

Around the National Olympic Committees

Argentina



- “*El Gráfico*”, a weekly sports magazine particularly appreciated throughout the South American continent, published in its issue no. 3141 a lively article on the administration of the Argentinian Olympic Committee.

Readers are told that since 23rd November 1978 the headquarters of the committee are housed in an old two-storey bourgeois building with basement and ground floor. The special Olympic spirit that exists there is due to the man in charge, no other than Colonel Antonio Rodriguez, the 17th president of the COA since 1923. The Colonel states: “*We want a NOC with permanent functions. In the past, during an Olympiad, we were busy for two years with the Pan-American Games and the Olympic Games, then inactive for the other two years. From now on, we are involved in the organisation for 1982 of the Games of the Southern Cross, and we have suggested to our government that Argentinian Sports Games be celebrated every four years. This would give us a permanent programme of activities.*”

The president of the COA then goes on to speak about financial aspects of the administration of the committee and its efforts to ensure its necessary independence, for example by a new draft law on sport giving the COA a percentage of the profits from sports forecast games.

Among other items, the article also mentions the opening of a NOC medical section and a public library, the creation of a bulletin, and the celebration of an Olympic week.

- *The COA's 1980 Olympic Week* took place from 4th to 12th October in Rosario. The programme included a festival of Olympic films, a photographic competition with sport as its theme, and an exhibition of sports posters and magazines from around the world.

Brazil



- *Mr Jeronymo Baptista Bastos* was presented with the bronze medal of the Olympic Order (awarded in 1979) by Major Sylvio de Magalhães Padilha, IOC member and president of the COB. Many Brazilian sports administration personalities attended the presentation ceremony, thereby paying tribute to one of the most representative sports leaders in Brazil. Mr Bastos, who used to be a player with the famous “Botafogo” club, has led Brazilian delegations at various world championships, regional games and Olympic Games. He was president of the National Sports Council and reached the vice-presidency of the COB.



Mr. William Simon, the new President of the USOC



Former US Treasury Secretary, William E. Simon was recently elected President of the USOC at the quadrennial meeting convened in Colorado Springs. Treasurer of the USOC since 1977, he has been active as a volunteer in fund raising since

1963 and was the committee's national fund raising chairman for the quadrennium 1969-1972. Mr Simon's last act as treasurer was to present to the house of delegates an extremely encouraging financial report revealing an excess in revenue over expenditure of almost live million dollars and a budget for the next four years of \$71.2 million. Looking to the future. Mr Simon stated that his top priority was to the athletes who, "epitomise what the United States is all about in dedication, hard work and striving towards excellence". In addition he declared himself to be dedicated to furthering women's participation in sports and on USOC committees.

The meeting closed with a call for a new unity in the aftermath of the setback imposed by the decision not to participate in the Games of the XXIIInd Olympiad-a decision which the outgoing President, Mr Robert J. Kane termed, "a dilemma wrapped in an enigma encased in a quandary".

- A scientific sports institute including research and information departments and a section for education in sports medicine and human performance should be set up in the state of Indiana. This was the main recommendation of the experts who attended a symposium on 19th and 20th December 1980 in Indianapolis.

- New address of the NOC of the United Arab Emirates :
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France



- Video magazine - CNOSF - Training, n. 1

In order to increase and decentralise training and practice courses for sports administrators, the CNOSF is to circulate a video magazine. Each edition will include a standard format video cassette and an accompanying handbook with information on how to run the course.

The first edition of the magazine has just been issued. Its subject is "The administrator: his duties and organization".

The one-and-a-half hour video tape includes :

- an introduction by Mr Claude Collard, president of the CNOSF ;
- a first part which consists of interviews with six administrators on their role, management, delegation, etc. and a discussion on the subject: "Can the role of the sports administrator be compared with that of the administrators of a business or of youth club ?"
- a second part which includes, from subjects :
 - how to decide policy - an interview with Mr Maurice Herzog, IOC member.
 - presentation of a method planning and organising a sports event.
 - how to manage communications and information,
 - relations between an administrator and his secretariat.
- A conclusion presented by Mr Georges Boudry, vice-president of the CNOSF.

How to use the magazine ?

It is not a film to be shown straight through once ; it should be used as back-up material for a training course; the handbook suggests ideas for ensuring that the course runs well, and its aim is to make people think about an essential question : "how it is possible to be more effi-

cient in making the best use of the time of voluntary administrators ?”

- *The French society of sports odontostomatology* will be holding scientific seminars on 24th and 25th April 1981 in Marseilles. For further information, contact Dr Henri Lamendin, IRADS. Biology Department, University of Orléans, 45045 - Orléans Cédex (FRA).



Greece

- *The quality of the quarterly information bulletin of the Hellenic Olympic Committee* remains as high as ever. Edited in English under the responsibility of the journalist Georges Liveris, the magazine gives a dynamic image of one of the oldest and most prestigious NOCs.

Issue no. 14, recently received, includes articles on the possible return of the Olympic Games to Olympia, another by Mr Nikolaos Filaretos, secretary general of the HOC, on the coming Mediterranean Games and a study entitled “sport and the Olympic truth”.



Guyana

- *The bureau of the “Guyana Olympic Association” for the period 1981 -1985* is as follows :

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Hong Kong

- *Mr. A. de O. Sales*, president of the “Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong”, in his speech to the annual general assembly of the Association on 27th November last year, said that “before the creation of the federation there were practically no physical education facilities available to the public for the practice of sport. The situation is very different now. Hong Kong has public

swimming pools, tennis courts, athletics tracks, stadia and playing fields ; other facilities will soon be added. The construction programme has involved every area in order to reach the whole of the population and enable everyone to practice the sport of his choice. That is why construction must continue everywhere, particularly in rural areas, which are still lacking facilities, and in the high-density urban areas nowhere present facilities do not satisfy the demand...”



Hungary

- *The memory of Dr Ferenc Csik*, Olympic champion in the 100 m freestyle in 1936, was commemorated at Keszthely. A memorial and a walk bearing his name were inaugurated. A memorial competition was also organised for the second time in Sopron, the town where he died on 29th March 1945.

Berlin, 1936 : Ferenc Csik being congratulated by Willy den Ouden.





Italy



- *Sara Simeoni*, Olympic high-jump champion, and her friends from the CONI's delegation to the Games of the XXIIInd Olympiad were received by the President of the Republic, Mr. Sandro Pertini. Our photograph also includes Mr. Giorgio de Stefani, IOC member in Italy.

public of China and the USSR in order to reach various agreements in the field of sport, physical education and sports medicine.

Poland



- *he 5th European sport conference* is to be held on 8th December 1981 in Warsaw. Its theme will be sport as an educational factor in mutual understanding.

- *Dr Uriel Simri* has been elected scientific director of the Wingate Institute, which is the main training centre for sport in the country.



Switzerland



- Several members of the Swiss national council are considering the idea of a special stamp issued every year, part of the price of which would be used to aid the financing of sports activities in Switzerland.

Kuwait



- The KOC has submitted its official candidature for the organisation of the *10th Asian Games* in Kuwait in 1986.

• At the last meeting of its bureau, the *KOC*, under the presidency of Shaikh Fahed Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, decided to establish contact with the sports authorities of Hungary, the Federal Republic of Germany, the People's Re-

