

Around National Olympic Committees

National Olympic Youth Days in the Netherlands in light of fair play



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The following text was published in 1979 by the International Committee for Fair Play at the introduction of the Pierre de Coubertin fair play Trophy :

"The threat to fair play"

Sport is a game ruled by fair play. Competitive sport today is unfortunately sometimes marred by the behaviour of certain players. In some team sports, the partisan spirit displayed by badly behaved crowds, the nationalism, not to say racism, which spoils certain international competitions, the systematic foul play and highly unpleasant violence which turn the sports field into a melée, and failure to take notice of the referee, or abuse of him, are becoming so common that an alarm needs clearly to be sounded.

The unthinking attitude of a small minority of athletes and leaders is threatening the very essence of sport, which is fair play. Many educationists and parents are alarmed when they see such lack of control and hesitate, as a result, to encourage their children to go in for an activity in which authority is flouted and sportsmanship ignored. They are thus alienating from sport young people who will never know the healthy pleasures of physical effort and the entertainment and relaxation to be derived from competitive sport.

The evil is primarily due to the extraordinary and legitimate success of spectator sports.

The prestige, popularity and money frequently associated with triumph have assumed such importance that, for some people, any means may now be used to win. In these circumstances, the ambition and selfishness of the players, the complicity of managers and the uncontrolled partisanship of the crowd lead to excesses which are particularly serious because they are often perpetrated by top ranking athletes."

The text is still up to date and is becoming more and more intrusive. In accordance with the task of the NOC's, set in the Olympic Charter, rule 24-the Netherlands Olympic Committee (N.I.O.C) has thought of a way of contributing to this task in order to maintain an Olympic principle by placing the idea of fair play in the lime-light during a series of discussions amongst our youth.

Not to be didactic or indoctrinating but from the deliberation that our youngsters-living in such a turbulent world nowadays-hardly have time for some sort of philosophy or reflection on' this subject. That is why-as far as we are concerned-the topic has to offered, introduced, recorded and supported in the form of a discussion Not to guide the thoughts and opinions but to unfold a good discussion and to record the conclusions.

For our Olympic Youth Days we opted for the approach of a competitions schedule starting at schools.

From the school-level the discussion/competition will then go on to the municipal-level, from municipal-level to the level of the provinces and the competitions will finally de-bouch into a National Olympic Youth Day.

Television will guide the whole project in a series of 16 broadcastings (of 50 minutes each). Through these broadcastings, not only the participating teams will be confronted with the topic of fair play, but also the entire Dutch population will be faced with it.

Broadly outlined the plan will be as follows :

In the early months of 1982 the topic of fair play as well as the programme for the National Olympic Youth day will be introduced at all schools of secondary level in the Netherlands (12-15 years-old). The intention is that-on the strength of the given documentation-the physical education teachers will treat the topic in class. The NOC can assist them by means of lending-out films or we can help by introducing top athletes who will go to the schools and tell the children of their experiences.

Around the discussion of fair play a competitive-programme will be organised, in which the idea of fair play will be tested in practice.

This program consists of a quiz and a series of competitions in the following disciplines : Football (boys only), Mini-hockey (boys and girls), Basketball (boys only), Archery (boys and girls), Volleyball (girls only), Cycling (boys only), Judo (boys only), Athletics (boys and girls),

Gymnastics (boys and girls) and Swimming (boys and girls), of which Archery is still pending.

The adventure starts off at schools. They will compete in a competition-program to decide which school will represent the municipality in the next round and which school plays "fairest".

After that the municipality will set up a municipal-team which will compete on province-level in order to find out which team will be representing the province in the following event.



These competitions will be filmed by a television company and via interviews with the participants and during the mounting of the films extra emphasis will be given to the fair play elements.

We did not choose for a fair play Cup or a jury because decisions will always be discussed and questioned and this-we think-will not be of any help to the idea of fair play.

To us, it seems more instructive to interview the breakers of the rules and simultaneously the athletes who were outstanding in their fair play, thus making the children aware of what they were/are doing.

After the competitions on province-level, the television will broadcast a quiz for all participating teams in the Netherlands. This will be done on a National scale and it will last for 2

hours. The quiz is comprised of 100 questions of all sports e.g. game-situations on film, ready knowledge etc.

What is so nice about this national-televised quiz is that all people watching the programme will be able to participate as well in their respective homes.

