

# Around the National Olympic Committees

## Australia



- Following the example of the American contingent, *the Australian basketball team* will train from 7th to 16th July in Berlin before journeying to the Olympic village in Moscow.

## Austria



- During the recent government changes, two Austrian football officials were made members of Dr. Bruno Kreisky's cabinet : *Mr. Karl Sekanina* was appointed head of the Federal Ministry of Engineering and Technology, while *Dr. Herbert Salcher* resumed his duties as Federal Minister of Health and Ecology.

## Bulgaria



- *The plenary session of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee*, presided by General Vladimir Stoytchev, IOC member, was convened at the end of 1979. Mr. Trendafil Martinski, Vice-President of the COB, gave a report on the international relations between the NOCs and the IOC. Mr. Anguel Solakov, who also serves as Vice-President of the COB, outlined plans for the passage of the Olympic flame, stressing the critical nature of this event in relation to the popularisation of Olympic precepts.

- *Executive Board of the COB*

*PT* : General Vladimir Stoytchev, IOC member ; *VPTS* : Trendafil Martinski and Anguel Solakov; *SG* : Nikolai Andonov ; *MS* : Bogomil Nonev, Dimitre Haralampiev, Nadezha Lekarska, Natalia Petrova and Stoil Soitrov.

## Canada



A session at the *University of Guelph's Cardio-vascular Club* is the subject of a film created by Dr. John Powell, a talented athlete and renowned educator who has taught in four countries. The author's main contention in the film is that regular exercise not only contributes to better circulation, but also alleviates worry. Available in a 16 mm print (\$Can 345 - SF 465) or video cassette (\$ Can 90 - SF 122), this 30-minute production in English may be ordered from the Office for Educational Practice, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1 (CAN).

## Finland



- The Finnish football club champion *Oulun Palloseura (Oulu)* boasts a unique feature that would be difficult to better. It is the northernmost champion club in the world. We take advantage of this anecdote to mention that spectators at first division football matches in Finland increased by 38% between 1978 and 1979.

## France



- *René Aurine*, president of the refereeing committee of the Fédération Internationale de Lutte Amateur, a likeable personality in French sport, has died at the age of 64. Having undergone operations for a cardiac condition, he was unable to survive the post-operative shock. The "Olympic Review" offers its sincere condolences to his family and friends.

- *The second Congress of the French Society of Odonto-Stomatology in Sport*, will take place on 25th and 26th April 1980 at Clermont-Ferrand (FRA). On the agenda for this scientific meeting : information on

dento-maxillo-facial injuries among athletes, a round table discussion on the prophylaxis and protection of dento-maxillo-facial injuries among sportsmen ; and a report on research into buccal-dental epidemiology in sport and focal infections of a buccal-dental nature among athletes.

- Beginning on 10th February, the Pontoise museum will present a highly interesting exhibition assembling both portraits of the author Geo-Charles and a part of his personal collection. Co-director of the Revue Montparnasse 19, Geo-Charles devoted himself to the praise of sport and obtained the only medal awarded to a poet in conjunction with the 1924 Games in Paris.



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## Great Britain

- University College in London will be the site of a conference organised by the Galton Foundation on the *biosocial aspects of sport*. The conference, scheduled from 26th to 28th March, will feature a list of illustrious speakers who are to discuss a wide range of topics, among them the relationship between sport and both physical and mental health, hazards confronting the athlete and the future path to be taken by the international sports movement. Further information and admission tickets may be obtained by writing to the following address :

Conference Organiser,  
Professor Sir Alan Parkes,  
The Bramleys,  
Shepreth, Royston,  
Herts SG8 6PY (GBR).

## Israel

- A congress will be organised in the forthcoming year at the Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport. The main theme scheduled for discussion will concern problems related to the social and behavioural aspects of physical activity and education, sports competitions, and leisure time in modern life.



## Luxembourg

- The *COSL's Board of Directors* has confirmed that it has accepted the invitation



issued by the Youth Camp to be organised in conjunction with the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow, and that it will select five persons to attend.

## Portugal



- The President of the COP, Brigadier Daniel Neves Sales Grade, informs us that General Pereira de Castro, IOC member in Portugal has presented *Colonel Don Domingos Antonio de Sousa Coutinho, Marquis de Funchal*, with the silver medal in the

Olympic Order. During the same ceremony, the Marquis de Funchal was presented with the Medal for Sports Merit by Portugal's Secretary of State for Youth Affairs and Sport.

