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AUSTRALIA

Mr. Phillip W. Coles, Member of the IOC for Australia, will take up the post of Secretary General of the Australian Olympic Committee from April 1985, when the current Secretary General Mr. Julius L. Patching is due to retire.



COLUMBIA

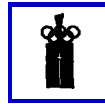
Dr. Saul Isignares Mendoza will assume the duties of Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee until February 1987 replacing Mr. Humberto Jaimes Cañarete who has resigned.



UMNA

China Sports History Society Formed
In early July, representatives of researchers in Chinese sports history assembled in Leshan City, Sichuan Province, to form a learned society of their own - the Chinese Sports History Society. After serious discussion, they adopted a constitution for the new organization and elected its leading body headed by He Qijun.

It was agreed that sports history is an important branch of learning ; that an earnest study of the historical experience of sports development in China and the world and a correct understanding of the laws operating therein will help us know the present and make plans for the future ; and that in the study of Chinese sports history, we must neither copy foreign things blindly nor reject everything we consider alien to "the quintessence of Chinese culture."



DENMARK

The new Executive Board of the NOC elected by the general assembly on the 27th November 1984 is as follows :

PT: Niels Thygesen ; SC : Elo Tostenaes ; T: Preben 2. Jensen (reelected) ; MS : Heinrich Duhom, Karl Eilersen (re-elected), Richard Larsen (re-elected), Ole 8. Thomsen. Nina Velin.



EQUADOR

Mr. Sabino Hernandez was re-elected to a third term of office as President of the Ecuadorian National Olympic Committee in Quito on the 2nd December at the conclusion of a general assembly attended by the major officials of the different sports federations.

Mr. Hernandez has been head of the Equadorian NOC since 1976.



CYPRUS

The new Executive Board of the Cyprus Olympic Committee elected last November by the General Assembly is as follows :

PT: Nikis Lazarides (re-elected) ; SG : Iosif Hadjiosif (re-elected) ; T: Filios Christodoulou ; MS : Nicos Markoullides, Kleanthis Georghiades, Andreas Stavrou, Sophronis Sophroniou.



FINLAND

Mr. Carl-Olaf Homen was elected President of the National Olympic Committee of Finland on the 10th December 1984; he succeeds Mr. Jukka Vunila, who held the post for sixteen years.

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Mr. Homen had been president of the Organising Committee of the first World Athletics Championships in Helsinki in 1983.



FRANCE

Sport and the luck of the draw.

The first draw in the French sports lottery, the forms for which were issued on the 10th of January, will take place from the 12th to the 21st April 1985.

Bets will be on the results of football matches, basketball games and many other sports competitions, but the wins will be multiplied by a factor of two or fifty depending on the luck of the draw. This formula should attract a large number of participants. An enthusiastic supporter of the scheme is the President of the Comite National Olympique et Sportif Francais (CNOSF), Mr. Nelson Paillou, who hopes that this new game will provide 370 million French Francs for the sports movement.

□ The athletes who won medals in the Winter Olympics and in the Games of the Olympiad received the Senate Medal, which was presented to them by Mr. Alain Poher, President of the Assembly. This award ceremony, attended by numerous personalities of the French sporting world, was held on the 6th of December last year in the course of an annual reception organised in honour of sport by the High Assembly of the Luxembourg Palace.

The Third "Rainbow" week

Organized since 1979 by the Association of the Friends of "Rainbow" Week, this event provides a forum for the exchange of views and ideas on physical activities and sports for children. The third session is scheduled to take place in Toulouse (FRA) from the 29th August to the 7th September 1985.

The aim of this third session, which encompasses various different activities (seminars for exchanging ideas, sports competitions, etc.) is to link the results of previous years to the objectives of the International Year of the Child declared by the United Nations. The discussions will have as their theme the problems of mutual understanding between cultures : how can young people be taught

to respect others, and what initiatives can be developed to encourage the young to respect and co-operate with one another.



GREAT BRITAIN

On the occasion of its traditional end-of-year dinner, the British Sportswriters Association elected the two Olympic champions Sebastian Coe and Tessa Sanderson best athletes for 1984.

Winner in the 1500 m and silver medallist in the 800 m, Sebastian Coe repeated in Los Angeles his two successes in Moscow. Tessa Sanderson was the winner of the javelin event in the Games last summer.

President Samaranch, Mr. Syed Wajid Ali, IOC Member for Pakistan and Mr. Zhenliang He, IOC Member for the People's Republic of China, were present at the dinner; the Guest of Honour was H.R.H. Princess Anne, President of the British



Olympic Association. The two British IOC Members, Lord Luke and Mrs. Alison Glen-Haig, were naturally among the guests at this splendid gathering of sports personalities.

Conference '86 Glasgow, the VIIIth Commonwealth and International Conference on Sport, Physical Education, Dance, Recreation and Health will be held from 18th to 23rd July 1986 in conjunction with the Commonwealth Games which will take place in Edinburgh (GBR). Among the major themes to be included in the program are: Sports Science and Medicine, Sociological and

Historical Perspectives of Sport and Coach Education. Interested persons should contact: Mr. Bernard Wright, Conference '86 Director, Scottish School of Physical Education, Jordanhill College of Education, Southbrae Drive, Glasgow G13 1PP (GBR) ; Telephone : 959 1232.



HONG KONG

On the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of HKG, the organization's President, Mr. A. de O. Sales reported « sound progress » and spoke of strengthening the ties between sport, or, more generally, recreation and community as an important responsibility of the group. Stating that "Sport is a proven instrument in community building", Mr. Sales called for informed, well-trained administrative and technical leadership, a result of participating in programs such as those of Olympic Solidarity, who will address themselves to the major role that they play in the making of society. *

Much has already been done to promote the development of sport and recreation, but all possible steps have not yet been taken nor all needs provided for.

