

Around the National Olympic Committees

Preparation of the 1979 Puerto Rico meetings

In view of the Olympic meetings which are to be held at Puerto Rico in 1979, the final programme of which we publish on page 233 the Director of the IOC, Mrs. Monique Berlioux, went to San Juan where she was welcomed by Mr. German Rieckehoff, President of the NOC and member of the IOC, and by Professor Arturo Carrion, President of the Organising Committee of the 8th Pan-American Games.

She also met Messrs. Mario Vázquez Raña and Guillermo Montoya, respectively President and Secretary General of the Pan-American Sports Organisation, who were also there to review preparations for the next Pan-American Games which will be held next year in the Puerto Rican capital.

At a meeting in the National Olympic Committee's headquarters, attended by all the representatives of the national sports feder-

ations, Mr. Rieckehoff outlined the history of the NOC which he has presided since 1976.

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Mrs. Berlioux, honorable guests, members of the Puerto Rican Olympic Committee, dear friends,

This year we are commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the Puerto Rican Olympic Committee and of our participation in the Olympic Games. For three decades, this Committee has proclaimed the Olympic ideals, broadcast its teachings and raised the flag of the five rings, symbol of the zenith of sports practice at international level.

In a little more than a quarter of a century, we have travelled a long road which has led



From left to right : Mr. Juan Horta Merly, Executive Director of the Organising Committee of the 8th Pan-American Games (COPAN), Mr. German Rieckehoff, Mrs. Monique Berlioux, Mr. Arturo L. Carrion, President of the COPAN, Mr. Mario Vázquez Raña, Mr. José Celso Barbosa, member of the COPAN Executive Committee and former Olympic competitor who finished 7th in the pole vault in 1948, and Mr. Guillermo Montoya.

us to a rich present where the Puerto Rican Olympic Committee enjoys the respect of nations and Puerto Rican sport is now recognised by the Olympic movement.

We made our entrance to the Olympic circle very humbly in 1948. Julio Enrique Monagas led a small delegation, which participated in only four sports, to London. This small delegation left us the souvenir of a bronze medal in boxing and the participation of two Puerto Ricans in the finals of the pole vault.

The most important thing was of course to belong to the Olympic movement and it was in London that this wish was fulfilled. This membership enabled regular participation in Helsinki, Melbourne, Rome, Tokyo, Mexico, Munich and Montreal.

Let us point out that we took part in the Games in London and Helsinki without having a duly constituted NOC, as was moreover the case of other countries at the time. For Melbourne a de facto NOC was founded and presided by Mr. Jaime Annexy ; for Rome we already had a de jure committee guaranteeing the continued existence of Puerto Rico in the Olympic movement.

Our delegations, although modest, have above all symbolised what sport and participation in the Olympic Games mean for Puerto Rico and Puerto Ricans. We have rigorously applied the Olympic slogan : "*The important thing is to take part*".

But our constant presence at the Olympic Games and our participation in international competition have enabled us to hold our present place. Within the Olympic family, the Puerto Rican Olympic Committee has greater seniority than almost seventy other NOCs recognised by the International Olympic Committee. 52 NOCs were already recognized when nine new members joined the Olympic family in 1948. Today it is made up of 133 members ; 73 of these, including the USSR NOC, were only recognised after the Puerto Rican Committee.

For the Pan-American Games, 33 NOCs are recognised, but only 15 of these before the Puerto Rican NOC.

At international level, this fact takes on a particular importance : we are veterans where others are still novices.

The great number of Puerto Ricans belonging or having belonged to international bodies in

many sports is worthy of mention. Some of them have formed part of the international or regional management team ; others have been members of technical committees in their respective disciplines, and many are those who have received tokens of international recognition for services rendered to Olympism and its various branches.

Olympism constitutes the zenith of sport, but zenith is not synonymous with perfection. This extraordinary movement has to face problems that it must tackle, combat, destroy or reduce to a minimum.

It finds itself confronted with gigantism, the natural result of the development of sports and the strengthening of their federations, each of which wants to be represented in all the programmes of all international activities.

