

## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

### CANADA

\* The Canadian Olympic Association organised, in collaboration with the Federal Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate, a think-in seminar on Olympism, which took place on 5th, 6th and 7th December last at Montreal. One of the main topics discussed was how the C.O.A. can organise a programme of assistance for the federations that will work toward raising athletes' performance standards, increase public awareness of amateur sport, increase support both morally and financially for the Olympic Movement and the Association.

\* The Canadian Olympic Association is launching a vast campaign to raise \$ 1,500,000 for the training of athletes to give Canada the best representation possible at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

\* In "Record", the official bulletin of the C.O.A., we found an article from the pen of Dr. Lloyd Percival, President of the "New Fitness Institute" in Toronto, from which we quote the following extract:

*"Ultimately, the success of an individual, a corporation, a nation, depends on energy - it is our single most important natural resource. And only through improving our fitness can we maximize and sustain our energy supply".*

Is time spent in developing and sustaining fitness not an investment beyond compare?

### ITALY

\* *The first Youth Winter Games*

An "Olympic Week" organised in Rome from 29th June to 5th July brought to a close the 1969 Youth Games of the C.O.N.I. Some 6,000 communities had sent more

than 600,000 budding athletes aged between 10 and 16.

The success of this encouraged the C.O.N.I. to organise the Youth Winter Games for 12 and 13 year old boys and girls. The events on the programme are to be: giant slalom (25 - 40 gates and a declivity of 200 - 300 metres), long distance (3 km. and a maximum declivity of 50 metres) for boys only. Like the Summer Games, these Games will first take place in the towns, then in the provinces. The winners will then participate in the national finals which are to be held on the Nevegal plateau, province of Belluno, from 12th to 14th March.

By 31st December 1969, 618 communities had answered the invitation of the C.O.N.I. Lombardy (132) is the best represented province, closely followed by Piedmont.



\* The C.O.N.I.s Training Centres for Young People

Sports Training Centres for young people have been created by the C.O.N.I. in order to train boys and girls who have the aptitude and necessary physical qualities. Starting with basic exercises, the selected youngsters are, under medical control, gradually trained to competition level.

During the past 15 years, C.O.N.I. centres have been created throughout the country. In 1968 - 69, 130 new centres, totalling 40,000 participants, were inaugurated.

At the end of the year, Dr. SANTILLI, National Medical Co-ordinator, has supplied us with a comprehensive description of the centre's activities. His report mentions the visits made by doctors to these centres and the research made by the Institute for Sports Medicine. It appears that, according to many experiments and tests, sports activities do not hinder the work at school. On the contrary, it appears that the results obtained at school are often better if children do participate in sports activities.

LIBYA

\* The "Comité Olympique Libyen" has asked us to publish the names of the members of its new Board of Directors: PT: Mr. Abdessalam BRICHE; M: Messrs. Massaoud ZANTOUTI, Dr. El-Mahdi MATRADI, Abdelhamid ARRADI, Ali OURAIETH, Mansour KOOBAR, Mohamed El ARBI, Omar El AGOURI, Abdellah ASSAQUDI, Mohamed NAJAH, Abdelhafid ETTURKI, Abderahman BARAKET.

SPAIN

\* The VIIIth International Nautical Exhibition will take place in Barcelona from 6th to 15th February.

\* Last December, a weightlifting school was added to the Sports Palace of Madrid.

\* The IInd course of the Centre for Olympic Studies organised by the National Institute of Physical Education was terminated in December 1969.

\* The President of the Spanish Olympic Committee

and the Chairman of the National Board of Tourism of Mexico, have organised a gala evening on behalf of the Spanish Association for action against cancer. During the proceedings, which took place under the patronage of the Marchioness of VILLAVARDE, President of this Association, the official film of the XIXth Olympic Games in Mexico was shown.

\* Many Spanish and foreign football teams attended a festival organised on the occasion of the inauguration of the Winter Palace of the Sports City of Réal Madrid.

\* H.R.H. Prince Don Juan Carlos of Bourbon presided over a reception given at the National Institute for Physical Education, in honour of the Executive Board of the International Equestrian Federation.

#### UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

\* The New Board of the “Comité Olympique de la République Arabe Unie”: PJ: H.E. Safeyeldin ABOUELEZZ; VPT: Messrs. Abdelfattah ABOUELFADL, Abdelmoneim WAHBY, Dr. Mohamed M. FADALI; SG: General de Brigade Aly KANDIL; SGA: Messrs. Abdelaziz El SHAFEI, Hassan SHABANA, Mohamed A. MOHEYELDIN; I: Messrs. Abdel Azim ASHRY, Mohamed ABDOU, M: Mr. Mahmoud RAAFAT, General Abdaila RIFAAT, Councillor Amin ABOUHEIFF, Engineer Mourad FAHMY, Colonel Mohamed FOULY S., Dr. Moustaffa FAHIM, Mr. Ahmed KAMEL YASSIN, Mr. A. Samir ABAZA, Dr. Yehia KABIL, Dr. Mohamed M. ABDELKADER; M.IOC: Mr. A.D. TOUNY.

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#### *Key to Abbreviations:*

PT: *President* VPT: *Vice-President* SG: *Secretary General* SGA: *Assistant Secretary General* DG: *Director General* T: *Treasurer* M: *Member* M. IOC: *Member of the International Olympic Committee.*