It should perhaps be recalled that the Olympic award winner was a member of the Portuguese equestrian team beginning in 1936, earning a bronze medal in Berlin. He was in charge of the equestrian team from 1960 to 1968 and also served as an international dressage judge, a member of the COP beginning in 1951 and President of the Portuguese modern pentathlon and biathlon federation, a post he assumed in 1977.

## People's Republic of China

- Some *100,000 people* in the People's Republic of China were questioned by a local radio station wishing to know the listeners' choice for the sportsman of the year. There were 89,348 votes for female diver Ching Xiaozih who at the Universiade in mid-September won a gold and a silver medal in the two events of her chosen sport.



## San Marino

- One can only marvel upon reading "*Notiziario Sport*", the monthly publication of San Marino's national sports federations. How can such a small country isolated in the middle of Italy organise so many events and create such a vast number of competitions ?



## Switzerland



• *Kaspar Wolf and Guido Schilling*, respectively director and head of the “Information” department at the Federal School of Sport in Macolin, invited three mixed classes of boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 19, from the three main linguistic regions of Switzerland, to take part in a two-day debate on “Sport through the eyes of young people”. Often accompanying their talks with diagrams and drawings, these students revealed a number of interesting points about

mixed sport and the choice of sport in schools, the strong wish for more contact in recreational sport and the unequivocal condemnation of cheating and doping in competitive sport.

• *Dr. Max Triet* has succeeded Mr. Fritz Mathis as Director of the Swiss Sports Museum in Basle.

• Once a year, sports journalists in Switzerland are called upon to name whom they consider to be the country’s best athletes in both individual and team competition. Their choices for 1979 were as follows: *Denise Biellmann* (figure skating), *Peter Luescher* (Alpine skiing) and the national handball team.

## Sweden



On the occasion of the “Golden Ball”, the cream on Swedish sport, including nearly all the nation’s Olympic medal winners, gathered in one of the country’s larger hotels.

1st row, from left : *Klas Lestander, Gunnar Utterberg, Rolf Peterson, Sven-Olov Sjödelius, Gunnar Akerlund, Hans Wetterström, Hans Berglund, Gert Fredriksson, Sixten Jernberg, Nils “Mora-Nisse” Karlsson, Martin Lundström, Nils Täpp, Karl-Ake Asph, Assar Rönnlund, Janne Stefansson.*

2nd row, from left: *Gunnar Larsson, Hakan Malmrot, Arne Borg, Arvid Wallman, Axel Stahle, Sonja Edström-Ruthström, Ulrika Knape-Lindberg, Magda Julin, Britt Strandberg-Lumden, Irma Johansson-Oberg, Toini Gustafsson-Rönnlund, Evy Berggren-Westerberg, Ann-Sofi Colling-Saltin, Karin Linden, Hjördis Nordin-Hallqvist, Göta Pettersson-Frisk, Gun Röring-Lindh, Ingrid Sandahl-Sundell, Vanja Blomberg-Webjörn, William Thoresson, Bo Lindman.*

3rd row, from left : *Elis Wiklund, Gustaf-Adolf Boltensstern, Ragnar Skanaker, Olof Stahre, Rudolf Svedberg, Olle Anderberg, Knut Fridell, Folke Frölén, Viking Palm, Petrus Kastenman, Axel Grönberg, Leif Wikström, Hjalmar Karlsson, Sture Stork, Lars Thörn, Hans von Blixen-Finecke, Sven Thofelt, Peter Sundelin, Johan-Gabriel Oxenstierna, Bengt Palmquist, Jörgen Sundelin, Ulf Sundelin, John Albrechtsson, Ingvar Hansson, Lars Hall, Wille Grut.*

4th row, from left : *Rolf Edling, Carl von Essen, Göran Flodström, Leif Högström, Hans Jacobson, Henry Carlsson, Torsten Lindberg, Knut Nordahl, Erik Nilsson, Börje Leander, Bertil Nordahl, Sune Andersson, Kjell Rosén, Gunnar Gren, Gunnar Nordahl, Thore Sjöstrand, Henry Eriksson, Anders Gärderud, Arne Ahman, John Ljunggren, Ake Seyffarth, Sigge Ericsson, Jonny Nilsson, Johnny Höglin.*