Gigantism is also the increase of expenditure, investments and difficulties when competitions have to be staged within a limited space of time on fair and equal bases.

It is confronted with the problem posed by the threat of disguised professionalism that hangs constantly over amateurism, spear-head of Olympism. But times change and Olympism owes it to itself to resolve what is assuredly its cardinal problem.

It is also faced with the problem raised by the absorption of doping substances in an era when youth is seriously threatened by the use of drugs. Olympism has found the means to fight against these practices.

Lastly, it is faced with the problems of political interference and the unhealthy desire to use the Olympic arena for political propaganda like in Berlin, or for assassination like in Munich. These are the dark pages of the history of Olympism and only its greatness will erase the marks.

These problems do not belong to one country or one region. They are the lot of all countries and all continents. Consequently they can be considered, analysed and combatted in different manners according to the ways and customs of each country or region. In fact, the objective remains the same: to meet the threat that weighs on Olympism, combat it, stop it and destroy it.

In the immediate future, our aim continues to be the participation of Puerto Rico in the 1978 Central American and Caribbean

Games in Colombia and in the 1979 Pan-American Games in Puerto Rico.

Our people have always set themselves objectives ; they have always stayed faithful to the tradition of the Olympic spirit : “higher, faster, stronger”. This is revealed in our people’s history in every circumstance and every field. Sport faithfully respects this tradition.

A number of years ago when international competition was still in its infancy, we set ourselves a goal. We initiated the winter season and reached an international level in several sports. Soon however the limitations imposed by the very nature of competition no longer enabled us to achieve our ambitions, and we then looked to organise the Central American and Caribbean Games as another objective.

These Games in 1966 were distinctive by their austerity and simplicity, as an example of sports modesty, so that they could be staged by all peoples of the region.

Then we aimed for a new goal : the 1979 Pan-American Games. In comparison with the Central American and Caribbean Games, this is a more important event with a wider participation ; the repercussions will be all the greater but the commitment remains the same.

The Games will be held in an atmosphere of austerity and simplicity. Our aim is not limited solely to the organisation of Games, but consists in establishing standards so that this huge competition may be staged by all people in our hemisphere.

Sport is no longer the prerogative of the rich and the privileged classes. It is above all discrimination and opens its doors to all peoples, classes and men.

Puerto Rico has greatly contributed to the creation of this salutary atmosphere of our sports world.

Within the framework of the celebration of the 8th Pan-American Games, I should like to mention a new goal for sport, a new dream for idealists, a new commitment for fighters and an experience for future generations before the end of this century.

This new goal, this new dream, this new commitment and this new experience is the

best legacy we can leave to tomorrow’s sports leaders. We are a small people who accomplish great schemes. Let us encourage the steady and triumphant march of the Puerto Rican sports movement.

After the 1979 Pan-American Games, our new objective, our new dream, our new commitment and our next experience will be the celebration of the Olympic Games in this hospitable country, big in heart and spirit, full of imagination and creative ability.

In 1992, we shall be celebrating a special event in Puerto Rico, with the peoples of the whole world—the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America...

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PUERTO RICO 1979

Meeting of the IOC Executive Board with the representatives of the NOCs

Programme

23rd-24th June : ODEPA Congress.

26th-27th June : IOC Executive Board - General Assembly of the NOCs.

28th June : IOC Commission for Olympic Solidarity.

29th-30th June : Executive Board with the NOCs.

1st or 2nd July : Opening of the 8th Pan-American Games.



Bermuda

● On the occasion of the 1977 Olympic day organised by the Bermuda Olympic Association on 19th November, a leaflet about the history and future commitments of the NOC was distributed to 2,000 visitors, who had the opportunity to see the official film of the 1976 Olympic Games.

Our photograph shows Messrs. Reginald Cooper and W.F. Hayward (front row, 2nd and 3rd from the left), respectively President and Honorary President of the NOC, surrounded by Board members and former Bermudan Olympic athletes.



Australia

● *New address of the Australian Olympic Federation :*
G.P.O. Box 2261U, Melbourne 3001, Victoria.

