

Around the National Committees

Algeria



- *Mr. Abdennour Bekka* was elected President of the Algerian Olympic Committee in November 1983 during the last meeting of the Committee.

Butan

- Composition of the new Executive Board of the Bhutan Olympic Committee recognised in November 1983 : *PT*: Mr. Dawa Tserin : *SG*: G. Rasul.
- Address : Bhutan Olympic Committee. P.O. Box no. 103. Thimphu. Bhutan.

United States



- *New trophies and "best athletes of the year" awards*

During a ceremony in Indianapolis. the Track and Field American Congress (TAC) awarded three new trophies to Carl Lewis. Edwin Moses. and Henry Marsh.

Lewis, who won three gold medals at the World Championships in Helsinki last August, received the Jim Thorpe trophy and was also elected "best male athlete of the year" by the magazine "Track and Field News".

The Harrison Dillard trophy was awarded to Moses. world champion and world record holder for the 400 m hurdles, while Marsh. the

American record holder for 3000 m steeple became the first recipient of the Glenn Cunningham trophy.

On the women's side, Mary Decker, world 15000 m and 3000 m champion, was named "best female athlete of the year".

The marathon runners Joan Benoit and Greg Meyer, and high-jumper Louise Ritter were among the other American athletes who received awards.

Ethiopia



- *Bekele Debele* is to receive the trophy "Mobutu Sese Seko" for the best African sportsman.

Winner of the World Cross Country Championships which took place in 1983 in Gateshead in Great Britain, this 20 year old athlete has been nominated sportsman of the year following a conference held by the "Union des journalistes sportifs africains (UJSA)" (Union of African Sports Journalists).

The Moroccan *Said Aouita* bronze medallist at the Helsinki World Championships over 1500 metres and winner of the 800 and 1500 metres events at the Mediterranean Games in Casablanca. took second place. followed by *Opoku Nti*, a Ghanaian, footballer of the year.

Introduced in 1972 on the initiative of Mr. Tshimpumpu Wa Tshimpumpu (ZAI), Honorary President and founder of the Union of African Sports Journalists, the "Mobutu Sese Seko" trophy is the most important award instituted on the continent, aimed at encouraging those athletes who, by their performance, contribute to the promotion of Africa's sporting prestige.

France



- *Passing through Lausanne*

After the success of the first Paris - Olympia relay race, run in May 1983, Mr. Marc Bouet, President of the Paris - Olympia Committee, decided to include Lausanne in the 1984 itinerary.

The 4th national scientific congress of the French Sports Medicine Society will be held in Rennes (FRA) from the 24th to 27th May, 1984. The topics discussed will be : Internal Medicine and Sports, Field Medicine, Traumatology in the Field, Biology and Sports.

Requests for information are to be addressed to : Monsieur le Professeur Georges Paulet, Institut Regional de Biologie et de Medecine du Sport de Bretagne, Faculte de Médecine, 2, avenue Leon Bernard, 35043 Rennes.

Greece



- *Sports Palace*



After the construction of the Olympic stadium in which the European athletics championships were held in 1982, a new temple of sport is currently being built in Athens. It is the "Sports Palace" at New Phalerum, opposite the "G. Kardiskakis" stadium, on the shores of the Saronic Gulf.

The main hall's capacity of 11 000 spectators will be able to be increased to 15 000 with the installation of temporary seating.

Besides the main hall, the 320 000m² area will include halls for gymnastics, fencing, tennis,

volleyball, basketball, wrestling, boxing and shooting. The complex will also have marina facilities and an outdoor swimming pool at its disposal.

In close proximity to the main hall, a rest-room, canteen, several small shops selling indispensable articles and reserved for the athletes, and several conference rooms will be added to the 5200 m² warm-up hall. This group of buildings will be complemented by meeting- and film projection rooms, restaurants and cafes, and parking lots.

The complex, which is being built very rapidly, is essential to Greece, which, from now on, will be able to organise championships on an international scale, beginning with the European Indoor Championships in 1985.



