

Around the National Olympic Committees

Austria



● *Mr. Rudolf Salinger*, President of the AOC Finance Commission, has taken up the presidency of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce and not the Austrian Parliament as we stated in No. 76, page 166.

We would kindly ask our readers to excuse this mistake.

Sports Statistics

● In Austria, the most popular sport is ski-ing (69%) followed by football and swimming (47%).

China (Republic of)



M. Henry HSU.

● *Mr. Henry Hsu*, member of the IOC since 1970 and President of the Republic of China Olympic Committee since 1966, has recently retired from the latter post for professional reasons although he remains a member of the board of directors. His experience and advice will continue to be of great help. *Mr. Shen Chiaming*, Vice-President, will take over the Presidency until the next elections.



● On 23rd June the Republic of China Olympic Committee also celebrated the IOC's 80th anniversary. An Olympic exhibition was held at Taipei and two commemorative stamps were issued (see philately column, page 386).

Egypt

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Commemorative medal.

Alexandria and the Olympic flag. Sixty years ago, at the instigation of *Mr. Angelo C. Bolonaki*, the first IOC member for Egypt, the Olympic flag, created by *Pierre de Coubertin* in 1913, was hoisted for the first time at a sports stadium, the *Chatby stadium* in *Alexandria*. On 5th April this year the Egyptian Olympic Committee celebrated this 60th anniversary and took advantage of the occasion to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the re-establishment of the Olympic Games. *Mr. Willi Daume*, one of the Vice-Presidents of the IOC, together with several IOC colleagues and members of the Egyptian NOC and national sports federations, attended this remembrance day.

United States



- A nine-man senatorial commission, including two athletes from the 1972 American Olympic delegation, will submit a report to the President of the United States before the end of the year to determine whether or not the country will continue to be represented at future Olympic Games. In addition, if the commission recommends maintaining Olympic participation it will draw up recommendations as to the selection of athletes, the organisation and direction of USOC's activities, etc.

- *Fred W. Kelly, Olympic champion of the 110 m. hurdles at Stockholm in 1912, died at Medford (Oregon) at the age of 82. He also set up a new world record in 1913 for the 120 yards hurdles in 15 seconds.*



Fred W. Kelly

- "*The Olympian*" is the title of USOC's new review which will appear in July. This publication will replace the "USOC Newsletter" founded in 1957, the last issue of which was published in April. We look forward to reading this review which is also to promote Olympism.

Finland



- Mr. Boleslaw Kapitan and Mr. Janusz Piewcewicz, President and Deputy Secretary General of the Polish Olympic Committee, went to Helsinki for the "Polish Week" organised in Finland. They took advantage of their stay to pay a courtesy call on the headquarters of the Finnish Olympic Committee. Received by Mr. Vaino Soininen, Vice-President, and Mr. Magnus Stahlberg, Secretary General, they visited the city's Olympic stadium and sports museum (see our photograph).



At the Finnish Olympic Committee's headquarters, from left to right: Messrs. Vaino Soininen, Boleslaw, Kapitan, Janusz Piewcewicz and Magnus Stahlberg.

France



General Assembly of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee: 130 representatives of the 59 affiliated federations took part. The main discussions centred around the following subjects: the formation of officers, Olympic preparation, the sections for "sport-study" and sport for all, and the action of regional Olympic committees.

Lord Killanin enters the Sports Academy

On 9th May this year the sports Academy of France presented the 1973 winners with the prizes with which they had been awarded. Comte de Beaumont, President of the Academy, invited Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, to this traditional ceremony.

Created in 1905, the Sports Academy has only French members and its aims are to encourage physical activity and sports in every form, either by communications or by presenting prizes as a reward for works, inventions, and acts of all kinds worthy of being an example to everybody.

But the Academy does have the power to award the title of associate foreign member to eminent personalities of international sport.

Thus Lord Killanin was surprised to be presented by Comte de Beaumont with the golden collar, the mark of this rare and particularly well-deserved distinction. Lord Killanin therefore became the seventh associate member of the Sports Academy after Mr. Avery Brundage, Honorary Life President of the IOC, Dr. Paul Martin, Dr. Roger Bannister and Emile Zatopek in 1970, Lord Exeter in 1971 and Mr. Joao Havelange in 1973.