● *The first number of the official publication of the Australian Olympic Federation has just appeared. Called "Olympic News", it is a four page newsheet containing a variety of information not only on the activities of the AOF but also on Australian sport in general.*

● Apart from an account of the IOC President's visit to Australia last November, the newsheet prints the *marketing symbol chosen for the 1980 Games*. Over 7000 entries were received for the competition to choose the AOF's official marketing symbol



for the fund raising programme leading up to the 1980 Olympic and Winter Games. The winning design was submitted by a Victorian, Bruce Edwards, and consists of twin boomerangs rising from the interlocking Olympic rings.

It is hoped that the marketing programme will allow the AOG to earn A\$2,000,000 (SF : 4,430,000) to help train and field Australian teams for the next Games.

Congo

● *New Executive Board of the Congolese Olympic Committee :*

PT : Mr. Raymond Ibata (elected) ; *1st VPT :* Commander Pascal Mouassiposso ; *2nd VPT :* Mr. Fulgence Massamba ; *SG :* Mr. Jérôme Basile Becale (elected) ; *Asst. SG :* Mr. Jean-Baptiste Longonda ; *T :* Mrs. Simone Moundziala ; *Asst. T. :* Mr. Joseph Moutsila ; *Auditor:* Mr. Prosper Samba ; *Admin. S. :* Mr. Aimé Bazinga ; *Ms :* Messrs. Dieudonné Manu-Mahounnou, Edouard Bangala, Captain Charles Ickonga, Messrs. Christian Diallo Dramey, William Désiré Diba, Emmanuel Delima, Captain Robin Quamba, Messrs. Dominique M'Passi, Pierre Eticault, Lieutenant Pierre Balossa.

● *General Joachim Yhombi-Opango*, former President of the Congolese NOC and Head of State of the People's Republic of the Congo, was unanimously elected Honorary President.

Finland



● At its meeting on 30th January 1978, the NOC's Administrative Board discussed

the doping question and issued the following statement :

“Our Committee strictly condemns the use of all doping substances, including anabolic steroids. Our country was a forerunner at international level, since it analysed stimulants at competitions even before the 1972 Olympic Games. We have now also decided to take all necessary steps to prevent the use of anabolic steroids.

Our Committee has at its disposal an internationally accepted control system to analyse anabolic steroids. We shall effect tests at all sports events and support research to develop the analysis procedures.

If an athlete takes anabolic steroids, his/her training assistance will be withdrawn and his/her federation duty informed. Such an athlete will not be eligible to compete in the Olympic Games.

Our Committee will increase its information on the matter to member federations, sports leaders, trainers and athletes.

We also suggest that the IOC very quickly create an international system which is efficient enough to prevent the use of anabolic steroids and lay down responsibilities...”

France



● *Mr. Jean Rodenfuser* was elected Secretary General of the Comité National Olympique et Sportif Français on 28th February to replace Mr. Henri Patrelle who had resigned.

Bachelor of Laws and a commercial director, Mr. Rodenfuser was

born in Paris on 20th May 1909. Taking up rowing at the age of 25, which he still practises today, his sports administration career has been chiefly devoted to this sport : Honorary President of the French Rowing Federation, international rowing

judge and editor-in-chief of the magazine “L’Aviron” (Rowing) for 27 years. An executive member of the CNOSF since its creation, he joined the National Sports Committee in 1968.

● The Coubertin Foundation

Mr. Geoffroy de Navacelle, great-nephew of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, has sent us documentation on the Foundation which bears the name of his illustrious ancestor, the renovator of the Olympic Games. Here is a brief description of the origin, aims and activity of this organisation which for over twenty-five years has endeavoured to enrich France’s cultural heritage.

Mr. Jean Bernard, co-founder of the Foundation with Miss Yvonne de Coubertin, Pierre de Coubertin’s niece, in 1950, explains that its creation was the result of the confrontation of two spheres :

- on the one hand, a family established for more than five centuries on the Coubertin land at Saint-Rémy-les-Chevreuse, in the Ile-de-France, not far from Paris, whose descent had come to an end, and
- on the other hand, the “Compagnons du Devoir du Tour de France”, the oldest of the French workers’ associations, which has endeavoured for centuries to train master craftsmen who would be appreciated outside France.