Naturally the schools will be isolated so that it is possible to reach a fair result.

The quiz in theory will provide the best team in this subject per province. Then the provinces will compile their best team out of the participating municipalities.

Thus it may be that municipality A will provide the football-team whereas municipality B will provide the hockey-team etc. Between them the provinces then have a competition from which the 4 best provinces select themselves and they are allowed to compete in the National Olympic Youth Day.

The National Day, planned in June 1984, will be integrally televised.

To be well prepared, it is necessary to have some idea of what has been published so far in the field of fair play.

Through this article we appeal to you to supply us-if possible-with the necessary information in the field of literature and films on fair play.

Should you be able to help us in any other way we are open to all kinds of suggestions on this topic.

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Argentina



• No. 4 of "*Hera Olimpica*", the review of the Argentine Olympic Committee, contains an editorial by Colonel D. Antonio Rodriguez, President of the COA, complete details concerning sports activities in Argentina and a report on the meeting of the Organising Committee of the 2nd "Cruz del Sur" Games which are to be held in 1982.

• On hearing of the death of *Delfo Cabrera*, the sports journalist Roberto Francisco sent us the following note :

"With the death of the great athlete Delfo Cabrera, Argentine sport has lost one of its most outstanding representatives. He was Olympic Marathon champion in London in 1948. Before a crowd of some 80,000 spectators, he beat fifty



1948 - London : Delfo Cabrera.

or so athletes from different countries, overtaking at the last moment the Belgian runner Gailly. This was probably his greatest success. Delfo Cabrera competed in over 300 top level competitions and won about 280. Specialising in long distance races, he was champion of Argentina, South America and the Panamerican Games.

On giving up active competition, he went in for teaching sport and in this way trained several thousands of young athletes.

Born in the province of Santa Fé, in the south of the country, he was exactly 62 years old. He was killed in a car accident some 200 miles from Buenos Aires, while on one of his regular tours of schools."

Australia



- *New telex No. of the "Australian Olympic Association"*

Ausoly AA 39484.

Austria



- *New telephone Nos. of the Austrian Olympic Committee :*

0222/65 33 65.

0222/65 33 66.

Chinese Taipei



- *New telephone No. of the "Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee".*

7521440/7521443.

- *Chi Cheng*, one of the best Olympic athletes. bronze-medallist in the 80 m hurdles in 1968 and holder of several world records, has been elected a member of parliament of her country.

- Prof. Tang Ming-hsin has prepared a report on the *National Olympic Academy of the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee*. Their Academy was established in 1977 and for the last 4 years has held its sessions for one week each winter, after which official reports have been published both in Chinese and English. 389 participants from 152 sports organisations and schools have taken part in these sessions and a variety of programmes have been offered. One feature included in the Programme of the Academy is the Olympism Exhibition – a collection of pictures, medals, pins, souvenirs, flags, magazines, slides and films.

Under the sports exchange agreement 4 Chinese lecturers and 9 participants have been invited to the US National Olympic Academy and 4 American lecturers and 2 participants have come to Chinese Taipei.

51 delegates have been sent to the IOA, 5 delegates have attended the Educationists Session and 6 have been present at the NOCs Staffs Special Meeting.

A study has begun in the hopes of establishing an Olympic Museum in Chinese Taipei,

The next session of the NOA of Chinese Taipei is scheduled for the 5th-10th February 1982 at Tsoying Olympic Training Center in Kaohsiung.

United States



- *Women and sport*

How many mistaken ideas still prevail concerning women and sport! Here however are four new 16 mm colour films which will help dispel these myths and at the same time show the value of sport. Eva Auchinloss, the Executive Director of the Women's Sports Foundation in San Francisco, proposes these excellent films for showing at meetings and during physical training courses.

To borrow or buy them or simply to obtain more information, write to :

Women's Sports Foundation
196 Moulton Str.
San Francisco Ca 94123.

France



- *The dangers of voluntary service*

As a result of a fatal accident that occurred during a sailing race held at La Rochelle in 1978, the Poitiers Court of Appeal condemned the President of the Rochelle Regatta Club and the President of the Race Committee.

This condemnation of two voluntary sports officials known for their very great competence is of great concern to the CNOF for it endangers the whole question of voluntary service.

