restored, the remaining matches didn't matter but Eddy Yusuf went ahead and picked up another point by winning the No. 3 singles from Piruz. The Indonesian No. 1 doubles pair defaulted to Choong and Ooi after dividing the first two games, and Tan Joe Hock and Ferry made no attempt to win the concluding match.

Thereafter, there was the usual turmoil and picture taking, while Sir William Goode, the British Governor, presented the Thomas Cup to Rameli Rikin, the Indonesian captain, and individual medals to the players in the Challenge Round. The crowd filtered away, the Indonesians went home to celebrate, the Malaysians slipped quietly out to drown their sorrow and to make an "agonizing re-appraisal" for the future and the Thomas Cup competition ended for another 3 years. The word now is: Djakarta in 1961!!!

Postscript

Although, as reported earlier, 4 members of the U. S. team had to head homeward as soon as they were eliminated by Thailand, the other two men, Poole and Hartgrove, stayed on to play in two major tournaments and two exhibitions in Malaya following the completion of the Cup Ties. As a result of steady practice, which gave them a full 3 weeks of conditioning before the start of the tournaments, these two worked themselves into good shape and gave a fine account of themselves. Although they did not distinguish themselves as a pick-up doubles combination, Jim did exceptionally well in singles scoring a good win over that promising young Malayan, Oon Chong Teik, and getting to the semi-finals of both the Malayan Open Championships and

the Selangor Gold Cup Tournament. Each time Jim lost to Charoen Watanasin, the fine young Siamese star, who went on to win both tournaments and stamp himself as a bright light in world competition.

Officials of the Badminton Association of Malaya have reported their pleasure at having had Jim and Mike in the tournaments, along with the Cup players from Denmark and Thailand and their own country. (Unfortunately, the Indonesians could not compete, having been summoned home from Singapore for a national welcome.) Jim and Mike made many friends, and are sure to treasure the fine experience which they shared.

THOMAS CUP RESULTS

Semi-final

Thailand 7, U.S.A. 2

Singles: Watanasin def. Palmer 10-15, 15-4, 15-8. def. Poole 15-9, 15-6: Khajadbhye def. Poole 15-5, 16-17, 15-3. lost to Palmer 2-15, 15-13, default: Pattapongse def. Armendariz 15-6, 15-9.

Doubles: Suphaphun-Sudthivanich def. Alston-Rogers 0-15, 15-7, 18-14. def. Armendariz-Hartgrove 15-9, 15-9: Watanasin-Wongakrakul def. Armendariz-Hartgrove 15-4, 12-15, 15-2. lost to Alston-Rogers 15-12, 15-6.

Indonesia 6, Denmark 3

Singles: Sonneville lost to Kobbero 18-13, 15-7, def. Kops 15-12, 15-9: Tan Joe Hock def. Kops 15-8, 15-5, def. Kobbero 1-15, 15-12, 15-10: Yusuf lost to Granlund 15-8, 15-9.

Doubles: Tan K. G.-Njoo K. B. def. Kobbero-Hansen 5-15, 15-11, 18-14, def. Kops-Mertz 15-11, 10-15, 15-11: Tan Joe Hock-Lie P.D. def. Neilsen-Mertz 18-14, 13-15, 15-2. lost to Kobbero-Hansen 15-6, 15-8.

Final Indonesia 8, Thailand 1

Singles: Tan Joe Hock def. Watanasin 15-10, 15-6. def. Khajadbhye 15-1, 15-8: Sonneville def. Khajadbhye 15-5, 15-7. def. Watanasin 15-10, 15-2: Yusuf def. Pattapongse 15-10, default.

Doubles: Tan K. G.-Njoo K. B. def. Suphaphun-Sudthivanich 15-12, 8-15, 15-5, def. Watanasin-Wongakrakul 15-8, 11-15, 15-8: Tan Joe Hock-Lie P.D. def. Watanasin-Wongakrakul 7-15, 15-9, 15-10. lost to Suphaphun-Sudthivanich 6-15, 15-3, 15-0.

Challenge Round Indonesia 6, Malaya 3

Singles: Sonneville def. Choong 15-12, 15-4. def. Teh Kew San 13-15, 15-13, 18-16: Tan Joe Hock def. Teh Kew San 18-14, 15-4. def. Choong 15-11, 15-6: Yusuf def. Piruz 6-15, 15-10, 15-8.

Doubles: Tan K. G.-Njoo K. B. def. Heah-Lim Say Hup 7-15, 15-5, 18-15, lost to Choong-Ooi Teik Hock 13-15, 15-9, default: Tan Joe Hock—Sonneville lost to Choong-Ooi Teik Hock 18-15, 15-5. lost to Heah-Lim Say Hup 15-1, 15-1.