Hong Kong

- *Mr. Arnaldo de O. Sales*, President of the Federation of Amateur Sports and of the Hong Kong Olympic Committee, holder of the silver medal of the Olympic order, has received from the hands of His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, Hiro Hito, the Order of the Sacred Treasure. This distinction emphasizes the contribution which Mr. Amaldo de O. Sales has made to the promotion of cultural and sporting relations between Hong Kong and Japan.



Hungary

- On 14th December 1983, *Mr. Pal Schmitt*, IOC Member in Hungary, was elected Secretary General during the Plenary Assembly of the NOC.

Italy



- Two outstanding demonstrations brought credit to the world of sport in Rome this Autumn : The traditional *Youth Games* and the *Sports Week*.

The fifteenth version of the *Youth Games* was the occasion, as every year, for a most successful

celebration. 10 000 finalists competed in numerous disciplines before an enormous crowd of enthusiastic young spectators.

To back up these competitions it had been decided to devote a week to a display of sporting activities in Italy. More than ten thousand people visited the stands of the various federations, took part in the demonstrations organised for them, and participated in the original sports events open to all during this *Sports Week*. This undeniable success holds the promise of a repetition of the event next year.

Japan



- *Mr. Masaji Kiyokawa prize for Mr. Max Ritter*

This year, the International Amateur Swimming Federation (FINA) has chosen to honour a first class swimmer class swimmer with the Max Ritter Prize. One hundred metre back-stroke gold medalist in Los Angeles in 1932, he

won the bronze in that event in Berlin in 1936. Following these successes, he trained the national Japanese team for the Helsinki Games and was manager of the swimming competitions in Mexico in 1968. And today, he has once again shown his worth on the occasion of a veterans' competition in Japan, in which he remained the best in his category. At over seventy years of age, his achievement is as remarkable as it is praiseworthy, and one wonders how Masaji Kiyokawa manages to find the time to train when one thinks of his professional activities and his long sports administration career.

Member of the Japanese NOC from 1945 onwards, he began working for amateur swimming in 1939, at first on a national, and then on an international level. His excellent administrative qualities, and his natural graciousness have made him invaluable to the running of the FINA. His many undertakings in all fields of aquatic sports have been proof of the fact that he was able to deal with the sometimes thankless tasks of secretary in diligent fashion, and always with meticulous concern for matters of organisation and information. His contributions to the IOC, of which he was elected

a member in 1969, are no less important, on the contrary. This year, he resigned from his position of Vice-President which he had held from 1975 onwards.

The Max Ritter Prize therefore crowns an impressive list of achievements which throws light on the character of this man whose keen and infectious enthusiasm, and devotion to the sporting cause are a clear and exemplary illustration of the philosophy of his friend and constant companion, Max Ritter.

This award is evidence of the gratefulness and friendship his FINA colleagues bear the person which they affectionately name "Kiyō".



Kuwait

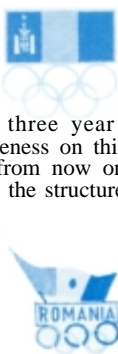
- On the occasion of the Asian Athletics Championships which were held last November in Kuwait (KUW), the General Assembly of the Asian Olympic Council (AOC), chaired by Sheik Fahid Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, took place. Surrounding Mr. Maurice Herzog, Delegate for the Regional Games and IOC Member for France, we can see at the grandstand (from left to right), Datuk Seri Hamzah Bin Haji Abu Samah, IOC Member for Malaysia, Mr. Hamad Issa Al-Rujaib, Kuwaiti Minister of social affairs, Sheik Fahid Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, IOC Member for Kuwait and the new IOC Member for Saudi Arabia, Prince Faisal Fahd Abdul Aziz.



Libya

- "The People's General Sports Committee in Jamahirya in its role as popular managerial sports body has decided to disallow boxing and

wrestling federations. After a three year campaign to rouse citizens' awareness on this issue, the Committee feels that from now on inhumane sports have no place in the structure of sport in Jamahiriya".



