

## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

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### GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

\* Mr. Erhard HOHNE, cultural attaché for the National Olympic Committee of the German Democratic Republic, his article this month is entitled: "*Coubertin on the list of the Arts in modern Olympics*". We give hereafter the final lines of his text quoted from Pierre de Coubertin:

*"The point is to re-unite the bonds of a legitimate union which have been severed for so long: muscle and brain. I should risk distorting the truth if I were to claim that a burning mutual affection is driving them to return at once to a state of wedlock. Their union no doubt once lasted for a long time and was fruitful; but once separated by adverse conditions, they finally got as far as ignoring each other completely; separation had caused oblivion. But now Olympia their principal former residence, has been restored, or rather, revived and renewed. The forms, it is true, are different and new, but they are still imbued with the same life and meanwhile it is for us, and no one else, to prepare their return there."*

### GREAT BRITAIN

\* One of the most famous pre-war champions, Donald FINLAY, has just died in London at the age of 61.

FINLAY had an exceptionally long career in the 110 m. hurdles. In 1932 he was champion in Great Britain and twenty years later he still finished in less than 15 seconds at the age of 43.

He was bronze medal winner in the Los Angeles Games and silver medalist in 1936 in Berlin.

## HONG KONG

\* Mr. M.A. de O. SALES, President of the Amateur Sports Federation and of the Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, gave the following speech at the film premier of "The Olympics in Mexico", the official technicolour film of the Games of the XIXth Olympiad, directed by Alberto ISAAC and released by "Columbia Pictures".

*"The Olympics in Mexico" is a saga of youth. It portrays the emotions of highly-trained young men and women from the four corners of the world as they exert themselves in free and fair competition to push back the frontiers of human physical achievement in pursuit of the aim of the Olympic Games: Citius - Altius - Fortius.*

*It bears witness to the great dedication and warm hospitality of a progressive and honourable nation playing host in a beautiful and historic setting to all peoples without distinction of race, creed, wealth or politics in a memorable manifestation of the brotherhood of man."*

## ISRAEL

\* New office of the Olympic Committee of Israel, elected 3rd May, 1970.

President: Mr. Josef INBAR; Vice President: Mr. Haim WEIN; Secretary: Mr. Haim GLOVINSKY; Treasurer: Mr. Zvi FINKELSTEIN.

## ITALY

\* The VIIIth Literature Competition of the Olympic Committee of Italy which has awards every two years since 1955, the new italian works which, by their technical and cultural contents contribute to the expansion of sport and to the propogation of its moral values, has this year awarded the first prize to the "Sub-encyclopedia of Deep Sea Divers" by Alessandra OLSCHKI. The three second prizes went to the "Summit of Entrelor" by René CHABOD, "The Winners" by Vittorio VARALE and "History of the Sailing Games" by Bruno ZIRAVELLO and CAMORIANO.

In order to be able to make known the new technical methods actually used for reducing the cost of the construction and administration of sports installations, the Study Center on sports installations and equipment has organized a series of conferences concerning the activities of the C.O.N.I.

The first conference-debate was held on 18th March last and was entitled: "Surface coatings for big sports grounds" Several architects, sports organizers and constructors from all over the peninsula were present at this conference.

The report of Professor ORSI, of the University of Florence, on the subject of sowing and up-keeping of grass surfaces, together with that of the engineer BENDI on sports grounds on stable surfaces, and that of Professor OESCHGER, of Bern, on the control of rain water, were the object of an interesting debate.

In Rome on 13th and 14th May the second conference-debate covering different types of swimming pools together with the construction and administration of indoor swimming pools was held.

## SPAIN

\* The first Olympia prize, created by the Spanish Organizing Committee, and the National Delegation of Physical Education and Sports was conferred to Mr. André BOSCH, for his novel and sporting theme, "EL MAGO Y LA LLAMA".

\* The two prizes of the "Fair Play", Commission of UNESCO was awarded this year to two spanish athletes, ZSBALLA (Football) and BUSCATB (Basketball), for their achievements in their sports.

## TUNISIA

\* The Tunisian Olympic Day was celebrated on Sunday the 17th of May, 1970 throughout the country with a special all round enthusiasm.

Mr. Mohammed MZALI, President of the Tunisian Olympic Committee and member of the International Olympic Committee, stated:

*"Our country is continuing to fight for the propagation of the Sport Charter, and to popularize the amateur spirit as it was seen by the Baron de COUBERTIN. We are always doing our utmost to ensure that sport continues to bring men together, and to re-enforce the ties of friendship between men"...*