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Context: London, England (CNN) – "Some people believe football is a matter of life and death... I assure you it is much, much more important than that." As Bill Shankly, the legendary former manager of English club Liverpool, pointed out shortly before he passed away in 1981, the significance of the beautiful game can never be underestimated – and that doesn't just apply to fans of the sport, either. Soccer can affect lives on a national and international scale, inspiring revolutions and causing wars as well as having the capability to create peace and lift entire nations. The "Football War" between Honduras and El Salvador in 1969 is perhaps the most famous example of the sport's wider implications. The two Central American nations famously came to blows following their qualification match for the 1970 World Cup. Pedro Pinto's World Cup predictions But this wasn't the first time, and definitely won't be the last, that the worlds of football and politics collide with remarkable results. 1. Mussolini manipulates the "man in black," 1934 "Il Duce" was determined to use this World Cup on home soil to showcase his fascist Italy. Mussolini had his own trophy created for the event – the Coppa Del Duce – which was six times the size of the Jules Rimet, and to this day allegations remain the tournament was fixed so that only Italy would collect it. According to the BBC's "World Cup Stories" book by Chris Hunt, there were suggestions that the Italian dictator himself picked the referees. In the semifinal against Austria, Mussolini's Azzurri team won 2-1, but after the game their opponents complained the game was fixed. CANNOTANSWER

STUDENT: **What sport do people believe is very important?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “Football.” (football)

STUDENT: **Who thinks so?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “Some people.” (Some people)

STUDENT: **Who died in 1981?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “Bill Shankly.” (Bill Shankly,)

STUDENT: **Who was he?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “Former manager of English club Liverpool,” (former manager of English club Liverpool,)

STUDENT: **Was he well known?**

TEACHER: ⇨ Yes, “Legendary.” (legendary)

STUDENT: **What happened in 1969?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “The ”Football War”.” (”Football War”)

STUDENT: **Who was a part of it?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “Honduras and El Salvador” (Honduras and El Salvador)

STUDENT: **Are those European nations?**

TEACHER: ⇨ No, “No.” (Honduras and El Salvador)

STUDENT: **What sparked the conflict?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “They came to blows after qualification.” (came to blows)

STUDENT: **When was that?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “1970.” (1970)

STUDENT: **Was this the only time this happened?**

TEACHER: ⇨ No, “no.” (1970)

STUDENT: **Will it be the last?**

TEACHER: ⇨ No, “It definitely won’t be the last” (definitely won’t be the last)

STUDENT: **What other year did it happen?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “1934” (1934)

STUDENT: **Who was manipulated?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “The ”man in black,”” (“man in black,”)

STUDENT: **By whom?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “Mussolini.” (Mussolini)

STUDENT: **What did he have made?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “His own trophy” (his own trophy)

STUDENT: **What was it called?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “the Coppa Del Duce” (Coppa Del Duce)

STUDENT: **How big was it?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “Six times the size of the Jules Rimet” (six times the size of the Jules Rimet)

STUDENT: **Was the game rigged?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “Allegations remain that it was.” (allegations remain the tournament was fixed so that)

STUDENT: **Which team won?**

TEACHER: ⇨ “Italy.” (Italy)