Liechtenstein

- *New address of the Liechtenstein Olympic Committee* : Staedtle 35, 9490 Vaduz. Telephone : (41 75) 2 68 99. Telex 77 054 Sport FL

Malawi



- *Doctor John D. Chipangwi*, the new President of the "Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association of Malawi", born in Malawi in 1936, underwent very varied sports training whilst following his medical studies at the faculty in Aberdeen (GBR).

Running (100, 200, 400 metres) was, without doubt, his favourite sport, but he still has memories of numerous football competitions played out with his University friends.

Returning to his country in 1966, his professional activities immediately became very exacting. This East African country which has just gained its independence (1964) has an urgent need of management personnel. Doctor Chipangwi was rapidly put in charge of the sanitary administration in several regions of Malawi. After this period of public service, he left for three years 'to specialise in Uganda. In 1973, he began to practise medicine in Bandyre. Today he is head of the obstetrics and gynaecology department of the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital of this town, the second most important city in the country.

His career, devoted to the health of his compatriots, did not afford Doctor Chipangwi the possibility of practising sport as much as he would have liked. However, it has not turned him away from the world of sport since, still very recently, he managed "Wanderers football club", a team famous in Malawi.



- *Mr. Edmund Fernandes*, the new Secretary of the "Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association of Malawi" is no stranger since he had already assumed this post as well as that of Treasurer, replacing Mr. H. Lakin in 1976. His interest in hockey, a sport which he practised as an international player for sixteen years, as well as his profession, he is a chartered accountant, led him to keep the accounts of the Hockey Association in Malawi, before becoming its President in 1981. But his sporting activities are varied. He plays table tennis as well as he plays badminton and cricket. At the same time, he undergoes athletics training.

Mongolia



- *Mrs. B. Suvda* is the new Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee for the Mongolian People's Republic.

Rumania



- *Under the badge of the Olympic rings*

On the initiative of two sports fans, Professors Rodica Georgescu and Radu Fruntas, an interesting competition took place in a Romanian village - the Simea commune - at the foot of the Piatra Craiului mountain. This was the beginning of what was later to be named the Olympic Village Cup.

On a grassy ground, young sportsmen from the neighbouring villages competed in an uphill, a downhill and a combined race. A panel bearing the Olympic rings stood on the crest of the highest hill.

In his address, Professor Nicolae Frunes said : *"This Olympic day at Sirnea inaugurated by singing the Olympic hymn, is the beginning of an annual competition with the award of an Olympic Village Cup. The competition will be followed by a literary and musical function on Olympic subjects"*.

Western Samoa

- Composition of the new Executive Board of the Amateur Sports Federation of Western Samoa : *PT*: Seiuli P. Wallwork ; *SG* : John P. Macdonald.
- Address : Western Samoa Amateur Sports Federation, c/o Ministry of Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs, Private Bag, Apia, Western Samoa.



Somalia

- Composition of the new Executive Board elected for four years in November 1983 by the Ordinary Assembly of the NOC : *PT*: Col. Mire Aware Jama; *VPT*: Prof. Mohamoud Hassan Nur ; *SG* : Mr. Abdalla Mohamoud Siad : *T*: Mr. Ibrahim Hassan Ibrahim.

Sudan

- *Olympic Week*

In view of the numerous difficulties involved in gathering together for one day, competitors from all regions, the NOC of the largest African country (2,505,813 km²) decided to spread the first celebration of Olympism over one week.

Having devoted one day to Olympism, each of the nine regions sent a delegation to Khartoum, several of which had to undergo a four day journey through the desert, under very difficult conditions. Upon their arrival, these delegations were received in one of the University complexes which, for the occasion, had been transformed into a sports village. Numerous events had been organised in accordance with the rules of the various International Federations, and the

opening of the week, on 25th December, was the occasion for a solemn ceremony held notably before the President of the Republic, the Vice President, the Minister for Youth and Sport, also Major L. Gadir and General S. Hamad Hassan, President and Secretary General of the NOC, as well as before Sudanese Sports Federations. There was an athletes procession and seven hundred school children presented a show. It was the introduction into the stadium of a symbolic flame, lit in Senar, the ancient capital of the country, which set the contests in motion.

