

# Within the International Federations

*On the occasion of the Olympic Games celebrating the XX1st Olympiad in Montreal, most of the International Federations with sports appearing on the Olympic programme will be holding their Congresses. In many cases, their Boards will be renewed.*

*Below we set out a list of these meetings, and indicate those Congresses that are planned between now and next December.*



## Bonaventure Hotel

IAAF (athletics)	20th-22nd	09.00-18.00
FISA (rowing)	17th	08.30-11.30
FIBA (basketball)	13th-14th	10.00-18.00
AIBA (boxing) <sup>1</sup>	14th	09.00-18.00
ICF (canoeing)	21st	09.00-18.00
	22nd	09.00-23.00
FIAC (cycling)	16th	09.00-15.00
FIE (fencing) <sup>2</sup>	18th	09.00-18.00
FIFA (football)	16th	09.00-13.00
FIG (gymnastics) <sup>3</sup>	13th-14th	09.00-19.00
	15th	08.30-22.00
FIH (hockey)	27th	09.00-13.00
IJF (judo)	24th	09.00-18.00
FILA (wrestling)	18th	14.00-19.00
FINA (swimming)	28th-30th	08.00-18.00
UIPMB (modern pentathlon)	11th-12th	09.00-18.00
UIT (shooting)	16th and	
	25th	09.00-18.00
	26th	09.00-13.00
FITA (archery)	25th	10.00-18.00
	31st	10.00-17.00
FIVB (volleyball)	28th	09.00-18.00
	29th	09.00-13.00
IWF (weightlifting)	15th	09.30-19.30

## In Portugal

IHF (handball) 3rd and 4th October

## In London

IYRU (yachting) 8th-13th November

## In Brussels

FEI (equestrian) December

<sup>1</sup> Delegates' conference.

<sup>2</sup> Extraordinary assembly.

<sup>3</sup> 13th: men's technical assembly,

14th: women's technical assembly.

**International Amateur  
Athletic Federation  
(IAAF)**



● *The agenda of the next IAAF Congress* (see page 304) comprises about twenty points, including constitutional revisions in connection with a new composition of the IAAF Council, the method of electing this new Council, the creation of a world cup, the examination of a report on the status of an amateur, etc.



● *Mrs. Diane Clement, President of the Canadian Track and Field Association*, whom we presented in our previous issue (page 208), will be welcoming the delegates of this 30th IAAF Congress to Montreal (see our photograph).

● If the Congress agrees, *the first world cup* will be held from 2nd to 4th September 1977 at Düsseldorf (Germany). It will subsequently take place every other year. The IAAF Council, meeting in London, has proposed that eight teams take part: three from Europe, one from Africa, one from Oceania, one from the United States, one from the rest of America and one from Asia. Selection of the European teams would be made by choosing the first two from the European Cup, with the third team being made up of the best competitors in the remaining teams.

● *Progression of world records*

*Women's category:* For the 11th time, Faïna Melnik (USSR) has improved her discus record with a throw of 70.50 m. Her first world record, in 1971, was only of 64.22 m. On two days, 8th and 9th May 1976, in Dresden, GDR athletes improved three world records: Christina Brehmer (18) ran 400 m. in 49.77 secs., Angela Voigt made a long jump of 6.92 m. (the previous record had been held by Heide Rosendahl since 1970 with 6.84 m.), and Rosemarie Ackermann-Witchas jumped 1.95 m. high.



*Faïna Melnik and Annelie Braun*

*Men's category:* The American discus thrower MacWilkins (25, 116 kg., 1.93 m.) has twice improved the record of his university friend, John Powell, with 69.18 m. (on 24th April), then with a tremendous series (70.80 m., 70.24 m. and 70.86 m.) eight days later at San José (United States).

