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U.S. Team Places Second in International Olympiad

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Spearheaded with a first prize finish by Waldemar Horwat, a recent U.S. citizen born in Poland, the U.S. team finished second in the 26th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), held in early July in Helsinki, Finland.

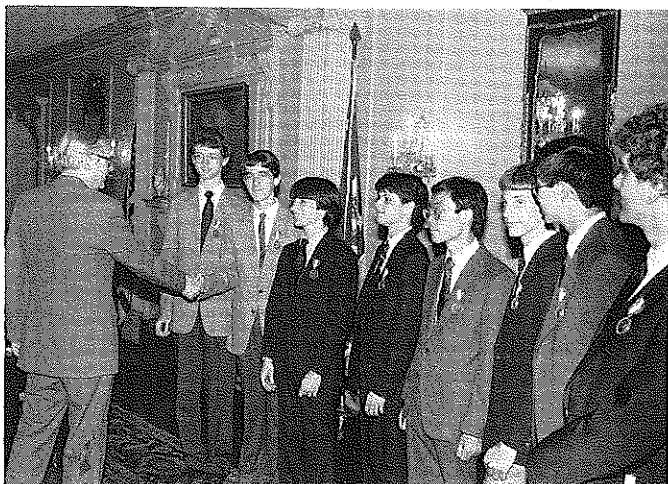
The U.S. team received 180 points out of a possible 252. (Each of six students tackled six problems, each worth 7 points.) Romania was first with 201. Following the U.S. were Hungary, 168; Bulgaria, 165; Vietnam, 144; USSR, 140; and West Germany, 139. Thirty-nine countries participated, up from 34 last year.

The exam this year was especially tough. For comparison, last year the USSR was first with 235 and the U.S. was tied with Hungary for fourth at 195. The U.S. contestants did very well on every problem this year except a classical geometry

problem. On the other hand, the Eastern Europeans (except the Romanians) had trouble with a sequence problem which the U.S. team handled easily.

Individually, Horwat, from Hoffman Estates, Illinois, obtained 35 points. Jeremy Kahn, of New York City, also received a first prize with 34. All the other team members received second prizes: David Grabiner, Claremont, California; Joseph Keane, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; David Moews, Willimantic, Connecticut; and Bjorn Poonen, Winchester, Massachusetts. One student from Romania and one from Hungary obtained perfect scores. The top scorer for the USSR was female; she obtained a first prize with 36 points. Two other young women received second prizes.

The U.S. team was itself coached by a new team, Cecil
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Lynn A. Steen, MAA President, greeting the 1985 USAMO Winners in the Thomas Jefferson Room in the Diplomatic Reception area of the U.S. Department of State on June 4. Winners (from left to right) are: Waldemar Horwat, Joseph Keane, Jeremy Kahn, Bjorn Poonen, Zinkoo Han, John Overbeck, Yeh Ching-Tung, and John Dalbec.

New Orleans to Host Winter Joint Mathematics Meetings

The January 1986 Joint Mathematics Meetings will be held at the Hyatt Regency and the Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 9-11. The meetings will include the **69th Annual Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America**, and the **92nd Annual Meeting of the American Mathematical Society**.

The MAA meeting will feature various invited addresses, minicourses, and contributed paper sessions. See page 4 of this issue for more information about the contributed paper sessions. The deadline for submission of contributed papers is **September 30**.

Complete meeting information, including the meeting program, preregistration and housing forms, minicourse information and registration forms, and Employment Register information, will be mailed to all MAA members in the center section of the October issue of *FOCUS*. The deadline for preregistration for the meetings is **November 15**.

Invite a Friend to Join the MAA and Win a Trip to New Orleans! See page 4 for details.