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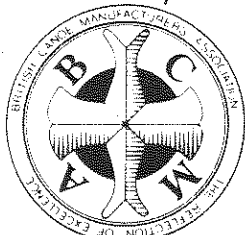
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Ar ran fy nghydweithwyr yng nghwmni 'Sun Life Assurance', a gaf fi eich croesawu yn gynnes i'r Bala i Gyn-Bencampwriaethau Canŵio Slalom a Dŵr Gwllt y Byd.

Dyma'r tro cyntaf i mi fod yn ymwneud â chanŵio, a'r tro cyntaf i mi gael amgylchedd mor odidog i achlysur wedi ei nawddogi. Y mae Gogledd Cymru, yn wir, yn le hynod o brydferth a diolch i bobl y Bala a'r Cylch am ein croesawu more gynnes.

Y mae canŵio slalom a dŵr gwllt yn gofyn am ddewrder, celfyddyd ac ystwythder corff. Yn ystod y pedwar diwrnod nesaf cawn weld canŵ-wyr gorau'r byd yn cystadlu, a hyderaf yr unchw â mi i ddymuno'r gorau i bob ohoynt.

Fel gwylwyr, fe wn y cawn ninnau amser gwefreiddiol.

Richard Zamboni,
Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol,
'Sun Life Assurance'.

FOREWORD

On behalf of my colleagues at Sun Life Assurance may I welcome you to Bala for the Pre-World Slalom and Wild Water Race Championships.

This is the first time that we have been involved with canoeing and the first time we have had such an idyllic setting for a sponsored event. Truly, North Wales is a very beautiful place and I thank the people of Bala for making us so welcome.

Both slalom and wild water race canoeing demand tremendous courage, skill and agility. During the next four days we will see some of the world's finest canoeists in action and I hope you will join with me in wishing all of them the very best of luck.

As spectators I know we are all in for a very exciting time.



Richard Zamboni,
Managing Director,
Sun Life Assurance.

NEGES ODDIWRTH FAER, TREF Y BALA

Fel Maer Tref westeiol y Bala y mae'n ffrainc ac yn bleser i mi i gyflwyno croeso cywir a chynnes Cymreig i'r holl gystadleuwyr, y swyddogion, a'r gwylwyr i Gystadleuthau Slalom a Dŵr Gwllt Cyn-Bencampwriaeth y Byd a gynhelir ar Awst 28 - 31, 1980. Y mae'r achlysur yma, wrth gwrs, yn fath o archwaeth ac ymarferiad ar gyfer y Cystadleuthau llawer ehangach a drefnwyd yma yng Ngorffennaf 1981, a bydd hyn yn brofiad unigryw i'r Dref gan y bydd cynrychiolwyr o gymaint o wahanol genedloedd yn ymgynyll gyda'u gilydd yn ein plith.

Byddwch yn ymweld a gwlad fechan a thref fechan, ond y naill a'r llall gyda chalonau mawr a chynnes. Yr ydym yn falch o'n gwlad; yn falch o'n iaith; yn falch o'n treftadaeth cenedlaethol; ac yn falch o olygfeydd gwych y wlad.

Y mae'r pethau hyn i gyd wedi eu cyfuno yma yn y Bala a'r cylch gyda'r Stryd Fawr lydan, goediog; ein llyn prydferth, Llyn Tegid, sydd y mwyaf o ran maintoli o holl llynedd naturiol Cymru; ein mynyddoedd rhyfeddol, yr Aran, yr Arenig, a'r Berwyn; ynghyd ac iseldir pleserus dyffryn y Ddyfrdwy.

Yn fwy na'r cyfan, fodd bynnag, yr ydym yn ymfalchio yn hanes hir ac enwog ein Tref yn ogystal a'i diwylliant a'i hiaith, yr iaith fyw hynaf yn Ewrob. Teimlaf yn hyderus y bydd y pethau hyn yn amlwg yn ystod y Campwriaethau ac y byddant yn cyfoethogi eich mwynhad ac yn gadael atgofion pleserus a bythgofiadwy gyda chwi am eich arhosiad yn y rhan brydferth yma o Gymru.

Hawddamor i chwi oll.

Dilwyn T. Jones

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR OF BALA

As Town Mayor of the host town of Bala it is my privilege and pleasure to extend a truly warm Welsh welcome to all the competitors, officials and spectators to the Pre-World Slalom and Wild Water Canoe Championships to be held on August 29 - 31 1980. This event is, of course, an appetizer and rehearsal for the far bigger World Championships scheduled for July 1981 and which will be a unique experience for the Town inasmuch as representatives of so many nations will be congregated together in our midst.

You will be visiting a small country and a small town, but both with very big and warm hearts. We are proud of our country; proud of our language; proud of our national heritage; and proud of our magnificent and breathtaking landscapes.

All these things are embodied here in Bala and district with our wide tree-lined High Street; our beautiful lake, Llyn Tegid, which is the largest natural lake in Wales; our magnificent mountains, the Aran, the Arenig, and the Berwyn; together with the pleasant lowlands of the Dee Valley.

Above all, however, we pride ourselves in our Town's great and long history together with its culture and its language which is the oldest living language in Europe. I feel confident that these will be manifest during both Championships, and that they will enrich your enjoyment and leave you with pleasant and unforgettable memories of your stay in this beautiful part of Wales.

Greetings to you all

Dilwyn T. Jones





David Wain

CROESO GAN LYWYDD UNDEB CANŴ PRYDAIN

Ar ran Undeb Canŵ Prydain, hoffwn estyn i bawb groeso diffuant i'r achlysur hwn, sef y gystadleuaeth dŵr gwyn fwyaf yn y byd.

Fel y gŵyr llawer ohonoch, ym 1981 fe fydd Prydain yn westai i dri Pencampwriaeth Canŵio y Byd. Bydd cystadleuthau sbrintio ar ddyfroedd yn Nottingham, a bydd cystadleuth au Dŵr Gwylt a'r Slalom yn cael eu cynnal yma yn y Bala.