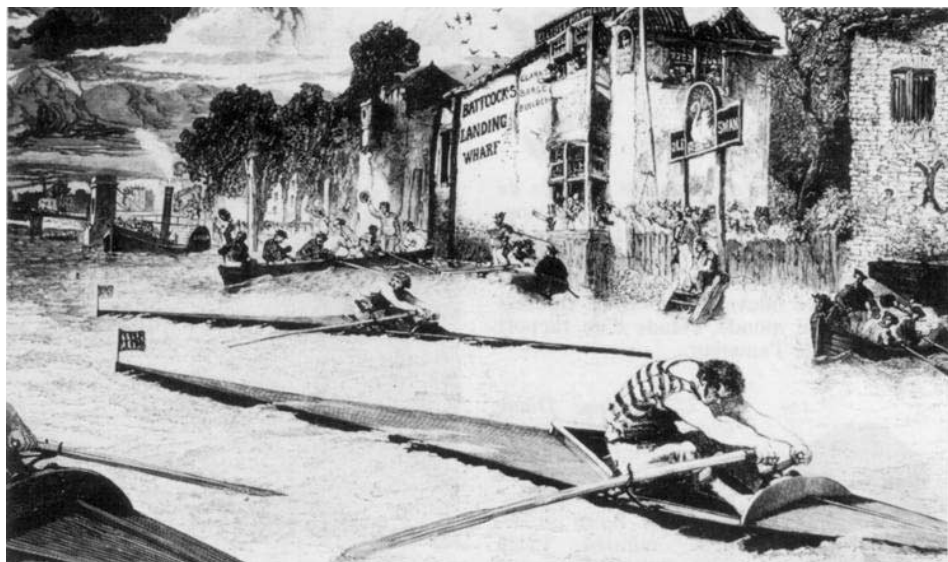
Harvey Glance, the 19 year old American sprinter (1.73 m., 68 kg.) has become the 8th joint holder of the 100 m. record in 9.9 secs.

The Dutchman Jos Hermens (25) has run 20.944 km. in an hour, thus at the same time improving the world 20 km. record in 57:24.2.

● *Montreal 1976*

*Technical progress:* Instead of the two cameras used up until now to check the regular running of lane races, ten television cameras will operate simultaneously at Montreal. They will be able to film the whole competition and record the race of each competitor on videotape, whatever the distance between first and last.

● *The doping tests* will be extremely strict. Athletes will be chosen at random on their arrival at the village. This system will avoid too much pressure on the testing services during the competitions. In this way, some guilty persons may be disqualified before the Games.



**Fédération Internationale  
des Sociétés d'Aviron  
(FISA - rowing)**



The FISA's leaders held their traditional spring meeting from 2nd to 4th April 1976 at Montreux under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas Keller, President.

*Activity report:*

In order to strengthen ties with the South American rowing federations, several leading members of the FISA attended the Pan-American Games which took place at Mexico City in October 1975. In December, President Keller visited Moscow to discuss improvements to the rowing basin for the 1980 Olympic Games with the relevant authorities. At the beginning of March 1976, the President of the FISA attended the New Zealand national championships, contested on Karapiro Lake, then he visited Sydney and Melbourne in Australia.

In December last year, the annual conference for coaches was held at Mürren, in which about 70 coaches from 22 countries participated. This year, the conference will be organised in Stockholm from 21st to 24th October.

The women's rowing sub-commission is currently studying the possible introduction of coxless quadruple sculls, as well as the staging of a FISA championship for young oarswomen. In addition, it is making an inquiry into the history of women's rowing.

The work of the youth rowing sub-commission is presently concentrating on specific questions relating to rowing for youngsters.

The FISA veterans meeting, introduced in 1974, is gaining even more success. This year, it will take place in West Berlin, as will the traditional FISA excursion.

A 16 mm. sound-film in colour was made at the world rowing championships in Nottingham last year. Length of the film: about 30 minutes. It can be obtained from Dan Products Ltd., 21 Reynolds Close, Hampsteadway, London NW11 7EA, for the reasonable price of £75.

