

swindle since presumably the insurance cover has been withdrawn, although he did not elaborate on how he was going to revive it.

Mr. Hicks of the Bristol Judokwai then spoke on his behalf. Without going into all the points raised by Mr. Hicks, he did indicate that the present regime had, through their own inefficiency lost the support of the British Olympic Committee. It was unfortunate that a representative of the British Olympic Committee was present, who completely denied the statement made by Mr. Hicks on behalf of Mr. Murphy, and it was probably this that saw the end of the hopes of Mr. Murphy to succeed to the Chair. In the vote that followed Mr. Palmer was returned by 86 votes to 66, a handsome majority and one which reflects the Association's confidence in him.

Mr. Stan Woollam, past Chairman of the Association, took the chair for the election, and Captain Lilley of the B.A.J.A. and Mr. Young of the British Police Association acted as tellers. While the ballot papers were being counted the election of the other officers was held. Three vacancies were to be filled. Two members of the Executive, Mr. G. Thomas of Wales was standing for re-election; Mr. Dempsey of Scotland was standing for election—he had been co-opted during the year—and Mr. John Ryan was offering himself for election for the first time. All were returned unanimously. It is a great pity that more nominations are not received for positions on the Executive, a great many of the clubs represented at the meeting were opposed to the present regime, but they never gave it a thought to put some of their own men in, to put right the matters they so obviously thought were wrong.

One final word. Mr. Thomas from the Welsh Area and Mr. Stephenson of the Northern Area, both elected members of the Executive, were open in their criticisms of their fellow Executive Committee members. They could at least have supported their own Committee and should they feel the policy is insupportable they should tender their resignations rather than continue to serve with a body whose principles they disagree with so strongly.

The action of some of the 15 Area representatives who sat in the hall and also actively criticised their own committee is downright disgraceful. They want the power without the responsibility, the acclaim without the risk, but they seem eager to seek anonymity rather than stand on the stage of public examination.

The British Kendo Association

Official Notes

Half-Yearly Promotional Examination. Members of the Association are reminded that the next half-yearly Promotional Examination and Tournament will take place on Sunday, 22nd March, 1964, in the Shinto-Ryu Kendo Dojo. This time candidates will not be divided into two groups but must attend at 1.30 p.m. Late arrivals may not take part.

Yudansha will be present at the Dojo in the morning to give instruction to out-of-town students.

The attention of all grades is drawn to the use of *Kiai* in Kendo.

KENDO forum

by Musashi of the
Shinto Ryu

Why Practice Kendo? Kendo has much to offer the student: it gives a purpose to living by acquiring thorough training co-ordination of the mind and the body, self-control, patience, forbearance and courtesy. It promotes respect of one's opponents with dignity and respect for one's seniors. All these qualities should be taken and applied outside the Dojo in all spheres of life.

The characteristics of this form of Budo are that it is important to determine events rapidly, always to take the leading position in relation to the opponent, to observe and judge the situation composedly and accurately, to be able to act instantly against the action of the

opponent. All this means that one must know one's own ability as well as to understand that of the adversary.

Kendo brings all these benefits to its students sooner or later, indelibly altering and improving the character. In addition it develops the physical body to a very high degree by way of a completely balanced training, improving stamina, wind, shoulders, arms, and wrists.

If one learns well one can approach the goal of the great masters—mastery of one's self.

Shinto-Ryu Kendo Dojo. Miss Etsuko Horie, 2nd *dan*, is now





settling down to instructing the Shinto-Ryu students in basic Kendo technique and the Nippon Kendo Kata. She will stay in this country for one year and has the support and recommendation of the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei and the British Kendo Association. The photographs accompanying this article show some of the activities of the Hosei University Kendo Dojo in which Miss Horie received her Kendo training.

The first is a group taken during the 1962 Special Summer Training in Ibaraki Prefecture. This camp lasted five days. Miss Horie is standing in the back row.

The second photograph, taken during the 8-day Summer Training in August, 1963, shows some of the 130 students starting the half-hour march to the dojo in the large gymnasium of a primary school at Isobe Spa, Gumma Prefecture. Most of the students attending this Summer Training hold the rank of 3rd or 4th *dan*. They practised in the Dojo morning and afternoon each day.

The large photograph shows part of the Dojo in the Hosei University, Tokyo. Mr. Giichi Maruyama, 7th *dan*, is instructing Miss Horie, 2nd *dan*, and Miss Mieko Sakamoto, 3rd *dan*, (watching). Hosei can field a very strong Kendo team captained at present by Mr. Hidekiyo Matsumoto, 5th *dan*.

L.C.C. Kendo Course. A beginners group is now being formed and complete novices are welcomed. The course for the next few months will cover basic Kendo subjects. Students will do no *keiko* for the first three months but concentrate on thoroughly understanding posture, foot movements, putting on and moving in the armour (*bogu*), the individual cuts, and lastly, the *kirikaeshi* or cut-and-counter training.

Enquiries should be made either to the Secretary of the Shinto-Ryu Kendo Club, or to the principal, Stockwell & Waterloo General Institute (Phone: BRixton 0313). The course times are Monday, 6 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m.



Japan Students Championship—Tokyo. The Japan Students Championship took place on 24th November, 1963, between 43 teams, each team being composed of seven kendoka. The final was between Chuo and Hosei Universities; Chuo was the winning team.

All-Japan Kendo Championship—Tokyo. The result of the All-Japan Kendo Championship held on the 1st December was not to hand when these notes were made. It is hoped to show photographs of the Championship in the next issue.

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