

# Around the NOCs

## Albania



● *New Board:* PT: Veiz Lelo; VPTs: Azis Tahiri, Vaso Shaka; SG: Muharrem Sinoimeri; Ms: Mrs. Angjelina Gurakugi, Besim Fagu, Dervish Lisi, Mrs. Flora Toto, Kiço Karaguni, Kristaq Miço, Mrs. Lumturi Rexha, Petraq Kule, Mrs. Sofie Meçe, Sokol Morina and Sotir Kamberi.



● An enquiry published in the Austrian press gives interesting information on the Austrians' interest in sport. Out of 1000 people questioned, 62 were interested in skiing, though only 22 practise it; 43 people were interested in football, and 6 practise it. It is surprisingly swimming that more people practise (26) among those who are interested (40). Then come skating (33/7), motor sports (27/1), boxing (25/0) and gymnastics (24/6).

## Canada



● One of our loyal readers, Mr. Archie Richardson (416 4th Street, San Raphael Senior Home, San Raphael, California 94901) has sent us an interesting historical study on a competition which took place in Canada from 11th to 14th September 1839. We are publishing it here in the hope that other learned readers will be able to help him in his research.

*Democracy in amateur track and field was born on the Caer Howell Grounds, about one mile north of Toronto, Canada, from 11th to*

## Stop Press

On 15th April 1975, the All-China Sports Federation applied to the International Olympic Committee to be recognised as the National Olympic Committee for the People's Republic of China.

As is customary, the IOC has requested full details, according to Olympic Rules 6, 8, 24 and 25, and will discuss this application, together with that of other candidates, through the normal procedure at the 76th Session in Lausanne this May.

*14th September 1839, ie. 41 years before democracy in amateur track and field was born in England—the accepted birth-place of the non-contact, golden rule sport of amateur track and field. 1839... more than 600 athletes competed in the historic four-day meeting at Toronto, including:*

1. British Army officers,
2. British Army soldiers,
3. Canadian farmers,
4. aristocrats,
5. Canadian citizens,
6. and... a black American.

*This is the earliest known occasion of a black American track and field athlete being permitted to compete in a major meeting with white athletes.*

*References: "Early American Sports" by William B. Curtis; 1962 edition of "Archie's Little Black Book" by H. Archie "Rich-in-Friends" Richardson, Rich-Burn Publishing Company.*

*To date, the above story is incomplete. Somewhere in Toronto is the history of the privileged black American athlete:*

- a) *was he born in Canada?*
- b) *was he born in the United States... and then escape to Canada via the "underground railroad"?*
- c) *what are his full first name and surname?*

Eight events were mentioned in the precious Toronto report:

- Running triple jump: John Overland, 40'02";
- Running high jump: John Overland, 5'06";
- 10 lbs. hammer throw: Michael Kennedy, 110'00";
- 16 lbs. hammer throw: Thomas Carradice, 80'08";
- 24 lbs. shot-put: Thomas Carradice, 28'03";
- 120 yards sprint;
- 120 yards hurdles;
- 440 yards.

Prizes were trophies.



### United States

● Everyone will remember the famous "flying pastor" Bob Richards, twice Olympic champion in 1952 and 1956 in the pole-vault, who so strongly made his mark in this event before the introduction of fibre-glass poles. Once again his name has appeared in the heights of pole-vaulting as his son, Bob Richards Jr., has become one of the best pole-vaulters of today. In a recent interview with a French sports newspaper he stated: "I try to be worthy of him. I've cleared 5.33 m and I'm progressing. But 4.57 m, which he cleared 126 times with a metal pole, is probably equivalent to 5.50 m with a fibre glass pole." A good lesson in humility and sports tradition.



### Great Britain

BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

● After a five-year gap, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, President of the FEI, has again become President of the *British Royal Yachting Association*, a post he held from 1956 to 1970. Latterly, Mr. Owen Aisher filled this position most capably, and initiated particularly the complete reorganisation of the Association.