*Montreal preparation*

Mr. Martin Bielz, Co-ordinator of the Montreal Olympic regattas, informed the assembly of the state of preparations. The programme for the rowing events will be as follows:

18th July: heats M.; 19th July: heats W.;  
20th July: repechages M.; 21st July: repe-

chages W.; 22nd July: semi-finals W.; 23rd July: semi-finals M.; 24th July: finals W. (Saturday); 25th July: finals M. (Sunday).

The FISA Congress will take place on 17th July at Bonaventure Hotel in Montreal. Since women's events are appearing on the Olympic regatta programme for the first time, the FISA will be organising meetings, relating to women's rowing, within the framework of these regattas. Other sessions will be devoted to the 1978 world championships in New Zealand which will constitute a special occasion in the FISA's history.

The Olympic race course on Ile Notre-Dame in Montreal showed its worth at the FISA junior championships last year. 10,000 seats are available for spectators and standing room for 20,000 people is provided; if required, this number can be reasonably increased. The organisation will be tested at the end of June during an international regatta.

The fact that the rowing and canoe-kayak events will take place on the same race course will cause quite significant problems, above all during the training period which precedes the competitions. The training centre on a branch of the St. Lawrence River (Ile Charon) suggested by the FISA was turned down by the Organising Committee for financial reasons. An alternative solution is being sought at the moment with the collaboration of the Quebec Rowing Federation. The final training timetable will be established in relation to the result of these efforts. The decision will be taken during the FISA President's next visit to Montreal, that is towards the middle of May.

#### *Future competitions*

The FISA junior and light-weight championship for this year will be staged on Ossiach Lake, near Villach (Austria). The programme for this championship has been drawn up as follows:

- 10th August: Opening ceremony.
- 11th August: Heats.
- 12th August: Repechages.
- 13th August: Semi-finals.
- 14th August (Saturday): Finals.

Owing to the weather, races will be held in the morning. The 1978 championship will be stated at Belgrade.

The President of the Organising Committee for the 1977 world championships, Mr. Jan Fortuin, presented a report on the preparatory work for this occasion which will take place from Saturday 20th to Sunday 28th August. As at Montreal, the men's and women's events will be raced alternately. The FISA junior championship will be staged at the same time. A new boat dock is to be built and the adjacent channels will be available for training.

At the beginning of May, a FISA delegation will visit Tampere (Finland) to supervise the preparations for the 1977 FISA junior championship.

#### *The 1978 world championships*

The 1978 world rowing championships in New Zealand will be the first world championships of an Olympic sport to be staged in this country. This event will not be held in a major town, but in the country, which will give it a special attraction. The transport of athletes, officials and accompanying persons in New Zealand and the question of boats will be discussed during the Olympic regattas in Montreal.

The 1979 world championships will be awarded at the Congress in Montreal.

The 1979 FISA junior championship will be contested in Moscow in the second week of August. At that time, the preparatory work for the 1980 Olympic Games should be finished. The present race course, which was inaugurated at the 1973 European championships, will undergo major transformation work. To reduce the negative effects of side winds, the water level will be raised by about 30 cm. and the number of lanes increased from six to eight.

#### *Resignations - Appointments*

The FISA management has sadly recorded the resignation of Mr. Hans Jacob (GDR) for health reasons. His successor has been named as Mr. Christopher G. V. Davidge (Great Britain), 1957 European champion. This appointment will have to be ratified by the next Congress. In place of Mr. Bloemendal (Netherlands), resigned, Mr. Thor Nielsen (Norway) has been named a member of the Sub-Commission 2.

**Fédération Internationale  
de Basketball Amateur  
(FIBA)**



● *Montreal 1976*

*The men's tournament* will assemble 12 teams, nine of which are already known: the USSR, title holder, the United States and Cuba (2nd and 3rd in Munich), Canada (organising country), Egypt (for Africa), Puerto Rico (for the Americas), Australia (for Oceania), Japan (for Asia) and Italy, team selected following the European tournament in Edinburgh which it won from Yugoslavia, the European champion team. The last three teams will qualify at the end of a tournament held in Hamilton (Ontario, Canada) from 24th June to 3rd July. Among the teams entered are those from Yugoslavia, Brazil, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Israel, Finland, Iceland, Mexico, Netherlands, Sweden, Great Britain, Poland and Bulgaria.

