

# Around the NOCs

## Germany



- *The German Sports Museum* is to be built in Cologne, following the recommendation of a special commission set up by the German Sports Union and the NOC. It will house the archives of German sports and is intended as a research and documentation centre.

- *Seven new sports club members every five minutes in 1975.* In its 26-year history, the German Sports Union (DSB) has never known such rapid development. Altogether, 744,339 men and women of all ages joined a club, bringing the DSB's total membership to 14.2 million.



## Australia

- The Australian Olympic Federation's *Report of the 1976 Olympic Games*, including an account of the XIIth Winter Games in Innsbruck, has now been published. Containing detailed articles on all 26 sports on the Olympic programme, together with a complete list of results per discipline, this brochure constitutes a valuable record of the 21st Olympiad and is available for the price of Australian \$2.95 (7.50 Swiss francs).

- *The NOC's General Assembly* is to be held on 30th April 1977 when the Executive Board members for the XXIInd Olympiad will be elected.

## Bahamas



- *Mr. Arlington G. Butler* has become President of the Bahamas Olympic Association in succession to Dr. Norman R. Gay.



## Canada

- *The members of the Canadian Olympic Association* will be meeting on 26th and 27th February 1977 to hold their quadrennial elections.



## Costa Rica



- *Mr. Jorge Arturo Alvarado Cerdas* (39), Secretary General of the Costa Rica Olympic Committee, succeeds Mr. Roger Carlin Sanchez in this post.

Former football leader, active within the national federation from 1969, Mr. Alvarado was Secretary-Treasurer of the national boxing association between 1971 and 1975, in which position he acquired experience as an organiser and international official. He was Secretary of the Organising Committee for the 3rd Central American and Caribbean amateur boxing championships and chief delegate for the boxing competitions at the 1st Central American Games.

## Cuba



● *The boxer Teofilo Stevenson*, the outstanding Olympic heavyweight champion, in 1972 as well as in 1976, has just been elected a deputy of his country's National Assembly at the age of 24.

● *The XVth National School Games* will take their place in 1977 among the most important events in Cuban sports life. Since 1963, these competitions have marked the starting point for youngsters towards high level sport.

● Mr. Jorge García Bango, Vice-President of the Cuban Olympic Committee, edits the monthly magazine *El Deporte*, which contributes to a wider knowledge of this country's sports movement. Its interest since the first issue in July 1968 has never flagged.

## Dominican Republic



● *Mr. Roque Napoleon Munoz*, President of the Dominican Olympic Committee, has been made President of the "*Colegio Dominicano de Ingenieros Arquitectos y Agrimensores*", the Dominican Architects Association. Our congratulations on this election.

● On the NOC's initiative, *national sports games* will be celebrated in August 1977.

● *The Olympic week*, organised in the Dominican Republic for the second consecutive year, aroused lively interest. By his presence, the President of the PASO, Mr. Mario Vasquez Raña, honoured these beneficial days for the sports movement.

## United States



● *Although swimming remains the most popular sport* in the United States, tennis and skiing are rapidly progressing. These facts result from an opinion poll covering

a representative sample of 3,000 American homes.

● *The American Track and Field Hall of Fame* at Charleston will this year be adding six new names on its list of Olympic champions: Charles Paddock (100 m. - 1920), Forrest (Speck) Towns (110 m. hurdles - 1936), Mae Faggs Star (sprint - 1948-1956), Bob Hayes (100 m. - 1964), Billy Mills (10,000 m. - 1964) and Hayes Jones (110 m. hurdles - 1964).

● A dozen American Olympic champions from Jesse Owens to Bruce Jenner, including Ralph Boston, Rafer Johnson and Bob Hayes, started *construction of the United States Track and Field Hall of Fame* by digging the first holes. Located at Winfield (Virginia), this hall of fame will cover a surface area of about 100 acres. It will comprise both an outdoor and an indoor athletics track, a cross-country run and accommodation for visiting athletes. Construction work will be completed in 1978.