LETTERS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Sue Devlin and BIRD CHATTER for the privilege of being included in the Badminton Tour of Europe. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by us and we were very much impressed with the wonderful people and the sights that we encountered.

In organizing a tour of such magnitude, we appreciate the work and efforts of the organizers. Sue Devlin did a tremendous job in looking after the countless details necessary to get us off the ground. Our thanks go to Mr. Devlin who so capably arranged the games and made several sincere speeches after the matches. Jorgen Kolle and Lansair Travel Service have now become two names to us that are synonymous with pleasurable travel without worry or concern. Poor Jorgen had his troubles—but throughout everything he came out smiling. We were pleased also to be in the company of Jorgen's wife Polly who was a very good sport and joined in the badminton.

The people with whom we travelled were a most congenial group and we enjoyed all of them. We could go on and on expressing our gratitude. However, we will all remember the wonderful trip, merry times etc. for a long time.

Thanks again to BIRD CHATTER. Please invite us again if you plan any more trips.

Sincerely yours,
Maureen Bray, Victoria, B. C., Doreen Reddock, Bill Fischer, Margaret Raymond, Helen Van Sickle, Ont., Bob Hill, Al McLachlan, Que.

I could go on for hours with comments about the tour to Europe. We thoroughly enjoyed the tour and especially the people who went along. With all the people who were on the tour spreading comments about what a good time we had I think there would be increased interest and reservations for another tour.

Dick Schroeder, Illinois

We thought the tour was a great success. Meeting people in foreign countries with whom you have a common bond seems to add immeasurably to the enjoyment of travel. Frank Devlin was the personifica-

tion of good will ambassador and Dean Emeritus of badminton.

Based on our experiences and enjoyment of the whole tour you may count on us for any other tours that might be arranged in the future—particularly the possibility of winter tours in the Caribbean.

We were impressed by the amount of preparation that the organizing and conducting of such a tour required.

Grace & Jack Cogan, Calif.

I would just like to go on record as saying that we have just recently returned from a most enjoyable and successful tour of Europe. The win and loss part of our matches is of no consequence, however the many friends we made for ourselves and American badminton can hardly be overlooked.

It seems unfortunate that this tour was not sponsored by the ABA. All we needed to obtain a charter flight was the OK and signature from certain ABA officials. But it was never forthcoming and we, as a group, were forced to obtain other means of transportation for we were determined to go. This in turn caused undue hardship (moneywise and otherwise) for all of our group and the

leaders involved.

In spite of this drawback, fifty-nine determined, so-called badminton players, set out for a very remarkable and enlightening tour. All are home safely now and sincerely hope that if a similar group of people desire to travel on a similar low cost tour at some time in the future, that the Directors of the ABA will sponsor it.

Polly Kolle, D. C.

May I express my appreciation of all the hard work you did in making possible the recent badminton tour of Europe. It was a wonderful experience and I enjoyed it thoroughly as did, I am sure, everyone connected with it. It was especially nice to meet so many congenial people, and I know we all made lots of new friends.

Jack Koehler, Ontario

I would like to say "Thanks again" for all you did in promoting the recent badminton tour to Europe. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute while on the trip, and reviving many pleasant hours in talking about it to many friends.

Sincerely,

Esther M. Gwinnett, Calif.

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Connecticut

Officers of the C.B.A. are President Richard Davenport, Vice-President Miss Dolly van Hacht, Treasurer Miss Marie Schutz, Secretary Mrs. Beryl Stuckey and Publicity Miss Elsie Cope. The Executive Committee consists of Edward Drab, William Kohler and Andrew Mudry. Junior Activities are under the direction of Lea Gustavson who with Helen Gibson ran a most successful junior state tournament last season.

Washington State

Seattle has been very active during the summer with badminton, boating, seafair and the European trip which nine from Seattle were fortunate enough to go on. Those that went were Gladys Mallory, Dottie Hageman, Mildred and Ward Crow, Dick Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, Lela Brear and Hugh Mitchell, and of course they all had a wonderful time.

This year as in the past eight years the highlight of the summer time is the Seattle Seafair Tournament. This is an American type tournament where the teams were both handicapped and placed in a strong or weak bracket. Then each team plays the other teams until we have a final in each bracket. The winners of each bracket play for the championship. Ladies Doubles winners were Helen Busch and Julie Agito, men's doubles were Tim and Bill Davidson and mixed doubles were Donna Connolly and Don Davis.

