

Around the National Olympic Committees



Mr. Kaundu Kabangabanga, Secretary General of the Zaire National Olympic Committee (CNOZ), has sent us a large number of documents on the recent Zaire Games¹, held last October in Lubumbashi. However, as we cannot present these Games any better than he has done himself, let us leave him to describe them.

The Zaire Games are national sports meetings which we organise every two years. This year they were held from 5th to 13th October 1974 at Lubumbashi, in the province of Shahba, and were attended by 1335 athletes and officials from the nine regions making up the country. The following sports were entered on the programme of the third Games: athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling, judo, handball and volleyball.

The material organisation of the Games cost nearly 300,000 zaires, that is, 1,530,000 Swiss francs, granted by the State. However the overall takings amounted to 23,000 zaires, or 117,300 Swiss francs. The Zaire National Olympic Committee is hardly interested in financial management and even less in the takings, which go to the public treasury.

On account of the very large impact of the Games, the State of Zaire supports the CNOZ's efforts at this level. Yet the greatest benefit we receive from these Games is in the sports and Olympic field. The Games' objectives are, among other things, the following:

- to arouse the masses' interest in sport and physical education,
- to promote sports rivalry and the strengthening of national awareness,
- to gauge the level of the development of national sport,
- to favour the creation of national and Olympic teams,
- to promote the popularisation of the Olympic ideal.

We know that the NOCs represent the interests of the International Olympic Committee, and in this way are a vehicle for the Olympic ideal and principles. We in fact organised

¹ The first Zaire Games were held in 1967 in Kinshasa, and the second, also in Kinshasa, in 1972.

the third Zaire Games very closely on the pattern of the Olympic Games. They began by the lighting of an Olympic torch at the Zaire National Olympic Committee's headquarters, where an Olympic hearth had been set up in ancestral manner (see our document). This Olympic torch covered over 3,500 km by boat, train and road before reaching Lubumbashi, after a fortnight's journey. At the end of each stage, displays and lectures were organised to explain the meaning of the Olympic flame, how the Zaire National Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee work, and the aims of the Olympic ideal. These displays gave rise to considerable enthusiasm, to say the least, with the public.

Beyond the success we achieved, we must nevertheless deplore the fact that the Zaire National Olympic Committee does not enjoy financial independence, which means that its administrative autonomy is constantly compromised. We know that to be self-financing it is necessary above all to have something of a small working capital, and in order for the public to subscribe to our action, it must previously be aware of the scope of our activities. This justifies the *raison d'être* of the Olympic setting surrounding the third Zaire Games.

We should note that the Zaire National Olympic Committee has been strengthened by these Games. This feeling of self-satisfaction which we are experiencing now calls for a sustained effort to maintain this advantage.

Kaundu Kabangabanga

Federal Republic of Germany



- The conference of the FRG Land Ministers for the Interior has decided that the Lucky Spiral which was launched for the Games in Munich will continue to finance German sport in 1975. Half of the profits from this lottery, that is about DM 15 million (16 million Swiss francs) per year, is paid towards the German Sports Aid.

This organisation was thus able to distribute DM 7.2 million (7.7 million Swiss francs) between the 31 sports federations which it subsidizes.

But the Sports Aid does not benefit from the Lucky Spiral's contribution alone. The 1974 Sports Ball, for example, organised by the former Olympic riding champion Josef Neckermann, enabled DM 800,000 to be handed over to this foundation.

- The oldest German lady Olympic champion has just celebrated her 90th birthday in Munich. Annie Horn, gold figure skating medallist in London (1908) under the name of Annie Hubler with her partner Heinrich Burger, was born on 2nd January 1885. Former Director of a large shop, she also combined art with sport as she sang as a soprano at the Bremen Opera. The *Olympic Review* wishes her a very happy birthday.

Belgium



- *Aqua-D or the water festival*

On 8th September 1974, all the nautical authorities from the province of Namur were mobilised for an enormous nautical festival stretching from the edge of the Ardennes to the town of Namur. Cabin cruisers, water skiers, divers, paddlers, oarsmen, coxswains, swimmers and boating fans, everyone met up for this impressive event, the theme of which was: "Learn to swim! Join us in and on the water."

For more than 20 kilometres, the Meuse was the setting for a nautical parade. Its size, quality and display aroused the admiration and delight of the thousands of spectators who had gathered along the route. Hardly surprising that a IInd Aqua-D is being discussed!

