

Hysteria Claims Tokyo As Plans For 1964 Olympiad Progress

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TOKYO (UPI)—This biggest city in the world is suffering from "Olympic hysteria" as Japan prepares for the staging next year of the first Olympic Games ever to be held in Asia.

The XVIII Olympiad will be the largest and costliest since the first games were held at the foot of Mount Olympus more than 27 centuries ago.

Because they are being held in the earth's most populous, congested and disorganized city, the 1964 Tokyo Olympics could turn out to be a chaotic night mare for sportsmen and public alike.

Or they may be, as Tokyo Gov. Ryotaro Azuma has repeatedly pledged, the "most colorful and successful Olympics in the history of the games."

At stake is Japan's prestige as a world power and the imperial honor of Emperor Hirohito, who has accepted the honorary presidency of the 1964 games which open Oct. 24.

Pressures Grip City
Inwardly all the pressure, emotion and huge stakes involved have given rise to what a Japanese medical journal calls "Olympic hysteria."

The entire city is afflicted with "Olympic hysteria," the journal says, from the prime minister whose political future hinges on the games to the man-in-the-street who curses the inconveniences he has to put up with for the Olympics. The high prices he has to pay, the scaffolding he has to duck, the torn-up streets a ground which he has to detour.

The major worry of government, civic and business leaders is not the unfinished projects. It's the impressions of the Japanese people which the visitors to the games are likely to take home. Will they remember the Japanese as dignified, cultured and courteous, or as a people beset with social ills?

Thousands Expected
About 49,000 foreigners, including 9,000 athletes and officials from 100 nations, are expected to come to Japan for the games. Most of the visitors will not be the elderly, cultural-minded tourists Japan is accustomed to. For the most part they will be young, thrifty and less tolerant. Unless some dramatic changes are made, they are in for some rude shocks.

In the cities and towns of Japan, one of the world's most industrially advanced and literate nations, urinating in the streets is a common and intolerable practice. The majority of Japanese, especially the younger generation, do not. But the sizeable male minority which does is enough to make a bad and lasting impression.

Vagrants sleep in doorways.
Moscow-N.Y. Air Service May Be Operational Soon

VIENNA (UPI)—Federal Aviation Administrator Najeeb E. Halaby said Wednesday the proposed direct Moscow-New York commercial air service may go into operation next summer.

Halaby arrived here from Moscow on his way back to Washington after talks with Soviet airline and aircraft experts on the planned air link and super-sonic transport questions.

He was continuing to Paris later today and planned to arrive in Washington Thursday via Reykjavik, Iceland.

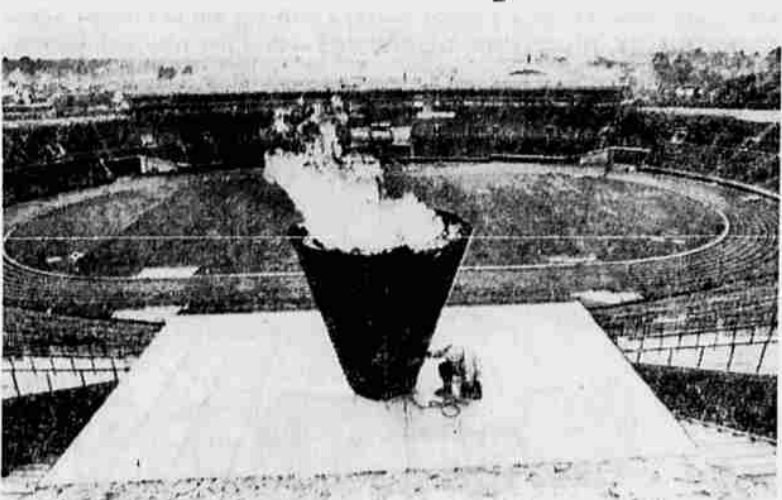
Talks Friendly
Halaby told UPI his talks with Soviet officials were "friendly, frank and very comprehensive." He said a "step-by-step survey of technical problems" could solve difficulties connected with the proposed New York-Moscow service, and it may well be in operation by next summer.

The FAA chief said the Russians apparently are moving at about the same speed as the United States and along the same lines in the field of super-sonic transport.

He flew to Vienna in a special Lockheed Jetstar plane. He said before he left Moscow he would take advantage of the flight to test Soviet, Polish and Czech air and navigational aids along the way.

Boy Offers To Help Santa Make Toys
SANTA FE, N.M. (UPI)—Everybody knows Santa Claus workshop isn't really at the North Pole.

Seven-year-old Joe V. Martinez Jr. wrote a letter to Santa, telling him "I like trains. If you can bring me one. When I am older, I will help you make toys in Alaska."



