

## IN THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

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### ARGENTINA

\* On March 22nd, Mr. Mario L. NEGRI, member of the I.O.C. for Argentina, was presented the decoration for Sporting Merit, which we see in the photograph opposite around his neck, by His Excellency Dr. Mao-Lan-TUAN, ambassador of the Republic of China, and in the presence of several Argentinian sports personalities.

### BAHAMAS

\* The new composition of the *Bahamas Olympic Association*, elected at its last Annual General Meeting, is: PT: Mr. Robert H. SYMONETTE; VPTs: Messrs. Gerald C. CASH, Durward R. Knowles Rudolph MOULTRIE, Arlington BUTLER, Simeon L. BOWE, Dr. Norman GAY; Hon.S. & T.: Mr. John N. HEDDEN; Ass. S.: Mr. Enoch BACKFORD.

### BOLIVIA

\* At its meeting held on December 15th last in La Paz, the *Comité Olímpico Boliviano* elected Mr. Alberto ALBARRACIN as Secretary General, replacing Dr. Rodolfo Michel HUERTA.

### BULGARIA

\* General VLADIMIR STOYTCHIEV, member of the I.O.C. for Rumania, has recently been presented the distinction of Commander of the National Order of Merit by His Excellency Mr. FONTAINE, ambassador of France in Bulgaria.

### CUBA

\* The new composition of the *Comité Olímpico Cubano* for the period 1971 to 1975 is: PT: Mr. Manuel Gonzalez GUERRA; VPT: Mr. Jorge Garcia-Bango DIRUBE; S: Dr. José GINORI TURRO, Mr. Teodoro Pérez MARTINEAUD; T: Mr. Favio Ruiz VINAJERAS, Mr. Octavia Perez REBOREDO; M: Messrs. Osvaldo Matias FLORES, Alfredo Estévez MIRO, José A. CUERVO CASTRO, Mario PELAEZ SOSA, Demetrio Alfonso GONZALEZ.

## FRANCE

\* On April 1st, Comte Jean de BEAUMONT, President of the *Comité Olympique Français* and member of the I.O.C. for France, officially opened the French Games. For practical reasons, the year 1971 will be limited to competition on a regional scale, in order to overcome the shortage of events and to promote true emulation before 1973, when the first national grand finals will take place.

## GABON

\* The *Comité Olympique Gabonais* has recently informed us of the death of its Secretary General, Mr. Ange MBA. We express our deepest regret to the members of the *Comité Olympique Gabonais*.

Mr. Jules ONWANLELE will take over the duties of Secretary General until the ordinary General Assembly of this Committee, expected for 1972.

## GHANA

\* President BRUNDAGE sent the following message to the *Ghana Olympic and Overseas Games Committee* on the occasion of the first Olympic Week organised by this Committee:

*"It is a pleasure to send a warm greeting and salute to the Ghana Olympic and Overseas Games Committee on the occasion of its Olympic Week June 22-28, 1971.*

*"Ghana was one of the first of the new developing countries in Africa to join the Olympic Movement and has played a prominent role ever since. We are happy to encourage and support its efforts to promote the Olympic Code of fair play and good sportsmanship with an equal opportunity for all regardless of race, religion or political affiliation.*

*"With my very best wishes for an interesting and successful programme."*

## GUINEA

\* The new composition of the *Comité Olympique Guinéen* is: PT: Mr. Diallo Alpha ABDOULAYE; SG: Mr. Sissoko SEKOU.

## GUYANA

\* The new composition of the *Guyana Olympic, International and British Commonwealth Games Association* is: PT: Lt. Col. C. E. MARTINDALE; VPTs: Messrs. B.L. CROMBIE, G. YARDE, Justice R.M. MORRIS; SG: Mr. O.T. DONALD; T: Mr. W.A. LIEU.

## HAITI

\* The new composition of the *Comité Olympique Haïtien* is: PT: Major Antoine C. COICOU; S: Dr. Roger LAFONTANT, Ing. Jacques JOACHIM.

## HONG KONG

\* The XIVth Sports Festival, organised by the *Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong* took place from March 2nd to April 2nd 1971.

\* Mr. A. de O. SALES, President of the *Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong* and Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Select Committee, made a statement, which we publish below, at the Urban Council Meeting of his city.

