

Communiqués and news in brief

Athens

The Hellenic Olympic Committee has asked us to print the following communication :

We should like to express our deep gratitude to all those who sent us their sympathies and condolences on the death of our lamented vice-president, Mr. Jean Ketseas.

p.p. the Hellenic Olympic Committee :

Vice-amiral P. Lappas, secretary-general.

and informs us that in his will Mr. Ketseas leaves to the Hellenic Olympic Committee his library, which is to bear his name and constitute the centre-piece of a complete library when the national committee allocates a special hall for this purpose in the administrative centre of the International Olympic Academy that will be built in Olympia. Moreover, Mr. Ketseas has left to the Hellenic Olympic Committee the sum of thirty thousand drachmas to be spent on the decoration of the hall.

Rome

A reminder that the meeting of National Olympic Committees will be held in Rome on 30 September and 1 and 2 October 1965. Mr. Avery Brundage, president of the International Olympic Committee, will be present at the opening ceremony. This meeting, the first of its kind, has been organized on the initiative of the Italian National Olympic Committee (C.O.N.I.), under the chairmanship of its leader, Mr. Giulio Onesti, member of the I.O.C. An agenda will subsequently be sent to those taking part, who — if they have not already done so — should return to the C.O.N.I. the questionnaire that has been sent to them. The representatives of the N.O.C.s will leave Rome for Madrid by special plane, chartered by the C.O.N.I., on the morning of 3 October to attend the meeting scheduled for 4 October with the Executive Board of the I.O.C.

Washington

The Xth International Silent Games took place from 27 June to 3 July in the American Capital. The opening ceremony of the games was preceded by the session of the Executive Board of the International Committee for Silent Sports and the 18th Congress of this Committee which, we recall, has 35 member countries. On the programme for the games were athletics, swimming, football, basketball, tennis, cycling, shooting, table-tennis, gymnastics and wrestling. We take this opportunity to express our congratulations to the I.C.S.S. The courage of the silent athletes,

their will to conquer a perverse fate and the devotion of their leaders are a lesson for every one of us.

Paris

The Executive Board of the I.O.C. met on 9 and 10 July in Paris, in the rooms of the French Olympic Committee. All the Executive members were present except Mr. G. D. Sondhi, who had other engagements in India. A preliminary study was made of the items to be placed on the agenda of the Madrid session. A luncheon attended by Mr. François Piétri and the Comte de Beaumont, members of the I.O.C. for France, and Mr. Alain Danet, secretary-general of the French Olympic Committee, was given in honour of the Executive members by the first vice-president of the I.O.C., Mr. Armand Massard, who is also president of the French Olympic Committee.

Turin

Professor Vittorio Wyss, vice-president of the Italian Federation of Sports Medicine and director of the Centre for Sports Medicine of Turin has sent us a very interesting brochure on his Centre. Among its ultra-modern laboratories there is a dynamometry laboratory which enables a study to be made of the behaviour and development of an athlete's muscles. The Centre's largest laboratory is devoted to spiroergography and includes two basic types of apparatus, the first for measuring the muscular effort, the others for checking the respiratory and blood-circulation functions at rest and during muscular exertion. Our heartiest congratulations go to the Turin Centre for Sports Medicine for the outstandingly useful work and research it is doing.

The Games of the XXth Olympiad and the Winter Games — 1972

It will be the duty of the Madrid session next October to fix the date of the 1966 session at which the cities will be chosen that are to organize the 1972 Games. Another important date will be fixed : the closing date for receiving invitations from the candidates.

Lausanne

Mr. Surjit Singh Majithia, president of the Indian Wrestling Federation and vice-president of the Indian Olympic Association has done the Olympic Museum of Mon-Repos the honour of paying it a visit on 14 June 1965. He was accompanied by Mr. Roger Coulon, president of the International Wrestling Federation.