

Around the National Olympic Committees

Australia



Australian swimmers, of which Stephen Holland is one, had to pay 200 dollars from their own pockets to participate in the World Championships in Belgrade.

The coaches and leaders have complained somewhat bitterly at the total lack of interest by the government in the promotion of sport.

This year, the government of Canberra has broken away from its traditional reserve: it has just included a sports aid programme in its budget for the year 1973-1974. An allowance of 1,000,000 dollars will be reserved for the expenses of Australian amateurs having to compete abroad; it may also be used to invite foreign athletes to Australia, thus allowing Australian sport to fight against the isolation which constitutes its most serious handicap.

Austria



● *The Austrian Olympic Committee awards medals.*

On 21st September 1973, the "Österreichische Olympische Comité" organised a ceremony at the Vienna Townhall, in the presence of Mr. Franz Jonas, President of the Austrian Federal Republic and patron of the ÖOC, Mr. Bruno Kreisky, Chancellor, Dr. Fred Sinowitz, Minister of Education and Arts and President of the Innsbruck Organising Committee, Mr. Leopold Gratz, Mayor of the town, representatives of sports associations and a number of Olympic medallists, during the course of which the newly elected honorary members received gold Pierre de Coubertin medals, which have been awarded to them by the Plenary Assembly of the ÖOC.



The recipients were Mrs. Gertrude Frölich-Sander, vice-Mayor, Mr. Alois Lugger, Mayor of Innsbruck, Dr. Rudolf Nemetschke, retiring President of the ÖOC and IOC member, and Messrs. Rudolf Sallinger, Wladimir Sekyra and Felix Slavik.

Messrs. Heinz Pruckner, President, Karl Heinz Klee, Vice-President, Muller Elbein, Bert Isatitsch and Edgar Fried, Secretary General, retiring members of the ÖOC Executive Commission, were officially thanked for their very valuable contribution to the ÖOC and to the Olympic Movement, which they have helped to promote.

In his speech, Mr. Kurt Heller, new President of the ÖOC, recalled that Austria had participated continuously in the Olympic Games since their renovation in 1896, and had had much success.

The Austrian Olympic medallists were a valid proof that a small country could also do great things in the field of sport.

- For some months now, the ÖOC has announced its decision to give assistance to the organisation of the 1976 Winter Games in Innsbruck. At its meetings in September 1973, the Administrative Council of the ÖOC granted the sum of 1.8 million schillings (287 000 Swiss francs) to the six Austrian winter sports federations as a subsidy for the 1973-1974 season.

- A means of propaganda and fund raising...

At this traditional time of exchanging greetings, the Belgian Olympic Committee has come up with the excellent idea of printing pretty seasonal cards, which will be sold to the profit of the Committee and all sports clubs participating in this scheme.

Brazil



Mr. Alberto Santos-Dumont

The Brazilian pilot Santos-Dumont, holder of the 3rd Olympic Diploma, was born 100 years ago. To celebrate this centenary, a French Technical college has been christened with the name of this courageous pioneer of flying, who spent many years in France, where he carried out most of his feats.

Belgium



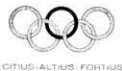
- Mr. Raoul Mollet, President of the Belgian Olympic Committee and Secretary General of the CISM, was awarded the distinction of Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour, during the commemorative assembly, to mark the 25th Anniversary of the foundation of the CISM. Our congratulations.

Bulgaria



The French journalists present at the Varna Congress were surprised to note that General Vladimir Stoytchev, IOC member and President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, gave his introductory speech in French, then in English, German and Bulgarian, without a single reference and without stumbling for words. Another performance to add to the credit of this dynamic President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee.

Columbia



New address of the *Comité Olímpico Colombiano*:

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Edificio Ministerio Educación Nacional
CAN, MINEDUCACION NACIONAL Piso

30,
BOGOTA, Columbia.

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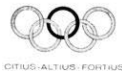
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Returning to Prague, the President of the CIO held talks with Mr. Antonin Himl, Dr. Frantisek Kroutil, IOC member for Czechoslovakia, Mr. E. Demetrovic, Vice-President of the Physical Education Committee, and Mr. Zdenek Zuska, Mayor of Prague. In their company, he then visited the sports installations of the capital, amongst which was the magnificent Spartakiades stadium.