Greece



Among the promoters of Olympism let us note Mr. Andrew Chrishanthopoulos from Patras (Greece). After attending the International Olympic Academy, Andrew has been devoting his free time to making the Olympic idea known and

appreciated. Thus, for several years now he has organised the celebration of the Olympic day in his school. On 6th April this year he gave a lecture on Olympism to the parents, teachers and pupils present, after which the pupils sang the Olympic hymn and recited poems. Then everybody took part in or watched the inter-class sports competitions. In addition Mr. Andrew Chrishanthopoulos has convinced the local press of the importance of Olympism and has had several articles published. Finally, by circulating the Olympic Review he has helped us receive several subscription requests. We sincerely thank him.

Guinea



New board

PT: Mr. Mamadouba Bangoura; *VPTs:* Messrs. Bella Doumbouya, Ibrahima Camara; *SG:* Mr. Amadou Camara; *Org. Sec.:* Mr. Na by Yaya Camafa; *TG:* Mr. Mouctar Diallo; *Inf. Sec.:* Mr. Abdoulaye Sylla; *Sports medicine Sec.:* Dr. Abou Diallo; *M:* Mrs. Sophie Maka, Messrs. Felik Faber, Ousmane Barry, Foid Fernand Bossein, El Hadj Alpha Amadou Thiam, Kadidiatou Bah, Daouda Kourouma, Nouhov Cisse, Mamadouba Toure, Mohamed Lancine Sylla, Siaka Toure, N'Famara Camara.

Hungary



Lazlo Nemeth, both Olympic water-polo champion with the Hungarian team and finalist in the 100 m. freestyle in Berlin in 1936 has died in Paris at the age of 55.

His learning (he was a professor of philosophy), his moral qualities and a perfect knowledge of French enabled him to carry out the post of education councillor at the Ecole Alsacienne.

India



Mrs. Lakshmi Chhabra, President of the Indian Handball Association, took her seat at the Indian Olympic Association for the first time on 26th May as her federation's request for affiliation had just been accepted.

Ireland



As President of the Olympic Council of Ireland, Lord Killanin a few years ago instigated the organisation of seminars and cultural events in the aim of pro-



From left to right: H. E. the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC; Mr. Gerry Snyder, Vice-President of the Montreal COJO 76; and Mr. P. J. Carroll, President of the Olympic Council of Ireland.

moting the Olympic ideals and sport. Now that he is President of the IOC, his successors continue the path he opened. The Olympic Council of Ireland therefore organised a remarkable seminar in Dublin from 5th to 7th April 1974 on "planification and motivation in sport". Each Olympic sport was entitled to send three representatives: a competitor of international standard, a member of a technical committee (i.e. a trainer, etc), and an association official or administrator.

In addition, representatives of such non-Olympic sports as rugby, badminton, golf, tennis and cricket were also invited. Members of the section for the development of sport of the Department of Education as well as officials of the newly founded National College of Physical Education were also present.

The President, Mr. Patrick J. Carroll, welcomed the participants to the seminar. After dinner Mr. John Brutton, minister for sport, took the floor. He spoke of the planification and motivation necessary for a sporting nation to claim success. "It is essential to bring several Olympic trainers to Ireland so that they can spread their knowledge to our young, less experienced athletes." The main speaker at the opening meeting was Mr. Roger Bannister, Chairman of the Sports Council of Great Britain, who spoke on several themes concerning the good planning, development and participation in sport. Let us note among the other speakers Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, Mr. Jumbo Elliot, athletics, Mr. Alan Wade, football, Mr. Allister Murray, Dr. Cyril White and Mr. Ronnie Delany, Irish gold medallist in the 1500 metres at the Melbourne Olympic Games.

The Canadian Olympic Association was represented by Mr. Gerry Snyder, Vice-President Finance of COJO 1976, and Dr. Tom Bedecki, Director of the Canadian Sports Council.

Japan



Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, sent the following message to the Japanese Olympic Committee upon the celebration of its Olympic Day 1974.

“Ever since the proposal made by Dr. Gruss, IOC member for Czechoslovakia, in 1948 that National Olympic Committees should celebrate an Olympic day every year, Japan has regularly and faithfully taken up this recommendation.

“In that very year the new Japanese NOC organised a huge gathering of athletes in Tokyo during the celebration of the London Olympic Games. Japanese participants in previous Games took an active part, particularly by relating their Olympic experiences.

