

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

ARGENTINA

* The International Athletics Games "Baron Pierre de COUBERTIN" will take place for the eighth time next November, thus becoming one of the classical events of this country.

BAHAMAS

* The Board of the "*Bahamas Olympic Association*" :
PT: Mr. Robert H. SYMONETTE; VPT: Messrs. Eustace MYERS, Gerald C. CASH, Paul L. ADDERLEY, Durward R. KNOWLES, Arlington G. BUTLER, Rudolph C. MOULTRIE; T: Mr. John N. HEDDEN; SG: Mr. Enoch BACKFORD.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

* We are reproducing below an article which appeared after the reorganisation of the State of Czechoslovakia in the review "Czechoslovak Sport", mentioning new sports structures in the country.

The birth of two Republics - Czech and Slovak - within the framework of the Federal Republic of Czechoslovakia has not had any far-reaching effect on our country's representation in international sports competitions.

The Central Unions of the different sports remain affiliated to the International Sports Federations. As in the past, a single team will represent Czechoslovakia in World and European Championships. This does not exclude

the possibility, however, of entering a Czech or a Slovak team in normal international competitions.

The creation of the Federal Republic has no effect on the Czechoslovakia Olympic Committee which will continue to represent the country as a whole. However, in 1969 the statutes of this organization will be adapted to take into consideration the tasks it will be called on to fulfil. This year, an Olympic Club will be founded in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Membership in such clubs is not restricted to those taking part in Olympic Games. These clubs will cooperate with the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee and will contribute to the spreading of the Olympic ideal, the promotion of sport and the stepping up of the efforts made on behalf of youth. They will give their points of view on modern sports problems. As Prague intends to apply for the organization of the Olympic Games, probably in 1980, the spreading of the Olympic ideal in our country is of very great importance.

On February 6th, 1969, the Council of the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee decided to create the Preparatory Committees of the Czech and Slovak Olympic clubs, which will present the main lines of their activities at the Plenary Session of the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee. The Czech Preparatory Committee comprises the following personalities: Messrs. Frantisek VENTURA, Olympic Jumping Champion (Amsterdam 1928), Bohuslav KARLIK, Olympic Canoeing Champion (Berlin 1936) and the Secretary, J. BAUMRUK. The Slovak Committee has also been created.

There are now state organizations for Physical Education and Sport in each of our two Republics: the Ministry of Youth and Sport in the Czech Socialist Republic and the State Committee for Physical Education in the Slovak Socialist Republic.

These new organizations are of direct concern to the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee since its President, Dr. Emanuel BOSAK, was appointed Minister of Youth and Sport. This appointment is a tribute to the work he has accomplished so far. Emanuel BOSAK is still President of the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee. New elections will be held in November 1969.

During the meeting of the Board of the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee, Vladimir PACL was elected Secretary. He will deal directly with all questions concerning the candidature of Prague for the organization of the 1980

Olympic Games and, in the absence of Dr. Frantisek KROUTIL, Secretary General, he will fulfil these duties provisionally.

HONG KONG

* On 3rd October The Victoria Recreation Club, presided over by Mr. A. de O. SALES celebrated its 120th anniversary. On this occasion the President of the International Olympic Committee sent warm congratulations to the association which is the oldest one in the orient and probably in the world. Mr. de O. SALES points out moreover that although the official founding of this club dates back to 1849, it was in fact already recognized in Canton in 1838.

ITALY

* Alfonso ORLANDO, who came fifth in the 10,000 m in the 1912 Games in Stockhom, has just died in Bergamo, at the age of 77. A well-known music critic he was the manager of the Bergamo Folk Groups which took part, very successfully, in international competitions.

SPAIN

* The Spanish Olympic Committee has informed us that during the Spanish Swimming Championships 4 national records were broken. It was here that the new swimming pool named "Europe 1970", where the next European Championships will be held, was inaugurated.

UNITED STATES

* Following the formula of Arthur DALEY, a large reception for 450 people under the auspices of Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE, was given at the New York Athletic Club in honour of the 80th birthday of Dan FERRIS, "American sport best administrator."