

HOLLAND, DENMARK, SWITZERLAND AND ITALY WERE EARLIER REPORTED BY THE ORGANISERS TO HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD TAKE PART, BUT THEY SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDREW.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA ALSO WITHDREW FROM THE RACE, AS DID YUGOSLAVIA AND THE SOVIET UNION. AN OFFICIAL SAID THE RUSSIANS EXPLAINED THEY COULD NOT SEND A TEAM BECAUSE THEY WERE HOLDING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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