

## Aussies Begin Building Huge Olympic Stadium

By GAYLE TALBOT

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — This city is starting to build an Olympic Stadium to rival any in the world.

Prime mover is Arthur Coles, who has a reputation for getting things done. When the new Labor government took over in Victoria State last month there was a suggestion it might give Coles, organizer of the 1956 games, a hard time about funds which had been promised him but he says not to give it a second thought.

He has a fine understanding with Premier Robert Menzies that things are going to be done his way.

The stadium, scheduled to begin rising on the old Carlton Football Grounds early next summer, is designed to seat just over 90,000 and will be partially covered against Melbourne's erratic weather.

### NOT WORRIED

"I anticipate we will fill it at least half of the 10 days of the games," Coles said. "I am not worried about the fact we will not have many overseas visitors. This is a great sporting country and they'll be here from all over Australia."

Coles is copying many of the features of the Los Angeles Coliseum, which he considers the finest such structure in the world.

Plans also are completed for a modern swimming pool to seat 6,000.

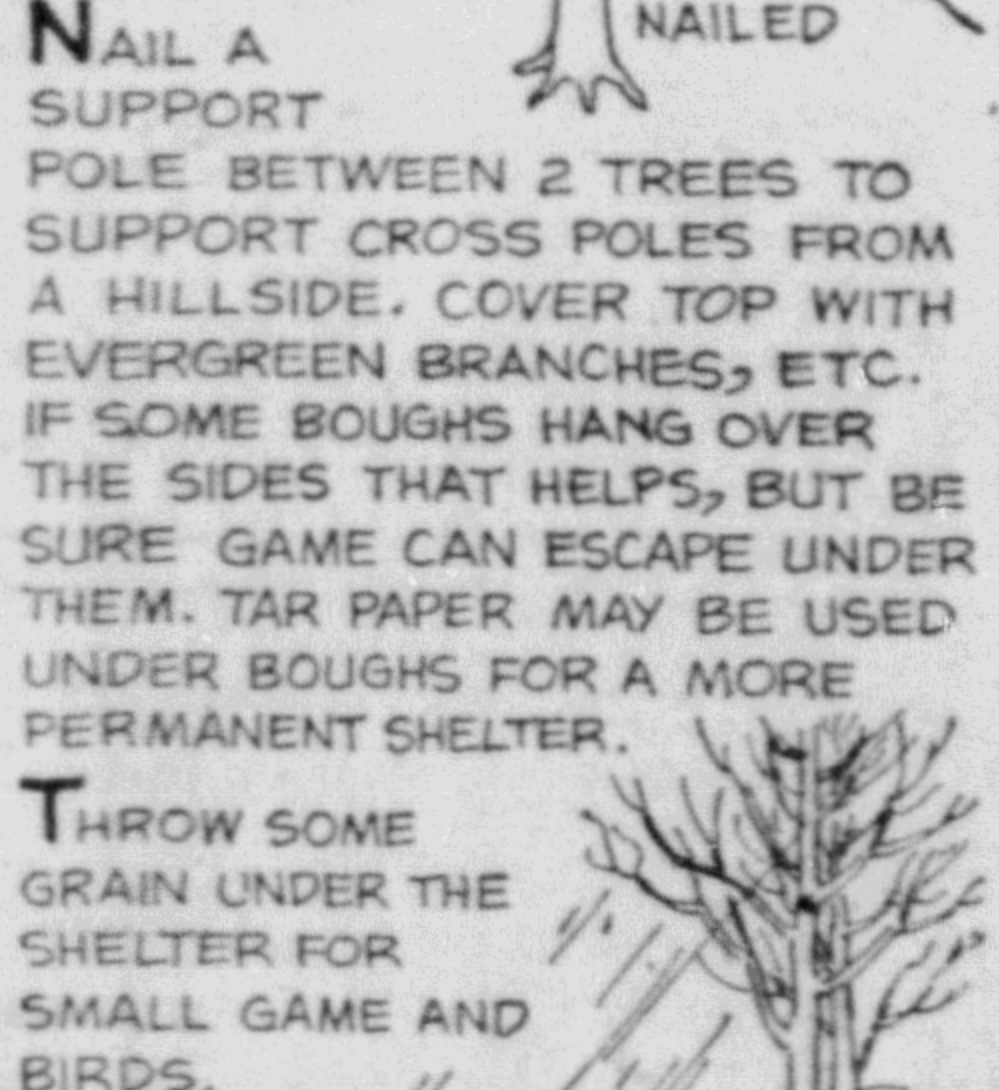
Nearly everything in the entire Olympic setup is within walking distance of central Melbourne.