Eleni, ym 1980, bydd Cyn-Bencampwriaeth y Byd yn gyfle i genhedloedd o bob cwr o'r byd ddod yma i gael golwg ar y cwrs ac i ymgyswyo â'r wlad oddi amgylch. Bydd hwn yn amser i gyfnewid syniadau ac yn amser i esgor ar gyfeillgarwch newydd ym myd chwaraeon.

Credaf fod ymgyswyo fel hyn ym myd mabolgampau o'r pwys mwyaf i ddatblygiadau byd-eang y dyfodol. Ar amser fel hwn, dylai'r rhai sy'n gyfrifol am drefnu neu gefnogi chwaraeon rhyngwladol ymdrechu'n ddyfal i gryfhau y berthynas cydrhwng y cenedloedd sy'n cystadlu.

A chyda'r ddefnydd yma mewn golwg, cyflwynwn i chwi ein croeso diffuant a'n dymuniadau gorau ar i chwi fwynhau, ni a obeithiwn, yr achlysur plerusus a llwyddiannus hwn.

David Wain
Llywydd
Undeb Canŵ Prydain

A WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT OF BCU

On behalf of the British Canoe Union I would like to extend to everyone a most sincere welcome to this event, the major wild water canoeing event of 1980.

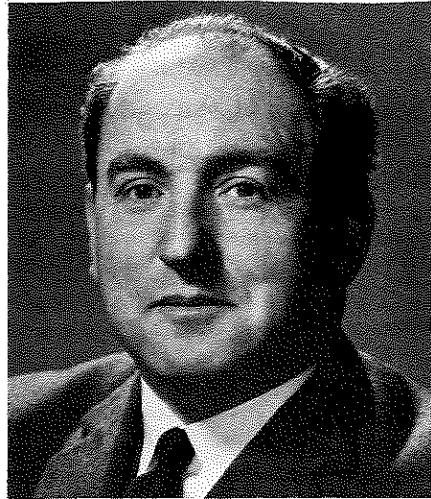
As many of you know, in 1981 Britain will be host to a triple World Canoeing Championships, the discipline of sprint canoeing will be held at Nottingham and the disciplines of Wild Water racing and that of Slalom will be held here at Bala.

This 1980 Pre-World Championships is the time when all the competing nations from many parts of the world come to view the course and get to know the countryside, it is a time for an interchange of ideas and a time when sporting friendships are born.

The links between nations through the medium of sport are, I believe, of the utmost importance in the future development of our world, and at this time in particular, all those people who are responsible for organising or supporting world sporting events, must work towards forging stronger and yet stronger ties between all the competing nations.

It is with this overriding thought that we offer you our hospitality and our good wishes for an enjoyable and successful event.

David Wain
President
British Canoe Union



CROESO I BARC CENEDLAETHOL ERYRI

Hyd yn ddiweddar yr oeddwn yn perthnasu'r canŵ hefo Canada. Y rheswm am hyn, mae'n debyg, ydoedd i mi ddarllen, pan yn fachgen, y 'Canadian Boat Song' gan Moore a gynhwysai'r cwpled a ganlyn —

'Row brothers, row, the stream runs fast
The Rapids are near and the daylight's past'

a hefyd lyfr Capten Marryat hefo'r llinell gofiadwy honno, 'Every man paddle his own canoe'.

Nid oedd yn syndod i mi, felly, ddeall mai yn Jonquiere a Desbien, Talaith Quebec, Canada, y cynhaliwyd Pencampwriaeth Slalom a Dŵr Gwyllt y Byd y llynedd. Ond yr hyn a barodd y syndod mwyaf i mi ydoedd deall bod Pencampwriaeth y Byd yn cael ei gynnal ym Mharc Cenedlaethol Eryri y flwyddyn nesaf.

Mae pawb sy'n byw yn y rhan brydferth yma o Gymru cyn falched a minnau, ac yn ei theimlo'n anrhydedd, o ddeall uchod yw edmygedd prif ganŵ-wyr y byd o Barc Cenedlaethol Eryri fel safle delfrydol i'w campau. Yr ydym yn falch o'n hardal, ac yn ymwybodol o'r meddwl uchel o'r Parc Cenedlaethol sydd gan ddringwyr, cerddedwyr, naturiaethwyr a phawb sy'n caru golygfeydd hardd a chefn gwlad. Yn awr, y mae gennyf y ffrainc o groesawu math arall o edmygwyr, a fyddant, ni a obeithiwn, yn mwynhau eu arhosiad yn ein plith, ac yn cael y cyfle i brofi rhin amgylchedd a diwylliant sy'n newydd iddynt. Hyderaf, gan hynny, y bydd yr argraff a'gânt yn eu hysgogi i ddychwelyd eto yn eu hamser eu hunain i fwynhau yr hyn a gynigir yma, yn enwedig gan fod canŵ-wyr Prydain wedi ennill gair uchel am eu gofal a'u parch o iawnderau eraill wrth ymarfer eu chwaraeon.