In the afternoon, Lord Killanin gave a press conference, to which the most important newspapers—*Rudé Právo*, *Práce*, *Lidová Demokracie*, *Mladá Fronta*—dedicated a large space in their columns.

During the course of this friendly interview with journalists, Lord Killanin was to speak in great length about the Varna Congress, its programme and its aims, the problems with which the IOC is faced, Olympism, and the candidature of Moscow for the 1980 Games. He also enjoyed paying tribute to Czechoslovakia and the richness of its Olympic history, before leaving for Varna.

Czechoslovakia



*Mr. Antonin Himl,
President*

The President of the IOC's visit

On 24th September, Lord Killanin, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Prague for a brief stay. This was the first time that a president of the IOC has been to Czechoslovakia since the visit of Pierre de Coubertin in 1925. Welcomed at the airport by Mr. Antonin Himl, President of the Czechoslovakian National Olympic Committee, together with representatives of sport in this country, Lord Killanin affirmed his wish of tightening the Olympic bond within the whole world.

The following day, Lord and Lady Killanin spent a day in the Upper Tatras, the famous Slovak mountains which have seen many skiing competitions take place. On this occasion, they were received by Mr. Peter Colotka, President of the Slovak Socialist Republic.

France



*Mr. Claude Collard,
President.*

- The distinction of Knight of the Order of the Legion of Honour has recently been bestowed upon Mr. Claude Collard, President of the CNOSF, during a magnificent ceremony at the "Maison des Centraux" in Paris. Our congratulations.
- Mr. Maurice Genevoix, awarded the Olympic Diploma of Merit in 1961, has retired from his long-held post as se-

cretary of the French Academy at the age of 84 years. A true sportsman, dedicated athlete and accomplished writer, in particular, he created in “Euthymos” a masterly image of ancient Olympism.

Farewell to...



Finland



After the death of Paavo Nurmi, one of the most famous of his successors, Lauri Lehtinen, has now in his turn left us, at the age of 65 years. Lehtinen made his name when winning the 5000 m event at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. A few weeks previously he had bettered the 5000 m record with a 14'17", beating the former record of 11'2" held by Nurmi since 1924. This amazing record was to stand until 1939, when another Fin, Maeki, took it to 14'8"8.

... “Jumbo” Edwards...



... and...

... Lauri Lehtinen...

Great Britain



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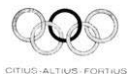
The great figure in the rowing world, Group Captain Hra Edwards, better known under the name of “Jumbo”, has passed away.

In 1931, he accomplished a feat that the English still consider “fantastic”: three victories in the Henley finals on the same day. As luck would have it, the following year he made a performance which will doubtlessly never be equalled: the loss of one rower in the coxless four forced the English officials to turn to Jumbo, who was already selected for the coxed two. Jumbo competed in the two disciplines and carried off two gold medals. After his war-time fame, he had nothing to do with rowing until 1949, when he became coach to the Oxford University team.

His new ideas, both practical and theoretical, made him one of the most controversial sports personalities in his country.

“Jumbo” Edwards died some months ago now while on his boat, and at the age of 66 years. No one will forget him.

Germany



- The German Olympic Committee met together for its general assembly on 17th November 1973 at the Townhall

of Frankfurt. The President, Mr. Willi Daume, drew up the balance sheet for the Munich Games, for which the German NOC was chiefly responsible. He also spoke out strongly in favour of sport and competition, but at the same time expressed his fears at the dangers of seeking high performance at all costs.

During the course of this assembly, the new officers of the German NOC were elected as follows

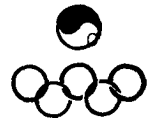
PT: Mr. Willi Daume, IOC member; *VPT:* Dr. Max Danz, Dr. Claus Hess, Mr. Fritz Wagnerberger; *T:* Dr. Hermann Jannsen; *SG:* Mr. Walther Tröger; *M:* Mr. Berthold Beitz (IOC member), Mr. Richard Hartmann, Dr. Hermann Karg, Dr. Wilhelm Kregel, Count Dieter Landsberg-Velen, Dr. Walter Wülfing, Mr. Herman Neuberger.