The new law is the first legal document to define physical culture : physical education, sport, recreation and rehabilitation ; it also defines precisely the duties of the State and of the social organisations.

This law provides for the creation of funds intended amongst other things for the construction of new sports facilities and the popularisation of all sporting disciplines. Associations and societies for the promotion of physical culture will be placed under the patronage of factories, which will provide them with financial support. Particular emphasis will be placed on the development of sport in rural areas.

The law concerns itself to a considerable extent with rehabilitation and sport for the handicapped. It also defines the status of amateur sportsmen, as well as the factors governing the granting of benefits, scholarships and allowances. At the time the law was passed, the Diet declared itself against professional sport, on the grounds that sport should be a means of education and not an end in itself.



MOROCCO

New telex number of the Moroccan Olympic Committee : CASAJEU 32085.



ROMANIA

Olympic Philately 1984 in Romania, by Mr. Dan Vintila
This Olympic year has given rise to six exhibitions of sports philately.

The first was organised in Tg. Mures, a town in Transylvania, from the 14th to the 21st of January. H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch was a member of the honorary committee, of which I myself was Commissioner General. Eleven European countries took part in "Olympiade blanche '84". Five collectors from Turkey, Hungary and Romania were awarded gold medals for the interest their collections provoked. The symposium organised for this occasion was entitled "philately and sport working for peace and goodwill amongst men" and was well attended. Five papers were given, including : "The Ancient Olympic Games" by Aldabert Vallo, "Winter Olympic Games" by Dan Vintila, and "Olympic Maximaphilic Rarities" by Vasile Papescu.



POLAND

The physical culture law

A law on physical culture will come into force from January 1985. It assigns a high social value to physical culture and defines the organisational and financial means indispensable to its development.

The other exhibitions were at the national and regional level : in Trigovisze (southern Romania), Bacau (Moldavia), Timisoara (Banat), Bistrit (Transylvania), and in the capital, Bucarest.

During these events, some original topics were the subjects of detailed lectures, full of historical and specialist interest : "The Olympic Rings on Postage Stamps" (Dan Vintila), "The Heraldry of Innsbruck on Philatelic Specimens from the Winter Olympic Games" (Ian Sahinian), "Postmarks of Olympia over the Years" (N. Ohonova). One hundred and fifty-seven private collections were on display :

One hundred and five based on the Olympic theme, thirteen on football, and thirty-nine were dedicated to various other sport.



SWEDEN

Gunde Anders Swan was awarded the highest sporting honour as Best Sportsman of the Year. Winner in the cross-country skiing World Cup, his brilliant results in the Winter Games in Sarajevo will also be remembered.

He was gold medallist in the 15 km event and in the 4 x 10 km relay, silver medallist in the 50 km event and bronze medallist over 30 km.

The Prime Minister of Sweden, Mr. Olof Palme, insisted on congratulating personally the Olympic champions of his country at a reception attended by all the medallists of the XXIIIrd Olympiad and numerous personalities from the world of sport.



Here we see Mr. Palme in conversation with Bo Gustafsson, silver medallist in the 50 km walk, Björne Vaggö, silver medallist in the épée event and, on the right, Svante Rasmuson, silver medallist in the Modern Pentathlon.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

On the 9th of February 1985, the general assembly of the USOC (United States Olympic Committee) is due to meet in Colorado Springs (Colorado), where the nominations made last October by the Executive Committee of the American NOC should be confirmed.

Lieutenant General George Miller, 54 years old, is expected to succeed Colonel Don Miller, who is retiring from the post of Secretary General of USOC. "This work will be an opportunity for me to continue to serve my country and its youth", declared the former deputy Chief of Staff of the American Air Force.

Colonel Don Miller, who had occupied the post since 1969, is expected to become President of the US Olympic Foundation, recently created to manage the funds generated by the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The successor of Mr. William Simon, President of USOC, will also be officially named next February. Former rower John B. Kelly, 57 years old, Olympic bronze medallist in the Melbourne Olympics of 1956 and Vice-President of USOC since 1980, is the nominee for this important function.

Michael T. Harrigan has been named Executive Director of the US Ski Team and the US Ski Educational Foundation by the Executive Committee of the Team's Board of Trustees. A skilled and experienced sports manager, Harrigan founded and directed the President's Commission on Olympic Sports before going on to form his own consulting firm. Under Harrigan's direction, the President's Commission became a catalyst for improving the organisation, management and funding of Olympic sports in the USA. There is no doubt that his expertise will do the same for the Ski Team.

Carl Lewis, quadruple Olympic champion of the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad, was named best American athlete for 1984 by the officials of the

American Athletics Congress at its annual convention in San Diego (CAL).

Winner in the 100 and 200 m, the 4 x 100 m relay and the long jump last August in the Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles, he was also named best American in the sprinter and hurdler category.

Al Joyner, gold medallist in the triple jump, received the "Jim Thorpe Award" for the best American specialist in the category of jumping, throwing and decathlon, and Joan Benoit, winner of the first women's Olympic marathon, was named best runner of 1984.

□ *Edwin Moses* Boulevard has just been baptised by the double world and Olympic champion in the 400 m hurdles in Dayton, Ohio, his native city.

Edwin Moses, 29 years of age, was very honoured by this tribute and stated that he has

every intention of taking part in the XXIVth Olympiad in Seoul, but before that he wants to chalk up some good performances in 1985.



USSR

The title of best judoka of 1984 was awarded to Vitali Pesniak, a 23 year old from Byelorussia.

He won the European title in the 86 kg category for the second time last June, defeating Richard Boravski (GDR).