*The 1st women's Olympic tournament* will group six teams: the USSR, world champion, Japan (for Asia), Czechoslovakia (for Europe), Canada (organising country) and the first two teams in the tournament at Hamilton to be contested by the teams from the United States, Bulgaria, Italy, France, Korea, DPR of Korea, Cuba, Great Britain, Poland and Mexico.

**Fédération Internationale  
de Bobsleigh  
et de Tobogganing  
(FIBT)**



● *The 1976 FIBT Congress.* Nineteen affiliated national federations (GER, AND, AUT, BEL, CAN, ESP, USA, FRA, GDR, ITA, JPN, LIE, POL, GDR, ROM, SWE, SUI, TCH, ROC; excused: ARG, AUS) took part in this congress held during the XIIth Winter Games.

In the absence of Dott. Amilcare Rotta, President in office of the FIBT, the First Vice-President, Colonel Marcel Leclef, chaired the discussions, assisted by the Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Robin Dixon and Hans Killian, the Technical Adviser, Mr. Paul Aste, and the Secretary General, Mr. Ermanno Gardel-

la. We are grateful to Colonel Leclef for sending us the following report:

*Elections:* Dott. Amilcare Rotta and Colonel Marcel Leclef were re-elected unanimously, as President and First Vice-President respectively. Messrs. Klaus Kotter (Germany), Petre Focseneanu (Rumania) and Luciano Galli (Italy) become Vice-Presidents for a four-year period, whilst their predecessors, Messrs. Paul Aste, Robin Dixon and Hans Killian were made honorary members. Messrs. John J. Fell, for the American continent, and Alkichi Aoki, for the Asian continent, have been appointed assistants to the Management Committee responsible for the FIBT's interests outside Europe. Dr. Heinz Pezzei, and, in place of Dr. Vergani, Dr. Emilio Pedrazzini, will act as auditors.

*Relations with the FIL* (Fédération Internationale de Luge) should continue on the same basis as those in 1975 for the greater benefit of the two federations.

*A working commission* will be put under the responsibility of each Vice-President. Thus, four commissions supervised by the new Management Committee will fulfil the following functions:

- assure closer relations with all sports authorities which have contacts with the FIBT,
- financial and legal studies,
- establishment of the calendar,
- technical studies, particularly on the security and health of the athletes, and control of the circuits.

**Association Internationale  
de Boxe Amateur  
(AIBA)**



● *The AIBA Commissions* (technical, medical, finance and referees) will be meeting in Montreal on 12th July. Delegates of the national federations affiliated to the AIBA are due to meet on 14th July at Bonaventure Hotel.

## International Canoe Federation (ICF)



- *Montreal 1976*

Eleven canoe-kayak races will be held, for which each national federation has been able to enter a boat on condition that the number of contestants, as in 1972, is not greater than 17, including the four reserves.

- *The 1977 junior world championships for lane races will be organised by the French federation, probably at Vichy.*

## Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)



- *Chevalier Henry de Menton de Horne, the indefatigable Secretary General and Treasurer of the FEI and President of the Belgian Equestrian Sports Federation, has announced that he will give up his international functions at the end of the next Olympic Games. Having belonged to the FEI's ranks for more than twenty years, he reckons that at the age of 80 he is entitled to aspire to a well deserved rest.*

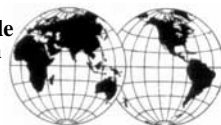
## Fédération Internationale d'Éscrime (FIE - fencing)



- *Mr. Pierre Ferri, President of the FIE from 1957 to 1960, then continuously since 1965, was re-elected for four years by 40 votes and one blank out of 41 voters, at the Congress in Paris on 7th May. In thanking us for our sincere congratulations, Mr. Ferri indicated: "Once again, in a secret ballot, I have obtained the confidence of all the federations attending the Congress. I have therefore accepted for the last time to act as President for another four years, until after the Olympic Games in Moscow, but I will then insist that a successor be found."*

