

WITHIN THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

Bulgaria

The journalists have now chosen the best sportsman for last year. Boyan RADAR, Olympic Wrestling Champion at Tokio has been placed before Maria GHIGOVA, World Champion for Modern Gymnastics (hoop event)

RADAR has been awarded the Order of the "Red Flag of Labour" by the Bulgarian Government, and the Order of the "Peoples Republic of Bulgaria" second class.

Canada

Mr James WORRALL, IOC member, President of the Canadian Organizing Committee in which he has been active for the last 21 years, has resigned, judging it incompatible to hold a plurality of offices as President of the NOC and member of the IOC.

Mr. Howard RADFORD, has been elected President in his place.

Czechoslovakia

The Mayor of Prague, M. Ludovik CERNY having proposed his town for the staging of the Olympic Games for 1980 intends to start preparatory work this year.

In 1968 the Czechoslovakian NOC celebrates its fifteenth anniversary of the Czech Republic. In this connection it recalls that Czechoslovakian Independence in the Olympic Games was recognised even before World War One (Bohemia)

Dr. Maroslav TYRS one of the pioneers of Physical Training, published the first account of ancient Olympic Competitions under the title of "Hod Olympijiski" (Olympic Fête in 1867)

At Slatinary, a hundred kms. east of Prague, Professor BILIK has established a Museum devoted to the history of the horse. 2100 exhibits have been collected in the property that has been owned by the great horse-breeders, the Princes of AUERSPERG, for 150 years.

Japan

Kokighi TSUBURAYO, Marathon Bronze Medallist at Tokio, having broken his tendon Achilles in an accident and thereby seeing all his chances of Winning the Olympic title in Mexico fading, has preferred to end his days by committing Hara-Kiri.

At the same time as this sad news reached us we received this comforting information published by the Observer. Dr-Rolf LJUNGQUIST (Sweden) medical specialist for sports, has started surgical treatment for mending the Achilles tendon. In 90 per. cent. of his cases the athletes who have undergone the operation can walk normally a month after the treatment and continue hard training by the end of two months.

Korea

Doctor Kwan SHIK MIN has been elected President of the Korean Olympic Committee in place of Mr. Kay YOUNG CHANG, member of the IOC. For several years Dr. MIN has presided over the Korean Sports Association which controls all the amateur sports organizations of Korea.

Mr. CHANG has become Honorary President of this Committee. Its Vice-President is Mr. Walter JHUNG, Secretary-Genral and second Vice-President is Mr. Joon KYU PARK.

Rumania

Islande BASAS double High Jump Olympic Champion, has married her trainer, one time high jump record-holder for Rumania.

Spain

900 student athletes competed in the National University Games at Murcie which were inaugurated for the sixteenth time.

The Town Council of Seville has organized a Literary Competition on Sporting Games for young people with money prizes. The stories must have a real or imaginary base on sport or sports and have an educational value.

Switzerland

The Decathlonian Werner DUTTWEILER who left for Mexico in March, has returned to Switzerland after his NOC had forbidden him to remain in the Mexican capital until the Olympic Games as he was liable to disqualification. In fact this long stay in the competition area was against the rules and regulations concerning altitude probations.

U.S.S.R.

Physical Training and Gymnastics are organized regularly for little children in the nurseries and kindergartens. Some series of excercises and massage under medical control have been started, a few even applying to babies.