The sports had been divided into two categories, competitive sports which included athletics, boxing, basketball, volleyball, handball, table tennis. Other sports activities : football; swimming, cycling, gymnastics, tennis, karate, equestrian events and events for the disabled, were represented by demonstrations.

The closure of this week of games was marked by the awarding of the silver-Olympic order to Doctor A. Halim Mohamed, former IOC Member and Vice President of the Sudanese NOC, by Major Zein M. A. Gadir, IOC Member and President of the Sudanese NOC, on behalf of H.E. Mr. J. A. Samaranch.

It should be noted that this celebration, enjoyed by an enthusiastic crowd, spread the spirit of the Olympic movement to areas which had never heard of this - which is not the most insignificant achievement of this first "Olympic Week".



Sri Lanka

- *Composition of the Executive Board of the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka* elected during the annual meeting which took place on 30th September 1983 : *PT*: Mr. ROY de Silva ; *VPTs* : Messrs. Thomas de Silva, L. C. S. Jurasinha, Daya Tennekoon, H. M. Gunaratne Banda ; *SG* : Mr. Prema D. Pinnewale ; *deputy secretary* : M. Asoka Jayasinghe ; *T*: Mr. M. D. J. Werasinghe.

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Switzerland



- The fifth international multidisciplinary seminar "*Sport and Civilisation*" will take place at the University of Fribourg from 30th May to 2nd June. This seminar organised by the Department of Economics at the University, in collaboration with the Dean and the ASSAS ("Association suisse des sciences appliquées aux sports" - Swiss Association of Applied Sciences and Sport), has this year as its major theme: The economy, sport and civilisation. The lectures will concern sports activities in modern States which make up an essential part of contemporary civilisations, and in this way interest researchers in numerous disciplines, political figures and sports managers.

« Hop Suisse »

- The portraits of 280 top level amateur sportmen will appear on the "Come on Switzerland" poster which will be put on sale for SF. I.- as from January 1984, with all profits going towards the Swiss Sports Assistance Fund and therefore to all elite amateurs.

This initiative has been taken by the Rentenanstalt insurance company, which is already sponsoring the mobile exhibition entitled "Sport in Switzerland. Yesterday and Today".

Czechoslovakia



- *Five million sportsmen and women !*

Mr. Antonin Himl, President of the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee and of the Czechoslovak Coaches Association (CSTV) declared during a press conference marking the end of the 4th CSTV Congress in Prague in November 1983, that there were nearly five million sportmen and women in the country, compared to three million, five hundred thousand in 1978. Efforts will not cease with this success and the CSTV has decided to concentrate especially on athletics, rowing, cycling, football, ice-hockey, gymnastics, skiing, wrestling and weightlifting with a view to preparing the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad in 1988.

Democratic Republic of Yemen



- The President of the NOC in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen is a Statesman who furthers the cause of sport.

Mr. *Ahmed Mohammed Qu'atabi* born in 1942, Minister of the Interior 'since 1980 understands the importance of sport in

the education of the youth of this new country which has been independent for less than 20 years (1967).

Gifted for organisation and administration, he established his country's first football federation, and since its foundation in 1968 has been its President.

In 1976 he became member of the Central Committee of the Republic's Supreme Sports Council and he directs the planning and construction of sports complexes.

He was among the original members of the National Olympic Committee in 1979, and immediately became its first Secretary General before taking up the Presidency in 1981.



Yugoslavia

- *Dragutin Surbek* (table tennis) and *Mirjana Jovovic* (shooting) were nominated sportsman and sportswoman of the year 1983, following a poll organised by the daily Yugoslav paper "Sportske Novosti".

Mirjana Jovovic was the European small-bore rifle shooting champion in Bucarest.

Dragutin Surbek, together with Zoltan Kalinic, won the men's doubles title at the World Table Tennis Championships last May in Tokyo. They were both nominated best men's team for the 1983/84 season.

The title of best women's team was conferred upon the Belgrade Radnicki handball club.