Tra'n aros yn y Bala a'r cylch, hyderaf y cewch amser i ymweld â gweddill y Parc i fwynhau ei fynyddoedd, ei lynnoedd, aberoedd, traethau, coedwigoedd, cestyll, y rheilffyrdd bychain, a llawer o atyniadau amrywiol eraill sydd o ddiddordeb i'r twrist. Fe fydd staff Canolfan Ymwelwyr y Parc Cenedlaethol, Stryd Fawr, Y Bala, yn falch o'ch cyngori ar beth i'w weld a lle i fynd. Yr ylym yn llawn brwdfrydedd dros ein hardal, ac yn ein hafiaith yn ei galw yn Barc Cenedlaethol. Ond nid yr un ystyr a roddir i'r Parc Cenedlaethol ag a roddir i'r term mewn rhannau eraill o'r byd. Nid tir y Llywodraeth mohono; nid oes toll-byrth i fynd i mewn i'r Parc, dim ond y 'llidiardau' hynny a fydd yn profi eich medr chwi ar yr afon. Y mae'r Parc wedi ei greu, ac ym meddiant, ac yn cael ei redeg gan y trigolion, a swyddogaeth fy mhwyllgor i ydyw gofalu, er newid o'i brydferthwch, nad ydyw yn lleihau, a hefyd paratoi i'r ymwelwyr fynediad a chyfleusterau i fwynhau ysblander ein golygfeydd a diddordebau hanesyddol. Er enghraifft, mae'r rheolaeth ar ddyfroedd afon Tryweryn yn gynnyrch y diwydiant dŵr Cymreig, ond gwaith natur ei hun yw gwely'r afon a'r amgylchedd. Y mae'r llwybrau a chyfleusterau eraill ar lan yr afon wedi eu paratoi yn arbennig i alluogi'r gwylywyr gael cyfle i edmygu eich medr heb amharu dim ar brydferthwch naturiol yr afon.

Gobeithiaf, ar ôl dychwelyd ohonoch yn ddiogel i'ch cartrefi, y bydd gennyh atgofion hapus o'n gwlad, nad yw'n rhanbarth arall o Loegr, ond yn wlad hefo pobl, diwylliant, iaith a'i hunaniaeth ei hun.

Dymunaf o galon i chwi Bencampwriarth Byd llwyddiannus a gwefreiddiol. Felly 'Rhwyfwch, frodyr, rhwyfwch, mae'r dyfroedd yn chwim . . .'

JOHN TUDOR, C.B.E.
Cadeirydd, Pwyllgor Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri.

A WELCOME TO SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK

Until recently I always associated the canoe with Canada. It was probably a result of my boyhood reading which included Moore's "Canadian Boat Song" with its

"Row, brothers, row, the stream runs fast
The Rapids are near and the daylight's past"

and Captain Marryat's "Settlers in Canada" and its memorable line "Every man paddle his own canoe" So it was no surprise to me to learn that the last slalom and wild water championship of the world was staged at Jonquiere and Desbiens in Canada. But what really surprised me was that the next world championship events were to be staged in our own Snowdonia National Park in Wales.

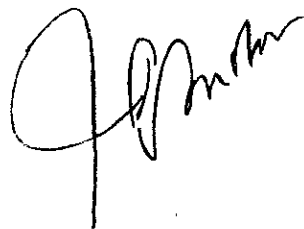
Everybody living in this beautiful part of Wales is as pleased and as honoured as I am to know how high and how fast the Snowdonia National Park has risen in the estimation of the world's top canoeists as a location for their sport. We are very proud of our landscape and are fully aware of the high regard in which it is held by climbers, walkers, naturalists and lovers of fine scenery and countryside. Now it is my privilege to greet yet another band of admirers who, I hope, will enjoy their stay amongst us, their sport, their experience of a new environment and culture — and trust that some of you will be so impressed that you will come back again in your own time and enjoy our recreational facilities, particularly as British canoeists have already established a reputation in the National Park for careful observance of and respect for the rights of others in the pursuits of their sport.

While you are in Bala, I hope you will have time to explore the remainder of the Park and sample its mountains, lakes, estuaries, coasts, forests, castles, narrow gauge railways and the other considerable and varied tourist attractions. The staff of the National Park Visitor Centre in Bala High Street will be only too happy to advise you as to what to see and where to go. We hold the area in such high esteem that we have somewhat ambitiously and exuberantly called it a National Park but of course it is not a National Park as defined and understood in other parts of the world. It is not Government land: there are no toll gates to enter it only the 'gates' you have established to test your skills. It is a working countryside, created, owned and managed by its residents and it is my Committee's function to see that although its beauties may change, they are not diminished and secondly, to try and secure the access and facilities required to ensure that our visitors may enjoy its scenic and historic splendours. For example, the regulated flow of the River Tryweryn is a product of the Welsh water industry, although the river bed and its amphitheatres are the work of nature. The paths and spectator facilities on its banks have been especially built to allow spectator enjoyment of your skills but without impairing the natural beauties of the original river.

I hope that by the time you return safely to your homes, you will take away with you happy memories of a country which is not just another region of England but a land with a people, culture, language and identity of its own.

I wish you very successful and thrilling world championship competitions. So, "Paddle, brothers, paddle, the stream runs fast . . ."

John Tudor, C.B.E.
Chairman
Snowdonia National Park Committee



FOREWARD FROM MEIRIONNYDD D.C.

CROESO CADEIRYDD CYNGOR DOSBARTH MEIRIONNYDD

Y mae'n bleser gennyf, fel Cadeirydd Cyngor Dosbarth Meirionnydd, estyn croeso cynnes i bawb a ymwêl a'r Dosbarth yn ystod Cyn-Bencampwriaeth y Byd a gynhelir yn y Bala ddiwedd mis Awst eleni.

Ymfalchiwn yn y ffaith fod Ffederasiwn Canwio Rhyngwladol wedi gweld gymaint o rinweddau yn nyfroedd afon Tryweryn fel ag i gynnal Pencampwriaethau Canwio'r Byd yna.

Mae trigolion Meirionnydd yn draddodiadol groesawgar, ac fe wn o brofiad y bydd eu croeso'n frwd i bawb o bedwar cwr y byd a fyddant yn gwneud eu cartrefi yn y cylch dros dro yn ystod y Pencampwriaethau.

Dymunaf bopeth gorau i'r ieuenctid hynny sydd wedi ymroddi i ddisgyblu eu hunain ar gyfer yr ymgyrch hwn, a hyderaf y bydd iddynt hwy a'u cefnogwyr fwyhau eu hunain yma ym Meirionnydd.

BRADWYN JONES,
Cadeirydd,
Cyngor Dosbarth Meirionnydd.