“The aim of this first celebration was to promote and spread the Olympic ideal among the general public, and in this way the Japanese Olympic Committee, reconstituted after the war, renewed its ties with the world Olympic movement. Now, 26 years later, you are gathered here together for another celebration of the Olympic day at Saga, where in two years’ time the participants of the 1976 National Sports Festival, including several of you perhaps, will meet in fair and equal competition.

“The Japanese Olympic Committee has made great strides over the last 26 years. The Olympic ideal is deeply rooted in the youth of this country, and regular celebration of the Olympic day has without doubt greatly contributed towards this.

“The two Olympic celebrations which Japan has organised, the Games of the XVIIIth Olympiad in Tokyo and the XIth

Winter Games in Sapporo, bear this out. After the Helsinki Games in 1952 it was feared that such enthusiasm and athletic fervour could never be repeated, yet the Japanese people showed that “Olympism” is a thoroughly meaningful and ever-present word.

“The Olympic movement is faced with serious problems and we have to meet ever increasing demands and pressures of all kinds (political, racial, commercial, etc.). It has reached a turning point in its history; the recent Olympic Congress laid the foundations for its future development and now the youth of the world, raised in the purest Olympic spirit, must actively participate in the task before us. I am sure that with their help and understanding the Olympic movement will grow even stronger, and will more than ever remain the greatest social force in the modern world.

“On this memorable day, let me express the sincere hope that Japan’s youth, united with the youth of other countries, may continue contributing to the promotion of Olympism throughout the world.”

Morocco



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Mexico



Mr. Mario Vazquez Rana, new President of the Mexican Olympic Committee
Following the resignation of Mr. Pedro Ramirez Vazquez (see "Olympic Review" No. 76/77, pp. 125 and 170) and the interim period carried out by the Vice-President Mr. Alejandro Ortega San Vicente, Mr. Mario Vazquez Rana was elected President. A shooter with remarkable international performances, he entered sports administration in this sport. In 1969 he founded the Mexican International and Olympic Shooting Federation, of which he is President. In April 1972 he organised the first "Benito Juarez" international shooting competition with the participation of 13 countries. Four months later he visited every



country of the continent in order to create the American Shooting Confederation. The following year shooters from 23 American, Asian, African and European countries took part in the second "Benito Juarez" competitions, and Mr. Rana organised the constitutive Congress of the American Confederation, of which he became the first President. Mexico then organised the first American championships which assembled 17 nations in October 1973.

Voted best sports official of the year by the sportswriters' association in 1973, Mr. Mario Vazquez Rana is also Vice President of the Mexican Sports Confederation and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Union Internationale de Tir.

Monaco



The protection of the Olympic emblems in the Principality of Monaco is ensured by legislation of 19th April 1974 which was obtained through the effort of Mr. Jacques de Millo, President of the Monaco Olympic Committee.

Norway



New board:

PT: Mr. Arne B. Mollen; *SG and VPT:* Mr. John Chr. Schonheyder; *M:* Messrs. Jan Gulbrandsen, Johan von Koss, Aage Most, Willy Reising, Hans B. Skaset, Georg Stabell and Mr. Jan Staubo, IOC member.

Uganda



● *New board:* *PT:* Dr. J. W. S. Kasirye; *SG:* Mr. P. K. Kakoza; *T:* Mr. L. Owino; *M:* Messrs. E. Oluo, J. Obong Aredo, Rev. Father D. Grimes, J. Kana-kulya, E. Kitamirike, J. Wafula and Nsubuga Musoke.

Paraguay



● *New board:* *PT:* Dr. Domingo Inchausti; *VPT:* Mr. Harold Romnebeck; *SG:* Col. Arnulfo Ruben Becker C.; *T:* Dr. Andrés Bogado Romero; *M:* Dr. Aurelio Nunes, Prof. Jorge Acosta Gonzales.

Poland



At the signature of the co-operation agreement between Polish and Soviet sports organisations, Mr. Boleslaw Kapitan, President of the Polish Olympic Committee and the General Committee for Sport and Tourism, awarded Mr. Vitaly Smirnov, IOC member for the USSR and Vice President of the USSR Sports Committee, with the sports order of merit (see our photograph).



of organisers with the experience necessary to prepare for the most important sports event of today. In addition the region chosen already has the essential infrastructure and installations such as the cross-country complex, the alpine ski slopes, two skating rinks and a modern telecommunications centre, all situated within a small radius. The deep-rootedness of Olympism within the population since the very origins of the contemporary Olympic movement, and the great interest aroused by winter sports in this country add to the positive points of this file.

