

W O R L D . . . N E W S

Mr Germain GLIDDEN, President of the National Art Museum of Sport, New York, has just announced that a memorial fund to honour the late Robert J. H. KIPHUTH, first chairman of the board of trustees of the museum and longtime Yale and Olympic swimming coach (1) has been launched.

Mr. KIPHUTH, who died on 7th January 1967 also served as curator of Yale's Francis P.GARVAN collection of sporting art. Among many honours received during his lifetime, he was presented, in 1963, with the Medal of Freedom by President Johnson, the citation reading : " Teacher and coach, he has inspired generations of athletes with high ideals of sportsmanship.

Initial gifts prior to the formal announcement exceed \$2'000, Mr.GLIDDEN reported. One half will be earmarked for the Museum's art programme which includes acquisitions for its own collection, sponsorship of art competitions, touring exhibitions and research and publication projects.

The Museum's opening exhibition in its new gallery this spring will include some seventy works of art representing nearly thirty sports and 300 years of art history. Subsequent shows will be devoted to individual sports, to the Olympic Games and to other events of international, national or local significance.

Delaney KIPHUTH, who succeeded his father as director of athletics at Yale, said :- " 'Bob' was intensely interested in the welfare of NAMOS, and the establishment of this fund would have been a source of deep satisfaction to him."

- (1) Editor's note: Bob KIPHUTH first went to the Olympic Games in 1920 as Johnny Weissmuller's coach. He was still taking part in the Tokyo Games.

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HONG KONG

Mr. de O. SALES, President of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong has sent us the following report on sports activities in Hong Kong. (Extract of a speech given by the chairman of Hong Kong Urban Council on 21st December 1967)

" As for the work of the Urban Services Department under this Council, as far as the Parks, Recreation and Amenities Division is concerned it may perhaps be taken as an indication of success that the subject of recreation received less attention in Members' speeches than it has done in the past. If this relative silence represents, as I hope it does, a degree of satisfaction with the progress being made, I must emphasize that much of the credit lies with the indefatigable Mr. SALES and his colleagues on the Parks, Recreation and Amenities Select Committee. An impressive increase in facilities for outdoor leisure has indeed been achieved. In the past 15 months, that is since the Deputy Director's booklet was produced in September 1966, the total acreage of open space developed for recreation within the Urban area alone has increased by 13%, whilst the number of facilities for play has risen by 20%. Included in this 20% increase in facilities are such items as 34 children's playgrounds, 13 mini-soccer pitches, 36 basket or volley ball courts, and 2 running tracks,

Several Members expressed a wish to provide an indoor stadium in Hong Kong. The Sub-Committee's Report on this subject, which was recently submitted to Government, recommended an ambitious scheme embracing a convention hall and facilities for trade fairs and exhibitions in addition to an indoor stadium. The response to the recommendation was understandably influenced by the very high capital cost, which was estimated at \$61 million. I understand that Government is unable to agree at the present time to a scheme of this magnitude, but that it would be prepared to consider a proposal for an indoor stadium whose primary purpose would be for recreation, sports, and youth activities generally, and which might involve an expenditure of some \$10 million from public funds."

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ITALY

On 13th December, in the Foro Italico, the C O N I celebrated the great Italian sports festival : gold medals of merit were given to the 18 athletes who won world championships in 1966: 30 gold stars of sports merit were given to Italian Officials who distinguished themselves at a national and international level by their disinterested activities for the benefit of sport; finally the standards of 58 of the oldest and most successful sports associations were decorated with the gold star.

These awards were distributed by Mr.Aldo MORO, the Prime Minister, with Mr. Achille CORONA, Minister for Tourism and Public Events, in attendance. In his speech, Mr.MORO stressed that the Government would always leave the Italian sports organisation full independence, since it has shown that it is capable of working alone.

At the end of this ceremony, which took place at the Foro Italico, the athletes were received at the Quirinal by Mr. Giuseppe SARAGAT, President of the Italian Republic. In a speech, the President of C O N I said that a movement as complex as that of sport could never develop without the backing of society and the help of officials and instructors. Sport means progress, progress tied to other free forces of the country. The Head of State, in his reply, again emphasized the important part that sport plays in preparing the young for their life in society. It is therefore necessary that sport should continue to develop.

As a conclusion to this ceremony, Mr.ONESTI offered the President of the Republic the first copy of the book published by the C O N I entitled " Italy at the Tokyo Games".