In knowing the value of each plot of land in Hong Kong, one can only congratulate Mr. de O. SALES on his tact and competency.

*"As I forecasted in our February meeting, the Recreation and Amenities Select Committee has now agreed on a detailed development of the Causeway Bay Recreation Ground on the former military lands opposite Victoria Park. The site measures about 9.7 acres and is zoned as public open space. This will be the first sports centre to be constructed in Hong Kong. The overall plan comprises seven separate but related developments.*

*"On the largest site (about 500ft. by 320ft.) there would be a velodrome - a concrete-surfaced banked track for cyclists with an all-weather or turfed surface in the centre. This could be used for a variety of sports ranging from mini-soccer and Little League baseball to roller-skating and cycle polo. A cantilevered stand for about 1,000 spectators would be built there.*

*"The second area, measuring about 150ft. by 100ft., would contain a two-storey multi-purpose training centre. On the ground floor there would be activity rooms for table tennis, fencing, judo, weight-lifting and body-building, archery and boxing, as well as lecture rooms, changing rooms and such ancillary facilities. The upper floor would consist of a multi-purpose games room measuring at least 120ft. by 100ft. This room would be used mainly for training in such sports as basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis and gymnastics but it could also be used to some extent for exhibition and competition matches, including some of the activities for which training rooms are proposed on the ground floor. It is recommended that retractable seating be provided. There would also be a café on this floor.*

*"The remaining projects comprise:*

*a/ A grass-surfaced area of about 350ft. by 250ft. for training in such games as football, hockey, rugby and lacrosse;*

*b/ A site measuring about 325ft. by 120ft., which at present contains 6 hard-surfaced tennis courts administered by the Education Department. These are in poor condition and would be retained and renovated;*

*c/ A site about 350ft. by 50ft., which would be used for all-weather tracks for sprint and hurdles training;*

*d/ A site about 110ft. by 100ft. for practice in jumping and throwing; and*

*e/ A site of about 150ft. by 50ft. for car parking.*

*Where necessary, flood-lighting would be provided.*

*This proposal has now been submitted to the Government for inclusion in the Public Works Programme as soon as possible.*

*It has taken this Council many years to get this eminently suitable area for development as an extension to Victoria Park, which has long reached saturation point. Hong Kong badly wants the amenities we have recommended if we are to promote worthwhile sports programmes for our youth. This Council is gravely concerned about youth welfare and the Select Committee urges the Government to take quick and positive action on this proposal."*

## IRELAND

\* A medical congress with the theme: "The Different Aspects of human activity in water" was held during the month of April, in Dublin. This Congress, under the Presidency of Professor FIRSOV (U.S.S.R.) with the assistance of the Medical Commission of the *Fédération Internationale de Natation*, examined all the problems arising from swimming training and its influence on children's constitution.

## ITALY

\* 21 countries presented 102 films at the International Sports Film Festival, which took place from March 1st to 6th last in Cortina d'Ampezzo. The director of this Festival is the competent as well as devoted Mr. de TOMASI. The U.S.S.R. for the second successive year, carried off the first prize and obtained the Ministry of Tourism and Entertainment Cup, awarded to the country presenting the best selection and two individual prizes: the Silver Cup of the C.O.N.I. and a

special cup. The United States, with the film "The Moebius Flip" by BROGER, received the Silver Cup of the *Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano*. The other winners were "Canoe to win" by Bob MOMAX (Great Britain); "Champion" (portrait of the ex-world record-holder of the triple jump, Josef SCHMIDT) for Poland.

## LIBERIA

\* The new composition of the *Liberian Olympic Games Association* is: PT: Mr. George A. BADMORE; SG: Mr. D.L.D. McCAULEY; T: Mr. Edward B. McCLAIN.

\* The new address of this Committee is:  
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MONROVIA, Liberia.  
Telegraphic Address: SPORTSCOM.

## LIECHTENSTEIN

\* The new composition of the *Comité Olympique du Liechtenstein*, elected last November, is: PT: Dr. Peter RITTER; VPT and SG: Baron Eduard von FALZ-FEIN; T: Mr. Alfons MARXER.

## NETHERLANDS

\* The *Netherlands Olympic Committee* has just published its annual bulletin, describing a year rich in activities.

