

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

BRAZIL

* Major Sylvio de MAGALHAES PADILHA, President of the Brazilian Olympic Committee and IOC member has informed us of his new address:

*Rua Padre Joao Manoel 1178 - Apt. 41
SAO PAULO / BRESIL.*

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

* The preparations for the 75th anniversary of the Czechoslovakian Olympic Committee, which will be celebrated in 2 years time, have begun.

FRANCE

* It is with sorrow that we learn of the death, following an embolism, of Jean DAME. He was 72 years old. His whole life was dedicated to weightlifting, as participant, trainer then manager; he was President of the "Fédération Française Haltérophile et Culturiste", from 1952 to 1968. He also held many other responsible positions in sport. Former Vice-President of the "Comité National des Sports" and the French Olympic Committee, Vice-President of the International Weightlifting Federation, he was also an international arbitrator. Jean DAME held numerous decorations, both French and foreign, sports and military.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

* In his article, "*Coubertin on the Place of Art in Modern Olympism*", which appeared in the last Bulletin of the National Olympic Committee of the German Democratic Republic, Mr. Erhard Höhne, Art Adviser, asks if, in the light of his experiences in Mexico, it would not be an opportune moment to revise the decision taken by the IOC Session in Athens, 1954, which ruled that no further art competitions were to be held.

GHANA

* The Secretary General of the Ghana Olympic and Overseas Games Committee has asked us to inform you of the address to which all official mail should be sent:

*The Secretary General
Ghana Olympic & Overseas Games Committee
P.O. Box 1272
ACCRA / Ghana*

HONG KONG

* Mr. A. de O. Sales, President of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, defined his conception of sport in a speech he gave at the presentation of awards in a football quiz contest, organised by a sports paper:

"The Sing Tao Sports Weekly is deserving of every encouragement in their endeavour to promote a better understanding of the rules of the game and how it should be played properly. In sport it is important that all young people study carefully the rules of any game in which they may be interested and follow them correctly. Rules have been drawn up by people of great experience and knowledge of the particular sport and are intended to regulate the conditions in which a game is played for the better enjoyment of all concerned, both players and spectators.

It is in the true spirit of sport to abide by rules. Hence, the saying, "to play the game by the rules". It is contrary to the spirit of sport, which is based on chivalry and fair-play, for anybody to twist the rules to suit his purpose and to avoid following the rules just to gain an unfair advantage over his competitors. Such behaviour is not in keeping with the true spirit of sportsmanship. There is no credit in scoring a point or in winning a match, if it is necessary to break the rules to achieve this result.

Sport is fun and fellowship for young and old. Sport can be enjoyed as much by players and spectators alike.

Spectators should learn the rules in order to have a keener appreciation of the fine points of the game for their greater enjoyment and players must do so to improve their skill and knowledge, and thus to better their ability at the sport. So there is benefit for all in studying the rules as you have done in the case of football through this interesting quiz contest sponsored by the Sing Tao Sports Weekly.

Whether in the field of play or in committee rooms, rules must be followed if the best interests of any sport are to be served. Consequently, without the conscientious application of rules by all, whether technical officials, such referees and umpires, or administrators and policy-makers, no sport can hope to make progress and earn the goodwill and respect of the public. When rules are ignored, the standard of play deteriorates, the sport suffers, and the public loses interest and stays away.

You have made a good start by studying and trying to understand the rules and entering into this contest in order to improve your knowledge. I am sure that, whether you have won or not, your pleasure when watching football matches has already been greatly increased.

IRAN

The first Bulletin of the Iranian Olympic Committee has just been issued.

LUXEMBOURG

* New officials of the Luxembourg Olympic Committee:
PI: Mr. Prosper LINK; VPT: Mr. Josy BARTHEL; SG: Mr. Filo FONCK.

PHILIPPINES

* New officials of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation: PT: Hon. Felipe MONSERRAT; VPT: Messrs. Alberto QUIROS del RIO, Gonzalo G. PUYAT II; SG-T: Col. Arsenio de BORJA.

UNITED STATES

* The Executive Board of the United States Olympic Committee elected Mr. Clifford H. BUCK President of the U.S.O.C. at their meeting on 15th February, 1970. Mr. BUCK, former first Vice-President of the U.S.O.C. since 19th April, 1969, has been an active member for many years and, from 1964-1966, was President of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. He is Vice-President of the International Amateur Basketball Federation. Mr. BUCK succeeds the late Franklin L. ORTH, in accordance with article 18 of the constitution.

* During the same meeting Lt. Gen. Henry William BUSE was elected secretary, Mr. Philip O. KRUMM, first Vice-President, and Mr. Robert J. KANE, second Vice-President.

VENEZUELA

* Mr. José BERACASA has been reelected President of the Venezuelan Olympic Committee, a position he has held since 1944. A member of this Committee since its foundation in 1935, he has done all he could towards the development of international sporting exchanges. Together with Julio BUSTAMANTE, he makes an efficient contribution to the development of the Venezuelan Olympic Movement.

* His reelection shows how successful his previous administration was. In 1968 Mr. José BERACASA became a member of the IOC