

Lausanne, 1st-3rd June 1974

The work of the Executive Board

Press Conference held by Lord Killanin, President of the IOC



Gentlemen, I would like to remind you that the Executive Board does not make decisions but simply formulates recommendations for the Sessions. I also think that the simplest procedure is to go through the agenda point by point.

Members

The EB has taken note of the resignation of three IOC members, namely Mr.

Lewis Luxton, member for Australia since 1951, Mr. Mario L. Negri, member for Argentina since 1960 and HRM King Constantine, member for Greece since 1963. The EB did not discuss the question of their replacement, which will be done during its meeting in Vienna, immediately before the 75th Session, to which it will present its recommendations.

Administration, headquarters...

The EB studied at length matters pertaining to general administration.

We have today lunched at Chateau de Vidy with the Syndic of Lausanne, Mr. Jean-Pascal Delamuraz. We discussed the question of the IOC headquarters with him. As you can imagine, we are beginning to be a bit cramped for space in Chateau de Vidy. Furthermore, the International Federations and the NOCs would like to be represented in the secretariat. We have, therefore, begun to make plans for the future.

In this regard, some newspapers have stated that the IOC is thinking of leaving Lausanne. I do not want false information to circulate and I would also remind you that our rules precisely state that the IOC headquarters are in Switzerland. We have examined the situation with the Syndic by talking about the IOC headquarters and the Olympic museum.

Commissions, Rule 26...

I would like to remind you that we have had two meetings of the Finance Com-



The Executive Board during a break in the meetings (standing, from left to right): Major Sylvio de Magalhaes Padilha, Mr. Willi Daume, Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, Mr. Constantin Andrianov, Mr. Mohamed Mzali, Prince Tsuneyoshi Takeda. The President of the IOC, Lord Killanin, seated in the centre, has next to him Mme Monique Berlioux, Director of the IOC, and Jonkheer Herman A. van Karnebeek. Not present on this photograph are the Comte de Beaumont and Mr. Henry R. Banks, Technical Director.

mission, one in London, the other in Paris.

The meeting in London coincided with the presentation of a draft—I stress the word “draft”—rule 26, which has been sent to IOC members, International Federations and National Olympic Committees, as well as to the press.

I am happy to say that this draft rule has been received in all quarters very favourably. I would like to add that we have received some very constructive suggestions, as much on the wording of the text as on the presentation of this rule.

We have been particularly asked to specify or give a better definition of what is meant by an “international competition”, etc...

We have thus drawn up a new draft. I would like to make it clear that this does not involve any change or modification of the principles; this mainly deals with the wording, to take into

account the suggestions presented to us, particularly by the IFs.

Fundamentally, it is the IFs’ rules which are the most important, as they direct sport between each Olympic Games during the whole Olympiad. Several different points of view have been expressed by the International Federations and NOCs, however, as some of them complain at not being consulted and others feel that this question is the prerogative of the IOC.

Emblems

We have heard today from Mr. Raymond Gafner, who presented a report on the protection of the Olympic emblems. This question will again be examined during our meetings in Vienna.

Medical Commission

The report of the Medical Commission’s meeting in Vienna has been submitted

to us. It particularly deals with the doping rule. As I have already said, this rule concerning doping is not very clear. We have therefore amended its format, without making fundamental modifications to the rule itself. This new text will be sent to the Medical Commission to make sure we have not made any errors and we will discuss it again in Vienna.

Congress

The official report of the Varna Olympic Congress has just been published in English. The French version will be ready in two to three weeks. It will be sent to all participants. At the same time, I will write to everybody to inform them of progress made and of our final conclusions. The same will also be sent to the press.

Programme

Mr. Arpad Csanadi presented to the EB his report on the Olympic programme, dealing especially with the system of medal distribution. There will be no changes at this juncture, particularly with regard to artificial teams, where one medal is awarded to the whole team and not one medal to each team member. It would perhaps be useful to define the difference between a normal team and a so-called artificial team. A normal team is a homogeneous team, playing at the same time as in football, basketball or the relay. A team is called artificial when its members compete individually while at the same time as a member of a team, as in modern pentathlon, gymnastics and equestrian events, formerly in jumping and at present in the three day event.

We have also taken a firm position with regard to the programme for Montreal: no change can be made from now on.

We have been asked to include ladies' hockey. This will not be done for the Montreal Games as this question depends on the Hockey Federation, which must speak for all women hockey players.

Eligibility

Miss Hanny Wenzel has acquired Liechtenstein citizenship; she can thus take part in the ski events of the Winter Games under the colours of the Liechtenstein NOC.

Olympic Solidarity

We have naturally dealt with the question of Olympic Solidarity. The Jonkheer Herman A. van Karnebeek and Mr. Giulio Onesti have given us a report on the realisations of this programme. Within the framework of Solidarity, a seminar was held at St. Domingo on the occasion of the XIIth Central American and Caribbean Games, which brought together representatives of 23 NOCs in this region. We also discussed a symposium, which would be held in Tehran for the Asian Games.

