

Around the National Olympic Committees

India



● *Mr. Dutta Ray*, one of the most devoted promoters of the Olympic movement in India, featured on the 1977 nomination list for the Olympic Order approved by the IOC members at the Prague Session last summer. On 28th November during his visit to India Lord Killanin, President of the IOC and Grand Master of the Order, personally presented him with the medal he had been awarded. A moving ceremony paid tribute to Mr.

Ray who, for more than thirty years, has given his support to the Indian Olympic Association of which he has been the Vice-President since 1967, after having presided the national football federation for twelve years.



The President of the IOC and Australia

In a letter addressed to the President of the IOC Mr. David McKenzie, IOC member in Australia, made the following comments :

“...After you and Lady Killanin left Australia, my historical instinct got the better of me and I decided to look at which previous Presidents of the International Olympic Committee had visited Australia. I was well aware that Avery Brundage was in Australia in 1956 and my research established that Mr. Edström visited Australia, but not while he was President.

While looking through the New South Wales Olympic Council minutes, I

found that the Count de Baillet-Latour, while he was President, visited Australia and I thought you might be amused, as I was, to read the minute of the New South Wales Olympic Council relating to his reception. I was particularly delighted that “after debate” it was decided to suggest a function at two shillings per head, plus cost of liquor consumed.

The total Australian reaction to your visit with Lady Killanin was most favourable and I do feel that your decision to travel through Sydney and Melbourne has most materially contributed to the Olympic movement in Australia...”

Saudi Arabia



- *HRH Prince Faisal Ben Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz* President of the Olympic Committee, has been at the head of the Union of Arab Football Associations since 1976.
- *Mr. Othman Al-Saad*, Secretary General of the NOC, has requested us to convey to all members of the Olympic family his NOC's cordial wishes for the present year.

Chile



- *The Olympic Committee*, in the second edition of its official review, presents its development plan for 1979-1983, together with a summary of the 1977 activities of each of the 33 sports federations affiliated to it.

France



- *The town of Vichy* is to be the national preparation centre for the 1980 Olympic Games in the following sports : athletics, rowing, basketball, boxing, canoeing, road cycling, fencing and football.
- *The first "World Medical Games"* will be held in Cannes from 11th to 17th June 1978. This world congress of sports medicine, presided over by Professor Fernand Plas, will bring together 2/3,000 participants -doctors, sportsmen, as well as pharmacists, dental surgeons, veterinarians, etc.

Guatemala



- *New Board of the Comité Olímpico Guatemalteco* elected for the period 1977-1981 :
PT : Dr. Alejandro Giammattei Caceres ;
VPT : Cont. Juan de la Cruz Garcia ;
Ms : Lic. Francisco Toledo, Dr. Jorge Castejon Garcia P., Mr. Victor Manuel Medina C. ;
SG : Mrs. Ingrid Keller de Schiavoni ;
Asst. SG : Prof. Augusto Robles Moran.

Hungary



- *An exhibition on Hungary's participation at the Olympiad celebrations* will be presented by the Sports Museum in Budapest starting in April. The gold medals won at Athens in 1896 by the swimmer Alfred Hajos for the 100m and 1200m will be included among the 10,000 items on display.

Italy



- *The 34th international sports film festival*, organised annually in Italy, was held this year from 13th to 19th February at St. Vincent.

Jamaica



- *Mr. Michael S. Fennell*, as mentioned in our No. 120 issue, has succeeded Mr. Tony Bridge as President of the Jamaica Olympic Association.

Born on 11th January 1935, he completed studies in management training and became General Manager of a Jamaican paint company in 1971. He is also Director of National Sports Limited. Captain of the West Indies water polo team at the Pan-American Games in Chicago in 1959, Mr. Fennell also represented Jamaica at the Central American and Caribbean Games in 1958 and 1962 as captain of the water polo team.

Amongst his administrative activities he was Secretary from 1950-67, then President 1970-77 of the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control and 1st Vice-President of the Jamaica Olympic Association from 1973 to 1977.

Kuwait



- *The celebration of Olympic day* has been postponed until 5th April owing to the passing away of Sheik Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, the late emir of Kuwait. This will

be the first time that Olympic day has been celebrated in Kuwait.

Lebanon



● *Mr. Abdel Raouf el Kayssi* has replaced Mr. Hassan Abdeljawad as the NOC's Secretary General. The latter handed in his resignation after a law came into effect forbidding officials of the Ministry of Youth and Sport, as well as journalists, to be Board members of the national sports federations.

Sri Lanka



● *New Board of the Sri Lanka National Olympic Committee* elected at the Annual General Meeting last November :

PT : Mr. Dunstan de Alwis ; *SG*: Wing Commander Rajah M. Wickremesinghe; *T* : Mr. Ananda Ranasinghe.

The new Board will shortly be undertaking the revision of the NOCs constitution.

Switzerland



● *The General Assembly of the COS*, at its meeting on 21st January, appointed Mr. Jean Frauenlob, deputy secretary, to the post of chef de mission of the 1980 Swiss Olympic delegations.

● *The President of the Swiss Olympic Committee, Mr. Raymond Gafner*, IOC member, concluded his 1977 activity report as follows :

"Yet again we note with satisfaction that despite numerous obstacles the Olympic movement continues to move ahead, not only in Switzerland but throughout the world.

It is up to us to ensure that our fears do not overcome our hopes. We are ready to assume this responsibility together in the interest of our country's sportsmen and their friends in the whole world."

● *The 50th and 30th anniversaries of the IIInd and Vth Winter Games (1928 and 1948)* will be celebrated at St. Moritz from 10th to 12th March 1978.

● Through its research institute, *the Federal Sports School at Macolin* organised for the fifth time a competition to stimulate the development of sports sciences. The studies concerned the general principles of training, the conception of installations, time-keeping and sports medicine and psychology. Another competition will be held in 1979.

Chad

● *New address of the NOC*:
BP 519, N'Djamena (CHA).

Venezuela



● *Mr. José Beracasa A.*, IOC member, has just been re-elected President of the Venezuelan Olympic Committee. Founder member of the NOC more than 40 years ago, he was its Honorary President after occupying for many years the posts of Treasurer and then President.