- *The junior world championships contested at Poznan (Poland) from 15th to 19th April crowned: Miss Dolguikh (USSR) in women's foil, the Briton Robert Bruniges (foil), the Hungarian Neibald (sabre) and in epee, for the third consecutive year, the Swiss Michel Poffet.*

## Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)



- *A new headquarters for the FIFA, The President of the FIFA, Mr. Joao Havelange, has announced the Executive Committee's agreement on the erection of a modern building in Zurich. The construction works should be completed in about 18 to 20 months' time.*

- *Montreal 1976*

The sixteen teams to have qualified for the football tournament are known: Poland, title holder, Canada, organising country, Nigeria, Zambia and Ghana for Africa, Iran, DPR of Korea and Israel for Asia, Mexico and Guatemala for the North and Central American, and Caribbean zone, the USSR, German Democratic Republic, Spain and France for Europe, Brazil and Uruguay for South America.

Sixteen referees from the finalists' countries and eight referees from neutral countries will officiate. In order to ensure particularly a uniform interpretation of the rules of the game, the referees will attend a three-day preparatory course before the tournament starts.

- *The International Football Association Board, supreme body as regards the rules of the game, is to meet at Porthcawl (Wales) on 18th June 1976. Mr. Joao Havelange, President of the FIFA, will head the FIFA delegation to be made up of Mr. Sandor Barcs, President of the Referees' Commission, Mr. Koe Ewe Teik (Malaysia) and Dr. Roger Barde (France), members of the Commission; and of Dr. Helmut Kaeser (Switzerland), Secretary General.*

● An international course on medicine and surgery in football took place in Mexico last November under the auspices of the FIFA. Professor Aurelio Pérez-Teuffer, Mexican member of the FIFA Medical Committee, concludes his analysis of the course as follows: "Evaluation and brief conclusions: from the medical and sports points of view, we analysed the difficulty of carrying out doping controls in most countries due to the lack of adequate laboratories or because the tests can, in certain cases, favour the home team. In fact, during the preliminary matches at Haiti in 1973, there were no doping tests as the required laboratories were not available."

*Solution: there exists on the market a portable apparatus the size of an ordinary suitcase, which could be available to all confederations, operated by a special technician, making it cheap to run. The equipment could be sent to the medical officer supervising the competition. The cost of the apparatus, made in North America and easy to operate, is approximately US\$ 4,000. We consider it of great importance to acquire this equipment which will enable doping tests to be carried out, even in those countries most lacking in resources."*

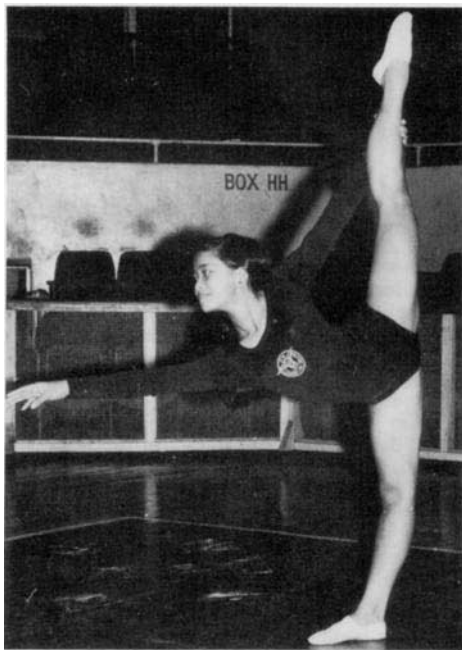
### Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)



● The 54th FIG General Assembly, meeting in Montreal, will be very important due to elections and presentation of the draft for the Federation's new rules.

● Since the resignation of Mr. Ivan Ivancevic (Yugoslavia), Mr. Alex Lylo (Czechoslovakia) has stood in as President of the men's technical committee.

● The FIG's new marking code has been released, thus completing the 1968 edition. The new text has been drawn up following the symposium at Madrid in 1973, and responds to a need for simplification.