### Farewell to Dr. Adriaan PAULEN

On January 1st of this year, Dr. Adriaan (Adje) PAULEN relinquished one of his many activities in national and international life - that of Director of the *Netherlands Olympic Committee*, a post which he has held since 1965.

In the Netherlands' Olympic history, Dr. PAULEN has played an important rôle as athlete, official and director.

He was seventh in the 800 m. at the Games in Antwerp of 1920, took part in the semi-final in 1924 but was forced to terminate his athletic career at the age of 25 to follow his studies at Delft.

He re-appears later in the Olympic community as an official. President of the K.N.A.U. (Royal Netherlands Union of Athletes) and member of the Council of the I.A.A.F., he is head of the delegation at the 1960 Winter Games in



Squaw Valley and he was appointed Vice-President of the *Netherlands Olympic Committee* at the time of its re-organisation in 1961, when Jonkheer van KARNEBEEK succeeded General Pahud de MORTANGES as President.

Nevertheless, he remains very active in international affairs: President of the European Track and Field Union (until 1975), member of the Council of the I.A.A.F. (until 1976), technical delegate of the I.A.A.F. for the Munich Games and member of the Joint Commission IOC/NOCs for the Olympic Programme.

## PANAMA

\* The new composition of the *Comité Olimpico de Panama* is: PT: Lic. Carlos A. VASQUEZ; VPT: Ing. Robledo LANDERO; T: Mr. Melion SANCHEZ; S: Professor Luis F. HURTADO, Mr. Ricardo MERRARA; M: Professor Elias ARROCHA, Mr. Luis C. GARCIA.

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## PHILIPPINES

\* The new address of the *National Olympic Committee Philippines* is:

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P.O. Box 2272,  
MANILA, Philippines.

## RUMANIA

\* An extract from an article by Mr. Ion TODAN, "Rumania in the Modern Olympic Games", appeared in the Review of the *Comité Olympique Roumain* "Sports in Rumania".

"After the first participation in the Olympic Games in Paris 1924, the Rumanian sportsmen attended all the displays of the Olympic Games in the period between the two wars, except the summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles 1932.

"In the winter Olympic Games, the Rumanians participated for the first time in St. Moritz 1928. The Rumanian delegation included three bobsleigh teams and a military ski patrol, which attended demonstrative competition.

"The 1936 display of the Olympic Games concluded the series of pre-war Olympic Games. As from 1952, the Rumanians will participate in all the displays winning no less than 53 medals, among which 15 gold, as against only two medals won in the preceding displays."

## SPAIN

\* Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE wrote the following in congratulating the new President of the *Comité Olimpico Espanol*, Mr. Juan GICH BECH de CAREDA:

*"Thank you for your recent letter announcing your election as the new President of the Spanish Olympic Committee.*

*"We have always had excellent relations with this organization and its leaders from the days of the famous General MOSCARDO . . . and we do not doubt that these will continue under your administration.*

*"My own connection with the Spanish Olympic Committee has been especially close -- and I look forward with pleasure to meeting you at the first opportunity."*

\* At its meeting on December 17th 1970, the *Comité Olimpico Espanol* awarded H.R.H. Prince Don Juan Carlos de BOURBON the medal of Olympic Merit in recognition of his interest and keen assistance for the cause of sport. Prince Don Juan Carlos de BOURBON, eclectic sportsman, is the current Spanish sailing champion (dragon class).

\* The XIXth European Amateur Boxing Championships will take place from June 11th to 19th 1971 at the *Palacio de Deportes* in Madrid.

\* The IIIth Biennial International Sports Festival for Fine Arts will be held in Barcelona from April 17th to May 31st 1971. This event is patronised by the I.O.C. The first two biennial festivals held up to now have been honoured by the presence of President Avery BRUNDAGE.

Let us give you a brief history of this event -

In 1965, in the midst of the International Nautical Exhibition of Barcelona, the National Delegation of Physical Education and Sport and the *Comite' Olimpico Espanol* held an International Sports Exhibition in Fine Arts. This was a great success and gave way to the establishment of a Sports Exhibition in Fine Arts every two years from 1967, alternately in Barcelona and Madrid.

Thus, the Ist Biennial Festival took place in 1967 at the Nations Palace in Barcelona, with 14 countries represented and 310 exhibits.

In 1969, at the Retiro Exhibition Palace in Madrid, the IInd Biennial Festival was held, with 31 countries taking part and 194 exhibits of a very high quality were presented.

