

Around the National Olympic Committees

Argentina



On 19th December 1973, the "*Comité Olimpico Argentino*" celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its foundation. Mr. Pablo Cagnasso, President of the Argentine NOC, invited Lord Killanin to this celebration,

Prior engagements preventing him from accepting this kind invitation, Lord Killanin sent a telegram of congratulation to Mr. Cagnasso, and asked Major Sylvio de Magalhaes Padilha to act as his representative on this occasion.



*Mr. Pablo-Carlos
Cagnasso,
President*

Mr. Cagnasso has sent us a study on Argentina and Olympism. We will be publishing this in the next edition.

Austria



● The President of the Austrian Parliament and the Austrian Olympic Committee. The statement of the AOC's new President, Mr. Kurt Heller, made at

the AOC's General Assembly on 27th June, was very well received. Mr. Heller said that he would be happy if it were possible for the Austrian Parliament's President, Mr. Salinger, to co-operate even more closely with the AOC. This was no sooner said than done since Mr. Salinger, who met Mr. Heller a few days ago, has just accepted the Presidency of the AOC's Finance Commission.



*Mr. Kurt Heller,
President*

● *Exhibition in Innsbruck:* From 8th to 12th May 1974, Innsbruck will be organising the first Austrian exhibition called "I-Fit" (Innsbruck Fit). Arranged by the Austrian Centre of Construction, it will include sports equipment, sportswear, assembly kits, material, installations for construction of leisure-time centres, sports centres, playing fields, swimming pools, etc.

An information centre will direct visitors who will also be able to try their hand at skiing on an artificial slope, sailing or roller skating, within the exhibition area itself. To complete this exhibition, there will be sports displays and an international congress under the theme "Tomorrow's Man and Leisure".

Belgium



- Olympic champion, architect, founder of the Association of Belgian Olympic Medallists, Ferdinand de Montigny has died—a few days before celebrating his 89th birthday.

Mr. Ferdinand de Montigny was born on 5th January, 1885 in Antwerp. He took part in the 1906 Games, which were held in Athens, ten years after the first Games of modern times, where he won a bronze medal for epee (our photo). From then onwards, he took part in all Olympic competitions until 1920. Mr. de Montigny was the architect of the stadium and sports installations of the Games of the VIIth Olympiad held in his home town. Here briefly is his list of honours:



Mr. Ferdinand de Montigny

London 1908: team bronze medal for epee.

Stockholm 1912: team gold medal for epee.

Antwerp 1920: team silver medal for epee.

Antwerp 1920: 6th, individual diploma for foil.

Antwerp 1920: 6th, team diploma for foil.

Paris 1924: team silver medal for foil.

Antwerp 1920: team bronze medal in hockey.

- The Belgian Olympic Committee now has its own premises situated near the Heysel planetarium in Avenue du Bouchout. Brussels. A sports museum is also anticipated. The official opening will be held on 9th March.

- The Belgian Olympic Committee has appointed two press attaches, namely Comte de Grelle for the Dutch press and Mr. Genin for the French-speaking press.

A "Federations' Day" will be held on 23rd March, which will be divided into five work groups to discuss high competition sport, sport for everybody, the sports infrastructure, the setting up of guidelines and finance.

- Stimulated by Miss Willems, the Belgian Olympic Committee is organising a ladies' week this year. This will mean a promotion campaign in several large towns, linked if possible to an international women's sports event.

Canada



- Every three months, the Canadian Olympic Association organises Olympic luncheons-lectures for sports officials, business men and journalists.

The aim of these lunches is to make known the objectives of the Olympic Movement. One of the last lecturers was Mr. Maurice Herzog, IOC member for France.



From left to right: Father Marcel de la Sablonnière, Vice-President of the Canadian Olympic Association, Mr. Maurice Herzog, H.E. Roger Rousseau, President of Montreal's COJO, Mr. Jean Drapeau, Mayor of Montreal.

These debates have far-reaching repercussions and contribute to the development of the Olympic ideal in Canada.

- The Canadian report of the 1972 Munich and Sapporo Games has just been published. Edited in English and

French, it contains a very important iconography and all the details and problems of the Canadian participation in the 1972 Olympic Games.

Egypt



*Mr. Abdelaziz Elshafei,
Secretary General*

New board of the Egyptian Olympic Committee: *PT*: Mr. Mohamed Ahmed (elected in place of Mr. Abdelmoneim Wahby); *VPT*: Mr. Abdelazim Ashri; *SG*: Mr. Abdelaziz Elshafei; *SG adj*: Mr. Mohamed Mohyeldine; *T*: Mr. Mohamed Abdou; *M*: Mr. A.D. Touny, IOC member, Dr. Mohamed Fadali, Mr. Ahmed Khairy, Mr. Nassef Selim, Dr. Moustaffa Fahim; *Dr. G.*: Mr. Tewfik Helmi.

