



From left to right: Messrs. Wagnerberger, Hess, Daume, Kirsch and Skonieczny.

## Germany



● *The General Assembly of the Olympic Committee* was held on 12th November 1977 in Munich. Mr. Willi Daume, IOC member and President of the NOC, gave a detailed report of activities over the past four years and of projects to ensure both an outstanding participation in the next Olympiad celebration and the success of the XIth Olympic Congress which we recall will take place in 1981 at the spa of Baden-Baden.

Mr. Willi Daume was unanimously re-elected for a new presidential term of office. The Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Claus Hess and Fritz Wagnerberger, and the Treasurer, Mr. Paul Skonieczny, were also returned to their posts. The President of the national athletics federation, Mr. August Kirsch, replaces Mr. Max Danz as third Vice-President. The latter was made an honorary member, together with Messrs. Bernhard Baier and Herbert Kunze, all three of whom have made an active contribution to the country's Olympic life for the last twenty-five years and collaborated closely with the Organising Committee for the Games of the XXth Olympiad (Munich, 1972).

● *New Board of the German National Olympic Committee (1977-1981)*

*PT:* Mr. Willi Daume ; *VPTs:* Messrs. Claus Hess, August Kirsch and Fritz Wagnerberger ; *T:* Mr. Paul Skonieczny ; *SG :* Mr. Walther Tröger.

● *To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 1952 Olympic Games*, in which a German delegation took part for the first time after the War, the NOC invited to Bonn on 13th December all members of this team who won an Olympic medal at either Helsinki or Oslo. The thirty-eight medallists to reply to the invitation attended a reception given by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Everyone appreciated this gathering and expressed the wish to meet more frequently in the future. Mr. Josy Barthel, the glorious winner of the Olympic 1500m in Helsinki, former President of the Luxembourg Olympic Committee and currently Minister of State, was a popular guest of honour whom many were delighted to see again.

● *The traditional Sports Ball* will be held on 11th February at Mainz under the theme "Moscow 1980".

## Australia



● *The 3rd Pacific Games*, the largest athletics gathering to be held in Australia since the Olympic Games in 1956, took place on 3rd and 4th December in the new national athletics stadium in Canberra. Thirty-five athletes from each of the five major sporting nations of the Pacific-AU& CAN, JPN, NZL and USA-competed in the presence of Mr. Adriaan Paulen, President of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. These Games, held on the first occasion in Tokyo in 1969 and on the second in Toronto in 1973, take place every four years and are among the main events of the sporting calendar.

## Canada



● *In Edmonton, the Commonwealth aquatic centre*, officially inaugurated on 3rd December, has cost 8.7 million dollars (17.4 million Swiss francs). The 11th Commonwealth Games' swimming and diving events will take place there next August.



● *Mrs. Iona Campagnolo*, Minister for Health and Amateur Sport in the Canadian Federal Government, is one of the first women to become a minister of sport. Equally, as far as we know, Mrs. Ricka van Ocken (BEL), Mrs. Marjatta Vaananen (FIN), and Mrs.

Viénot [FRA] are, or have' been responsible for sports activities as part of their ministerial duties.

## United States of America



● *A national amateur sports festival* is to be organised during the summer. The President of the USOC, Mr. Robert J. Kane, confesses that he has had this idea in mind for over fifteen years.

● *The contents of No. 2, Vol. 4 of "The Olympian"* includes articles by Kim Foltz on the striking results obtained at the training

centre in Squaw Valley, by Paula Welch on Olympism in Chicago, by the biomechanics expert Gideon Ariel, on sports medicine, as well as a study of women's sport and the Olympic Games conducted by Dr. Patrick Mulcahy.

## Denmark



● *Mr Borge Kaas-Anderson*, the new Secretary General of the Danish Olympic Committee, born on 26th April 1937, is Assistant Director of Education in the municipality of Hvidovre. He took part in the 1960 Olympic Games at Rome in the rowing event, a sport

which he practised from 1955 to 1965 and in which he won three national awards in coxless fours. As a member of the Board of the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron and a member of the Umpires Commission he officiated at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich and was a technical representative in Montreal in 1976.

## Hong Kong



● *Mr. Ramon Chun Sheung Young*, new Secretary General of the Hong Kong Olympic Committee, was born on 27th August 1917. After studying at the National School of Radio Electronics in the USA he became a commercial director. He has been a keen

badminton player and was national champion from 1950 to 1956, and later President (1957-67) and Adviser (1967-77) of the National Badminton Association.

## Israel

● According to Mr. Isaac Ofek, President of the Olympic Committee of Israel, an Egyptian delegation is to take part in the

Hupoel Games in May 1979. This international multi-sports meeting is staged by the trade union sports organisation which is the largest in the country with more than 100,000 active members in 850 clubs.