A great loss to Seattle badminton for the next two years is Don Davis who is in the Army stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. We wish him and his wife Sandy a wonderful time.

C. A.

Southern B.A.

The officers of the Southern Association are President L. S. Shaw of Durham, N. C. and Vice-President Dr. Harris Kaffie of Shreveport, La. Directors are C. R. Council, North Carolina; Cam Mitchell, Georgia; Bob Love, Tennessee; Taylor Caffery, Louisiana and Martelia Bell, Alabama.

Western New York

Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman are conducting coaching and play for juniors from October to the end of December on Saturday mornings. They are also helping a Sunday afternoon junior group at Amherst Central High until March. The latter group is under the sponsorship of the Recreation Department.

San Francisco

Several players traveled the long journey to the Santa Barbara Tournament over the July 4th Weekend. July 13 saw the Ocean View Playground busy with ladies singles and doubles and mens doubles during a three event tournament. Sterling silver jewelry made in Thailand constituted the prizes. July 20 was the date of the annual Chinatown Club picnic. This club welcomes a new and talented player in Nai Choi Thorn of Thailand.

J. P.

Texas

Officers for 1958-59 are President R. B. Blizzard, Secretary-Treasurer Edward F. Stuart. The San Antonio Club is sponsoring the Annual T.B.A. tournament this year. A newsletter and questionnaire has been sent to all known spots of badminton players in Texas as this association has been inactive for the last few years. Interclub matches have been planned, in spite of the distances!

Delaware

The current officers of the Delaware Badminton Association are President Bill Richey, Vice-President Joe Rhodes, Secretary Miss Loretta Mearns and Treasurer Mrs. Charlotte Balick. Chairman of the Junior Development Committee is Naomi Bender (Mrs. S. Wm.). The Dilwyne Club is holding the Philadelphia District Junior Tournament in January. The Junior State Tournament will be held near the end of February. The Wilmington Park Department has secured the courts of the P.S. Dupont High School for Saturday morning play.

Metropolitan B. A. (N.Y.C.)

The officers of the Association for the 1958-59 season are:

President—Ted Hamilton; 1st Vice President—Chris Marx; 2nd Vice President—Ed Geng; Secretary—Charles Stedman; Treasurer—Ray Weinmann.

In order to stimulate badminton play in the New York area, particularly among interested players who are not affiliated with a member club, the Association will sponsor four Sunday afternoons of play in Hunter College, located in the heart of Manhattan. The results of this experiment will determine the value of the MBA providing badminton players with public facilities without respect to club affiliation.

Washington, D. C.

At the annual meeting of the Badminton Club of the District of Columbia held in May it was agreed that this club should pool its resources with that of the St. Albans group and become one club. Such club is to be known as the Badminton Club of the District of Columbia (St. Albans group). The badminton Club of D. C. is most happy with this merger. The officers of the club are President John Stewart, Secretary Doris Slauer and Treasurer Polly Kolle. The club's Board of Advisors are Lloyd Gowen, Van Tanner, Charlotte Decker, Clay Norment, Bill Shreve and Carroll Morgan. This club subscribes 100% to BIRD CHATTER by including a year's subscription to the magazine in the club dues.

Midwest B.A.

New officers of this association are President John Franczak, Vice-President Victor Pritula and Secretary-Treasurer Ted Anderson. The main activity of the association this year is of course the holding of the 1959 Open Amateur United States Championships in Detroit in April.

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Maryland

Officers for the 1958-'59 season are President Joanne Hessey; Executive Vice-President Frederick Stuart; Vice-President Mrs. Charles A. La-Pointe; Secretary Betty Lee Potter and Treasurer George Sparks.

The Junior State Rankings have been released. Topping the Under 18 Division are Dan Rudy and Faith Ferris in the singles, followed by John Snead and Cynthia Dryden. Dan and John hold the number one position in the doubles as do Cynthia and Sally Coulter. Dan and Cynthia are top in mixed. In the Under 15 division John Snead and Jackie Otto are the top boy and girl. John holds the doubles spot with John Kenworthy and the mixed with Peg Schmeiser. Peg and Betsy McDavid are number one doubles. Under 13 event number One's are Jimmy Engle and Jackie Otto.

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HALL OF FAME AWARDS

Two former national badminton champions, Evelyn Boldrick Howard and Zoe Smith Yeager, have been elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame. Mrs. Yeager of Seattle, Washington was national ladies doubles champion in 1937 and national mixed champion in 1939. Mrs. Howard, of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, was national ladies singles champion in 1940 and singles and doubles champion in 1942. Both Zoe and Evie were many times sectional title holders. Mrs. Howard, as Evelyn Boldrick, began her badminton career in San Diego, California while Mrs. Yeager, as Zoe Smith, embarked upon her career in her home town of Seattle.