Ecuador

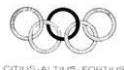


After several resignations, the Executive Board of the Ecuador Olympic

Committee was changed on 10th December, 1973, as follows:

PT: Mr. Voltaire Paladines Polo; *VPTs:* Mr. Helge Vorbeck Jr and Mr. César Gamarra Acaiturri; *SG:* Mr. Byrôn Lopez Castillo, replacing Mr. Eduardo Rodriguez G.; *T:* Mr. Alberto Vallarino Benitez; *Intern. M.:* Dr. Agustin C. Arroyo Yerovi, IOC member for Ecuador; *M:* Mr. Roberto Lebed Sigali, Prof. Alberto Bayas Rivera, Mr. Alberto Velasco Prance, Mr. Leonardo Martinez Marinez, Ing. Eduardo Rodriguez Game, Col. Marco Rosales; *Executive S:* Mr. Leonardo A. Heinert N.

Germany



● The German Federal Parliament will be taking up a position with regard to the question raised by the Minister of Social Affairs for Hessen, and by the President of the NOC, Mr. Willi Daume, on the dangers of the use of medicinal substances in sport. The government must say whether it thinks that financial assistance to sport should only be distributed under the condition that the abuse of medicaments in competitive sport and the subsequent dangers to athletes are not encouraged.

● The German composer Karlheinz Nürnberg, who composed the music for Munich, has brought together in the form of an exhibition the most striking visual souvenirs of the 1972 Games. This exhibition was opened to the

public at America House, in Heidelberg, for many weeks. We give you a partial view of this exhibition on the opposite page.

Great Britain



BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

The British Sports Council, headed by Dr. Roger Bannister, well known to our readers, has published the report of its activities for 1972-73.

In the introduction, Dr. Bannister traces the Council's work since its formation and he clearly poses the financial problems, which faces British amateur sport. The report then shows the Sports Council and its functions and the news of the different commissions and regional councils, as well as the complete balance sheet, the Council's projects and the various publications available.

Guatemala



COMITÉ OLÍMPICO GUATEMALTECO

New Executive Committee of the "Comité Olímpico Guatemalteco"

PT: Dr. Alejandro Giammatei Caceres; *VPT:* Carlos Larranaga Gomar; *M:* Jean de la Cruz Garcia R., Dr. Mario Pallais, Ingrid Keller de Schiavoni; *SG:* Ingrid Keller de Schiavoni.



Italy



We told you, in a previous edition (O.R. no. 72-73) of the programme for renovating the CONI's trophies. A new work has just been added to the rest. Due to the talent of the Italian sculptor Mazzullo, it is a cup made in gold, silver and bronze. Resembling a chalice, the bowl of the cup shows originality as it is supported by a pillar of two women's heads, with a profile characteristic of Mazzullo's work. It is all hammered with strength or delicateness, adding to the mystery which emanates from this work.

- The Polish Fencing Federation has recently renewed the composition of its board, and has managed to recruit some very competent leaders, to say the least: the President is Mr. Jerzy Pawlowski, who has an impressive prize winning record: three times individual world champion (1957, 1965, 1966) and four times team champion (1959, 1961, 1962, 1963), Olympic champion in 1968, individual silver medal (1956, 1962, 1963, 1967, 1971) and team champion (1957, 1958, 1970) and once again finalist this year in Gothenburg (4th). The Vice-President's chair is filled by Olympic champion and foilist, Woyda.

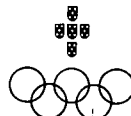
Mexico



CITIUS-ALTIUS-FORTIUS

The former Secretary General of the Organising Committee of the Mexico Olympic Games, Mr. Alejandro Ortega San Vicente, has become President of the Mexico Olympic Committee replacing Mr. Pedro Ramirez Vazquez who recently resigned (see p. 122).

Portugal



The Portuguese Olympic Committee made changes to its board during 1973. General Corrêa Leal left the presidency of the Executive Board after devoting himself for so long to Olympism and the title of honorary member was conferred on him as well as on Mr. Anibal Vieira, former Secretary General. Here is the composition of the new NOC for the XXIst Olympiad:

Poland



- New address of the Polish Olympic Committee:
4, rue Frascati, 00488 Varsovie, Poland.
Tel. 28 50 38.