## Malawi

● *Mr. J. S. Magombo* was re-elected President of the Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association of Malawi at its 1977 General Assembly. In his activity report he laid emphasis on the efforts that must be made to enable a number of Malawi sportsmen to reach an international level and take part in international events. Various suggestions for improving sports administration and the quality of training were given consideration. Improved cooperation between all involved should permit a more rational utilisation of the Kanuzu Sports Institute.



● *New Board of the Malawi NOC : PT : Mr. J. S. Magombo (re-elected); VPT : Mr. L. Phambana; SG : Mr. E. Mzandu (elected); T : Mr. M. S. Huwa.*

*Mr. Magombo, President*

## German Democratic Republic



● *At the last General Assembly of the NOC*, after the unanimous adoption of the new version of the statutes presented on that occasion, Mr. Manfred Ewald was staunchly re-elected as President with a new mandate for four years.

The Board's report on activities, presented by the Vice-President, Mr. Rudolf Hellmann, was accepted. He emphasised the numerous and varied activities of the NOC which are constantly guided by principles of mutual respect, solidarity and equality, international understanding and peace. He mentioned the outstanding results obtained by the GDR teams at the Olympic Games and the Winter Games. He underlined the success of the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the NOC. In conclusion he gave an assu-

rance that everything possible would continue to be done to further the development of the Olympic movement.

Mr. Günther Heinze, Secretary General of the NOC, chaired the discussions in which many speakers participated, including Mr. Heinz Schöbel, IOC member. The 1964 Olympic luge champion, Ortrun Enderlein, had the honour of congratulating the new members, among whom was Margitta Gummel, 1968 Olympic shot put champion.

● *Awards:* Three Golden Pins of Honour of the NOC were awarded to :

- Wolfgang Behrendt, first Olympic champion of the German Democratic Republic in 1956 and member; from 1970, of the NOC.
- Herbert Fechner, President of the Yachting Union and NOC member since 1961.
- Bernhard Fischer, President of the Shooting Federation and NOC member since 1965.



*Margitta Gummel, 1968 Olympic shot put champion, has obtained her doctorate in education at the College for Physical Culture (DHfK) in Leipzig. Her thesis dealt with the problems of sports education. She will pursue her scientific career in the future. In our photograph Professor G. Stiehler, Rector of the DHfK, is awarding the delighted student with her diploma. He stressed the determination and perseverance which the winner had to display in order to obtain such brilliant results, both in the stadium and in the lecture hall.*

## Czechoslovakia



● *The Czechoslovak Fair Play* has recently been incorporated into the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee, had invited Mr. Janusz Piewcewicz, Secretary General of the International Fair Play Committee, to its official session in 1977. In the presence of Mr. Antonin Himl, President of the NOC, Mr. Dolezal of the Natio-

nal Theatre declaimed extracts from "Olympic Memoirs" by Pierre de Coubertin. and new songs about sport were sung for the first time.

This ceremony illustrated that "the idea of being the best but not at any price" is continually gaining ground and that the Czechoslovak Olympic leaders are making every effort to spread this message in all sports circles.



*From left to right: Mr. Novak, Secretary of the Czechoslovak Fair Play Club, Mr. Antonin Himl, Mr. Vaclav Hubicka and Mr. Janusz Piewcewicz.*

work of the 79th Session of the IOC held in Prague in June 1977, and went on to analyse present problems and to talk about the research of the IOC Juridical Commission.

Mr. Dusek, Vice-President of the Czechoslovak Association for Physical Culture, revealed the principles, aims and programme in regard to the Czechoslovak participation in the next Winter Games and the Olympiad celebration in 1980.

● *The plenary Session of the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee* was held in Prague on 24th November. The Secretary General, Mr. Vaclav Hubicka, presented a detailed report on activities from 1976 to 1977, which included a summary of important events, both national and international, within the Olympic movement. In conclusion he gave a preview of the action to be undertaken during the present year.

Mr. Frantisek Kroutil, IOC member, reported on the

## Tunisia

● *The Tunisian national football team* is to take part for the first time next June in the final stage of the World Cup. To celebrate this qualification it has been decided to declare a general amnesty for all sportsmen having been suspended from any sport. In addition, Mr. Fouad M'Bazaa, Minister for Youth and Sport, has invited all sportsmen, officials and spectators to show a sporting spirit and respect the clauses of the athletes' charter.

ing won no less than eight gold medals and a silver medal.

## Venezuela

● *Maria Hung*, a young Venezuelan swimmer, will go down in the history of the Bolivarian Games as the great 1977 winner, hav-

## Yugoslavia



● *Mr. Marijan Kraljevic*, the new Secretary General of the Yugoslav Olympic Committee, was born on 29th November 1937. A weightlifter, he was the-champion and national record holder of the Yugoslav team. After completing his legal studies he em-

barked on a career as a diplomat before becoming plenipotentiary minister in the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs.