

Around the National Olympic Committees

Argentina



New Secretary General of the Comité Olímpico Argentino

Dr. Juan Carlos Laurens has been succeeded by Mr. Miguel A. Bruno, whom we shall present fully in a future issue.

- The Executive Board members complete their terms of office on 30th June 1977 when *the General Assembly* will hold elections to renew their mandates.

Austria



- *Dr. Karl-Heinz Klee*, Secretary General of the XIIth Winter Games staged at Innsbruck in February 1976, has been elected an honorary member of the Austrian Olympic Committee and awarded a "Coubertin Medal". Our congratulations on this well deserved honour.

Bermuda



- *New Board of the Bermuda Olympic Association:*

PT: Reginald C. Cooper; *VPT:* Dr. Gerard W. Bean; *SG:* Robert G. L. Clifford; *T:* John R. Hoskins.



- *Mr. Reginald Cooper*, President of the Bermuda Olympic Association since 1972, having been a member for eight years, was born on 13th November 1921. Junior spring-board diving champion in 1934 and singles tennis champion from 1952 to 1954, he led

the Bermuda Olympic yachting team at the 1964 and 1968 Olympic Games. He has chaired the Sports Development Council since 1974.

The Executive Committee of the Assembly of European National Olympic Committees met in Stockholm on 13th and 14th January under the chairmanship of its new President, Mr. Bo Bengtson (SWE), successor to Comte Jean de Beaumont (FRA).

Our picture shows from left to right: Messrs. Güner Frik (TUR), Nikolai Kurdiukov (URS), Mrs. Lia Manoliu (ROM), Messrs. Bo Bengtson (SWE), Jean Weymann (SUI), Peter Ritter (LIE) and Ernesto Garrido Soarez (POR).



Canada



● The Canadian Olympic Association has issued the following release in connection with its *symposium on the future development of Olympism in Canada*.

“On December 4-5 1976, the Canadian Olympic Association held a symposium attended by some 80 amateur sports administrators and leaders from across the country. Drawing on the experience gained from hosting the Olympic Games in Montreal, the purpose of the symposium was to determine the guidelines to be adopted for the future development of the olympic sports and the Olympic movement in Canada. The occasion fell just a few weeks after a similar meeting sponsored by the COA, and hosted by the Coaching Association of Canada, at which national coaches and technical directors examined the overall performance of Canadian athletes at the 1976 Games, and the implications for the future.

The COA's symposium featured four topics for discussion in a workshop setting: the role of the National Olympic Committee in Canada; the role of government in amateur sport; preparing for the 1980 Olympics; the future of the Olympic Games.

During the plenary session which concluded the two-day meeting, various recommendations were made to the directors of the Olympic movement in Canada, which recommendations are to be studied and taken into account in the programs and policies adopted by the Canadian Olympic Association for the XXII Olympiad.”

Ivory Coast



● *New address: Ivory Coast Olympic Committee, B.P.V. 136, Abidjan.*

France



● *The French National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSF) will be holding its General Assembly in Paris on 5th March 1977 when the quadrennial elections are due to take place.*

● *The number of sports licences issued by the French Olympic federations increased by approximately 4% between 1974 and 1975. 2,994,693 members, including 607,293 women, are divided up among 23 federations. The football federation comprises the most with 1,046,068 members, followed by skiing (538,421), judo (375,937), basketball (235,178) and equestrian (100,079). In one year, judo handed out 56,424 new licences, with the next greatest increases being registered by the federations of football (+ 39,291) and cycling (+ 12,159). On the other hand, athletics (— 3,762) and swimming (— 3,675) are on the decline.*

Great Britain



BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

● *The Sports Aid Foundation (SAF) has appointed David Wilkie, winner of a gold and a silver swimming medal at the 1976 Olympic Games, as Public Relations Officer in view of his qualifications and invaluable experience of international sport. D. Wilkie, who has himself been assisted by the SAF, one of Britain's largest sports fund-raising organisations, is keen to put something back into sport and help other athletes prepare for major competitions.*

Honduras



● *New Board of the Comité Olimpico Hondureno for the 1976-1980 period:*

PT: Mr. Federico Fortin Aguilar; VPT: Mr. Gilberto Young Torres; SG: Mr. Julio C. Villalta, Jr.; T: Mr. Ignacio Fortin Pinel.

Hungary



- *Olympic celebrations at Debrecen*



Mrs. Ilonka Novak and Mr. Otto Boros

The historical Magyar town of Debrecen was the site of festivities honouring the memory of Alfred Hajos¹, exemplary Olympian and architect, who having won two gold medals for swimming in 1896 then received an Olympic medal in the 1924 art competition.