The selection of Zoe and Evie for honors now brings to a total of eleven the number who have been elected to the Helms Hall of Fame. The Badminton Hall of Fame was instituted in 1956 with seven champions chosen. Dick Yeager and Ham Law were elected in 1957. The American Badminton Association each year makes recommendations to the Helms Hall Board for Hall of Fame action.

LETTERS (Continued)

Dear Editor,

As a veteran player please register my complaint re "wood" shots. It's a mystery to me why this shot was ever made illegal. The reason is simple—it adds more uncertainty to the game than it takes away. In Japan where the officiating is extremely precise I have had perfect shots called "wood" because the racket gut twanged like a wood shot. Many times I have had . . . to call against myself in deference to the inquiring look of my opponent. . . . An official is stuck whichever he calls—if closely he will undoubtedly deprive a player of many fair shots, and if loosely, the fair and the bad may balance. . . . Recommendation—repeal the rule making wood shots fair. Additionally I've seen Jack Purcell, Freeman et al play and have noticed first, the scarcity of wood shots—second the remarkable manner they have of returning wood shots.

Another suggestion—run some control tests on the top ten players keeping track of all wood shots, their returns, and the players estimates of

the shots. It should give a more substantial base to justify the present rule than any evidence I've heard to date.

Regards,
Orvil L. Driver, California

Air Force Wins NATO Tourney

The Air Force division of the NATO forces stationed in Oslo, Norway, are fast becoming the service badminton champs through their own efforts and determination. For the last three years, about 26 players have been using the facilities of one of the Clubs in Oslo each Saturday during the winter months. Last March, the Air Force put up a Friendship Tournament Trophy between themselves and the Club, and were slightly embarrassed when they won their own cup! The competition will be repeated this coming March.

Some of the men have never played before, and some are old hands. All seem successful. Sargent Melville Long, a newcomer, won many titles, and Warrant Officer Raymond G. Scott, who started the military badminton and is now stationed with SAC headquarters in Nebraska, was a Norwegian singles winner.

Last season, the Oslo NATO group won both the singles and doubles in the district Air Force tournament held in Germany, and second place in the European Air Force tournament. The fifteen NATO nations comprising the northern part of the NATO forces held a tournament in Oslo last year, and once again the local group was successful, coping both the singles and doubles titles.

STAFF SERGEANT MCINTOSH,
Club Secretary.

Planning to hold a tournament? Be sure to get your sanction from the A.B.A. and please apply as early as possible. For your information the following are the sanctioning committee members. Apply to the member in your area.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ALTOONA OPEN

Altoona, Pa.

April 19, 1958

- MS** Bunky Roche def. Harold Miller 15-7, 15-3.
MD Roche-Jack Hessey def. Miller-Howard Eissler 13-15, 15-5, 15-5.
MxD Roche-Joanne Hessey def. Bill Bender-Virginia Ball 15-5, 15-2.

DILWYNE CLUB JUNIORS

Wilmington, Delaware

- GS** Patsy Hitchens def. Sandy Loving 11-4, 11-2.
BS Pete Kortman def. Jack Lockwood 15-6, 6-15, 15-12.
GD Hitchens-Loving def. Coe Carpenter-Ann Stamps 15-12, 12-15, 15-10.
BD Steve Pollock-Lockwood def. Jim Pollock-Butch Holmes 15-5, 15-8.
MxD Stamps-Lockwood def. Loving-Kortman 15-6, 15-5.

SOUTHERN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Miami, Florida

April 25-27

The Southern Badminton Tournament was held in beautiful Miami on April 25, 26 and 27, 1958, at the Miami Springs Recreation Center, a new \$450,000 center erected by the community of Miami Springs. Much credit goes to Arthur Peavey, Jr., Director of the Center, for such a smooth, well-run tournament. The tournament seems to get bigger and better each year. Thanks to Bill Graham and Jerry Toms nothing was left to be desired and, of course, everyone is looking forward to another invitation from the Miami Club. Many Southern members came to the tournament early and stayed late visiting places of interest, enjoying the hospitality of the Miami Badminton Club and just soaking up that wonderful Florida sunshine. Your reporter found Miami so much to his liking, he is moving there around November 1st.

