

In the National Olympic Committees

AUSTRIA

* Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE visited Vienna for the 25th Anniversary of the *Oesterreichisches Olympisches Komitee*, whose President is Dr. H. PRUCKNER and Dr. E. FRIED the Secretary General.

The President of the I.O.C. was nominated Honorary President of this Committee, of which Dr. NEMETSCHKE is an associate, as member of the I.O.C. for Austria

* The General Assembly of European National Olympic Committees was also held in Vienna. Comte de BEAUMONT was re-elected President by acclamation and Mr. Jean WEYMANN (Switzerland) retained his post as Secretary General of this body.

CAMBODIA

* The new composition of the *Comité Olympique National Khmer* is: PT: Colonel Paul LITTAYE SUON; VPTs: Messrs. LUON SRENG, KY HONG THAI; SG: Mr. AING KIM EAN; TG: Mr. IENG VANDY; M: All Presidents of the Khmer Sports Federations.

CONGO

* The new composition of the *Comité Olympique Congolais* is: PT: Mr. Emmanuel ELONGA; VPT: Mr. Albert MBILO; SG: Mr. Constantin KUBANANGIDI; Deputy SG: Mr. Samuel SUALU; TG: Mr. Sylvestre N'FAN; Advisers: Messrs. Jerome AKIWA, Jean KITAMBO.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

* Taken from the bulletin of the *Comité Olympique Tchecoslovaque* is this picture of the model of the future modern sports centre in Prague. This design won first prize in the competition organised for the building of this sports centre on the site "Na Maninach", near the River Vltava, in the centre of the capital of Czechoslovakia. This project is the joint work of Jaroslav PAROUBEK, engineer-architect, lecturer, and his collaborators, A. NAVRATIL, engineer-architect; L.TODL, engineer-architect and lecturer; J. SEDLACEK, engineer-architect and lecturer. This plan provides for the centre to blend in well with the surrounding landscape and buildings in an efficient and rational manner.

A central stadium (capacity 70,000) with all the necessary facilities required for footballers and athletes, a court exclusively reserved for ball games (with 5,000 seats) and a sports hall, 50 m. x 50 m., for indoor sports and ball games (7,000 seats) are planned. Annexed to the stadium will be gymnasiums, and a 50 m. open-air swimming pool with a separate pool for diving which can be easily converted into a pool for water-polo.

The plan also provides for the construction of an Olympic Village, should Prague one day organise the Olympic Games. A space has already been reserved for this purpose, in the Holesovice area, on the other bank of the River Vltava. Two footpaths

will be built to facilitate crossing the river.

FRANCE

* The French Games are currently very successful and the preliminary heats are being held in all the major towns of the country.

Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE, President of the I.O.C., congratulated the Comte de BEAUMONT, President of the *Comité Olympique Français* in stating:

"The French Games will be one of the most important things you have ever created as President of the French Olympic Committee. We have been awaiting such an enterprise for many years."

More information will be given in our next bulletin.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

* The President of the G.D.R., Mr. Walter ULBRICHT, is a sports enthusiast. He is seen here playing volleyball with some youngsters.

In an article written by the Vice-President of the D.T.S.B., Dr. Edelfrid BUGGEL, and published by the Review of the *Nationales Olympische Komitee der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik*, the following comments made by Mr. ULBRICHT are discussed:

"To master the revolution in science and technology in a socialist manner, we must make physical culture and sports as much a necessary part of life as learning, cultural activities and other forms of recreation... Today physical culture and sport are a part of the healthy, creative and optimistic way of living."



"When, on the basis of the foregoing, our Head of State together with world and European champions, launched a new appeal to all working people, children and youth to go in for sports regularly, this demonstrates the Olympic principle put into practice under socialism. 'According to this principle,' Walter ULBRICHT continued, 'the sporting fame of a country is not only measured by its champions but also by the health, allround education and joy in life of the entire people.'"

ITALY

* At its recent meeting on 25th February, the National Council of the *Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano* drew up the "Green Book of Sport". This document is intended to draw the attention of the Italian Government to the enormous and still unsolved problem of sport as a social service, i.e. the fields of training, recreation and leisure.

In 1966, the CONI had already attempted to interest competent authorities, by means of "The White Book", in the need to open up the field of sport much more to youth as a whole. This first

programme of physical education was favourably received but soon forgotten.

Today, 1971, in full accordance with the Olympic rules, which encourage the preparation of a programme of physical education, leisure and well-being of youth on behalf of Governments all over the world, the CONI appeals to anyone responsible in Italian public life. It offers concrete advice for the setting up and realisation of a vast programme of sports organisation.

