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2.) Wheelchair athletes 81m

The president of the Federal Republic and patron of the Games, Heinemann, officially opened the International Stoke Mandeville Games in Heidelberg. 1,000 paralysed sportsmen from 44 nations competed for the trophies. They prove that they do not abandon in spite of their fate; 80 athletes compete from the host country. Archery: The Disabled showed healthy sportsmen, how to achieve better performances, namely accuracy of aim, than the national championships. Wheelchair obstacle race. Wheelchair slalom - great performances. The Games are held since 1948 and only 16 disabled sportsmen had accepted the invitation of the Founder of the Games, Dr. Guttman. Every year, wheelchair athletes meet in another country. This time, Heidelberg and the University sports grounds were the scene of the Games. 10 forms of sport are on the program of the 10 day-Olympiad. Lookers-on will be quite amazed that also fencing competitions are on the program of the Games. Here are some great performances: Weight lifting - athletes who are unable to use their legs are lifting weights of 215 kg - only 20 kg below the world record - simply wonderful. Swimming: They hold their ground though they are dependant only on their arms. Participation in the Games is more important than to gain the victory. Don't let it get you down! Our admiration belongs to those athletes who prove their will-power and stamina ... in spite of their disability.