A WORD OF WELCOME from the CHAIRMAN OF THE MEIRIONNYDD DISTRICT COUNCIL

It is my great pleasure, as Chairman of the Meirionnydd District Council, to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting the District during the Pre-World Championships which will be held at the end of August.

We are proud of the fact that the International Canoeing Federation has seen many virtues in the waters of river Tryweryn to have decided to make it the venue for the World Championships.

Traditionally, the people of Meirionnydd are hospitable folk, and they are full of enthusiasm to welcome all those from the four corners of the world who will make the District their temporary home during the Championships.

To the young people who have disciplined themselves to compete for World honours, and to those who have travelled so far to support them, I wish every happiness and enjoyment during their stay in Meirionnydd.

BRADWYN JONES,
Chairman,
Meirionnydd District Council.

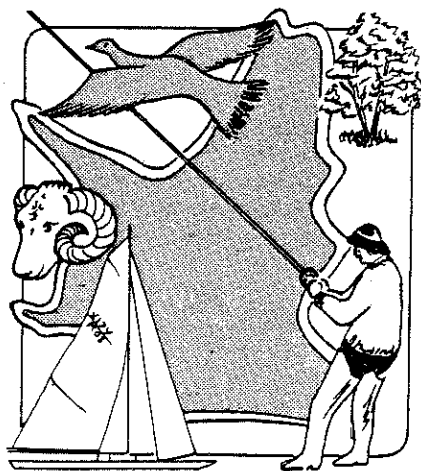
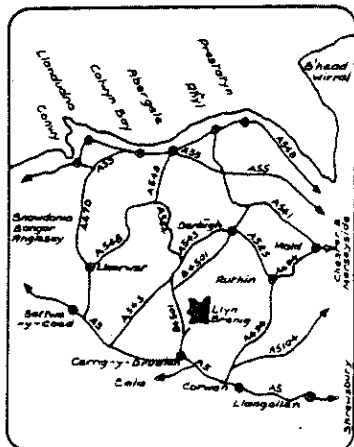
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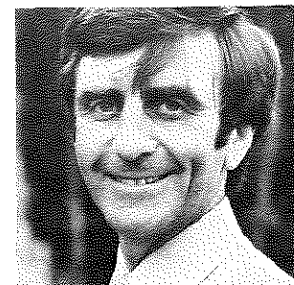
Llyn Brenig is situated south west of Denbigh - It's the ideal place for the family to spend a day, picnicking, walking, fishing or sailing. There's a lot to see; an interesting exhibition about the area and reservoir; the dam; the wild life and the fascinating history of prehistoric man and his activities. Follow the archaeological trail and see remains of man's occupation.

Do come - you'll love it and so will your family

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NEGES ODDIWRTH Y CYFARWYDDWR

Hoffwn gymeryd y cyfle hwn i estyn croeso cynnes i bawb a fydd yn ymweld â'r Bala yn ystod Cystadleuthau Slalom Canŵ a Phencampwriaethau Dŵr Gwyllt ym mis Awst 1980. Hyderaf y bydd i bawb fwynhau eu hunain ym mhrydferthwch cefn gwlad Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri, a'r lle y mae tref y Bala wedi ei lleoli.

Hoffwn ddiolch i'r swyddogion a'r cystadleuwyr o'r gwahanol wledydd a fydd yn bresennol ar yr achlysur hwn, a'i wneud, drwy eu presenoldeb, yn achlysur gwir ryng-wladol. Gobeithiwn y bydd y rhan a gymer y cystadleuwyr eleni yn baratoad ardderchog iddynt ar gyfer Pencampwriaeth y Byd ym 1981.

I'r cyfeillion hynny a fu'n ein cynorthwyo mewn unrhyw fodd i drefnu Cyn-Bencampwriaeth y Byd, estynnaf iddynt fy niolch diffuant, gan obeithio y byddant eto yn estyn yr un cymorth ac yn dangos yr un brwdfrydedd i drefnu Pencampwriaeth y Byd a gynhelir yn y Bala yn ystod mis Gorffennaf 1981.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

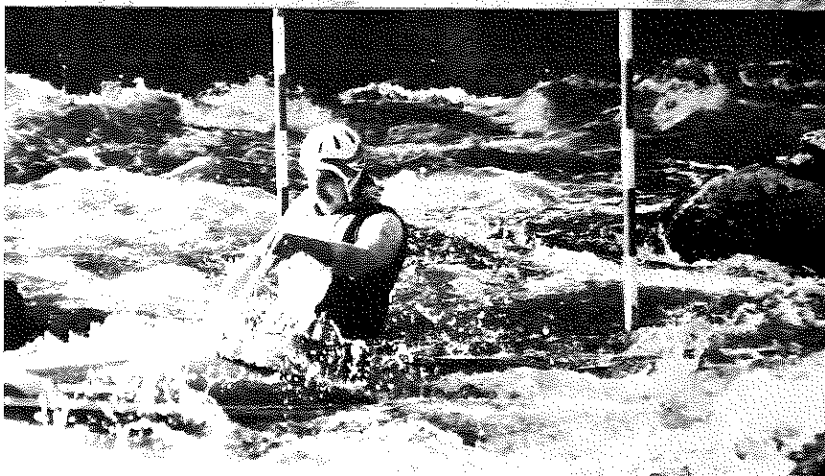
I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to everybody visiting Bala for the 1980 International Canoe Slalom and Wild Water Racing Championships. I trust that all will enjoy themselves in the beautiful countryside of the Snowdonia National Park in which the town of Bala is situated.

I would like to thank all officials and competitors of competing nations for attending this event, thereby making it a truly International competition. One hopes that the involvement of all competitors this year will be excellent preparation for them for the World Championships in 1981.

To the many people who have helped in any capacity with the organisation of the Pre-World Championships, I extend my sincere thanks and hope that all will show the same effort and enthusiasm towards the organisation of the World Championships to be held in Bala during July 1981.

