

In the National Olympic Committees

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ARABIC REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

* During its last General Assembly, the "Comité Olympique Egyptien" elected Mr. Abdelmoneim WAHBY, President to replace Dr. Moustaffa Kamal TOLBAH.



SPAIN

* General Joaquim AGULLA, Vice-President of the "Comité Olimpico Espanol" has died at the age of 68 years. In spite of his heavy professional responsibilities, General AGULLA was General of the air-force and was increasingly concerned with the development of sport in his country. He was the first President of the Spanish Athletic Federation, before becoming Secretary General of the "Comité Olimpico Espanol" and later its Vice-President. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to his family and to the "Comité Olimpico Espanol".



UNITED STATES

* We are printing, below, a letter sent by the International Olympic Committee to the "United States Olympic Committee" as well as the reply of Mr. Clifford BUCK, President of the "United States Olympic Committee".

"It has come to our attention that in a speech widely publicised internationally, the President of the Amateur Athletic Union (A.A.U.) of the United States has stated 'as many as two thirds of the athletes signing the Olympic oath are committing perjury'. It is assumed that the reference is to, among other things, scholarships granted for athletic prowess by United States colleges. Rumours of this state of affairs have been reaching Europe for some time ... and we note that they have now been verified by an important U.S. sport official.

If this is the case, their perjury should not be endorsed by the President of a national federation nor by a national Olympic committee. The duty of these organisations is to uphold the Olympic rules and regulations and keep the Games clean, pure and honest.

We trust that if the A.A.U. is negligent in this respect

that the U.S.O.C. will be more circumspect."

"It is shocking to learn that in the opinion of the President of the Amateur Athletic Union (A.A.U.) of the United States 'as many as two thirds of the athletes signing the Olympic oath are committing perjury'. We have no idea as to the basis of this startling statement. However, it is inconceivable that it could be based upon fact. As far as the United States Olympic Committee (U.S.O.C.) is concerned, we fully recognise the responsibility that we have to verify the eligibility of the athletes whom we certify for Olympic competition. We carry out this responsibility not only by keeping our national sport federations aware of their responsibility, but also by direct supervision and control, particularly if there is question raised concerning the eligibility of any athlete.

If the President of the A.A.U. of the United States has knowledge of ineligibility of any athletes on our Olympic team, it is of course his obligation to report the facts to us. Our U.S.O.C. has had a sound working relationship with the Registration Committee of the A.A.U. which is charged with constant vigilant enforcement of the eligibility rules. We shall again remind the A.A.U. of its responsibility in upholding the Olympic rules and regulations, and will continue and in fact increase our close attention to the status of con-

testants which are certified to us by not only the A.A.U. but other national sports governing bodies."

* Copy of a letter from President Clifford BUCK to the President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE:

"You will be glad to know that on October 12 during a meeting of the United States Olympic Committee Board of Directors, I appointed a committee which was charged with making an in-depth study of drug abuse, particularly as it pertains to members of or candidates for the United States Olympic team. After fact-finding and careful analysis of all information, we want the committee to come with recommendations which, hopefully, the United States Olympic Committee will be able to implement in the best interests of the athletes and of the Olympic Movement.

Chairman of the committee is Dr. Dan HANLEY, long-time head of our Team Medical Services Committee, and I put on the committee with him, Al TOEFIELD, who has had experience in eliminating much drug abuse that formerly existed among the cyclists. Other competent members of the committee include Don SCHOLLANDER and William TOOMEY, the latter claiming that like many athletes he was deplorably uninformed in this area during his decathlon competition. There is some evidence that a great many

athletes will warmly welcome information and guidance in which they have confidence. Consultants to this committee have also been appointed, and others who can make a contribution can and will be added."



ISRAEL

* The "Olympic Committee of Israel" has informed us of a modification to be made to its address: 6 Ha'arbaa Street, Tel Aviv 64739.



ITALY

* Fencing will be introduced for the first time, alongside athletics, cycling, gymnastics, swimming, basketball, volleyball and skiing on the programme of the Youth Games of 1972. The national period of the Summer Games will be from 1st to 8th July in Rome and the Winter Games at Brunico (Bolzano) from 29th February to 4th March.



SURINAME

* New officials of the "Surinaams Olympisch Comité", elected on 11th November, 1971:
PT: Dr. Baltus OOSTBURG;
SG: Mr. Willebrod AXWIJK;
T: Mr. Orlando VANAMSON;
M: Messrs. André KAMPERVEEN and Otmar POCORNI.



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* On 31st December, 1971, Mr. G. ANDRIANOV, President of the "Comité Olympique d'U.R.S.S." sent the following letter to President BRUNDAGE:

"We would like to inform you that on 15th December, 1971, the U.S.S.R. Olympic Committee held its Plenary Session.

The results of the activity of the N.O.C. of U.S.S.R. for the period of 1967-1971 was

one of the items on the agenda. We are pleased to bring to your notice that all the participants of the Session approved the work of the Presidium of the U.S.S.R. Olympic Committee for the mentioned period and they accepted a number of proposals aimed at the further promulgating Olympic ideals and principles in this country.

Besides, the Session made a careful consideration to the participation of Soviet athletes in the XI Sapporo Olympic Winter Games.

Much attention was paid to the decision of the Executive Committee of Moscow Soviet of Working People's Deputies and the U.S.S.R. Olympic Committee to invite the Games of the XXII Olympiad to the City of Moscow.

All those present at the Session expressed their sincere hope that the International Olympic Committee will give a favourable consideration to the offer of the Moscow Soviet and make a positive decision on this matter."

* Officials of the "Comité Olympique d'U.R.S.S.", elected during the Plenary Session on 15th December, 1971: PT: Mr. Constantin ANDRIANOV; VPT: Mr. Vitaliy SMIRNOV, Mr. Nikolay RIASHENTSEV; SG: Mr. Nikolay KURDIUKOV; M: Messrs. Valentin ALEKHIN, Gleb BAKLANOV, Viktor BUROV, Aidar VALIAKHMETOV, Boris GONCHAROV, Valentin GRANATKIN, Constantin ZAROV, Nikolay KISELEV,

Vladimir KOVAL, Alexei KUPRIANOV, Nikolay LIUBOMIROV, Nikolay NIKIFOROV-DENISOV, Sergei PAVLOV, Anatoliy PEGOV, Vladimir SAVVIN, Nikolay SEMASHKO, Viktor TOMASHKEVITCH, Zakhariy FIRSOV, Leonid KHOME-NKOV, Marat SHISHIGIN and Mrs. Nina GRAEVSKAYA.



URUGUAY

* The "Comité Olimpico Uruguayo" has informed us of its new telephone number: 98.35.60.