OLYMPIC CAULDRON — In Tokyo, the biggest city in the world, the 1964 Olympic games will be held. The Olympiad will be the largest and costliest since the first games were held at the foot of Mount Olympus more

than 27 centuries ago. The above photo shows the huge Olympic cauldron in National Stadium as it was lit during a test in August 1963. (UPI)

on street corners and in train stations, blissfully unmolested by police.

It's this indifference that government and civic leaders are fighting to counteract before the visitors descend. The cry is civic pride.

They are counting heavily on traditional Japanese hospitality to offset the social ills. Hotel and store owners associations are promoting a "no tip" drive and have adopted the slogan: "Sell high quality merchandise at reasonable prices with kindness."

The Tokyo metropolitan government is carrying out a \$1 million city wide cleanup and health campaign aimed primarily at improving the city's hazardous garbage and nightsoil disposal system, and neutralizing the stench from Tokyo's "ring canals."

Mindful of a serious dysentery outbreak among the staff of Tokyo's famous Imperial Hotel, officials have ordered all persons who will come in contact with the olympic visitors to be inoculated against dysentery and cholera.

Tokyo has a high proportion of cab drivers who are choosy, reckless or both.

Language Barrier: The babble of foreign languages which the games will bring to Tokyo is one of the most perplexing problems. Japan's recent international sports week demonstrated that the great majority of the 900 young Japanese university students selected as official olympic interpreters are not up to the job. They were supposed to be conversant in English or French which, together with Japanese, will be the official languages of the Tokyo games.

Foreign delegations to the sports week complained they could not understand their interpreters, nor could the interpreters understand the delegates.

Two Phrases, Mistake
Also, foreign athletes will have to know at least two simple Japanese phrases. They are: "Ichi ni tsuite" (get on your mark), "yoi" (get set). Go will be signaled by the traditional pistol shot. All competitive events will be officiated in Japanese.

POLITICS: Even before their start, the games are burdened with more political overtones than ever before in olympic history. The participation of Indonesia, Cambodia, Nationalist China, South Africa and North and South Korea remains in doubt.

The International Olympic Committee suspended Indonesia from olympic competition after Indonesia kept Nationalist China and Israel out of the Asian games last year at Djakarta. The IOC now says Indonesia will be readmitted into the olympic fold if it agrees to accept and abide by all olympic rules.

There has been no response from Indonesia, which recently staged its own rival "games of the new emerging forces." Cambodia says it will not take part in the olympic games if Indonesia is barred.

Threatens Boycott
Nationalist China has threatened to boycott the games because of an IOC decision that it must compete as "Taiwan," and not as the Republic of China, though it can use the initials "ROC" on uniforms and sports equipment.

South Korea has threatened to pull out if the North Korean National Anthem is played and the North Korean flag is displayed at the games. Japan takes the position that though it does not maintain diplomatic relations with North Korea, it has no choice in the matter, since the IOC has stipulated that all National Anthems and flags of individual teams should be permitted.

The IOC has given South Africa until Dec. 31 to stop racial discrimination in its sports or face expulsion from the olympic games.

FUNDS: It is estimated the games will cost Japan \$2.5 billion (including permanent improvements), making them the costliest in history. The National and Tokyo governments and

city is progressing rapidly in some sections but lagging in others. Work on six of the 26 roads has been halted, apparently because of the lack of funds. Sections of the two key super-highways linking the olympic village with the main game sites and the airport have already been open to the public. Both roads are expected to be completed by August.

Work on the other 18 roads has slowed to a crawl in many places because of the refusal of landowners and homeowners to make way for the roads. In some cases the government has been forced to seize the land forcibly.

Work on the two new subway lines is behind schedule and officials are considering ordering around - the clock construction in an effort to complete the \$475 million projects in time for the games.

The \$23 million eight-mile monorail line between the airport and the city is about 50 per cent completed. Nearing completion is the ultra-modern \$500 million Tokyo-Osaka Tokaido railway.

Olympic Village
OLYMPIC FACILITIES: The U. S. Military housing area at Washington Heights, 300 acres of gently rolling hills and shade of gently rolling hills and shade

Work is progressing well on the 20,000-seat stadium at Washington Heights which will house an indoor swimming pool, judo and basketball court; and the Komazawa Park stadium which will include a football field, volleyball courts and two basketball courts.

The main olympic stadium, where the track and field events will be held, was built in 1958 for the third Asian games and has been expanded to a capacity of 72,000.

The question is, 72,000 who? The stadium was built for the Japanese, who generally run smaller than other people. Foreign visitors often find themselves cramped for leg room.

The fact is, however, that the sports facilities are pretty much on schedule and are expected to be completed in plenty of time.

Similarly, the government is confident there will be plenty of lodging for visitors.

The Japanese have a way of accomplishing miracles at the last minute. They have 10 months to go before the opening ceremony. The Tokyo Olympiad may yet be the best ever.

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