Mr. Daume was thus re-elected unanimously for the fourth time since 1961. We send him our most sincere congratulations.

Among the new members elected to the NOC, we are pleased to note a number of Olympic competitors and champions: Prof. Manfred Steinbach (Athletics), Prof. Hans Lenk (gold medal for rowing in Tokyo), Harold Norpoth (silver medal for 5000 m in Tokyo), Mr. Jürgen Schroeder (silver medal for rowing in Tokyo), Mr. Manfred Germar (athletics), and Mr. Willi Bogner (skiing), to quote a few.

Furthermore, a senate of members has been formed with a consultative function. Here we find Dr. Walter Wülfing (until now vice-president), Dr. Gisela Mauermayer (gold medal for discus in Tokyo), Mr. Erwin Casmir (medallist several times for fencing), Mr. Hans Kilian (medallist for bobsleigh), and Gerhard Stöck (gold medal for javelin in Berlin in 1936).

Korea



The brochure *Sports in Korea 1973*, which has been published by the *Korean Olympic Committee*, acquaints us with the different aspects of the sports life in this country. Abundantly and richly illustrated, this brochure leads us through the many international sports events in which Korean teams have participated, and gives details of the organisation of sport in Korea.

Morocco



*Mr. Hassan Sefrioui,
President*



In *Olympic Review* No. 64-65, we announced the election of a new President to the Moroccan Olympic Committee: Mr. Hassan Sefrioui.

Born in Fez in 1937, Mr. Sefrioui practised athletics, football and tennis in his youth. A member of the Federal Bureau of the Royal Moroccan Football Federation, he is also President of the Central Commission for Arbitration of this federation. He carries out functions as Deputy Director of Social Security at Rabat and his spare time is spent either with his family, or playing golf or tennis.

Elected in February 1973 to the head of the Moroccan Olympic Committee, we wish him every success in this new task.

Switzerland



- The 52nd Assembly of ANEP (National Association for physical education) delegates was held in Bern. The President, Mr. Walter Siegenthaler, announced that he would be retiring from his post at the end of the next term of office.

One of the most important points raised was that of the adoption of new directives in the fight against doping; a new idea has been introduced—from now on, an athlete accused in the case of a positive control will have the right to appeal and will be able to demand a second analysis carried out in his presence. The new rule stipulates that the list of doping substances conforms with that of the IOC.

Finally, the third Swiss sports gala evening has been fixed for 29th June 1974 in Lucerne. There will also be an exhibition "Art and Sport" for which Mr. Alex Diggelmann has been made responsible.

- *Swiss Sports Aid Campaign*

The first Swiss Sports Aid stickers campaign having made a net profit of 400 000 Swiss francs, a second campaign has just been launched. The graphic designer, Hansruedi Scheller from Zurich, has created a new sticker based on the SSA emblem (which was also his work), which is on sale for 5 francs for a packet of 10. This amount is not what one might say a "purchase price", but more a voluntary contribution through which the buyer shows his solidarity with top athletes as well as his support of mass sport. Sports Aid in fact also wants to support mass sport through this campaign; sports organi-

sations, and sports groups of young people and in schools which take part in the sale, receive a contribution aimed at encouraging their own sports activities.

Thailand



New board of the "Olympic Committee of Thailand"

PT: Air chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya; *VPT:* General Krisa Sriwara; *SG:* Colonel Anu Romyanond.

New address of the Secretary General: Colonel Anu Romyanond, Secretary General of the Olympic Committee of Thailand, Army Officer Club, Sri Ayuthaya Road, Tavest, Bangkok, Thailand.

Vietnam



*Mr. Dinh van Ngoc,
President*

The Republic of Vietnam takes part regularly in the South-East Asian Peninsular games. The 7th staging of these games was held in Singapore and the Vietnamese Olympic Committee issued a souvenir booklet on this occasion. We are quoting a passage from the message addressed to the participating athletes by Mr. Dinh van NGOC, President of the Vietnamese Olympic Committee.

"I am certain that athletes from Singapore will soon be the leading athletes in Asia. I hope that this will serve as an example to everyone in South-East Asia, and help this part of the world one day to walk in unity."