In addition to the castle and the park which she placed at the disposal of the Foundation, Miss de Coubertin also made a donation, thus allowing it to award grants to workers wishing to improve their training. The “Compagnons du Devoir”, for their part, contribute by running the training workshops, providing the lecturers and organising the improvement courses set up by the Foundation.

Thus the Foundation each year awards twenty grants to young people between the ages of 20 and 25 who come to complete their apprenticeship in the carpentry/cabinet-making and ironwork/locksmithing workshops in the castle. They are given full board and lodging and also follow, five full mornings a week, courses in French, maths, style, draughtsmanship and technology. In the afternoon they work in the workshops under the supervision of about the same number of experienced technicians.

To date about five hundred young men have attended the Foundation who have all left as highly skilled craftsmen. Many have created their Compagnon's masterpiece during their stay, while some of them have prepared, at the Foundation itself, their masterpiece of "best craftsman in France".

- *The Racing Club de France*, the oldest and best known French sports club, is to celebrate its centenary in 1982. On the occasion of this event it is proposed to renovate the Olympic stadium in Colombes where the VIIIth Olympiad was held in 1924.



Great Britain

- On 5th April, exactly 41 years to the day that *Mr. Emrys Lloyd* was appointed legal adviser to the BOA, a dinner was given in his honour in London to commemorate his 40 years of devoted service and good counsel. Presided by the BOA Chairman, Lord Rupert Nevill, the dinner was attended by some 40 members of the national federations as well as BOA officials and the Director of the IOC. During the course of the evening Mrs. Mary Glen-Haig, NOC member and Chairman of the Central Council of Physical Education, presented Mr. Lloyd and his wife with an inscribed antique decanter.

- *New address of the British Olympic Association :*

1-2 John Princes Street, London W1M 0DH.
Telephone : (01) 408.2029.
Cable : Bolempic, London W1.

- *The BOA and the Commonwealth Games Office* have launched an appeal to raise necessary funds, estimated at over £1 million, to send British teams to the 1980 Olympic Games and Winter Games and the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton (CAN). Assistance with transport costs is provided by the Government, but it is hoped that the greater part of the sum required will be obtained through the sale of a series of Olympic and Commonwealth coins, lotteries, business firms, promotions and expatriot Britons living in North and Central America.

Hong Kong



- *Mr. Arnaldo de O. Sales*, President of the Olympic Committee, has been made a Commander in the Brazilian Order of the Southern Cross for his efforts in stimulating and strengthening ties between Hong Kong and Brazil in the social, economic and cultural fields. We send him all our congratulations.



Hungary

- An exhibition highlighting Hungary's participation in the Olympic Games will be opened in *Budapest's Sports Museum* in April. The first gold medals won for Hungary by the swimmer Alfred Hajos in the 100 m and 1,200 m freestyle at the 1896 Olympic Games in Athens feature among the 10,000 exhibits.



Jamaica



- As announced in our No. 120, *Miss Leila Robinson* has been elected Secretary General of the JOA, thus becoming one of only two women Secretaries General of an NOC.

Born on 16th May 1929, she obtained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of London, Diploma in Education from the University College of the West Indies and Diploma in Specialist Studies - Mathematics from the University of Hull. An educationist by profession, she is currently the Secretary of the Metrication Advisory Board in the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

During her sports career, Miss Robinson has been an international women's hockey umpire from 1957 to 1962 and an international netball umpire since 1961. Her administrative activities have included : Honorary Organising Secretary (1967-1971), then Senior Vice-President (1971-1975) of the

International Federation of Netball Associations ; member of the Rules Sub-Committee of the FINA (since 1971) ; Senior Vice-President of the Caribbean Netball Association (1976-1978) ; President of the Jamaica Netball Association (1959-1960, 1961-1965 and again since 1966).



Japan

● We are pleased to announce the forthcoming appearance of a quarterly bulletin "Olympics" to be published by the Japanese Olympic Committee, the first issue of which is due out on 1st April.