Stan Cooper

STAN COOPER
DIRECTOR, CANOE 81



MEIRIONNYDD
Cyngor Dosbarth District Council

Croeso i'r Bala Welcome to Bala
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MEIRIONNYDD

We wish all competitors every success and trust that their stay in our area will be an enjoyable one, and we look forward to their return in 1981.

**CROESO CYNNES I GYN BENCAMPWRIAETH
Y BYD 1980.**

**A WARM WELCOME TO THE PRE-WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS 1980.**

**SOYEZ LE BIENVENUE AU CHAMPIONNAT
PRE-MONDIAL DE 1980.**

**WILLKOMMEN ZU DEN VOR-WELT
MEISTERSCHAFTEN 1980.**

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Section Judges	N. Unwin
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SLALOM COMPETITION RULES

OBJECT. The object of a slalom is to test the canoeist's control of his boat in agitated water.

METHOD. The competitor's task is to paddle over a set course against the clock.

COURSE. The course is defined by a number of gates each consisting of two poles suspended over the water. Between these the competitor and his boat must pass. The gates are numbered and they must be done in their correct order.

GATES. There are two types of gate:

- (a) **Forward Gate:** This consists of a red (and white) pole to port, ie the competitor's left, and a green (and white) pole to starboard. It must be attempted with the boat going forward and the gate entered from the side which will bring the red pole to the left of the competitor.
- (b) **Reverse Gate:** This consists of similarly coloured poles and must be attempted with the boat going backwards and the gate entered from the side which will bring the red pole to the left of the competitor.

NEGOTIATION. Negotiation of a gate may involve one or more attempts, or be considered complete (abandoned) by prior negotiation of the next gate.

An attempt on any live gate starts when the body (head and trunk) cuts the gate-line or when a pole is touched, whichever comes first.

An attempt ends when the body has crossed over the gate-line and the boat has left it forward, backwards or sideways.

PENALTIES. Penalty seconds are added to the competitor's elapsed time if his attempts on any gate are not entirely successful. Only one penalty per gate is given 0-1-20-50

HIGH HANGING POLES. Passing under a high hanging pole (or dipping under a normal pole) without touching is not penalised.

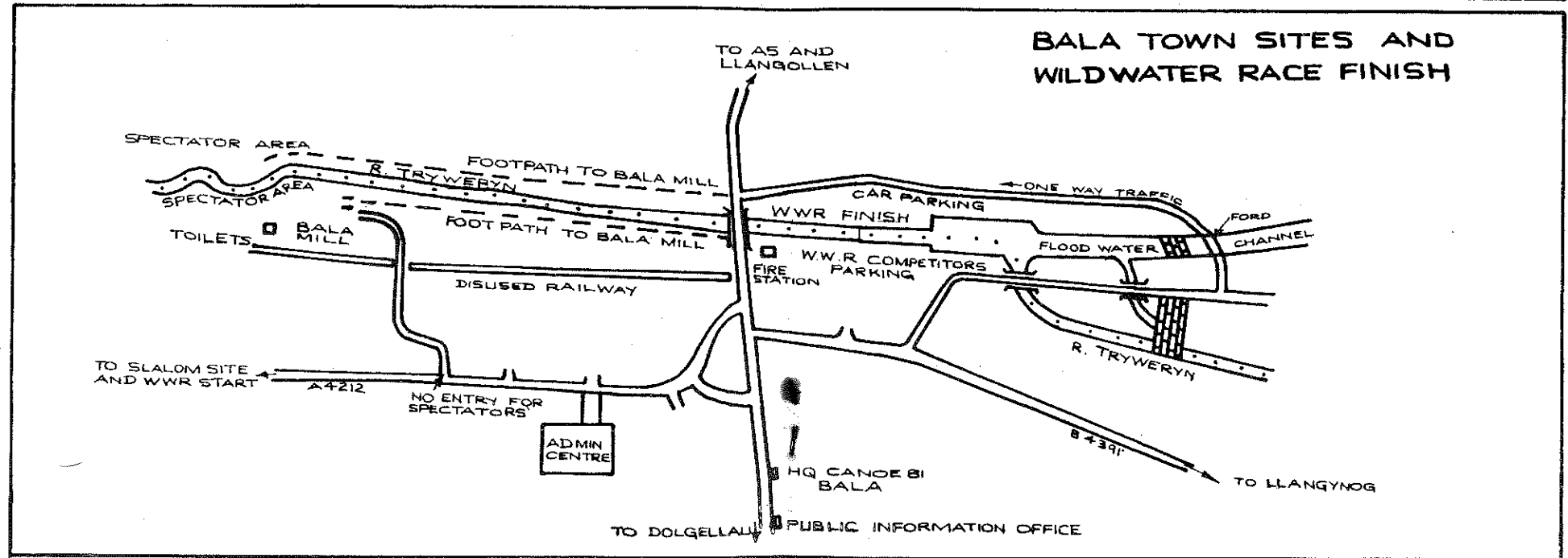
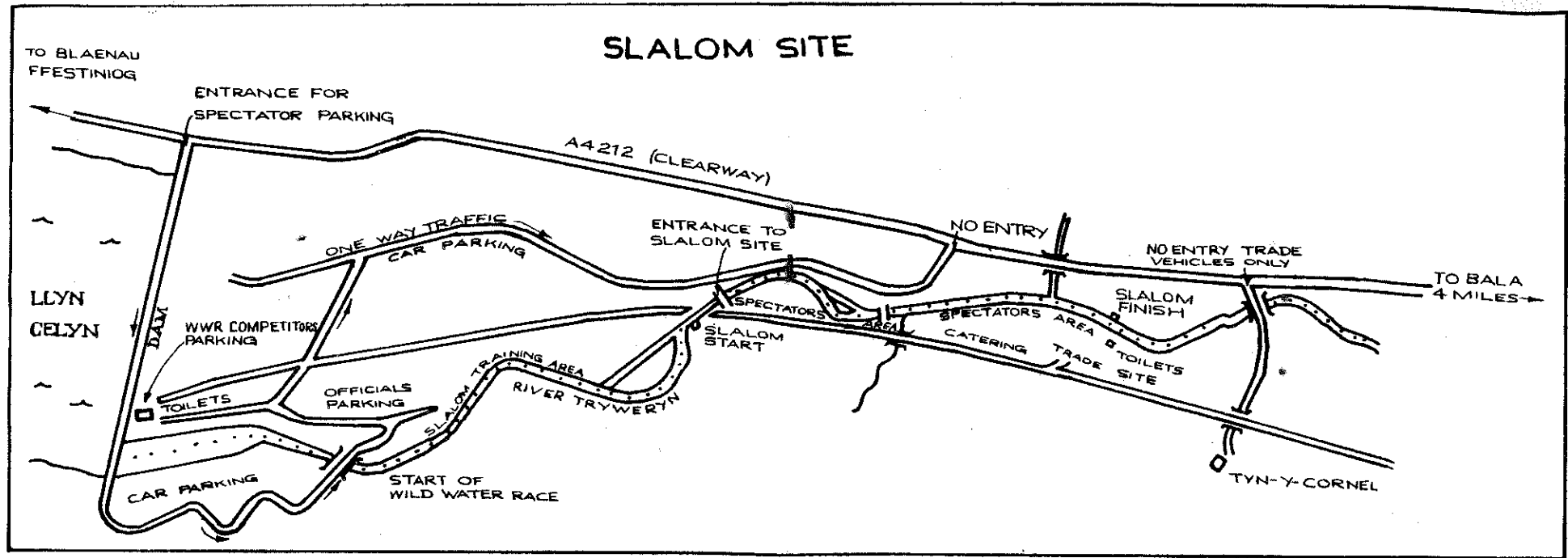
TEAM EVENT. This is a joint run by three boats, all of one class, forming a team. They run together, starting line astern and the time is taken from the start of the first competitor to the finish of the last. To this are added the penalties each team member has incurred.