Coles has been promised complete co-operation of the government operated wire services in handling the vast flow of news during the games.

## SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST

By Hal Sharp  
BUILD A SHELTER FOR SMALL GAME

GRASS, STRAW OR EVERGREENS  
1-8'  
8' TO 10'  
NAIL A SUPPORT POLE BETWEEN 2 TREES TO SUPPORT CROSS POLES FROM A HILL SIDE. COVER TOP WITH EVERGREEN BRANCHES, ETC. IF SOME BOUGHS HANG OVER THE SIDES THAT HELPS, BUT BE SURE GAME CAN ESCAPE UNDER THEM. TAR PAPER MAY BE USED UNDER BOUGHS FOR A MORE PERMANENT SHELTER.



THROW SOME GRAIN UNDER THE SHELTER FOR SMALL GAME AND BIRDS.  
IT HELPS FOR BETTER HUNTING!

## Aussie Runner Clocks Near Record Time

MELBOURNE (AP) — John Landy of Melbourne University ran another remarkable mile at Olympic Park today covering the distance in 4:02.4 over a breeze-swept brick-dust track.

This compares with Gunder Haegg's world mile record of 4:01.4 set in Sweden in July, 1945.

Landy, Australia's 22-year-old Olympic runner, ran the mile on the same track in 4:02.1 Dec. 13.

All four official timers clocked Landy today in exactly the same time, which is unusual.

Three official timers also clocked him exactly at 3:44.4 for the 1,500 metres which compares to Haegg's world record of 3:43.

It was said to be the fastest 1,500 ever run in the course of a mile race.

There were 14 starters in the inter-club meet but the nearest was fully 200 yards behind Landy at the finish.

Landy ran with a severe cold which almost caused him to pass up the meet.

## NEW AIR MARSHALL



SUCCESSOR Air Marshall W. A. Curtis as Chief of Air Staff, is Air Vice-Marshal C. R. Siemon, 49, who took his new post Jan. 1 as head of Canada's 40,000-member air force.

## Ken Watson's Curling



### ARE YOU COMFORTABLE IN THE HACK?

When a green curler grabs hold of the handle of a 40-pound chunk of granite and tries to throw it a distance of 130 feet on ice, with some degree of accuracy, there are bound to be some weird contortions of the anatomy during the first few attempts.

Even with expert coaching, it takes some time to get a comfortable feeling in the hack. A curling stone, cumbersome in size and unwieldy in weight, seems to stubbornly oppose a curler's desire to feel at home with it.

It follows then that the position or stance in the hack that is adopted for the delivery of a stone is very important. The feeling of relaxed comfort is essential.

... so without further ado, let's step out on the ice for a few minutes and see how it works. Take your broom with you, and if you are a right-hander, grasp the broom with the left hand. This will help to act as a counter-balance against the weight of the stone. Now place the ball of your right foot squarely on the back board of the hack.

Don't sit down in the hack until your left foot is placed comfortably beside the right in a normal standing position. Now sit down on your right heel. Head up—body erect—shoulders facing squarely up the ice, and both knees in an easy crouching position. Move the left foot forward slightly, so that you feel well-balanced and secure.

Grasp the handle of the stone lightly and hold the stone in front of you at a comfortable arm's length—just far enough so as not to change the position of your body in the hack. About now, take a deep breath and relax. There should not be a tense muscle in your body. Take a good look at the illustration above. Do you feel as comfortable as I look?