Kenya

● *New officers of the Kenya Olympic Association :*

PT : Mr. S. Mbogo Kamau (elected) ; *SG :* Mr. F. Njuguna (elected) ; *T :* Mr. D. B. White.

● *The address of the NOC remains the same, but the telephone numbers are now : 331388 and 21211, extension 262.*



Lebanon



● *Mr. Abdel Raouf Kaissy*, who we announced in our last issue has acceded to the post of Secretary General of the Lebanese Olympic Committee, was born in 1925. A civil servant, he also runs the general secretariat of the national wrestling federation.

Liberia

● *New address of the Liberian Olympic Games Association :*

P.O. Box 481, Monrovia.

Nicaragua

● *Mr. Julio Miranda Cortés*, Secretary General of the Nicaraguan Olympic Committee, has informed us of two very important news items for Nicaraguan sportsmen which will enable the NOC to extend its activities considerably :

Mrs. Maria Helena de Porras, 1st Vice-President of the Olympic Committee's Executive Committee, has been appointed Minister of State for Education;

The city of Managua has been chosen to host the 3rd Central American Games in 1981.



Norway

● *New telephone number of the Norwegian Olympic Committee : 13.42.90.*

● Following publication of our study on *Norway and Olympism* in No. 123, an attentive reader has kindly informed us of some omissions in our list of Olympic champions, which we rectify below :

1912 : Nils Voss, Hartmann Björnson, Øistein Schirmer, Petter Martinsen and Gabriel Thorstensen were also members of the free system gymnastics team.

1924 : August Ringvold Sr. helmed the 8 m yacht "Bera" in which his son was also a crew member. We also note that he fulfilled the same function in the winning 1920 yacht "Irene".

Puerto Rico



● In 1948 in London a Puerto Rican delegation participated in the celebration of an Olympiad for the first time. *The Puerto Rico Games*, planned for next May, will celebrate this 30th anniversary.

● "*Hora Olímpica*" is the name of a programme televised by the Puerto Rican "Canal 2 Telemundo" for one hour every Saturday with information and sport for all.

German Democratic Republic



- *Mr. Helmut Behrendt* (left), honorary member of the German Democratic Republic NOC Board, of which he was Secretary General from 1951 to 1973, received the bronze medal in the Olympic Order from *Dr. Heinz Schöbel*, IOC member (right).



Romania

- From 5th to 20th February, Bucharest's Central University Library presented an exhibition on "*Physical Education and Sport in Romania*", which displayed photographs

and charts illustrating the development of the Romanian sports movement since 1948.

- *Stela Petecel*, who has presented her doctorate thesis "Sport in the spiritual life of ancient times" at Bucharest University's Faculty of Philology, is also the author of a work entitled "Sport in antiquity" which is due to be published shortly.



Senegal

- *Mr. Lamine Diack*, Vice-President of the International Amateur Athletic Federation and of the Senegalese National Olympic and Sports Committee, has just been elected Mayor of Senegal's capital. Born in Dakar on 7th March 1933, former athletics champion, *Mr. Diack* is also President of the Senegalese Athletic Federation and of the African Athletic Confederation, as well as a member of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa. All our congratulations.



Switzerland

- At *St. Moritz*, the celebrations commemorating the 50th and 30th anniversaries of the Winter Games staged in the Engadine Valley resort were held on 11th and 12th March 1978 in the presence of the Federal Councillor, *Mr. Rudolf Gnägi*. The latter

The 1978 Golden Ring

The "Golden Ring" competition, which distinguishes television sports programmes and was organised for the first time in 1976 at Lausanne, will again be arranged by the city of Lausanne this year from 24th to 27th October.

Under the patronage of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), the Swiss Broadcasting and Television Corporation and the International Olympic Committee, this contest will be preceded by an "EBU sports workshop" — a seminar for journalists and officials of sports television.

An innovation this year is that the Lausanne public will have the opportunity to attend

the projections as well as of seeing or seeing again the numerous sporting sequences which will be put at its disposal by Swiss television.

