

Regional Games and International Events



13th Central American and Caribbean Games
7th to 22nd July 1978
at Medellin (COL)



● **Mr. Guillermo Hincapié Orozco**, Mayor of Medellin, is very effectively

doing his utmost to support the organisation of these Games which he states are the most important municipal event of the decade.

● **The organisers are satisfied with the progress of the work.** The Atanasio Girardot stadium, chief site of the events, and the sports centre, the sports grounds of the Bello and Envigado municipal parks, the swimming pool, as well as the tennis and softball centres will be completed well before the opening of the Games.

● **A delegation from the Organising Committee of the 8th Pan-American Games** (1979, San Juan - PUR), led by its President, Mr. Arturo L. Carrión, stayed in Medellin to study and benefit from the experience of their Colombian friends.

Similarly, Vice-Admiral Wolfgang Larrazabal, President of the Organising Committee of the 9th Pan-American Games (1983, Caracas - VEN), accompanied by his colleagues as well as by Mr. José Beracasa A., IOC member in Venezuela and member of the Pan-American Sports Organisation (PASO), Mr. Alberto Nariño Cheyne, PASO adviser, and Mr. Humberto Chica Pinzón, President of the Colombian Olympic Committee, also became acquainted with organisational procedures of the 13th Central American and Caribbean Games.



6th South Pacific Games
27th August to
8th September 1979
at Suva (FIJ)

Address: P.O. Box 1279, Suva, Fiji.

● **Sports featured on the programme** : athletics, basketball, football, weightlifting, hockey, swimming, yachting, cricket,

golf, netball, rugby, squash, tennis, table tennis and, probably, judo and volleyball.

● **Athletes from the following territories are expected:** Fiji, Guam, Cook, Gilbert, Solomon and Tokelau Islands, Nauru, Niue, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Papua New Guinea, American Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu, Wallis and Futuna Islands, Western Samoa and Micronesia.



8th Pan-American Games

at San Juan (PUR)

Address: G.P.O. Box - COPAN 79,
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936.

NOTE

Change of date

Puerto Rico, a real beacon on the American continent, will most likely organise

these Games from 1st to 15th July 1979. San Juan, the capital, will also be the site, the same year from 26th to 30th June, of the IOC Executive Board meeting with the delegates of the NOCs. In this way, the athletes who will compete in San Juan will also be able to participate in Moscow, from 14th to 29th July 1979, in the 7th Spartakiad, the dress rehearsal for the organisers of the next Olympic Games.



The Governor Carlos Romero Barceló (on the right), the Mayor, Mr. Hernán Padilla (on the left) and the COPAN President, Mr. Arturo Carrión, cutting the symbolic ribbon.

of San Juan, Mr. Hernán Padilla, and the President of the COPAN, Mr. Arturo Carrión, took part in the inauguration.

Among the personalities present were: Mr. Guillermo Montoya (MEX), Executive Secretary of the Pan-American Sports Organisation, who represented its President, Mr. Mario Vázquez Raña, and Mr. German Rieckehoff, IOC member and President of the Puerto Rican Olympic Committee. The COPAN President reported on the progress made in the preparation for the Games and emphasised the full co-operation between the organisers and the Puerto Rican community.

The ceremony was concluded by a reception offered by the COPAN Secretary General, Mr. Juan Horta Merly.

● Mr. Mariano Artau, Director of the Press Department, has sent us the following information :

The Organising Committee for the 8th Pan-American Games (COPAN) inaugurated its office at the end of last summer. The new headquarters are located in building 2, annex of the old naval base in Miramar, San Juan.

The Governor of Puerto Rico, Mr. Carlos Romero Barceló, who has given his patronage to the Games, the Mayor



1st Indian Ocean Games

August-September 1979
(to be decided)
at Reunion

● Sportsmen from Ceylon, the Maldiv Islands, Mauritius, the Seychelles, Madagascar and the Comoro Islands will be able to take part in the first of these

Games, which are supported by the Comité National Olympique et Sportif Français.

The 9th Winter Games of the International Silent Sports Committee will take place at Méribel, France, from 21st to 29th January 1979.