The first paddler across the Start line must be the first to attempt Gate 1, after which the order in which the boats finish or attempt any of the other gates is optional and can be varied throughout the run (although naturally each member has to do each gate in its correct numerical order).

The rules for the individual Runs apply. In addition there is one **TEAM GATE** being a suitable forward gate selected and marked with a large "T". Through this the whole team must pass within 15 seconds otherwise the team is penalised 50 seconds in addition to any penalties the team members may have incurred on the gate.

CLASSES

Several event classes are held, both men and ladies, individually and in teams of three. In the Kayak event the canoeist sits in the boat and uses a double bladed paddle, in the Canadian single and doubles events the canoeist kneels and uses a single bladed paddle.



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 1980

Thursday, 28th August.

0830 – 1130	River Race Practice
1300 – 1400	Slalom demonstration runs
1500 – 1800	Slalom non-stop practice
1800	Parade of Nations assemblies on foreshore of Bala Lake at South end of town.
1830	Parade moves off along Bala High Street
1900	Parade arrives Ysgol-y-Berwyn (Berwyn School) Opening Ceremony
2000	Concert: Male Voice Choirs and Brass Bands Ysgol-y-Berwyn (Berwyn School)
2030	Reception for VIPs/guests

Friday, 29th August

0830 – 1300	Slalom individual first runs K1 men C2 men K1 ladies C2 mixed C1 men
1330 – 1800	Slalom individual second runs (order as above) Note that these are general times. Detailed start times are included on the start list.
2000	Variety Concert with local artistes. Neuadd Buddug (Victoria Hall)

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday, 30th August

0830 – 1100	River race practice
1300 – 1530	Slalom teams – first runs K1 men C2 men K1 ladies C2 mixed C1 men
1530 – 1800	Slalom teams – second runs (order as above) Detailed times are printed on the start list.
2000	Cerdd Dant. Folk singing and folk dancing Ysgol-y-Berwyn (Berwyn School)

Sunday, 31st August

0830 – 1230	River Race – individual
1330 – 1530	River Race – team
1630	Medal Ceremony – Bala Lakeside Motel.

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WILD WATER COMPETITION RULES

OBJECT:

The object of Wild Water Racing is to demonstrate a competitor's mastery of his boat in fast moving white water while running a prescribed course in the shortest possible time; the Wild Water course for this event starts at Lake Celyn and finishes in Bala, a distance of some 5 miles.

CLASSES

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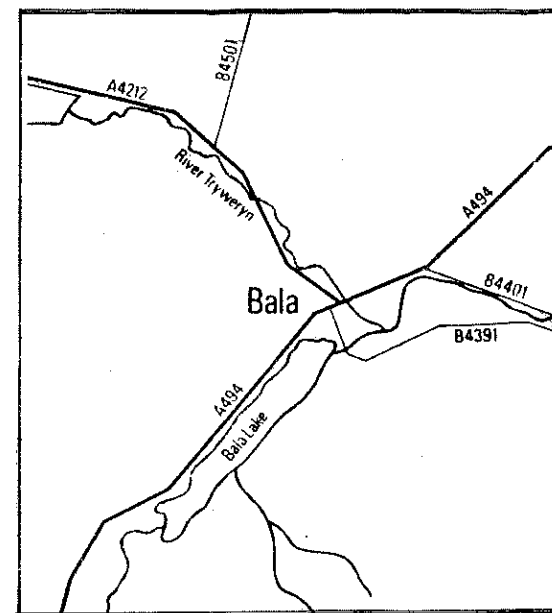
Bala, or to give it its correct name 'Y Bala' has played a distinguished role in Welsh life for many centuries. Situated in the heart of Welsh Wales it is the social, cultural and economic centre for the surrounding district. It is also a tourist centre which is looking forward to welcoming the World's best canoeists to the Pre-World (1980) and Canoe '81 World Championships.