The "Green Book of Sport" was very well received by the department concerned and by the entire Italian press.

KENYA

* The new composition of the *Kenya Olympic Association* is: PT: Mr. J.M. KASYOKO; VPT: Mr. C.M. MBATHI; SG: Mr. Hardial SINGH; Deputy SG: Mr. F. NJUGNA; TG: Mr. J.B. STORY; Director of Public Relations: Mr. J.W. WAWIRE

POLAND

* The "Olympian Days '71" official title for "Olympic Days" in Poland, was inaugurated this year on February 27th in Mielec.

This is a small industrial town in Southern Poland, which is well known in sports circles, priding itself as much on its top sportsmen - teams from the first divisions in football and handball - as on its excellent sports amenities.

However, the choice of the provincial town was made not on-

ly for its merits in relation to competitive sports, but mainly as a continuation of a policy adopted by the *Comité Olympique Polonais* six years ago of disseminating the Olympic Ideal over the whole country, not stopping purely at the major towns which have more opportunities to participate in international sporting activities.

Included in the programme of inauguration were:

- Speech given by the President of the *Comité Olympique Polonais*, Dr. Wlodzimierz RECZEK, member of the I.O.C.
- Proclamation of the Olympic appeal.
- Handing over of the Olympic rings to those young local sportsmen achieving the minimum qualifying standards in the pre-Olympic competitions.
- Artistic programme performed by amateur teams from the Culture Centre.

Throughout March, many other events took place in several of the towns in the province.

Conferences attended by Olympians, grand galas with artistic teams and sports competitions for children, school children and holiday-makers were organised.

Polish television put on a special programme and a big TV-competition, with the theme: History and Problems of Olympism.

Neither will the financial aid to the *Comité Olympique Polonais* be forgotten. As in previous years, the revenue from one of the sports forecasting meetings "Totalizator Sportowy" was entirely donated to the Olympic fund.

The success of the "Olympian Days '71" has proved that the Olympic Ideal is gaining more and more ground in Poland.

RUMANIA

* Victor BANCIULESCU, member of the *Comité Olympique Roumain*, has sent us some information on his country, which we are pleased to publish hereunder:

"In Timisoara, home town of Iolanda BALAS-SÔTER, twice Olympic high jump champion, a new sports hall OLYMPIA, capable of holding 2,500, was recently opened. For the 250,000 inhabitants of this important industrial centre in Western Rumania, the significance of the new sports construction does not lie so much in the spacious and aesthetic interior as in the outside of the building, whose frontispieces are decorated with meaningful Olympic designs. An ingenious architect and amateur sportsman, Sorin GAVRA, covered the whole west wall with enormous letters and figures showing the different cities and years of the Olympic Games and Winter Games since Athens 1896 to Mexico 1968. On the same wall in gigantic letters is one verse of the "Ode to Sport" written by Pierre de COUBERTIN and translated into Rumanian.

"This, in my opinion, is the most dignified and eloquent way of paying homage to the Olympic Spirit.

"Mr. Constantin TUDOSE, Professor of physical education at the Lycée Nicolae Bălcescu in Bucarest, encouraged his students to create an "Olympic Circle", in order to maintain the Olympic Ideal within the hearts of the school children. The members of this circle organise biannual

symposia, during which dissertations are given, following the lines of the International Olympic Academy. The students' essays are often supported by exhibitions in the main entrance hall of the school. Olympic posters, books and other publications on Olympic themes are put on show. The most recent of these mini-exhibitions was devoted to the Winter Games in Sapporo. This exhibition was not chosen at random; the Bucarest school is the 'twin lycée' to one in Japan.

"Cezar NICULESCU, a student from the town of Buhusi, has successfully defended his thesis, in French, '*magnum cum laude*'. for an M.A. at the Faculty of Philosophy in Bucarest. The subject of the thesis, 'Sport in French Literature', created a very favourable impression on the masters of the French language and literature. The new approach to the theme and the very apt way in which it was presented received the masters praise. Mr. Cezar NICULESCU, with his M.A. and his attraction to sports, becomes *ipso facto* a candidate for future delegations of Rumanian participants at the International Olympic Academy sessions."

SINGAPORE

* The new composition of the *Olympic Committee of Singapore* is: PT: Mr. E.W. BARKER; VPTS: Messrs. Milton TAN, Chan Chee SENG, Mohd. Ghazali ISMAIL, Tang Tuck WAH; SG: Mr. S.S. DHILLON; TG: Mr. Fund Lok NAM.

