

NEWS IN BRIEF

A copy of the marble stele erected at Olympia, which contains the heart of Baron de Coubertin, has been presented to the Municipality of Lausanne. It is to be placed in the Mon-Repos Park, the seat of the International Olympic Committee. This stele gifted by the Hellenic Olympic Committee will bear as a medaillon the half-length portrait of the Renovator. This gift has already arrived in Lausanne and it is to be placed at the entrance of the park on the occasion of the commemoration of Baron de Coubertin centenary.

We are grateful to Dr. Fr. M. Messerli for this happy idea and to the donors : the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

SPORT AND POLITICS

As a result of the refusal to grant the necessary visas to the Yugoslavian athletes who were to participate in the World Championships of Basket-Ball at Manilla (Philippines), the International Basket-Ball Federation decided to cancel the championships which were to be held in that town from December 1st to December 15th 1962. It has just entrusted the organization of these championships to the city of Rio de Janeiro where they are to take place from May 10th to May 25th 1963. The Fédération Internationale de Basket-Ball Amateur actually proposes to ask the International Olympic Committee to forbid the Philippine athletes to participate in the Tokyo Olympic Games in 1964.

GIFT TO THE OLYMPIC MUSEUM OF LAUSANNE

The Hellenic Olympic Committee, renowned for its generosity, has just given to the Lausanne Olympic Museum, 5 copies of ancient Greek statues as well as a copy of all the statuettes which adorned the East and West façades of the temple of Zeus at Olympia. The original statuettes are in the National Museum in Athens. Thanks to this kind gesture, the 'Hellenic Room' at the Lausanne Olympic Museum fulfils a life long wish of ours. This of course does not exclude other gifts connected with sport which are always most welcome. We propose to give more particulars concerning these recent gifts. In the meantime, we wish to convey our gratitude to the Hellenic Olympic Committee and to Mr. Jean Ketseas, member of the International Olympic Committee for Greece, for this kind gift.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

This time it is on the other foot ! Indeed, the leaders of sport in Ghana, while participating in the Commonwealth Games at Perth (Australia) last November turned down a white hosing referee belonging to South Africa.

On the 28th of last November, an Indonesian delegation, led by Prince Kula Alam, called on the Chancellery of the International Olympic Committee at Lausanne, in order to submit a report describing the incidents

which took place at Djakarta on the occasion of the IVth Asiatic Games. These were held there, last Summer (1962). We do not wish to allude to these incidents again. The report presented by the Djakarta Delegation which does not disclose the responsible parties of these incidents will be submitted to the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee.

KOREA

The negotiations between the two zones of Korea aiming at sending a combined team to the 1964 Games, are still going on, but are faced with the greatest of difficulties. As a point of fact, the Olympic Committee of South Korea refuse to negotiate and discuss the matter at the same table than the delegates of North Korea, although it is in favour of sending a combined team. This Committee will only consent to negotiate through the intermediary of the Chancellery of the International Olympic Committee at Lausanne! A problem very hard to solve as can well be imagined. The Committee of North Korea agreed to negotiate directly and to this end, proposed to hold a meeting in Lausanne with South Korea on December 15th 1962 which fell through. The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee will examine the matter at its next meeting which is to be held at Lausanne on February 7th 1963 when it will doubtless reach a decision.

In the meanwhile both Committees have met in Lausanne on January 24th. We shall report in our next edition.

OLYMPIC MEETINGS AT LAUSANNE

The Executive Board of the international Olympic Committee will hold its meeting Lausanne on the 7th of February and the day after (February 8th) the Executive Board proposes to meet the delegates of the International Federations in order to discuss one item only : *Sport and Politics*.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1968 GAMES

The latest date for sending the applications of the cities wishing to obtain the organization of the 1968 Olympic Games (Summer and Winter Olympics) has been fixed for *April 1st 1963*. These applications must be sent to the International Olympic Committee Lausanne. The cities of Lausanne and Cairo have withdrawn their applications. The former on account of the 'probable' serious deficit and heavy expenses which this town will be faced with in connection with the Swiss National Exhibition which is to be held in Lausanne in 1964, date so near the 1968 Olympics.