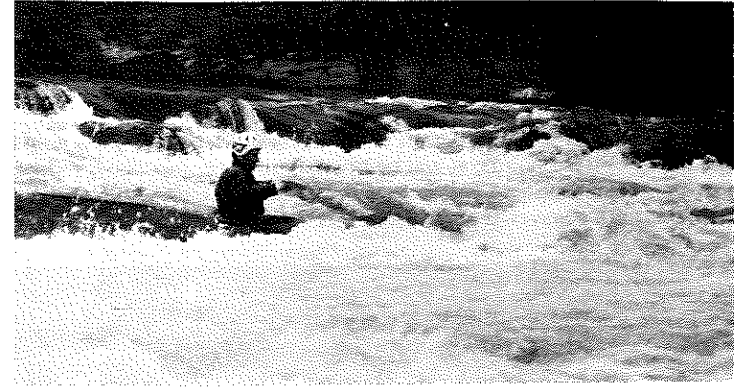
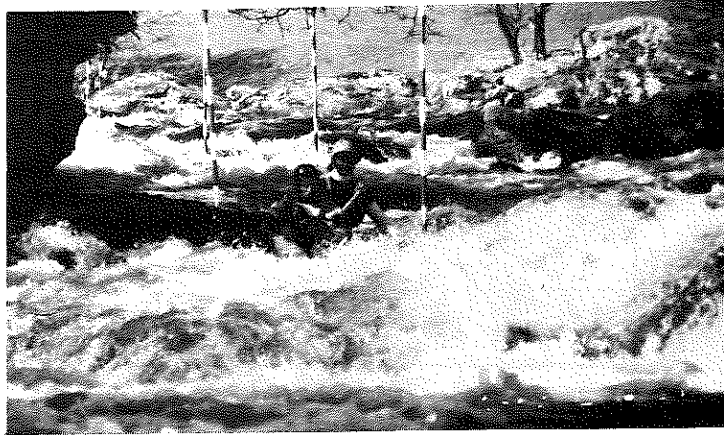
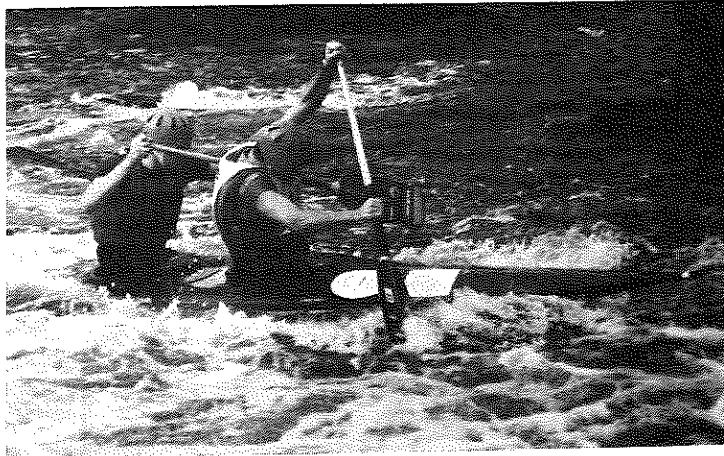
The main highway through the town has all the hallmarks of a small Welsh community. You will hear the ancient Celtic language – Welsh as much as the international language – English. Farmers mix with tourists and friendliness is obvious. The shops are full of Welsh crafts including weaving using home spun and dyed wool from the sheep which graze on the surrounding hill sides. Blue grey Welsh slate is used to make a variety of souvenirs and traditional love spoons made of wood with intricate designs are to be seen.

Traditional fare includes Bara Brith – a currant loaf, Welsh Cakes, Cawl – a thick soup, a meal in itself and of course the best lamb in the world.

Water is everywhere and extremes are apparent, ranging from the fast flowing river Tryweryn to the tranquil setting of Bala Lake – known locally as Llyn Tegid – with its wide expanse of water surrounded by hills and trees.

Bala and the surrounding district is obviously a must for any tourist – and canoeist!





THE RIVER TRYWERYN

The River Tryweryn is reservoir controlled and lies immediately downstream of the Llyn Celyn reservoir (80,000 megalitres/17,800 million gallons). So making it possible to discharge large flows of up to 1,000 megalitres (250 million gallons) a day into the Tryweryn under close control, thereby creating a five mile long stretch of wild water ideal for slalom and wild water canoe events.

The river has a natural drop in the region of about 80 metres (270 feet), it has a bed that is littered with rocks which, while proving to be obstacles in the slalom and wild water events, can also help to create a maze of rapids, cataracts and undertows.

It also boasts a series of natural amphitheatres which should easily accommodate crowds in the region of 15,000 a day.

A great deal of work has been carried out both on the river bed and the banks to give one of the most beautiful settings for World Championship Slalom and Wild Water Racing.

The layout of the river Tryweryn gives ideal spectator views along the course. From the many vantage points, it will be possible to see competitors plough their way through rapids, negotiate the drop at the top of the Slalom run and pit their wits against engulfing waves as the water picks up speed.



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Nineteen nations took part in the Europa Cup series which sees Wild Water and Slalom canoeists from all over the world competing against each other.

Among the 19 nations battling for the cup were the USA, Australia and New Zealand. Britain finished second overall after the six events (three wild water and three slalom).

The most notable result was that of Martyn Hedges, Britain's top C1 Slalom paddler, who won all three events in his class. He finished in front of the three American crews who won the medals at the 1979 World Championships.

Martyn won the first event in Merano, Italy by over seven seconds, the second in Breil, France by almost six seconds and the third in Seo de Urgell, Spain by just over four seconds.

Liz Sharman, Britain's top lady slalomist was second in all three events, behind Urika Deppe of West Germany. Richard Fox, K1 Mens Slalom Champion, won the second event in Breil but finished as runner-up overall after respectable results in the other two events.

