

# Regional Games' news



## 1975: Mediterranean Games in Algiers

The first information and liaison bulletin prepared by the Organising Committee for the next Mediterranean Games was received during the summer.

We draw out the following points:

- 17 Sports will appear on the programme: athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling, equestrian sports, fencing, football, gymnastics, handball, rowing, shooting, swimming (with diving and water polo), tennis, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling, yachting.
- The Olympic stadium and the "Maticeddime" sports palace, having the respective capacities of 80 000 and 10 000 seats, have been completed.
- Construction work on the different sports installations is on the whole at an advanced stage.
- To intensify cultural and sporting exchanges amongst young mediterranean people, an international youth camp will lodge physical education and sports students and delegates from youth organisations during the Games
- To perfect the organisation of the Mediterranean Games in Algiers, the Organising Committee for these games is taking charge of the preparation for the 4th Maghrébin School and University Games. This competition including fourteen sports will take place in July 1974. Representatives of the International Federations will be invited so that they will be able to test the existing sports installations.



*The President of the IOC, Lord Killanin, receives from the hands of Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, member of the Executive Board and "chef du protocole" of the IOC, a letter from the International Mediterranean Games Committee inviting him to attend the 7th Games, which will take place in Algiers from 26th August to 6th September 1975.*

## 10th Commonwealth Games Christchurch 24th January - 2nd February 1974



Next 24th January, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British Commonwealth Games' Federation, will officially open the 10th Commonwealth Games in the great stadium of the Queen Elizabeth II Park in Christchurch.

2000 athletes from approximately 40 countries and coming from all continents will attend this ceremony before their brotherly combat in the nine sports registered on the programme.

Most of the great moments of these Games will moreover take place in the new stadium of Queen Elizabeth II Park, whilst the swimming events will be held in an adjoining pool.

These two constructions form an impressive and probably the most elaborate sports complex in the southern hemisphere. The stadium will hold

seats for 34 000 spectators and the swimming pool 5000. The construction of the whole centre has cost approximately 4.5 million New Zealand dollars (20 750 000 SF), the synthetic athletics track alone costing 150 000 New Zealand dollars (700 000 SF).

A new velodrome has been erected at Denton Park, 15 or so kilometres from Christchurch. Wrestlers and weightlifters will also inaugurate the new town hall, while bowls will take place in the grounds of the Woolston Working Men's Club. Shooters will be split up over three suburban ranges. Canterbury Court and Cowles Stadium will host boxing and badminton respectively.

Athletes and officials will be accommodated in the University of Canterbury buildings and in twenty or so hostels situated at Ilam.

The Organisers, faced with the expected number of spectators, have endeavoured to supply all visitors with the necessary means of accommodation. Hotel and other particulars have been requested and the number of places available has made the organisers optimistic.

The Organising Committee has endeavoured to cover important expenses incurred by the issuing of a special dollar with a sports theme and for the setting up of a complete financing scheme.

All is ready now, or nearly, and Mr. Ron Scott, President of the Organising Committee, can rightly say:

"So many unsurmountable obstacles have been overcome these past three years that the few hills which remain to conquer are almost reassuring."

### **In February 1974, the Central American and Caribbean Games at Santo Domingo**



The 12th Central American and Caribbean Games, patronised by the International Olympic Committee, will be organised from 27th February to 13th March 1974 by the Dominican Olympic Committee. Mr. Bienvenido Martinez Brea presides over the Organising Committee, while the Secretary General is Professor Gregorio A. Dominguez H., Secretary General of the Dominican Olympic Committee.

All necessary information may be obtained from the following address:

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During the four days prior to the opening of the Games, an international symposium will be organised by the IOC in the context of Olympic Solidarity, in collaboration with the Dominican Olympic Committee and the Central American and Caribbean Organisation. Representatives of the National Olympic Committees of the region will be assembled together. These personalities, selected from amongst the top leaders, will thus have the opportunity of taking a new look at the fundamental problems in the development of sport and to increase their ability as sports administrators.

## **First Central-American Sports Games**

On the occasion of the opening of the first staging of these Games, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, sent the following telegram to Mr. Luis Canella Gutierrez, President of the Guatemalan Olympic Committee, acting as Organising Committee:

*“Please accept my best wishes for the success of these Games. I wish all participants the best of luck, and send my congratulations to your Organising Committee for its excellent work.”*

Major Sylvio de Magalhaes Padilha, member of the IOC Executive Board, attended this event in Guatemala-City from 24th November to 2nd December. We shall be publishing his impressions in our next issue.

## **Asian Games**

Following the decision of the Asian Games Federation to admit the People’s Republic of China in the place of the Republic of China, allowing the former to take part in the Asian Games which will take place from 1st to 16th September 1974 in Tehran, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, sent out the following press release:

*“The International Olympic Committee gives patronage to Regional Games, which requires invitation to all National Olympic Committees, and prohibits invitations to countries without National Olympic Committees. The position will be discussed with the International Federations concerned and is on the agenda for the February meeting of the Executive, who are given plenary authority by the Session.”*