B. W. S.

- LS** Elma Roane def. Virginia Hicks 11-4, 11-0.
MS Ike Eichelberger def. Bob Love 15-5, 6-15, 15-11.
LD E. Roane-Virginia Anderson def. V. Hicks-Jo Anne Young 17-15, 15-6.
MD Rick Hoppe-I. Eichelberger def. Wallie Dichtel-B. Love 15-11, 15-6.
MxD V. Anderson-B. Love def. E. Roane-W. Dichtel 18-17, 17-15.
SrD Pat Patton-Cam Mitchell def. Francis Payne-Ben Hudson 15-14, 8-15, 15-7.
SrMxD V. Anderson-Ben Spears def. Frances Council-C. R. Council 15-7, 15-5.

BASS RIVER, May 2-3

Bob and Edith Henderson's Bass River Tournament May 2&3 on "Old Cape Cod" was a huge success. From Friday afternoon until Sunday evening, the 38 badminton players were treated to the finest of meals in the best New England tradition and di-

vided their efforts between badminton, bridge & poker, trying to sleep and those scrumptious meals. The Friday night tournament, concluded at 2:30 Saturday morning with pick up teams, saw the entirely left handed combine of Lt. Arthur Potter and Donald O'Callaghan smash their way past Bob Warren and Karl Rittmann in the semi finals 21 to 16 and then upset the highly favored team of Bob Wright and Henri Salaun by 21 to 18 point margin in the finals. Harry Quinn and Jack Monroe were the other semi finalists bowing by a 21 to 19 score to Bob and Henri.

The main event was won the hard way by Noel Fehm and Jack Cooper who managed to solve the towering deliveries of Bob Henderson and the court craftmanship of Wayne Schell. The final scores were 14-18, 15-11, 15-6, Bob Bachman and Bob Wright victorious over defending champs Billy Goodman and Al Dockray 15-14, 12-15, 17-15, in the quarter finals, extended Jack and Noel before losing 11-15, 15-13, 15-8. Wayne and Bob edged Harold Seavey and Bob Warren 15-13, 15-7 in the other semi final event. Larry Roberts and Henri Salaun won the consolations by a 15-10, 15-8 margin over Sam Smyth and Alex McWhirter. Trophies presented were again out of this world with a bowl to Jack Cooper so large that he placed his little daughter Cindy inside of it for some cute snapshots. All of us who played in this fabulous tournament want to thank Edith (the Chef) and Bob Henderson. Badminton is better in New England because of them.

Karl R. Rittmann

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Long Beach, May 9-11

- LS** Beulah Armendariz def. Helen Tibbetts 11-5, 11-5.
MS Ron Palmer def. Jim Poole 15-7, 15-12.
LD D. Hann.-J. Gibbs def. C. Hester-J. Pons 8-15, 15-11, 15-11.
MD J. Alston-W. Rogers def. M. Hartgrove-M. Armendariz 15-7, 15-13.
MxD W. Rogers-B. Armendariz def. I. Alston-J. Alston, 3 games.
SrD Fleming-Carter def. Mendez-Serafin 10-15, 15-4, 18-15.

Manhattan Beach Summer Doubles California

Aug. 29-30, Sept. 1

In this tournament there were three unusual events—Ladies Senior doubles teams must have a combined age of 70 years, men's senior and mixed senior total age had to be 75!

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 Finals: Hester-Pons def. Hann-Tibbetts 17-15, 15-11.
- MD** Semi-finals: J. Alston-W. Rogers def. W. Kinnear-F. Peard 15-2, 15-4. M. Armendariz-J. Poole def. M. Hartgrove-D. Paup 15-13, 9-15, 15-12.
 Finals: Alston-Rogers def. Armendariz-Poole 15-5, 15-4.
- MxD** Semi-finals: W. Rogers-B. Armendariz def. F. Knight-Knight 15-7, 15-6. J. Alston-L. Alston def. M. Hartgrove-H. Tibbetts 15-7, 15-3.
 Finals: Alston-Alston def. Rogers-Armendariz 15-10, 15-9.
- SrMxD** Finals: Alston-Davidson def. Kinnear-Jude 15-11, 15-7.
- SrMD** Semi-finals: F. Peard-Calvert def. Dingle-Widstrup 15-5, 15-4. Kirby-Knight def. McArthur-Wilkinson 15-9, 15-6.
 Finals: Peard-Calvert def. Kirby-Knight 15-2, 15-4.
"B" Flight
- LD** I. Gardner-Wise def. Coats-Wells 15-8, 15-3.
- MD** Foy-Hales def. Hales-Meis 6-15, 18-14, 17-16.
- MxD** Meis-Gardner def. Hales-Vening 15-8, 15-12.

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