

Around the National Olympic Committees

To the chefs de mission

A meeting with the chefs de mission of the Olympic delegations will be held on 14th July at 14.30 hours at the Olympic village in Montreal. It is essential that all NOCs are represented at this meeting, chaired by Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC Vice-President, at which the IOC protocol chief, Mr. Maurice Herzog, assisted by Mr. Yvon Dubois, Mayor of the village, will give the participating delegations final instructions.

Australia



● Montreal 1976

25 Australians, including ten women, will take part in the athletics events. Among them *Raelene Boyle*, the sprint specialist who came second at Mexico and Munich, will take part in the 100 m., 200 m., 400 m. and 4 X 100 m.

Shirley Strickland, Olympic champion in 1956 (80 m. hurdles) and 1960 (80 m. hurdles) and 1960 (80 m. hurdles and 4 X 100 m.), will be in charge of Australia's women athletes.

John Devitt, the unforgettable 1960 Olympic 100 m. freestyle champion, will advise the 1976 Australian Olympic swimmers.

Fathers and sons: Frank and Mark Bethwaite in sailing, and Bill Roycroft and his two sons Wayne and Barry in the equestrian events, will be competing in Montreal.

Austria



● The newly created *Austrian Sports and Olympic Museum* is situated at Maria-Enzersdorf, not far from Vienna, in a beautiful little castle. The museum will be presided by the Minister for Science and Research, Mrs. Herta Firnberg. Mr. Kurt Heller, President of the Austrian Olympic Committee, and its former Secretary General, Dr. Edgar Fried, have become the museum's Vice-President and Secretary General respectively.

Bermuda



Mrs. Harriet Diaz

● "Mrs. Harriet Diaz is President of the newly founded *Bermuda Equestrian Federation*", Mr. Reginald C. Cooper, President of the Bermuda Olympic Association, informs us.

Belgium



● The General Assembly of the *Belgian Olympic Committee* accepted in Brussels the proposed ordinary budget, balanced at 5,546,000 Belgian francs (363,263 Swiss francs).

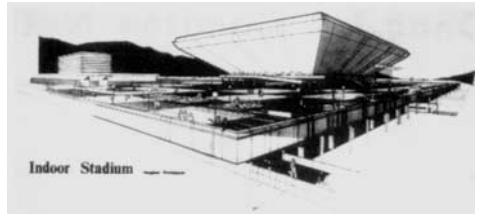
THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

The Cayman Islands Olympic Committee obtains provisional recognition

As the statutes of the Cayman Islands NOC have been completed and now conform to the IOC Rules, provisional recognition has been granted to the NOC in accordance with the recommendations of the 77th IOC Session, in order to enable the Islands' athletes to take part in the celebration of the XXIst Olympiad. Full recognition can be given only in Montreal by the 78th IOC Session.

Address: P.O. Box 1976, Grand Cayman Island, British West Indies.

Member federations: swimming, basketball, volleyball, weightlifting and yachting.



- A covered stadium with 15,000 seats will be built between now and August 1979 at Hung-Hom, near the port of Hong Kong. The city council has approved the plans, to the great satisfaction of the President of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, Mr. Arnaldo de O. Sales. He can be justly proud because he has been the champion of this project since 1951.
- 46 public swimming pools are at present open in Hong Kong and others are under construction, so that soon each district will have its own swimming centre.

Canada



- 380 athletes will represent Canada in all the disciplines of the Games celebrating the XXIst Olympiad.

Fiji



- *New address of the NOC:* P.O. Box 1279, Suva, Fiji.
- *Messrs. Leslie R. Martin and Brian J. Wightman* are still President and Secretary General respectively.

Hong Kong



- *The 19th Hong Kong sports festival* has again this year met with undeniable success. In his preface to the programme Mr. A. de O. Sales, President of the NOC, stresses the usefulness of these events which reveal the attractions of sports activity to young people.

India



- New board of the *Indian Olympic Association (IOA):* *PT:* Air Chief Marshal O.P. Mehra; *VPTs:* Shri Umrao Singh, Shri V.N. Kak, Shri P.N. Sahni, Shri M. Dutta Ray, Shri B.C. Mohanty, Shri T. Rajagopalachari, Major General Pinto Wag; *SG:* Air Vice Marshal C.L. Metha; *Asst. SG:* Shri K.A. Nettekallappa, Shri L.N. Khurana; *T:* Shri Ravi Mehta; *Ms:* Shri Gurusewak Singh, Shri Daya Singh Sandhu, Shri Nurul Amin, Air Cdre H.L. Kapur, Col. B.L. Verma, Shri Bhawanimol, Shri Harbans Singh, Mrs. L. Chhabra, Shri Gopesh N. Mehra, Shri B.K. Patel, Shri Surrendir Singh, Shri T.D. Parthasarathy, Shri P.C. Jain, Shri J.C. Paliwal, and the IOC members for India Mr. Ashwini Kumar and Raja Bhalindra Singh.
- *Seventeen national sports federations are affiliated to the IOA:* athletics, football, archery, basketball, cycling, equestrian sports, gymnastics, boxing, hockey, weightlifting, judo, shooting, swimming, volleyball, wrestling, yachting and handball.
- *Eighteen regional Olympic associations belong to the IOA:* Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Hima-

chal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.



Iraq

- *Women and sports administration* (complement)

For the first time in Iraq and, to our knowledge, in Arab countries, a woman has acceded to the Board of a National Olympic Committee.

Mrs. Nahidha Yousef Al-Jubouri, already Assistant Dean of the College of Physical Education, has just been elected a member of the Executive Board of the Iraqi Olympic Committee. She replaces Mr. Ismail Abdul-Razzak Al-Hadithi, who resigned due to his new appointment as Ambassador.