- *Jiri Raska, 1968 Olympic ski-jump champion is retiring from the Czechoslovakian national team after sixteen years. He pointed out that at the age of 33 his mission had been fulfilled, especially as his successors are already better than him.*

Czechoslovakia



- *Already a bid for the organisation of the 1984 Winter Games.*

Without further ado the Czechoslovakian NOC, through its President, Mr. Antonin Himl, has put forward the bid of the most important national winter sports centre, situated in the Upper Tatras. Mr. Himl points out the perfect organisation of the 1970 cross-country ski championships at Vysoki Tatry, the 1972 ice hockey championships at Prague, the 1973 figure skating championships at Bratislava and the 1973 European junior alpine ski championships at Jasna. There are therefore hundreds

Tunisia



- *15th Tunisian National Olympic Day*

Ever since 1959 the Tunisians regularly celebrate the Olympic Day on the third Sunday in May in accordance with the presidential decree of 8th May 1959. This year the Olympic flag was raised in Africa Square, Tunis, in the presence of Messrs. Mohamed Mzali, Minister of Public Health, President of the Tunisian Olympic Committee (TOC) and member of the IOC Executive Board; Fouad Mbazaa, Minister of Youth and Sports; Slaheddine Baly, Minister of Justice and Secretary General of the IOC; Abdelhamid Malki, Governor of Tunis; members of the TOC; and representatives of the sports federations.



Dr H. P. Reyes

From left to right: Messrs. Mohamed Mzali, member of the IOC and President of the Tunisian Olympic Committee; Fouad Mbazzaa, Minister of Youth and Sports; Slaheddine Baly, Minister of Justice and Secretary General of the Tunisian Olympic Committee; A. Malki, Governor of Tunis.

and assistance for athletes in force in Italy which he finds excellent and hopes to set up the same in his country. Let us note that Mr. Reyes took care of all his travel and accommodation expenses for his stay in Bulgaria himself.

At the close of this ceremony Mr. Mzali gave a reception at the COT's headquarters in... Pierre de Coubertin Road. Throughout the day, not only in the capital but also at Sousse, Sfax, Sidi Bou Said and Beja, large sports meetings were held in order to intensify the popularisation of sport and the Olympic ideals.

● *New Board:*

PT: Dr. Héctor Payssé Reyes; *VPTs:* Prof. José D. Vallarino Veracierto, Dr. Armando R. Malet, *SG:* Mr. Raul Bove Ceriani; *Dep. Sec.:* Dante Iocco; *T:* Leonel Gabriel; *Dep. T:* Col. Ruben G. Orozco; *Accountant:* Julio V. Canessa; *Hon. M:* Dr. Alfredo O. Inciarte, IOC member; Col. Washington Lopez Ramirez, President of the National Physical Education Commission.

● *No. 1 of the Tunisian Olympic Committee's news bulletin* appeared on the occasion of this Olympic day, containing information on the IOC, the preparation of the Montreal Games and the 7th Mediterranean Games, as well as news items on the activities of the national sports federations.

● *Uruguayan football mourns* the deaths in Montevideo of Lorenzo Fernandez (73) and Alfredo Ghierra (82), two great figures of the golden age of Uruguayan football. They were both Olympic champions, Fernandez in 1924 and Ghierra in 1928.

Uruguay



● *Dr. Héctor Payssé Reyes*, President of the Uruguayan Olympic Committee, has written a very valuable report on the Xth Olympic Congress in which he describes the atmosphere and working conditions and analyses the various speeches. He concludes with his impressions and the exchange of ideas which he was able to have personally. He mentions the system of insurance

Yugoslavia



● *New Board:*

PT: Mr. Gojko Sekulovski; *VPT:* Ivo Cipci; *SG:* Vladislav Obradovic; *T:* Milan Tavcar; *M:* Mr. Boris Bakrac, IOC member; Blazimir Ocokoljic, Mitja Presern, Miroslav Cerar, Slobodan Burzan, Stjepan Cerjan, Tone Petric, Mato Bajic, Ljubisa Zecevic, Kiro Popovski, Vicko Lucic, Bogoljub Mikic, Danilo Ivanovic, Djordje Peklic, Vladislav Njaradi, Dr. Radomir Saper, Zarko Ostojic, Ljubomir Ivanovic, Karlo Palic, Milos Sumonja, Lubo Truta, Lone Florjancic.