### ● Montreal 1976

The six best teams from the last world championships have automatically qualified for the forthcoming Olympic Games. Thus, the men's gymnasts from Germany, Hungary, Japan, GDR, Rumania and the USSR, and the women's gymnasts from Japan, Hungary, GDR, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and the USSR will take part in the 1976 Olympic events. The qualification of the six other teams, for both men and women, should have been decided by the results of international competitions held before 18th April 1976. However, inexplicable scores, particularly overmarking, were recorded at these meetings and as a result the FIG did not hesitate to modify the chosen qualification system. It decided to invite those national teams concerned, as well as the best individual gymnasts from the other nations to a direct confrontation. These qualifying events took place at Hamburg for women, on 1st and 2nd May, and at Wiesbaden for men, on 8th and 9th May.

The following have qualified: *women:* Germany, Bulgaria, Canada, United States, Italy and Netherlands, together with twenty-three individual gymnasts; *men:* Bulgaria, United States, France, Poland, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia, together with twenty gymnasts in an individual capacity.

**International Handball  
Federation  
(IHF)**



● *Montreal 1976*

The twelve teams qualified for the *men's Olympic tournament* are known:

For Europe: Rumania, 1974 world champion, and the first teams from the seven qualification groups: Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, USSR, Germany, Poland and Denmark.

For Africa: Tunisia, African champion.

For Asia: Japan, winner firstly of a tournament organised in Taipei and then of two matches against the Israeli team.

For America: the United States team, winner by default of Argentina, and Canada, the organising country's team.

For the *women's tournament*, the first four teams in the 1975 world championships (GDR, USSR, Hungary and Rumania) will meet Canada and a sixth team which will qualify at the end of an intercontinental tournament to be contested at the end of June in Milwaukee (United States) by the representatives of Africa (Tunisia), America (United States) and Asia (Japan).

Among the men's European teams eliminated from the Montreal tournament appear that of the German Democratic Republic (runner-up to the world champion, 4th in Munich) beaten by Germany only on the number of goals scored, Sweden (7th in Munich), Norway (9th in Munich), Iceland, Bulgaria, Spain, etc.



**Fédération Internationale  
de Hockey  
(FIH)**



● *Composition of the Supreme Council*, set up by agreement between the FIH and the International Federation of Women's Hockey Associations (IFWHA): *PT*: Mr. René G. Frank (President of the FIH); *S*: Miss K. Watkins and Mr. Etienne F. Gli-chitch (Secretary General of the FIH); *Ms*: Mrs. E. Hyndman (IFWHA), Mrs. P. Clarke (IFWHA), Mrs. R. Schwitema (IFWHA), Mrs. A. Lancaster (FIH) and Mr. E. Newbold Black IV (FIH).

This body will be the sole hockey authority at world and Olympic level. We know that women's hockey will appear on the programme of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

● *Mr. René G. Frank*, President of the FIH, writes: "*The creation of this council unquestionably marks an important stage in the evolution of hockey. It will contribute in particular to the promotion of its development, as well as to its progress in the whole world, whilst strengthening the collaboration and friendly relations between the two branches of our large family.*"

● *To associate women more closely with the administration of the FIH*, their number on the FIH Council has been increased from four to six; in addition, a proposal to modify the rules will be put before the statutory Congress in Montreal so that in future the FIH Vice-Presidents include at least one woman.

● *Montréal 1976*

The twelve teams taking part will be divided into two groups:

- Group A: India, Australia, Netherlands, Malaysia, Argentina and Canada.
- Group B: Pakistan, Germany, New Zealand, Belgium, Kenya and Spain.

The first two teams in each pool will reach the semi-finals.

Belgium was the last team to qualify. The play-off between Belgium and Great Britain gave rise to three matches contested in Amsterdam. Belgium won 0-3, 3-2 and 2-1, after extra time.