## France



● *The Board of Directors of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee* now includes a female member: Mrs. Brigitte Dumont-Gapais, French fencing champion.

● "*Do not try to protect your children from life's hardships. Teach them to overcome them.*" This advice from Louis Pasteur is quoted by Mr. J. Réversat, the dynamic President of the Municipal Sports Board of the town of Thiais, in a statement in which he aptly declares: "Practice of a sport is one means of applying this idea of the great scholar."

## Great Britain



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● *The Sports Aid Foundation*, which began a campaign last February, has to date collected more than £50,000 (207,500 Swiss francs), of which £20,000 were the profits of a concert given by the singer Elton John.



## Hungary



● Mr. Arpad Csanadi, IOC member in Hungary and member of the Executive Board, has informed us of a *five-term seminar on Olympic history*, which has been organised by Eötvös Lorand University of Budapest and is sponsored by the Hungarian Olympic Committee.

At the opening ceremony, the University was represented by Dr. György Szekely, Professor and Deputy Rector. After the welcoming words of Dr. Gabor Toth, College Director, Mr. Csanadi who is Secretary General of the Hungarian Olympic Committee gave an opening address.

The purpose of the seminar is to acquaint university students with the objectives and history of the Olympic movement, so that they may further spread the Olympic idea



*Two students attending the seminar: the 1976 Olympic champion, Ildiko Schwarczenberger (fencing) and the captain of the Hungarian waterpolo team, István Szivos.*

among Hungarian youth and carry out individual historical research work.

Practical marks are to be given for this seminar and on completion of their studies, students will receive a certificate.

The seminar is being conducted by Dr. Jozsef Keresztenyi, member of the Hungarian Olympic Committee and honorary

member of the International Olympic Academy, and renowned professors of the University, well-known personalities within the Olympic movement and other recognised sports specialists will also participate in the work.

● *Budapest's Exhibition Park* will shortly be transformed into a huge sports complex containing eight gymnastics halls, an all-sports hall, an athletics stadium and games fields.



## Iceland

● *The 245 Icelandic clubs* assemble 20% of the population. Fourteen sports disciplines are practised, of which football and handball are the most popular.

## Italy



● *More sport at school*

We should like to thank our friend Donato Martucci, head of the Italian National Olympic Committee's press office, for sending us the translation of the following article, which appeared in CONI's monthly magazine.

*"After months of preparatory work by the Ministry for National Education in collaboration with CONI, the Minister, Mr. Malfatti, officially announced a series of proposals expressing the Italian Government's political wish to put the plan to include sport in Italian schools at every level into a concrete form. The practice of sport should not constitute only a marginal moment in the education of young people, but should be an integral part of their preparation and training.*

*The dominant force behind this "overture" was primarily the success of the Youth Games, instituted by CONI and administered*

for three years directly by the Ministry for National Education. Their development can be seen from the following figures—whereas in 1973-74 only 700,000 children took part in the first Games, in 1976 there were 2,300,000. Their fundamental nature is now appreciated by everybody. Thus, as from 1977 the Youth Games will spread to the whole school population, from the eleventh grade up to the school leaving certificate, that is, from the age of 6 to 18-19.

This is the chief innovation of the technical project forming the basis of the agreement between CONI and the Ministry for National Education concerning the 9th Youth Games, an event which has given rise in Italy to a sports policy for all young people.

Obviously more sport also means more teachers. To this end the Minister has confirmed that the 2,000 physical education teachers will henceforth be able to devote six extra hours a week to the preparation of pupils for sports activity and will have the possibility of organising courses with pupils from different classes and schools.

The Government also undertakes to bring in legislation granting physical education institutes (ISEF) university status. One can therefore count on particularly qualified teachers able to direct the physical activity of children in the first two years of primary school according to strictly scientific criteria.

As far as the lack of sports installations and gymnasia is concerned (12,717 altogether for all the schools on the peninsula), the Minister for National Education pointed out that from 1967 to 1969 some 1,473 installations were constructed, 2,300 from 1970 to 1972 and about 3,700 in the past three years.