● Lord Rupert Neville has just resigned from the presidency of the *British Show Jumping Association*. He is succeeded by Colonel Harry Llewellyn, 1952 gold medalist in team show jumping and bronze medallist in 1948.

● *An original method of financing... or how to associate sport with art.* A riding enthusiast has discovered an original way of helping the British equestrian team to prepare for the Games in Montreal. Mr. David MacConal-Mason, Director of an art gallery, has donated a painting by Sir Alfred Munnings of HM King George V to the *British Horse Society*, presided by the Earl of Westmoreland.

● *Christopher Brasher*, 1956 Olympic 3,000 m. steeplechase champion, now a sports journalist, has recently received the Finnish National Medal of Honour for his contribution to sport. This award takes on even greater importance when we realise that it is only rarely attributed to foreigners by the Finnish Minister for Education. All our congratulations.



*Christopher Brasher*



*Colonel Harry Llewellyn in action at the 1948 Olympic Games.*

## Hong Kong



● Every year in the spring, the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, presided by Mr. A. de O. Sales, organises a sports festival with the aim of encouraging and increasing the interest of young people in sport. Created in 1958, this festival has reached its 18th edition and its importance has been increasing steadily. Arranged from 3rd March until the month of April with its climax on 16th March, the programme comprises no less than 29 sports or activities.

● The President of the NOC, Mr. A. de O. Sales, has just been conferred the title of Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE), in recognition of his untiring work in public service on the territory of Hong Kong. Our heartiest congratulations.

## India



● Mr. Umrao Singh, PT of the Asian Amateur Athletics Association and Minister of the Punjab, has sent us this photograph taken during the recent world hockey championships, which were held in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia. The Indian national team, the Captain of which can be seen here, finally won the tournament from Pakistan and Germany.



From left to right: Mr. Ajitpalsingh, Captain, Mr. Ashok Kumar, Mr. Umrao Singh and Mr. Govinda.

## Jamaica



● Stanley Wint, who won two gold and two silver medals over 400, 800 and 4 x 400 m. at the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Games, has just been appointed his country's Ambassador to Sweden. A doctor of medicine, Stanley Wint then preferred to follow a diplomatic career. Many congratulations.



Stanley Wint

## Kuwait

● The Kuwait NOC publishes a sports information and liaison bulletin entitled "*Sport Magazine*", which appears every month in English and Arabic. It can be obtained from: Kuwait Olympic Committee, P. O. Box 795, Kuwait.



## nLuxemburg



● *New Board of Directors: PT:* Josy Barthel; *VPT:* Aloyse Scherer; *SG:* Raymond Hastert; *T:* Bernard Fonck; *Ms:* Pilo Fonck, Gérard Rasquin, René Schiltz; J. M. Wagener, Armand Schmit, Robert Decker, Miss Colette Flesch, Emile Thoma; *ex officio M:* HRH the Grand Duke Jean, IOC member.

## Malaysia



*Mr. Thong Poh Nyen*

● *Composition of the Board: PT:* Tun Abdul Razak bin Datuk Hussein; *Ch:* Datuk Hamzah bin Haji Abu Samah; *VPTs:* Tun Tan Siew Sin, Tan Sri Abdul Jamil, Datuk O. K. K. Hj. Sakaran B. Dandai, Datuk Ling Beng Siew; *SG:* Thong Poh Nyen; *Asst. SG:* Sidique Merican; *T:* Lum Mun Chak; *Asst. T:* Sum Kwok Seng.

## Nigeria



● Dr. Lateef Adegbite, Doctor of law, lawyer and attorney-general, whose election as Vice-President of the Nigerian NOC we recently announced, has just been nominated as President of the West Nigerian Sports Council. We would also point out that he is Deputy President of the Nigerian University Sports Association and that he contributed to the creation of the African Federation of University Sports Associations.

## Norway



● *New Board elected on 13th March: PT:* Arne B. Møllen; *VPT-SG:* Joh. Chr. Schøn-

heyder; *Ms:* Jan Gulbrandsen, Johan von Koss, Aage Most, Willy Reising, Hans B. Skaset, Georg Stabell; *ex officio M:* Jan Staubo, IOC member.