\* At the University of Barcelona, a tribune for sport was opened. At the inaugural session, Mr. Luis SENTIS, gave a conference, the theme of which was "Rubgy".

## SWITZERLAND

\* The Office for Adult Education and Sport for the Canton of Vaud, working also as a Cantonal body for "Youth + Sport", has made a particular effort for the further development of skiing. Thus, from December 1970 to March 1971, 107 skiing competitions, at which more than 3,000 young men and women took part, have been organised.

\* So as to acquaint the clergy with the problems of "Youth + Sport" and to familiarise them with questions of sport, the Federal School for Gymnastics and Sport in Macolin is to organise a national course of lectures for instructors "Youth + Sport" from 14th to 19th June 1971.

\* The *Comité Olympique Suisse* recently sent the following letter to those federations and organisations which are affiliated to it.

"At its last meeting, the Executive Council of the *Comité Olympique Suisse*, after having discussed the problem of advertising publicity and its possible effect on the selection of Swiss athletes for the Olympic Games, has decided to communicate with you to draw your attention, and that of your athletes, to the dangers of the present situation.

"In fact, publicity advertisements are becoming more and more numerous in our country, with the use of either the name or face of known sportsmen, connected with various sports disciplines, to give more weight and reception to their commercial propaganda.

"We would therefore expressly remind you that the athletes who allow themselves to be used for such publicity, even if it is not proved that they have obtained direct or indirect material benefit from such advertising, run the risk of having their application to the Olympic Games refused by the C.O.S. and the I.O.C., regardless of whether or not they comply with the other selection conditions.

"The only publicity permissible is that of a collective nature, authorised by a National Federation, to procure funds that it will use itself in the interest of its athletes. For example, a photograph of the national team of whatever sport, accompanied by the statement: 'The Firm X is the official supplier for X Federation'.

"In the event of the name or photograph of an athlete of your federation being used for commercial purposes without his consent, it would be the right of the person concerned, as soon as he finds out about such an occurrence, to intervene directly or through your federation, in order to stop this action. We are at your disposal to act, at your request, in a similar way and to remind commercial firms wishing to back sportsmen of repute that they can do so by means of donations to the cause "Swiss Sports Aid", which is specifically destined to intervene, legally, in favour of these prime sportsmen.

"In order to allow you to inform those members of your federation, who might be for eventual Olympic selection, we are holding sufficient numbers of this circular letter in French and German for your disposal.

"We are counting on your active collaboration to safeguard the independence of our elite sportsmen and to avoid the unfortunate consequences of advertising publicity, of which they would not, up to now, have measured the possible inconveniences."

## TURKEY

\* The *Turkish Olympic Committee* is to organise a seminar on sports medicine at Izmir, from September 21st to October 2nd, 1971.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

\* At its biennial meeting, held at White Sulphur Springs, (West Virginia), the *United States Olympic Committee* drew up a rule, so that very strict sanctions, extending even as far as the disqualification of the national team, be taken up in respect of those athletes who might use equipment not authorised by it or who might take stimulants during the Pan-American or Olympic Games. Furthermore, it has been decided that the Medical Commission of this Committee should control the sex of those American women selected.

\* The newsletter of the *United States Olympic Committee* informs us of the deaths of certain Olympic champions: Lee BARNES, Olympic pole vault champion (Paris, 1924), Earl EBY, silver-medallist for the 800 m. run (Antwerp, 1920).

\* The Helms Trophy has been awarded for 1970 to the North American, Gary HALL, 1968 Olympic champion and twice world record-holder for swimming. Among the foreign recipients was Chris PAPANICOLAOU (Greece).

\* The 41st winner of the A.A.U. James E. SULLIVAN Award (1970) was John KINSELLA, silver-medallist for the 1,500 m. freestyle in Mexico.

## YUGOSLAVIA

\* Dragan DESANCIC, member of the *Comité Olympique Yougoslave*, informs us of an accomplishment by this Committee which we point out for the attention of our readers.

The *Comité Olympique Yougoslave* has recently got together musicians, popular singers and those of light music to record, on a voluntary basis, their compositions for a long-playing record. The proceeds of the sale of this record will go to an enterprise whose aim is to provide the necessary funds to prepare those champions who will be chosen for the future Olympic Games.