The Government has recently passed an act granting two billion lire (5,600,000,000 Swiss francs) to the building industry as a whole and consequently also to sports installations. Another act grants 550,000 million lire (1,540,000,000 Swiss francs) to the construction of university buildings. A large part of this financial effort will be devoted to the development of school installations.

The problem seems to be heading towards a positive solution. In the meantime CONI is studying even more far-reaching plans, in agreement with the other social forces, with the aim of submitting them later to the school world."



## Philippines



● Colonel Nereo C. Andolong, whose appointment as President of the Philippines NOC we announced in our last issue, no. 109-110, was born in 1927. A law graduate, he followed military studies in the United States. Journalist and former President of the National Press Club, his interest in sport started at school where he played basketball, and subsequently he has practised various aquatic sports amongst others. He is currently involved in the administration of many sports activities, including shooting, athletics and taekwando, and is special assistant to the President of the Philippines on games and amusements. Chef de mission of the Philippine delegation at the XXIst Olympiad, he is the author of "Youth development through sports".

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## German Democratic Republic



● In keeping with tradition, the GDR NOC presented all 1976 Olympic champions with the Golden Ring of Honour at a ceremony held on 26th November 1976 in Karl Marx Stadt. The awards were made by Mr. Manfred Ewald, President of the NOC,

in the presence of many leading personalities including former Olympic champions who had also been invited to attend.

In his speech, Mr. Ewald thanked all those who had contributed to the many successes, and stressed that appreciation of Olympic sport was reflected in a continuous, dynamic improvement of performance which is closely linked to an all-round programme of mass physical culture. He added: "It has been our

aim to help develop valuable qualities of personality such as steadfastness and perseverance, initiative and social responsibility, power of concentration and will-power—qualities which enabled you to come off best in the hard sporting contest and which will lead you to further great performances in your lives.

*“We always consider it our responsibility not only to educate and train young people who receive top marks in sport, but all-round interested and educated citizens who occupy a respected place in our social life. We are pleased that we have succeeded in doing so, for almost all our successful athletes are also doing very well in their professional training and work, for example:*

*Ortrun Enderlein, a machine-building engineer;*

*Helmut Recknagel, a veterinarian;*

*Heinz-Jürgen Bothe, a shipbuilding engineer;*

*Christoph Höhne, a photo reporter.*

*They are among those who tackle their tasks conscientiously and with great devotion.*

*“Our experience confirms that the greatest successes can be achieved if and when well-considered but high demands are made of young people and when they make use of the chance to take an active part in the political, social and sports life.”*

## Rumania



- *Emil Ghibu*, Vice-President of the Rumanian Olympic Committee since 1959, will in future assume the duties of Secretary General, in place of Mr. Anghel Vrabie. Born on 15th January 1922, Doctor of pedagogical sciences, he was for several years Vice-President of the Physical Culture and Sports Committee in the Council of Ministers and



of the Physical Culture and Sports Union. At present, he is Secretary of the National Council for Physical Education and Sport. Author of numerous works on sports history and methodology, he has successfully practised skiing, boxing and athletics, and has been chef de mission at several Olympic Games.

- *Telex number* of the Rumanian Olympic Committee: 11180.

## Tunisia



- *An athletics stadium* will complete the Olympic city in Tunis. This stadium will be the first in Africa to be intended entirely for athletics.

## USSR



- *The XIVth USSR Spartakiad for school-children* was animated by 5,800 young athletes from 15 federal republics, Moscow and Leningrad.

- *The first rural winter games*, events for the masses, will finish with the finals from 22nd February to 6th March 1977.

- *In 1978 Sverdlovsk* will be the main centre of the USSR Peoples' Winter Spartakiad for the fourth time. Competitions will be held there in skiing, biathlon and figure skating, while the luge events and ice hockey matches will take place at Pervouralsk, and the ski jumping and Nordic combined at Njni Taguil.

- *“5396 sports schools* in the USSR are attended by more than 1,700,000 children or adolescents” states No. 37 of the weekly paper “Moscow News”.