In an article published in the press. Mr. Claude Collard, President of the CNOF, calls for "a legislation adapted to the present social context". While emphasising the fact that the sports movement cannot do without its present army of officials, Mr. Claude Collard wondered

whether “in addition to the gift of their free time, and great family and professional sacrifices, sports officials are also expected to risk their private means and their freedom”. In his opinion and in that of the CNOSF, the legislation in force “does not take into account the tremendous social phenomenon that sport has comparatively recently become, with all the bodily risks inherent in any physical activity, and its role as a maker of healthy, properly balanced men and women”.

- The *Bercy Palais des Sports*, in Paris, will be inaugurated during the autumn of 1983.

- “*For a humanistic practice of physical and sports activities*”

was the theme of the national symposium organised at Lille (FRA) in October by the Municipal Sports Office and the Regional Committee of Municipal Sports Offices of the Nord/Pas-de-Calais region.

Finland



- The Finnish Olympic Committee has adopted a series of *anti-doping measures* to be put into force with immediate effect. Any athlete found guilty of taking doping substances will be suspended for a year and deprived of any official subsidies or help. If found guilty a second time, he forfeits all possibility of being selected for the Olympic Games.

Any doctors, coaches or officials involved in such practices will also be suspended by the federations to which they belong.

Great Britain



- In order to celebrate *Lord Philip Noël Baker's 92nd birthday*, the International Sports Exchange Centre headed by James Platt and presided over by Lord Noel-Baker himself, held a luncheon on 10th November at the Central Office of Exchanges and Relations for Education in London. On behalf of the President of the IOC Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, Lord Luke, IOC member in Great Britain, presented Lord Noël-Baker with an Olympic banner.

Speaking to the assembled guests who comprised about fifty eminent figures from the

world of sport and education, Professor Ernst Jokl, Dean of the Department of Sports Medicine and Professor at the University of Kentucky, recalled Lord Noël-Baker's incalculable contribution to the world of sport and peace:

In the name of all, he handed the Nobel Prize-winner for 1959 a letter signed by Albert Einstein and five other Nobel Prizewinners. Very touched, Lord Noël-Baker, with his usual zest, thanked him and hoped that the name of Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the International Olympic Committee, would remain for ever engraved in the hearts of young people.



Lord Philip Noël-Baker making his address at the Xlth Olympic Congress in Baden-Baden.

1 *Sports museums* exist in Warsaw, Budapest, Stockholm, the USA, and Paris, and now Great Britain is in the process of creating the BOA Sport Museum at Much Wenlock. Our friend Don Anthony has written an article from which the following information has been mentioned.

“Much Wenlock seems an appropriate location for the establishment and display of British sports memorabilia. Dr. William Brookes implemented a series of annual ‘Olympic Games’ starting in 1865 at Much Wenlock. In 1890 Baron Pierre de Coubertin studied these events and his visit there led to his decision to revive the Olympic movement in 1896 at Athens.

The British Olympic Association wishes to house at Much Wenlock works by eminent British sports historians, tapes on the lives of well-

known athletes, contributions made by Britain to the world of sport, artifacts of interest and significance.

The BOA needs assistance in all areas of co-ordination and extends its wishes that anyone with contributions of any sort may reach the Association at: 1/2 John Prince's Street, London W/M ODH."

Guyana



• *New address of the Guyana Olympic Association :*

P. O. Box 30, Georgetown, Guyana.

Hungary



• Messrs. Otto Szymiczek, Rector of the International Olympic Academy, Cleanthis Paleologos, Vice-President of the IOA and Jenő Kol-tai, university professor and former Rector of the Higher Physical Training Instructors College in Budapest (ENSEP), were presented with honorary doctorates of the *University of EPS of Budapest* on 10th October 1981. Former students of this university, they have always done everything in their power to develop the Olympic movement and contribute to the strengthening of friendship between the peoples of the world.

In his speech of thanks, Mr. Otto Szymicek recalled several decisive moments in his life, in particular the day he left this university fired with the desire to rapidly reach his goal. Now, fifty years later, he has understood that we never reach our goal, because there is never a single goal but several, each of which has to be achieved one after the other at the cost of great effort.

Israel



• *Dr. Gilad Weingarten* has become the director of the Department for Research and Sport Medicine at Wingate Institute. Until now the position has been held by *Dr. Oded Bar-Or*.