**International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)**



● *The Czechoslovakian team, 1976 world champion.*

The USSR, holder of the title for fourteen years (except in 1972) and Olympic champion in Innsbruck, was beaten by the Czech players at the 42nd world championships held at Krakow (Poland) from 8th to 25th April. Results: 1. TCH, 2. URS, 3. SWE, 4. USA, 5. FIN, 6. GER, 7. POL, 8. GDR.

● *The first junior world championships with eight teams, including three non-European, will take place this winter in Czechoslovakia.*



*Men:* 100 m: 53.05; 200 m: 1:55.44; 400 m: 4:2.91; 1,500 m: 16:18.61; 100 m backstroke: 59.97; 200 m backstroke: 2:10.44; 100 m breaststroke: 1:8.33; 200 m breaststroke: 2:29.26; 100 m butterfly: 57.33; 200 m butterfly: 2:6.59; 400 m medley: 4:41.23.

*Women:* 100 m: 59.76; 200 m: 2:8.02; 400 m: 4:25.85; 800 m: 9:5; 100 m backstroke: 1:7.71; 200 m backstroke: 2:25.31; 100 m breaststroke: 1:17.62; 200 m breaststroke: 2:47.50; 100 m butterfly: 1:5.65; 200 m butterfly: 2:22.82; 400 m medley: 5:10.14.

**Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA - swimming)**



These trials will take place from 15th to 21st June in the well-known pool at Belmont Plaza, Long Beach.

● *The Hungarian swimmer Zoltan Veraszto succeeds his compatriot Hargitay on the world record lists for the 400 m medley in 4:26 (old record: 4:28.89).*

● *The statisticians Roy Grimshaw, Viktor Judin and Luigi Saini are preparing for the Montreal Olympic Games a special edition which will comprise a list of the hundred best performances of all times, the results of the Olympic Games from 1896 until our day, the progression of world records, as well as the national records of fifty countries. It will cost three dollars, and can be obtained from Mr. Luigi Saini, Via Flaminia Nuova 290, 00191 Rome, Italy.*



● *Montreal 1976*

*The water polo tournament:* The following twelve teams will be playing: Germany, Australia (or New Zealand), Canada, Cuba, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Rumania, USSR and Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia came first in the qualification tournament held in Berlin from 21st to 25th April, by beating the teams of Spain, Sweden, Great Britain...

● *How better to be convinced of the exceptional standard of American swimmers than to learn the qualifying times they will have to achieve in an Olympic-size pool to participate in the selection trials for the Games of the XXIst Olympiad:*

**Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB)**



● *Mr. Josef Deflorian (Austria), new Secretary General for biathlon, succeeds the lamented Olle Hederén. Lieutenant-Colonel John Moore (Great Britain) becomes President of the Biathlon Technical Commission.*

**International Skating Union (ISU)**



● *In Tokyo, the 1977 world figure skating championships will take place from 28th February to 6th March in the Olympic water sports stadium, where an ice rink is to be specially prepared.*

● *The speed skater, Franz Krienbühl, an architect, veteran of the XIIIth Winter Games since he was born on 24th March 1929, throughout the season appropriated all the Swiss records with the exception of those for 500 m. and the sprint combined. He expects to be present on the Olympic speed rink at Lake Placid in 1980.*

● *The press and skating: 79 journalists of the written press and 41 commentators from 22 television networks followed the 1976 European figure skating championships.*

**Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc (FITA - archery)**



● *Montreal 1976*

The FITA Council and the Judges Commission have appointed for the Olympic events:

*Technical delegates:* Mrs. I. K. Frith, President of the FITA, and Mr. A. Honne. *Technical commission:* President: Mr. P. Priells (Belgium); *Members:* Dr. A. Cavallini (Italy), Dr. N. van Hinte (Holland), Mr. C. B. Shenk (USA), Mr. R. Simon (France), Mr. A. Vindum (Denmark).

*Jury:* President: Mrs. I. K. Frith, President of the FITA; *Members:* Messrs. J. Bastar, A. Honne, D. M. Thomson, D. G. Shepherd, O. Gorchakov, D. Lovo, W. Pakiela, F. Gnecci-Ruscone.