Other notable results were:—

Merano (1st leg slalom)
G.B. Mens C2 team silver medal
G.B. Mens C1 team bronze medal
G.B. Ladies K1 team silver medal

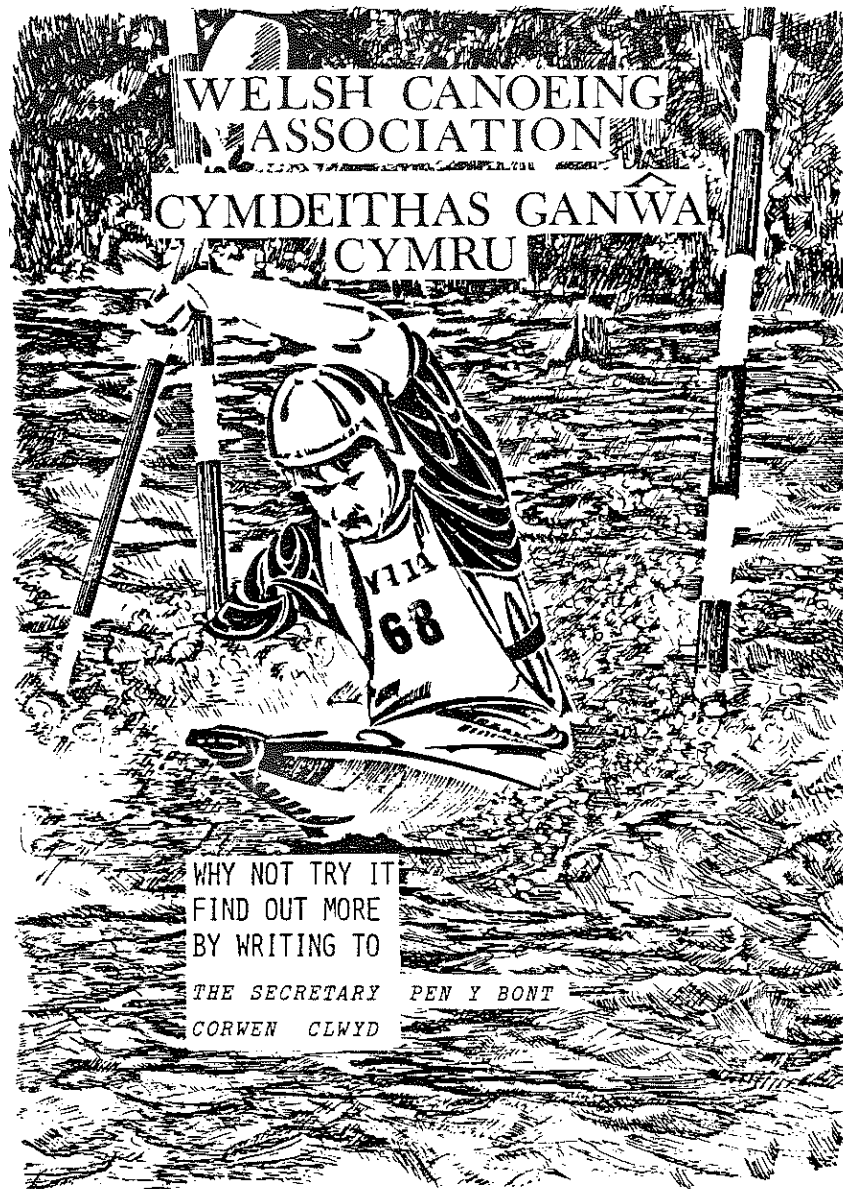
Breil (second leg slalom)
G.B. Mens K1 team bronze medal
G.B. Mens C1 team gold medal
G.B. Mens C2 team gold medal

Seo de Urgell (3rd leg slalom)
G.B. Ladies K1 team silver medal

Sort (3rd leg wild water race)
G.B. Mens K1 team gold medal

The overall Europa Cup positions are:

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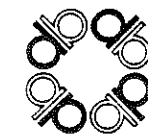
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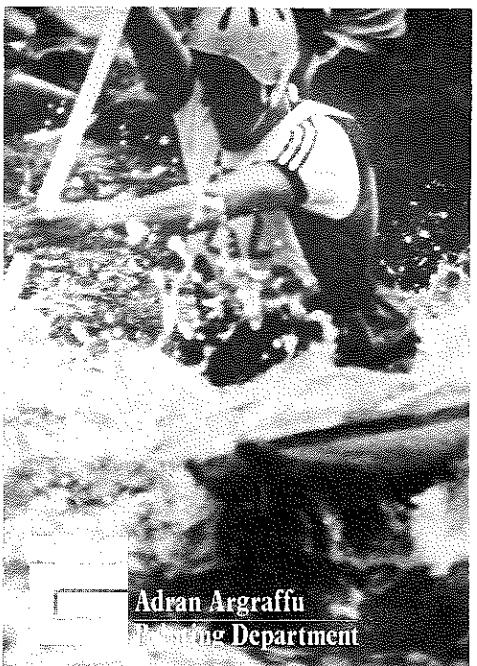
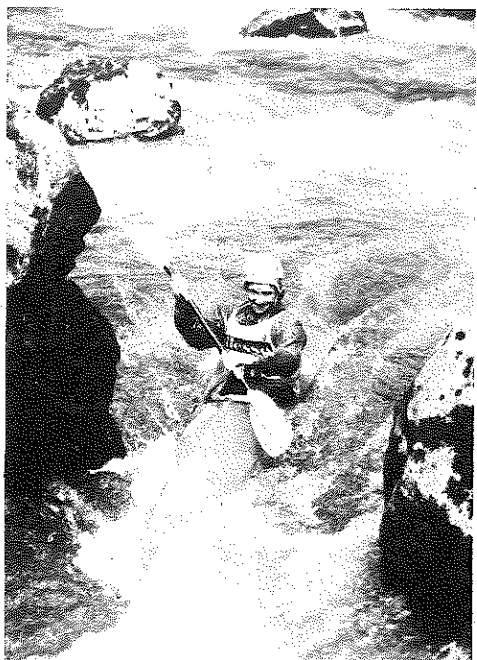
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