Iceland

- To celebrate the XXIst Olympiad the *Icelandic Olympic Committee* has had a silver medal struck. The emblem of the Montreal Olympic Games is reproduced on the reverse with the inscription "XXI Olympiuleikar Montreal". Mr. Bragi Kristjánsson, Secretary General of the Icelandic NOC, gave the IOC a copy of this commemorative medal on his visit to Vidy. We should like to thank him once again.



Luxembourg

- There will be very close Belgian-Luxembourg collaboration for the medical and technical supervision of the two delegations during their stay in Montreal. Two joint annual meetings of the Luxembourg Olympic and Sports Committee and the Belgian Olympic Committee will in future make for even closer co-operation for the Moscow Olympic Games.

- *Statistics.* Luxembourg (357,000 inhabitants) has the following sports installations, which are either in existence or in the process of completion: 6 all-sports stadia, 130 foot-

ball pitches, 16 sports halls (20 x 40 m.), some 60 gymnasia (18 x 33 m. or 15 x 27 m.), 20 25 m. indoor swimming pools, 13 teaching pools and 14 outdoor pools, not counting other installations of lesser importance.

Nicaragua



- We have received a copy of "*Nicaragua Olímpica*", the Comité Olímpico Nicaraguense's periodical magazine. In the summary of No. 1 we note the editorial by Mr. Rafael Adonis Porras, President of the NOC, a study entitled "Medicine of physical education and sport" by Dr. Miguel Angel Barbosa Rivas, an article by Raoul Arana Selva "Chess, sport or game?" as well as several texts from the "Olympic Review".

- *The Nicaraguan Olympic awards*, newly created by the NOC's general assembly, will be awarded to individual and legal entities which the NOC wishes to thank and honour.

Panama



- *New board of the Comité Olímpico de Panamá*

Standing: Ing. Jorge L. Quirós, member; Lic. Melitón Sánchez, Treasurer; Mr. Alberto W. Osorio.

Seated: Mr. Virgilio E. de León, IOC member; Mr. Ricardo Odéns Gálvez, Vice-President; Col. Rodrigo García Ramírez, President; Prof. Rafael A. Barranco, Secretary General; and Prof. María del Rosario-Correa, Assistant Secretary General.

Paraguay



● *Mr. Adriano Jara Carmona*, Secretary General of the Olympic Committee of Paraguay, replaces Mr. Harold Rönnebeck who retires from this position for health reasons.

● *New board of the Comité Olímpico Paraguayo: PT: Dr. Domingo A. Inchausti; VPT: Ing. Enrique Barrail; SG: Mr. Adriano Jara Carmona; I: Col. Art. Rva. Arnulfo Ruben Becker; Ms: Dr. Carlos A. Vasconellos, Mr. Andrés Valdez, Prof. Eugene Ogé de Morvil.*

Poland



● *Montreal 1976*

297 sportsmen and 72 sportswomen are preparing for Montreal in 19 disciplines, although only 200 will in fact take part in the celebration of the Games of the XXI Olympiad. According to the Polish news agency Interpress, Polish athletes should excel in canoeing, cycling, weightlifting, shooting, volleyball, football and athletics, with Irina Szewinska and the pole-vaulters Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz and Tadeusz Slusarski.

Sweden



● *The attitude of Swedish youth towards the Olympic Games*

Mr. Wolf Lyberg, Assistant Secretary of the Swedish Olympic Committee, states that Swedish youth is enthusiastic towards the Olympic Games and does not want the present form to be altered. *"This is shown in a study in sports sociology made by the pedagogic institution of the teachers high school in Mölndal (just outside Gothenburg) under the direction of Mr. Göran Patriksson. 500 pupils between the ages of 15 and 16 were interviewed and the result showed—much to the surprise of the study group—that the Games are a unifying factor cutting across all groups, classes and sexes, whether active in sport in our country or not. From the answers to the different questions it could be seen that:*

1. About 90% wanted to keep the Games as they are now.

2. 43% thought that Sweden would win international prestige by organising the Games.

38% were of the opposite opinion.

3. 49% thought the main reason for taking part in the Games was to represent Sweden.

43 % thought that it was for encouraging peace and brotherhood and co-operation with other countries, and only 7% "to win medals".

4. 82% felt that the government should give economic assistance to the athletes, for their preparation for the Games.

The researchers were surprised at the results of the study as they believed at the beginning that young people were not interested in the Olympic Games any more. The study showed just the opposite."

We should like to thank Mr. Lyberg for having sent us this interesting article.

Tunisia



● On 16th May the whole of Tunisia celebrated the 18th National Olympic Day. In his introductory speech Mr. Slaheddine Baly, Minister of Justice and Secretary General of the Tunisian Olympic Committee, underlined the importance which this day represented. After recalling that its celebration was institutionalised by presidential decree issued on 8th May 1959, Mr. Baly pointed out that, like the socio-cultural development of Tunisian society, the idea of Olympism has progressed in Tunisia: *"Tunisian youth appreciates the meaning of this phenomenon which, beyond the protocol and sports events it contains, constitutes an opportunity for our sporting youth to express its faith in the Olympic ideals and its solidarity with those who are working all over the world for the promotion of man. While acting with dignity"*, added Mr. Baly, *"our youth has learned better how to surpass oneself, the respect for one's partner, acknowledgement of others' merit and rewarded effort."* Finally Mr. Baly pointed out that Tunisian ethics refused to allow that only the elite having brilliant predispositions could benefit from the advantages of the law concerning sport.

