

Pan-American Sports Organisation (ODEPA-PASO)

● *Major decisions adopted by the Executive Committee and the Congress :*

— The programme of activities for the next three years drawn up by the President of the ODEPA, Mr. Mario Vazquez Raña, as well as the financial report by the treasurer, Mr. Michael Simmons, were approved.

- Approval of draft statutes and regulations for the Pan-American Games.
- Affiliation of the NOC of the Cayman Islands, which thus becomes the organisation's 34th member.
- Baseball, basketball, football, softball, volleyball and water polo teams which will be participating in the 8th Pan-American Games, are to be named before 28th February 1979.
- Women's judo will not be a part of the programme at the next Pan-American Games, but may be included in the future.



Major Sylvio de Magalhães Padilha, Vice-President of the IOC, left, accompanied by Mr. Mario Vazquez Raña, Président of the ODEPA/PASO, On the far right is Mr. Federico A. Mariscal.

Central American and Caribbean Sports Organisation (ODECABE-CASCO)

● *Mr. José Beracasa A.*, honorary life President of the organisation, has decided to offer special assistance totalling US\$ 1,000 (1,700 Swiss francs) annually to the ODECABE.

● *The History of the Central American and Caribbean Sports Games* is now being compiled. The author is none other than our friend and associate, Guillermo Montoya S., Secretary General of the ODECABE, assisted by Mr. Hurtado.

● *The next meeting of the Executive Committee* is scheduled for San Juan (PUR) to coincide with the Pan-American Games in July 1979.

● *The 14th Central American and Caribbean Sports Games* are to take place from 17th (opening) to 27th (closing) July 1982 in Mayaguez (PUR).

● *The authorities from the International Federations* attending the Pan-American Games this summer in San Juan (PUR) are to visit and give official sanction to the facilities in Mayaguez.

● *18 sports* (including 5 team sports) are to be featured on the programme and an additional sport may be inserted. Table tennis is to be included if the next General Assembly takes such a decision.

The first Sports Games of the Southern Cross

«Los Juegos Deportivos Cruz del Sur»

● *Major Sylvio de Magalhaes Padilha*, first Vice-President of the IOC, represented Lord Killanin at the opening of the first Sports Games of the Southern Cross organised by the Bolivian Olympic Committee. These games complete a series of Regional Games intended to encourage and facilitate sports exchanges between the South American coun-

tries. Eight NOCs (ARG, BOL, BRA, CHI, ECU, PAR, PER, URU) had been invited, with with Brazilian NOC as the only non-participant.

According to Major Padilha, however, there is no doubt that Brazilian athletes will be present for the second edition.

617 athletes thus gathered to participate in the 15 sports included on the programme. The competition sites were distributed among three cities :

- La Paz for athletics, women's basketball, boxing, cycling, football, gymnastics, wrestling, swimming and shooting.
- Cochabamba for men's basketball, road cycling, judo, tennis and women's volleyball.
- Santa Cruz de la Sierra for the marathon, equestrian, fencing, weightlifting and men's volleyball.

The success enjoyed by this event as well as its excellent organisation are largely due to the tenacity and the nation-wide prestige of Mr. José Gamarra Zorrilla, President of the NOC, and virtually the architect of the country's sports development, and to the support provided by the participating NOCs.

- The Argentine Olympic Committee has offered to organise the second edition of these games.

International Sports Press Association (AIPS)

- The 1979 Congress will take place in Moscow (URS) from 25th to 28th May and the 1980 Congress is to be organised in Baden-Baden (GER) from 5th to 10th May.

- 4,200 AIPS cards have been issued to date.

Panathlon International

- «Violence and Sport» is to serve as the main theme at the association's congress to be held in May in Florence (ITA).

International Silent Sports Committee (CISS)

The 9th Winter Games for the deaf brought together in Méribel (FRA) 120 participants from 16 nations. It will be recalled that the first games for the deaf were organised in 1949 in Austria. The next edition will take place in 1983.