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Egypt



- *New Board: PT:* Mr. Mohamed Ahmed; *VPT:* Mr. Abdelagim Ashri; *SG:* Mr. Abdelaziz Elshafei; *Asst. SG:* Mr. Mohamed Mohyeldine; *T:* Mr. Mohamed Abdou; *Ms:* Dr. Mohamed Fadali, Messrs. Ahmed Khaairy, Nassef Selim, Dr. Moustafa Fahim; *IOC M:* Mr. A. D. Touny.

Canada



● Founded two years ago, the *Olympic Club of Canada*, which is comprised of officials and athletes who have represented Canada at the Olympic Games, already has more than 1,000 members. Its main objective is to encourage its members to take an active part in the promotion of amateur sport and Olympism in Canada.

Thus, in conjunction with the COJO and the COA, it recently organised a meeting in Montreal to strengthen relations with the inhabitants of Montreal who are wholeheartedly caught up in the Olympic atmosphere.

Cuba



● *New Board elected for the 1975-1979 period: PT:* Manuel Gonzalez Guerra, *M* of the IOC; *VPT:* Jorge Garcia-Bango Dirube; *SG:* Fabio Ruiz Vinajeras; *S:* José Ginori Turro; *Asst. S:* Teodoro Perez Martineaud; *T:* Julio Bidopia Fuentes; *Asst. T:* Octavio Perez Reboredo; *Ms:* Osvaldo Matias Flores, Alfredo Estevez Miro, Mario Pelaez Sosa, Raul Villanueva Torres.

Luxemburg



● On 14th December 1974, at 16.50 hours, the COL changed into the COSL (Comité Olympique et Sportif Luxembourgeois). This was decided by 29 out of the 31 affiliated federations at an extraordinary general assembly which will go down in the annals of the grand duchy's sport. This historical decision was the result of 20 months of discussions and great deliberations on the unity of organised, private sport, following the government's draft bill on a National Sports Council to be set up at the government's instigation.

In view of this threat of overlapping, and therefore of possible clashes and State interference, the grand duchy's sports organisation in particular article 8, source of the tions preferred to modify the COL's rules by conflict and which "self-restricted" the number of member federations. Henceforth, nothing can hinder the admission to the COSL of those federations or associations which so request. The COSL's new rules can be consulted in the January 1975 issue of its official review *Flambeau* No.9.

Surinam



CITIUS-ALTIVS-FORTIVS

● *New Board: PT:* Mr. S. Salomons; *SG:* Mr. F. Glans; *T:* Mr. C. R. Singh; *Ms:* Messrs. G. A. Storm, van Leeuwen, L. de Sanders.

El Salvador



CITIUS-ALTIVS-FORTIVS

● *New Board elected for the 1975-1978 period: PT:* Col. José Larios Guerra; *T:* Dr. José Rivas Salazar; *SG:* Mr. Gustavo Farrar h.; *Ms:* Dr. Rogelio Alfredo Chavez, Dr. Andrés Amador.

USSR



Mr. Serguei Pavlov,
President

● The USSR NOC met in general assembly on 12th March. Two main points appeared on the agenda: the transfer of responsibilities for the organisation and staging of the 1980 Olympic Games to the recently formed Organising Committee, and the renewal of the NOC's Executive Committee members.

● *New Board of the USSR NOC: PT:* Serguei Pavlov (elected), *PT* of the USSR Sports Committee, who replaces Mr. Andrianov; *VPTs:* Constantin Andrianov, *M* of the IOC (elected), Vitaly Smirnov, *M* of the IOC EB (re-elected), Nikolai Riashentzev (re-elected); *SG:* Nikolai Kurdiukov (re-elected); *Ms:* Valentin Alekhin (re-elected), P. Bogdanov (elected), Aidar Valiahkmetov (re-elected), Boris Goncharov (re-elected), Alexander Gresko (elected), Constantin Zarov (re-elected), Nikolai Kiselev (re-elected), Vladimir Koval (re-elected), Yuri Metaev (elected), Z. Mironova (elected), Nikolai Nikiforov-Denisov, *PT* of the FIBA, (re-elected), Serguei Popov (elected), D. Prokorov (elected), Vladimir Sawine (re-elected), Nikolai Semashko (re-elected), N. Syscev (elected), A. Sareda (elected), A. Sinilkina (elected), Yuri Titov (elected), Zakhariy Firsov (re-elected), Leonid Khomenkov (re-elected).