Rhodesia

As you know, a commission of enquiry, presided over by Major Sylvio de Magalhaes Padilha (Brazil) and accompanied by Mr. James Worrall (Canada) and Mr. Wajid Ali (Pakistan) has recently visited Rhodesia. Their report is in the process of being drawn up and will be examined at the meeting in Vienna.

Olympic Treasuries

You will recall that the programme of Olympic Treasuries was suggested by

my predecessor, Mr. Avery Brundage. It consisted of the erection in Olympia by the NOCs of various monuments, works of arts, etc... This project has not materialised, mainly for two reasons: there were planning problems and also this project did not meet with the expected enthusiasm. Thus Mr. Brundage has felt obliged to give up this idea in order to concentrate on opening a museum.

Montreal

We heard yesterday from a delegation from Montreal, composed of Mr. Simon Saint-Pierre, Vice-President of COJO, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Staunton vice-president of the Montreal City Council, Mr. Walter Sieber and Mr. Renald Savoie, Assistant Director of Communications. This delegation told us of the success of the Olympic lottery and of the programme of the sale of Olympic coins. We examined together the problem of press accommodation which is retaining all our attention.

In the coming weeks, we expect a definite reply regarding the Olympic village, the press centre and the sale of tickets, as well as the choice of competition sites for the four Federations still having problems. These are weightlifting, equestrian, archery and shooting.

1980 Games

The EB noted that the candidatures for 1980 were in order, for the organisation of the Olympic Games by Moscow and Los Angeles and for the Winter Games by Vancouver-Garibaldi, Lake Placid and Chamonix-Mont-Blanc. Each of these candidate cities has received three questionnaires; one general, another concerning sessions and the last on questions of television and communications. The replies to these questionnaires must arrive here by 30th

June. As for the technical questionnaires drawn up by each IF and which primarily concern them, they will be sent directly to the IFs.

NOC

It has been confirmed and we have been able to assure ourselves that the position of the Papua and New Guinea Olympic Committee is in order. Therefore we will propose their recognition at the Session in Vienna.

Regional Games

We are in the process of revising the rules for patronage for Regional Games. The problem is complex as the situation varies from one group to another. Discussions will continue.

Other Business

I would like to remind you that 23rd June will mark the 80th anniversary of the Sorbonne Congress in Paris during which the re-establishment of the Olympic Games was proclaimed.

Next Meetings

The next meetings will be held in Vienna next October.

STOP PRESS

The Chamonix-Mont-Blanc Region has withdrawn its candidature to stage the XIIIth Winter Games in 1980.

Question

Mr. President, why wasn't a report on the question of the Olympic Village given here, rather than waiting until the end of June?

Lord Killanin

This is for two reasons: firstly, I had thought that Montreal's report would be presented to us in Vienna. But according to the minutes of the previous meetings, Montreal had to present a report here in Lausanne, which has effectively been done. We have learnt that the question of the village has not been debated but that a decision will be made in the middle of June at a meeting held by the town of Montreal.

Q.: How will we learn the reply?

LK: Like me, no doubt, by reading the Canadian papers.

Q.: Could you give us some indications on the press accommodation?

LK: I think that those of you who were present at the AIPS meeting in Malaga heard the same information as we have. However, this question needs certain clarification and complementary information.

With regard to the astronomical figures which have been put forward, we have tried to verify these and to control them based on real facts. On the other hand, it has also been proposed that the press could be accommodated in boats. I think these are questions which need to be discussed with the COJO. In any case, be assured that we will do everything we can to safeguard your interests.

Q.: Was the question of the People's Republic of China tackled?

Has a decision been reached?

LK: This question was not even discussed.

Q: At the beginning, Mr. President, you stated that no decision could be taken by the EB. Then later you said that a firm decision had been taken and that the programme was finally fixed.

LK: There seems to be a paradox in all that. It is true that from a technical point of view, everything we discuss must be duly ratified by the Session. But I don't think this point should arouse problems in the future. After having discussed these different questions, we arrived at the conclusion that it was impossible at the last moment either to change certain things or to delete or add something. It is certain that when we have settled the question of rule 26, everything will be clearer. From the point of view of sport, I think the two years to come will see two fundamental things within the framework of the programme standing out, firstly, the designation of sports disciplines to exclude or add and the setting up of programmes and the definition of the criteria on which we can base our procedure. By way of conclusion, I will say that it is Mr. Arpad Csanadi, who is in charge of the Programme Commission, dealing with these questions. There you are, gentlemen. We have had three days particularly hard work but I am sorry not to have anything sensational to tell you.

Thank you for your attention.

