

## Regional Games and International Events



**8th Pan-American Games**  
1st to 15th July 1979  
in San Juan (PUR)

● **Mr. Mariano Artau**, director of the press division, informs us that the athletes' village is to feature an innovation which will certainly be most welcome. A building located in the centre of the village will function as an administrative centre. The 33 delegations expected will thus have an office available to them in addition to those provided for in the athletes' living area.

● **The technical division** in charge of the organisation of the 22 sports included on the programme has been placed under the authority of Mr. Joaquin Martínez Rousset, a well-known journalist, who has already assumed responsibility for the general secretariat of the Central American and Caribbean Games in 1966.

### ● Competition sites

Sites	Programme	Capacity
Hiram Bithorn Municipal Stadium	Opening and closing ceremonies	30,000
Sixto Escobar Stadium	Athletics, football	12,000
Río Hondo Canal	Rowing	2,000
Roberto Clemente Coliseum	Basketball, boxing, gymnastics	12,000
Pepin Cestero Hall in Bayamon	Basketball	5,000
Canovanas Hall	Basketball	4,500
Trujillo Alto gymnasium	Boxing	4,000
Coamo velodrome	Cycling	3,500
Equestrian park in Stop	Equestrian	—
Manuel Carrasquillo Herpen Hall	Fencing and roller skating	2,000
Country Club grounds	Football	5,000
San Juan regional park in Barrio Los Corozos	Hockey and tennis	—
Baldrich field	Hockey	12,000
Guaynabo Municipal Coliseum	Judo and wrestling	3,000
Escambron swimming pool	Swimming and water polo	10,000
University swimming pool in Rios Piedras	Water polo	—
Bairoa 25 shooting range in Caguas	Shooting	800
Metropolitan shooting club	Shooting	—
Roberto Clemente Centre	Archery	—
Caguas Municipal Coliseum	Volleyball	6,000
Río Piedras gymnasium	Weightlifting	2,100
Ponce Yacht Club (southern part of the island)	Yachting	—
Juan Ramón Loubriel Stadium in Bayaman	Baseball	16,000
Ildefonso Sola Morales Stadium in Caguas	Baseball	15,000
Guaynabo Municipal Stadium	Baseball and softball	3,000
Villa Nevarez field	Softball	3,000
" Summit Hills " park	Women's softball	—

## 8th Mediterranean Games

15th to 29th September 1979  
in Split (YUG)

● Lord Killanin, President of the IOC is to travel to Split on the occasion of the Mediterranean Games.

● A short background on the Mediterranean Games: the idea, proposed at the turn of the century by the Egyptian Muhamed Tahar Pacha, an IOC member and the President of the Egyptian NOC, revived in Marseille in the summer of 1925, and approved at the 1948 Olympic Games in London by the NOCs of the Mediterranean countries, was only put into effect in 1951, when the first Games were held in Alexandria.

### ● The competition sites

In Split : athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling, football (final), gymnastics, weightlifting, handball (final), hockey, judo, swimming, archery, yachting, volleyball (final), rugby (final), tennis and table tennis.

On Zaton Bay: rowing and canoeing.

In Sibenik (87 km. from Split): football and volleyball preliminaries.

In Trogir (25 km. from Split) : football and handball preliminaries.

In Sinj (36 km. from Split) : equestrian events and handball preliminaries.

At the Makarska sports centre (63 km. from Split) : football and rugby preliminaries.

In Omis (26 km. from Split) : football preliminaries.

On the island of Hvar : fencing.

In Zadar : football preliminaries.

In Supetar, on the island of Brao : archery.

● **4,000 athletes and officials from 15 countries, as well as 1,500 journalists,** are expected.

● A delegation from the Organising Committee of the 8th Mediterranean Games has visited all the participating countries, with the exception of Monaco, to present them with their invitations. The delegation was given a warm welcome throughout its trip.

● Omis, which is to host one of the four preliminary football groups, is currently engaged in the construction of a 66,000 sq. m sports centre surrounded by grandstands capable of holding 4,500 seated spectators.

● In Sinj, where the equestrian events and a preliminary handball tournament are to take place, a bas-relief in stone dating from the first century may be found. The sculpture represents a man, in sports attire, holding in his right hand a ball formed from several hexagons, very similar to the sort used by football players today.



*Split : the main stadium.*