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DOPING OF ATHLETES

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New measures against doping
in Austria



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NEW MEASURES AGAINST DOPING IN AUSTRIA

No State support where doping practised
Unequivocal decree of the Federal Ministry of
Education - Outcome of official enquiry

A Decree issued by the Federal Ministry of Education and designed to put a stop to health-damaging doping practices in Austrian sport has been brought to the notice of the Ministries of Social Affairs, National Defence and Finance respectively and of the administrations of the Land Governments, the Land Sports organisations, the various sports associations, the Federal Sports Council and the Federal Professional Sports Council.

In order to examine the results of and continue the investigation into doping practices instituted on 10th April 1963, a meeting convened by the Federal Ministry of Health was held at the Vienna "Haus des Sports" on 3rd September 1963. The meeting was attended by sports doctors and other experts who discussed at great length the serious problem of harmful doping in amateur sports and the preventive measures that might be taken against the misuse of drugs in the sporting world.

Following the suggestions, requests and recommendations made at that meeting not only by the Commission on Doping but by Austrian and foreign experts, and more particularly by various sports associations and having regard to the preliminary findings made in this connexion, the Federal Ministry of Education, anxious to deal as effectively as possible with unfair and health-damaging doping practices in Austrian sport is obliged to adopt forthwith the following measures:

1. Sports associations, clubs or individual athletes, who, in future, are found by their professional association or the Commission on Doping to have used or tolerated the use of "doping" drugs harmful to health in sports competitions shall not be eligible for any grants (including prizes) from Ministry of Education sports appropriations until such time as it can be guaranteed or the relevant association, club or athlete can offer satisfactory proof that doping no longer takes place.

2. If, in connexion with an application for a grant, there are grounds for suspecting that the applicant (association, club or individual athlete) uses or tolerates the use of "doping" drugs in sports competitions, the Ministry of Education will suspend further consideration of the application or, where the application has already been accepted, will not release the authorised funds, until the case has been duly investigated and cleared up by the appropriate professional association and the necessary disciplinary action has been taken against the responsible officials or athletes.

3. Associations, clubs and athletes who fail to put a stop to doping practices and are found to have repeatedly resorted to such practices cannot and may not be admitted to Federal Sports Schools, sports centres or sports training centres.

4. In future, associations or clubs which are found to have resorted to doping will cease to be eligible for any of the normally required recommendations issued by the Federal Ministry of Education to the Federal Ministry of National Defence in the delegation of military detachments, etc., to take part in major national or international events.