PT: Mr. Gaudêncio Luís da Silva Costa; *VPT:* Dr. Carlos Ribeiro Ferreira; *SG:* Lieutenant-Colonel José Aires Garcia Alvarez; *T:* Mr. Fernando Luís Pereira Machado; *M:* Mr. Raul Rodriguez Worm, Mr. Vicente de Paulo Martins, Mr. Lauro Gomez de Amorim, Mr. Luís Vieira Calda, Dr. Francisco Ferreira Alves, Bg. Daniel Sales Grade,

Mr. Ernesto Tomás Matos Soares, Mr. Manuel Magno; *IOC M*: General Raoul Pereira de Castro.



General Corrêa Leal and Mr. Anibal Vieira

Rumania

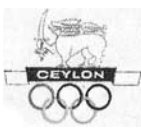


The Rumanian Olympic Committee will be 60 years old on 27th March, 1974. Formed on 27th March, 1914, the young NOC was recognised by the IOC on 19th May, 1914.

But long before this Rumania had already been part of the Olympic family, since Prince Georges Bibesco, Coubertin's friend, was elected as an IOC member in 1899.

In 60 years, the ROC has known many changes and its present participation in the Olympic Games is that of a sporting country with many deserving champions.

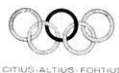
Sri Lanka



Mr. V. A. Sugathadasa, President of the NOC of Sri Lanka, has died after a short

illness. Mr. A. Vythialingam will from now on assume the functions of President.

Sweden



Torsten Tegner, holder of the Olympic Diploma of Merit and a celebrated journalist celebrated his 85th birthday on 5th December, 1973. On this occasion, his friends founded a Tegner Foundation, designed to reward each year a sports journalist and an official. As for Torsten Tegner, he hopes to attend the Montreal Games in 1976.

United States



- One of the best known personalities of the USOC, Arthur G. Lentz, Director, died last January at the age of 65.

Writer and sports journalist, he had resigned from his position as Director of the USOC in 1973 because of ill health. He had held this position since 1965.

Mr. Lentz had devoted his whole life to amateur athletics. Born in Milwaukee in November, 1908, he was a first class athlete himself before becoming a sports journalist. In 1946 he was employed as Athletics Director by Wisconsin University, where he remain-

ed for 23 years. It was in 1956 that he joined the USOC, firstly as Public Relations Director for the 1956 Melbourne Games and then as Deputy Executive Director for five years.

Mr. Lentz leaves a wife, three daughters, two sons, two sisters and seven grandchildren.

The Olympic Review would like to send its sincere condolences to them all.



Mr. Glenn Morris

- Former Olympic champion — he won the decathlon in the 1936 Games in Berlin — Glenn Morris died at the beginning of February after a long illness. Like Johnny Weismuller, Glenn Morris was chosen by Hollywood to play the part of Tarzan after his Olympic Games victory. He starred in several films before becoming a footballer. Wounded in the war, he then worked in the building trade until his retirement in 1962.

- The February number of the *USOC Newsletter* contains an interesting novelty: from the back numbers of this newsletter, the first appearing in 1957, the great moments of American and world sport are relived.

- *Olympism enters university*. From spring onwards, students of the Pennsylvania State University will be able to follow an historic and philosophic course on the social phenomenon of Olympism. John A. Lucas, sports histo-

rian and physical education teacher, whom our readers know well, will be responsible for this course.

- The State of California has sold the Squaw Valley site, where the 1960 Winter Games were held, to an Australian promoter for 2,550,000 dollars. The new owners intend making it into a tourist centre open all the year round.

- Jay Silvester, world record holder in discus throwing (68.40m), has had the idea of opening a personal enquiry into the use of doping products, in particular anabolic steroids, in the athletics world. He has sent a very detailed questionnaire to a number of athletes from a dozen or so countries. The monthly magazine "Scholastic Coach" reproduces the results of these investigations. From this we have extracted some very significant replies. The figures are given as a percentage.

Q: Have you always used anabolic steroids?

A: Yes: 68 - No: 32

Q: Do you approve of this practice from the moral point of view?

A: Yes: 45 - No: 25 - No reply: 30

Q: If you were a coach, would you encourage your athletes to take anabolic steroids?

A: Yes: 65 - No: 16 - reply: 19

Q: Do you think that the use of anabolic steroids improves performances?

A: Yes: 65 - No: 16 - No reply: 19

Q: Do anabolic steroids have any effects on your sexual activity?

A: Yes: 19 - No: 19 - No reply: 62

(We have underlined those figures which seem to us to bear significance to the problems created by the use of these products).