● *The European championships will precede the Olympic Games by about one month, as they will take place on 19th and 20th June 1976 in Copenhagen. The world field archery championships will be held on 4th and 5th September 1976 at Mölndal in Sweden.*

**Union Internationale de Tir (UIT - shooting)**



● *Montreal 1976*

Seven shooting events appear on the Olympic calendar:

- 18th July: free pistol (50 m.),
- 18th, 19th and 20th July: trap,
- 19th July: small-bore rifle, prone position (50 m.),
- 21st July: small-bore rifle, three positions (50 m.),
- 22nd and 23rd July: rapid fire pistol (25 m.) and running game target (50 m.),
- 22nd, 23rd and 24th July: skeet.

**Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB)**



● *Montreal 1976*

*The men's tournament will assemble ten teams: group A: Poland, world champion, Cuba, champion of the North and Central American Confederation, Korea, second in the Asian championships, Canada, organising country, and Czechoslovakia, which qualified at the tournament in Rome; group B: Japan, Olympic champion, the USSR, European champion, Brazil, South American champion, Italy, which qualified at the tournament in Rome, and either Tunisia or Egypt, representing the African continent.*

*The women's tournament will comprise eight teams: group A: Japan, world champion, Hungary, second in the European championships, Canada, organising country, and Peru, South American champion; group B: the USSR, current Olympic champion, Cuba, champion of the North and Central American Confederation, Korea, second in the Asian championships, and the German Democratic Republic, winner of the qualification tournament in Heidelberg.*

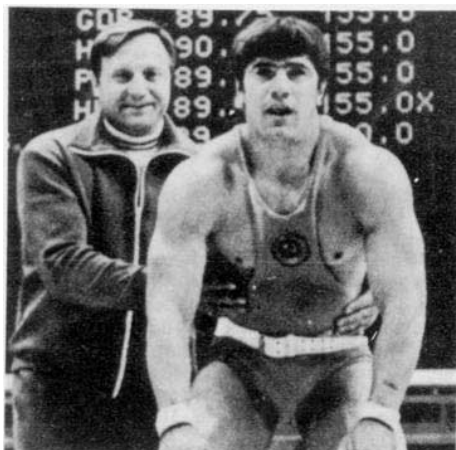


### International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)



● *David Rigert (USSR)*, first man of 90 kg. to exceed the total of 400 kg. by increasing the world middle heavyweight records to 180 kg. (snatch), 221 kg. (clean and jerk). His previous records were of 178 kg., 220.5 kg. and 397.5 kg. respectively.

● *Insatiable Roberto Urrutia (Cuba)*. After setting 16 junior world records in seven months, the Cuban lightweight Urrutia increased the senior snatch record to 140 kg. on 16th May at Camaguay (Cuba). This record had already belonged to him with 138.5 kg. until last April; the Pole Zygmund Kaczmarek, 1972 Olympic champion, then took it with 139.5 kg. An enthralling duel in prospect at Montreal.



● *Still Vassili Alexeiev (USSR)*, the super heavyweight. On 15th May, at Karaganda (Kazakhstan), he again appropriated the world record for a total of 435 kg. This record had been taken from him by Christo Platchkov, the young Bulgarian, with 432.5 kg. last April. The German Gerd Bonk had also relieved him of the world clean and jerk record, by lifting 252.5 kg., but there Alexeiev failed in his attempt against this record.

● *Among the many other recent world recordholders*, let us mention the flyweight Alexander Voronine (USSR) with a total of 249 kg. and the middleweight Valery Smirnov (USSR) with a total of 342.5 kg.



### International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU)

● *Lord Killanin, President of the IOC*, visited the IYRU headquarters on 19th March in order to gain information on the technical preparations for the forthcoming Olympic regattas.

● *Montreal 1976*

The opening ceremony of the Olympic yachting events, planned for 18th July at 16.00 hours, will be televised for the first time.

● *The next IYRU General Assembly* may decide on the creation of a world yachting congress, which would meet every four years. One of its tasks would be to discuss the selection of Olympic classes.