At Debrecen stands the Golden Bull Hotel, a veritable palace characteristic of Hajos' talent. A commemorative marble plaque was affixed to the facade of this renovated building. On behalf of the Hungarian Olympic Committee and the Hungarian Swimming Federation, Mrs. Ilonka Novak, 1952 Olympic 4 x 100 m. freestyle champion, gave the official address, whilst Mr. Otto Boros, legendary goalkeeper of the national water polo team which was Olympic champion in 1956 and 1964, laid a large bouquet of flowers. A great many wreaths were brought in turn on behalf of the Hungarian Architects Federation, the Institute of Scientific Research of the Physical

¹ See the article "A prodigious life, Alfred Hajos" published in No. 80-81.

Education College, sports clubs in Budapest, Debrecen Town Council...

Located inside the hotel, the permanent "Alfred Hajos" exhibition was then opened by Mr. Karoly Bakonyi, Director of the Physical Education and Sports Museum. During the next few hours various activities served as judicious propaganda for Olympism: an information leaflet about the fundamental ideas of the Olympic movement was distributed to all the spectators, the "Ode to Sport" written by Pierre de Coubertin in 1912 was recited by the well-known actor Zoltan Sarközy, various films were projected, youngsters were able to participate in different sports competitions...

It is fitting to mention those who, under the leadership of Mr. Arpad Csanadi, member of the IOC Executive Board, combined their efforts over a period of two and a half years in order to assure the success of these celebrations: Messrs. Laszlo Vegh, Andor Merenyi, Karoly Kiripolszky, György Szanto. Karoly Bakonyi, Dr. Konrad Nemesi, Messrs. Ferenc Varga, Laszlo Szalay and Levente Mihaly Kocsis, thanks to whom we have been able to write this account.

Liechtenstein



- *Mr. Rudolf Schädler, new Secretary General.*

Born on 17th February 1942, Mr. Schädler joined the Liechtenstein Ski Federation at the age of 19, subsequently becoming Technical Director in 1966 and President in 1968. He has thus been involved in

the rise to success of Willy Frommelt and Hanny Wenzel (both bronze medallists at the 1976 Winter Games). He has also been a member of two FIS commissions since 1973.

He succeeds Baron Eduard von Falz-Fein, a notable figure in the history of the Liechtenstein NOC which he co-founded in 1935 and a pioneer of skiing in his country.

Paraguay



● *Mr. Edgart Adriano Jara Carmona*, Executive Committee member of the Paraguay Olympic Committee for the 1974-1978 period, was appointed its Secretary General a few months ago.

Born in 1929 at San Pedro (PAR), he com-

menced sports journalism in 1945, working on reviews and then at Asuncion Radio. In 1959, the Paraguay Sports Writers Circle nominated him best journalist of the year and made him a life member of the association. He is currently Honorary President of the Paraguay Football Referees Association. After holding several governmental posts, when he completed various missions abroad, as well as different positions in private companies, he was made Director of Public Affairs at the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare in 1969, a post he still occupies today.

Senegal



● *For the Senegalese head of state, Mr. Leopold Sedar Senghor*, sport should lead towards the fulfilment of man, his poise, the harmony of body and mind and serve to strengthen co-operation and develop African consciousness. It should be a means of understanding, and not the expression of hate or racism.



● *Professor Iba Mar Diop*, member of the IOC Medical Commission, doctor in charge of the Department of Infectious Diseases at Fann Hospital Centre, and Professor of Infectious Diseases at the Faculty of Dakar, has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy in the same city. We send him all our congratulations.

Switzerland



● *The General Assembly of the Swiss Olympic Committee (COS)* will be held on 16th April in Berne.

● *The COS is planning to organise Olympic days* on 16th and 17th September 1977 at Macolin.

● *A reorganisation plan of the National Committee for Elite Sport* is being studied.

Thailand



● *New Board of the Olympic Committee of Thailand for the 1977-1980 period:*

PT: Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya, IOC member; *VPT:* Police General Prasert Rujiravongse; *SG:* Colonel Anu Romyanond; *T:* General Tem Homsettee; *Ms:* General Kriangsakdi Chamanond, Messrs. Tummanoon Tienngern, Kong Visudharom, Dr. Boonsom Martin, Police Lieut.-General Chumpol Lohachala, Colonel Chareouk Arirachakarant, Mr. Pisit Ngampanich.

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Turkey



● *New Board of the Turkish Olympic Committee:*

PT: Mr. Burhan Felek; *VPT:* Mr. Jerfi Firatli; *SG:* Mr. Turgut Atakol; *Asst. SG:* Mr. Sinan Erdem; *T:* Mr. Vahit Colakoglu; *Ms:* Messrs. Sadi Gülcelik, Haluk San and Suat Erler, IOC member.