The President of the IOC, Lord Killanin, honorary member of this event, will attend the prize ceremony and will himself present the special prize which is awarded by the International Olympic Committee.

Mr. Jean Pascal Delamuraz, President of the Organising Committee, has already held discussions with Yugoslav television which has organised a similar competition at Portoroz. Thus the "Golden Ring" could be contested alternatively on the banks of Lake Geneva and the Adriatic.



watched both the friendly giant slalom competition contested by the former 1928 and 1948 Winter Games' participants, as well as the traditional cross-country ski marathon organised every year at the same period and in which more than 13,000 skiers take part. This last event was one of the highlights of the Olympic jubilee. Among the organisers let us mention Messrs. Raymond Gafner and Jean Weymann, respectively President and Secretary General of the Swiss Olympic Committee, and Mr. Marc Holder, President of the Fédération Internationale de Ski.

● *The Association of Swiss Participants at Olympic Games* has now been formed and

should become a valuable support and reserve of willing helpers for the COS.

● *The Swiss Broadcasting Corporation* has published a very detailed statistical report on its radio and television coverage of the 1976 Olympic Games (enquiries should be addressed to : Radio Télévision Suisse Romande, 20, quai Ernest-Ansermet, 1211 Geneva 8, SUI).

● To help finance its many activities in the promotion of skiing, the *Swiss Ski Federation* is selling small, brightly coloured cards of paintings which depict various facets of this sport.

USSR



● Sports statistics

| Sport | Soviet sport today | | | Number of sportsmen to reach the standard of international class sports masters and sports masters in 1976 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| | Number of persons practising a sport | | Number of registered sportsmen at 1.1.1977 | |
| | Total | Children and young people | | |
| Basketball | 3 510 305 | 184 824 | 1 549 278 | 763 |
| Biathlon | 40 414 | — | 13 692 | 247 |
| Boxing | 278 175 | 88 992 | 129 427 | 905 |
| Freestyle wrestling | 442 467 | 94 651 | 198 357 | 1 524 |

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| Greco-Roman wrestling | 277 239 | 84 386 | 123 084 | 1 591 |
| Cycling | 462 375 | 58 930 | 132 124 | 1 844 |
| Water polo | 11 694 | 7 833 | 5 816 | 199 |
| Volleyball | 5 179 708 | 206 222 | 2 180 857 | 615 |
| Handball | 874 710 | 68 955 | 350 379 | 308 |
| Sports gymnastics | 540 570 | 92 050 | 214 108 | 1 120 |
| Alpine skiing | 26 950 | 13 332 | 11 924 | 109 |
| Rowing | 21 433 | 10 035 | 12 437 | 785 |
| Canoe-kayak | 66 480 | 39 908 | 36 162 | 1 107 |
| Judo | 38 617 | 17 344 | 18 665 | 798 |
| Equestrian | 23 603 | 5 513 | 7 538 | 388 |
| Athletics | 6 159 706 | 353 307 | 3 444 312 | 1 422 |
| Skiing | 4 098 367 | 195 966 | 2 467 697 | 1 039 |
| Yachting | 23 540 | 5 982 | 10 345 | 548 |
| Swimming | 761 425 | 149 373 | 239 595 | 995 |
| Diving | 7 820 | 5 621 | 3 958 | 249 |
| Luge | 3 965 | 1 091 | 2 194 | 37 |
| Modern pentathlon | 4 049 | 2 859 | 2 791 | 252 |
| Archery | 15 337 | 4 875 | 8 551 | 548 |
| Pigeon and target shooting | 3 067 942 | 57 540 | 1 118 886 | 1 843 |
| Weightlifting | 283 261 | 32 294 | 94 902 | 1 995 |
| Fencing | 47 411 | 25 514 | 24 539 | 1 191 |
| Figure-skating | 39 305 | 37 902 | 27 900 | 135 |
| Football | 3 884 334 | 276 755 | 1 651 171 | 497 |
| Speed skating | 262 477 | 45 417 | 85 881 | 442 |
| Hockey | 673 645 | 75 809 | 262 300 | 194 |