### Thursday... How Do You Grip The Handle?

#### HOCKEY SCORES

WHL — New Westminster 3, Victoria 2; Tacoma 4, Calgary 4; Seattle 2, Saskatoon 5.  
WIHL—Spokane 1, Nelson 7.  
OSHL—Kamloops 4, Penticton 2; Kelowna 7, Vernon 1.  
NHL—At Chicago, postponed.

#### Indian Harvest

GLEICHEN, Alta. — Indians on the Blackfoot reservation here had a good grain harvest in 1952. From 8,951 cultivated acres they took in 220,523 bushels of wheat.



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## Mansons Take Senior Leadership

Mansons moved out in front in senior city basketball last night for the first time this season by edging Gordon & Anderson 42-40 in a bitter duel won in the last few minutes.

Despite a strong lead which the former league leaders racked up early in the game, fast moving, red-shirted Mansons

overtook a seven-point deficit in the last quarter to tie the score 37-37 at 6:44 of the final period.

The score was tied again when each team tallied a basket a few minutes later. G-A's bucket-man, Rupe Holkestad, then fouled out for a serious drawback, but this was compensated for seconds later when red-headed Ray Spring was motioned off by Referee Ole Slatta for flagrancy.

Team-mates restrained Spring as he moved belligerently towards Slatta following the call, as they had restrained him throughout the game against flagrant actions.

The game was barely over when Spring ran towards Slatta again in a two-fisted stance, but a possible fracas was again averted by team-mates and playing coach Don Hartwig.

Coach Alex Bill's dethronement from lead position was due to inability of forwards Webber and Hebb to account for a single score in the last quarter.

### G-As FADED

Also, Mansons showed more lasting power as the hardware squad's early champion-style hustle faded towards the end.

Mainstay Joe Davis astounded the small but enthusiastic crowd of spectators time and again with his accurate long-distance shots, while Art Olson, bucket man for the winners, tied Davis' score of 13 with good percentage hook-shooting.

### CLOSE LEAGUE

Gordon & Anderson now move to second place in the league after losing last night's first-place tie game. CCC 300 pulp mill squad is in third place, one point behind. Only one point separates all three positions to

form the tightest senior league seen here in many seasons.

In the Inter "A" division, Fraser & Payne trounced North Stars 43-35, but the battle was never slow or dull. Christensen for the winners scored a high of 13 points, followed by Letourneau of the Stars with 12.

Dick Nickerson of F-Ps and Sankey of the Stars were both kicked off the court in the second frame for fighting.

### HOOF CHAT

Back on the court after nearly a year's absence following a hurt back is Darrel Young, sliding with Inter A North Stars.

Home on holidays (the extended type) for three months is Bill (Monk) Sunberg, after a year at Penticton. Bill was transferred to the Okanagan city by the Royal Bank but now works for a meat packing plant.

He has been called to the pulp millers lineup and was an interested spectator last night.

## Remember When

Max Schmeling, heavyweight champion, was dethroned by the New York Athletic Commission 22 years ago today when he refused to sign for a return bout with Jack Sharkey. Schmeling remained in the flimsy limelight until June, 1936, when Joe Louis flattened him in one round in New York.

### Hail Insurance

REGINA — A. S. Simpson, secretary of the Canadian Hail Underwriters' Association, reports the amount of hail insurance written in Western Canada this year was the largest since the peak year of 1928.

Lineups:

Senior  
MANSONS—Webster 4, Sather 2, Spring 11, Olson 7, Gardner 1, Platen 5, Holkestad 7. Total—40.

Inter A  
FRASER & PAYNE—Christensen 13, Macpherson 13, Woods 4, Tait 4, Olson 4, Clecone 8, Krieger 4. Total—43.

NORTH STAR—Morrison 8, Strand 3, Stewart 3, Young 5, Cameron 3, Black 3, Becker 3, Letourneau 12. Total—41.

Inter B  
GENERAL MOTORS—Sankey 3, Young 5, Cameron 3, Black 3, Becker 3, Letourneau 12. Total—41.

SPORTS SHOP—Phelan 3, McNeil 3, Ronson 4, Parnell 11, Anton 3, Christensen 7. Total—27.

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