

Rundown on World Skaters from Abroad

NEWS FROM EUROPEAN NATIONS has been received, in response to SKATING's enquiries, as to who would represent their national associations in the World Championships at Colorado Springs this February. By press time, the following associations abroad had furnished details on the skaters selected for their teams.

Great Britain is sending its Champions in singles and pairs, and three dance couples. Michael Booker (five-time British Champion) will compete in the Men's event; last year he placed second in the Europeans, fifth in the Worlds, and sixth in the Olympics. The sole lady entry will be Erica Batchelor who won the British title in December; she was third in last year's Europeans, eighth in the Worlds, and eleventh in the Olympics. Erica is not unknown to North American skaters, for before she and her parents moved to Edinborough, Scotland (where Vera and Eric are instructors) they resided in western Canada and also in midwestern United States. Erica has her CFSA, USFSA and NSA Gold Medals. Pair skaters Joyce Coates & Anthony Holles

won the British title this season and last; they were fourth in the 1956 Europeans, seventh in the Worlds, and tenth in the Olympics. In the Dance category, three couples will vie to keep the World title in British possession. The following combinations finished 1, 2, 3, respectively, in this winter's British Championship: June Markham & Courtney Jones, Barbara Thompson & Gerard Rigby, Kay Morris & Michael Robinson. Markham-Jones last year finished in runner-up position to their countrymen—Pamela Weight & Paul Thomas who are no longer competing—in the British, European and World Dance competitions.

France is sending its seven-time Champion, Alain Giletti, to compete in the Men's division; also Alain Calmat who has been runner-up to Giletti in French Senior competition three times, and held the Junior title from 1953 through 1955. The 17-year-old Giletti is also two-time European Champion; his first Olympics was in 1952, when he was the youngest competitor in the Men's class; that year he placed seventh, was fourth in the Eu-



MICHAEL BOOKER, 1957 BRITISH CHAMPION
Photo Gehri, Davos



INA BAUER, GERMANY
Pressefoto, Berlin



DR. LASZLO NAGY & MRS. MARIANNE NAGY SZORADY
1956 Hungarian Pair Champions
Photo Gehri, Davos



INGRID WENDL
1956 European and Austrian Champion

ropeans, and eighth in the Worlds. In the next two years, he was runner-up in the Europeans, then won the title in 1955 and 1956. Giletti's best World placing was in 1954, when he finished third, after Hayes Jenkins and Jimmy Grogan, and ahead of David Jenkins and Ronnie Robertson. In the Olympics last year he was fourth, but did not compete in the Worlds because of illness. The only other French entry will be one dance couple, Champions Fanny Besson & Jean Paul Guhel. They placed fourth last year in the Europeans, and fifth in the Worlds.

Austria will have representatives in all events: Hanna Eigel, Ilse Musyl, Hanna Walter, Ingrid Wendl in the Ladies' class; Norbert Felsing in the Men's; Liesl Ellend & Konrad Lienert in Pairs; Edith Peikert & Hans Kutschera in the Dance. Miss Wendl, who is 16, is the European and Austrian Champion, and placed third in the Worlds and Olympics last year. Hanna Eigel, age 17, held the European title in 1955, and last winter placed fifth at the Worlds and the Olympics; she did

not skate in either the European or the Austrian Championship last winter. Hanna Walter skated in all four Championships, and was runner-up to Miss Wendl for the Austrian title, and placed seventh in both Olympics and Worlds. Ilse Musyl was third in her Nationals, tenth in the Europeans, and eighteenth in the Worlds. Norbert Felsing is Austria's 17-year-old Men's Champion and has held that title for three years. In the Europeans last year he placed sixth, in the Worlds eighth, and in the Olympics seventh. Ellend-Lienert have been Austrian Pair runners-up for two years (to Sissy Schwarz & Kurt Oppelt, now professionals) and placed sixth, eighth, and ninth in European, World and Olympic competitions, respectively, last winter. Dancers Edith Peikert & Hans Kutschera have been their country's Dance Champions for the past two years; in 1956 they placed seventh in the Europeans and eleventh in the Worlds.

Hungary will be represented by pair skaters Marianne & Laszlo Nagy, who have won the Hungarian title six times;

and by Esther Jurek and Helga Zollner in the Ladies' event. Miss Jurek holds the Hungarian Ladies' title, and Helga Zollner was runner-up. The Nagys placed second in the European Pair Championship last year and third in the Olympics, but did not skate in the Worlds. In 1955 they won the European Pair title, and were third in the Worlds. Marianne is now Mrs. Ivan Szorady; her brother, Laszlo, is actually Dr. Nagy, a physician. Esther Jurek, who early this winter became Mrs. Lorant Siraky, competed in the 1952 Olympics and Europeans, and the 1953 Worlds, but did not place in the top group.

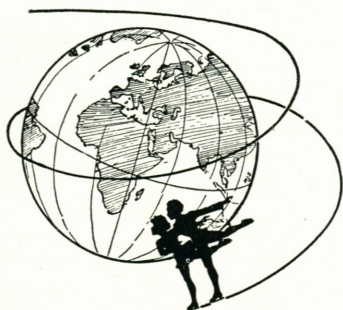
Holland has entered two skaters, both in the Ladies' division: its National Champion Joan Haanappel, 16 years old, and runner-up Sjoukje Dijkstra, 15. They have competed in several national and international championships, and also the Olympics last year, in which Sjoukje placed twelfth, and Joan, thirteenth. In the Worlds shortly after, Joan placed eleventh and Sjoukje sixteenth. Last fall, both skated in the Richmond International Trophy competition in London, which Sjoukje won, with Joan in second place.

Germany, Western Section, (Eastern Section reports it will have no entries) was to hold its Championships in the Berlin Ice Palace on January 19-20 and expects to send the Champions in all events. Those almost certain to compete in the Worlds, because of their present and past records, are Ina Bauer in singles, Marika Kilius & Franz Ningel in pairs, and Sigrid Knake & Gunter Koch in dancing. The youthful Ina Bauer, 14, was second in the German Championship last year and skated for the first time in the Europeans and Worlds, where her free skating attracted marked attention. Marika Kilius, 14, & Franz Ningel, 20, German Pair Champions for the past two years, won third place in the 1956 Europeans and Worlds, and fourth in the Olympics. Franz, a roller skater too, won the title of Roller World Champion in 1955 and 1956. Another couple adept on rollers is the dance team of Knake-Koch who

have twice been World Roller Champions and last fall won the World Championship in roller dance. On ice last year, they placed fifth in the Europeans and eighth in the Worlds. Vying for the German Men's title and a chance for World competition are Manfred Schnelldorfer, 14, 1956 titleholder, Tilo Gutzeit, 19, winner in 1955, Jurgen Baumler, 14, and Gunter Tyroler, 19.

Japan has selected its World Team of three men and two ladies, and their names were announced in a short item on page 40 of *SKATING*, January 1957 issue.

Other countries expected to send entries, but from which no details were available at this writing, include Czechoslovakia, Denmark, and Italy.



Itinerary of European Skaters

FOLLOWING the European Championships in Vienna, Austria (February 14-17), contestants, officials and other European visitors will board planes on February 20 for the United States. After a stop at Zurich, Switzerland, the flight will continue to New York; after customs formalities, the journey will be continued direct to Colorado Springs, with arrival on February 21. There a gala reception has been planned to welcome the visitors in real western style. Departure after the Championships will be made on March 4 for New York City, where the visitors will spend two days sightseeing before their return home on March 7.