The previous Board has thus been brought back in its entirety. Our congratulations.

## Philippines



*Mr. Ambrosio Padilla,  
President*

● After existing for 61 years, the PAAF (Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation), supreme sports body, has been dissolved and replaced by a Department of Youth and Sports Development (DYSD), which was set up by presidential decree no.604. This new organisation will be responsible for everything to do with youth and sports programmes, and will supervise and govern the national sports associations.

Mr. Ambrosio Padilla, President of the PAAF since 1972, remains President of the NOC, which maintains complete control of selections and organisation for the Olympic Games and the Asian Games.

● For the second time, a competition for the best sports photographs has been organised by the PAAF. After long indecision, the first prize was awarded to Rudy Sakdalan, photographer of The Daily Express, for a picture of basketball. The other winners were Eddie Dangan and Ramon Esguerra.



*The winning picture entitled "Breakthrough".*

## Rhodesia



● *New Board for 1975-1976: PT:* R. W. Grant Stuart; *VPTs:* N. Jacobson, G.A.F. Lincoln; *SG:* G.O. Plaskitt; *T:* J. C. Bardo; *Ms:* N. Cummings, A. H. Calder, P. H. Kennedy, L. Reynolds and E. Shore.

## Rumania



● On 15th March, a debate on "youth and the Olympic idea" was organised at Predeal, the Rumanian winter resort. Mr. Victor Banciulescu, well known to readers of the "Olympic Review", has sent us an account, extracts of which we publish here.

"In front of an audience made up of professors, students and pupils, interesting lectures were given by Alexandru Siperco, IOC *M*, Lia Manoliu, *VPT* of the ROC, Victor Banciulescu, *M* of the ROC, Professor Ion Mates, Director of the skiing high school, Professor Virgil Ludu, organiser of the symposium, Professor Constantin Tudose and the student Radu Mihailescu of Budapest, etc.

"Practical methods to facilitate the dissemination of the Olympic ideals were at the centre of these debates and the experience of Olympic circles formed in various high schools was much quoted.

"Within the scope of these discussions, the Ode to Sport by Coubertin and poems by Georges Tudor, taken from the anthology Olympic Hymns, were recited, and the participants were able to admire paintings done by the pupils on an Olympic theme."

## Senegal



● *New Board of the NOC: PT:* Henri Joseph Dieme; *VPTs:* Iba Diop Mar, Moctar Guene; *SG:* Sheik Magatte N'Diaye; *Asst. SG:* Papa Gallo Thiam; *T:* Alioune Fall; *Asst. T:* Momar Dieng; *ex officio M:* Keba M'Baye, IOC member.

In addition, Mr. Abdoulaye Diop Mathurin, First President of the Senegal Court of Appeal, has been co-opted as the NOC's lawyer.

## Thailand



● *Composition of the Board: PT:* General Dawee Chullasapaya, *M* of the IOC; *VPT:* Gen. Kris Savara; *SG:* Col. Anu Romyanond; *T:* Gen. Tem Homsettee; *Public relations:* Mr. Kong Visudharomd; *Reception:* Lt. Chumpol Lohachala; *Ms:* Gen. Prasert Riyirawongse, Dr. Boonsom Martin, Maj. Gen. Chartichai Choonhavan. Dr. Gul Isarasenar.

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## USSR



● The Sports Committee of the USSR Council of Ministers has appointed Mr. A. D. Eryomine at the head of USSR football organisation.

● Valery Borsov, 1972 Olympic 100 and 200 m. champion, is also a diligent scholar. Assistant at Kiev High School, he is soon to present his doctorate thesis. Its subject is of course sport, and more particularly sprinting, since it concerns a study of the crouch start in sprint races.

## Zaire



● Mr. Elonga Malimazungu, former *PT* of the Zaire NOC, has joined the Government of Zaire with responsibility for sport.