• *The International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame* was dedicated on 7th July 1981 at the Wingate Institute and the first 47 Jewish sportsmen from all over the world were inducted into the Hall. Among the inductees were Daniel Mendoza, great boxer of the 18th century, and Mark Spitz, winner of 7 gold medals in swimming events at the 1972 Olympic Games. Over 500 people attended the ceremony which was conducted by Dr. Uriel Simri, Director of the Hall.

• During the 11th Maccabiah Games, Wingate Institute organised the *3rd International Seminar on Sport and Physical Education in the Jewish History and Culture* as well as a seminar on Sport Medicine. The two events were attended by over 100 participants.

Kuwait



• *Issa Abdulla Al Dashti*, Secretary General of the KOT and President of Kuwait Amateurs Athletics Association, is the first Arab representative for Asia at the IAAF and automatically a member of the IAAF Executive Committee.

• KOW now has *eleven working sporting national federations*, adding boxing to its list. The Board of the newly created Boxing Federation met on 9th September 1981. The first Boxing Championship will be held 1st January 1982.

• *Kuwait Volley Ball Federation* hosted its first Arab-Afro Friendship Volleyball Championship 15th-25th October 1981.

Liberia

• *The General Meeting of the Liberian Olympic Games Association* has just elected the following board, for a period of 4 years.

PT: Fred J. Blay ; *VPT:* S. Weaka Peters ; *SG :* Marcel E. Bertin ; *T:* Christian King ; *Ms:* James Davis, Oscar Tankee and Lawrence Doe.

German Democratic Republic



• A new sports and leisure centre has just been inaugurated in the capital of the German Democratic Republic. It covers over 38,000 sq. ft. and includes ice skating and roller skating circuits, swimming pools, a gymnasium and a bowling alley. It is divided into three sections separated by glass partitions, which increase the impression of space and make it possible to see what is going on in other parts of the centre. The complex is completed by restrooms and rooms for treatment. Meetings are organised there with athletes, coaches and sports doctors.

A stamp has been issued featuring this new centre.

San Marino



• The new President of the San Marino National Olympic Committee, Domenico Bruschi, is 45 years old. He is a great all-rounder, having boxed, gone in for gymnastics, weightlifting, cycling and tennis which he still plays regularly. Very dynamic, he has been President of a great many sports associations. A thunder member of the Panathlon Club of San Marino, he has also been its President. He is Vice-Director of the San Marino Savings Bank.



• The new Secretary General, Mrs. Giuseppina Tamagnini, has always devoted her leisure time to sports administration. Secretary of the Athletics Federation, she has also been a member of the Baseball and Softball Commissions. Before becoming Secretary General of the NOC, she was for a long time head of the department of sport of this committee. She is a judge in athletics competitions.

Switzerland



• The Confederation has just published a series of physical (ruining manuals in 9 volumes. On the occasion of the official publication of this seventh edition and in the presence of Mr. Georges-Andri Chevallaz, Federal Councillor, Mr. Hans Möhr, Chairman of the Federal Commission of Gymnastics and Sport and in charge of publishing, thanked the many specialists who had contributed to this fine achievement. They had succeeded in producing a work of great diversity, easy to read, open-minded and perfectly adapted to teaching.

• During its last session, presided over by Dr. Robert Barth, the Foundation Council of Swiss Sports Aid presented a provisional statement of its accounts for the current year. Thanks to the many firms willing to sponsor sport, it had been possible for Fr. 700,000 more than in 1979 to be made available to some 200 top athletes. The budget for 1982 provides for a sum of 1.75 million francs to be set aside for welfare. Many athletes and several federations will be able to benefit from this.

URS



• The 8th Sports Film Festival in the Soviet Union was held at Frounze, Kirghiz (URS) from 1st to 9th October. Over 80 full-length films and documentaries contributing to the development of sport in the country were shown.

• Three Olympic basketball champions are giving up active competition, but are staying on in the service of sport.

Serguei Belov (37 years old), Ivan Edechko (36 years old) and Aljan Jarmoukhamedov (37 years old), three of the internationals with the most titles to their credit in the USSR, will from now on be devoting their time to coaching basketball players for the TSKA Club in Moscow, to which they have always belonged. Olympic champions in Munich in 1972, they have been world champions and Serguei Belov has been world champion twice.

