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ENOC

The Association of European National Olympic Committees is organising a seminar for the exchange of ideas from the 10th to the 13th October 1985 in Budapest (HUN). This meeting is intended to promote closer cooperation between the NOCs and the IFs in the choice of introductory and training courses to ensure a better coordination between their programmes.

The secretaries general of the thirty-four European NOCs will attend the seminar along with the directors of regional training programs and the representatives of the IFs concerned with this issue.



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Michael Gross (FRG), who set new World and Olympic records in both the 200 m freestyle and 100 m butterfly events last summer in Los Angeles, has recently established yet another record in the 800 m freestyle. Also winner of silver medals in the 200 m butterfly and 4 x 200 freestyle relay, the versatile swimmer beat Vladimir Salnikov's (URS), old record of 7'38"90 with a time of 7'38"75, in Bonn at the beginning of February.



ANDORRA

New address of the Andorran Olympic Committee : c/o Babot Camp, No 2, 2^o 4^a, Andorra La Vella



ANGOLA

The twenty-ninth « Corrida de la Saint-Sylvestre », organised over an eight kilometer track through the streets of Luanda, was won by the world cross-country champion, the Ethiopian Bekele Debele, in 25'41". Behind him were Brian Sheriff (ZIM), Zephaniah Ncube (ZIM), Girmau Berhanu (ETH) and Oleg Stiegenov (URS). Three days later, also in Luanda, Bekele Debele won the 5000 m during a track meeting, which is held every year.

□ The Secretary of State for Physical Education and Sport signed in Berlin an agreement on cooperation in the field of sport with the German Democratic Republic.



SAUDI ARABIA

The Saudi Arabian team won the Eighth Asian Cup Football Championships after defeating China in the final match. Also participating in the round-robin tournament, held in Singapore from 1st to 16th December, were KUW (placing third), SYR, QAT, KOR, IRN, UAE, IND, and SIN.



ARGENTINA

Recognising sport as "one of the most valuable supporting elements in the formation of man and

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his social conscience", the Argentinian Government adopted a National Sports Policy in 1984 which aims to reverse negative factors revealed in an analysis of existing economic, social, political and infrastructural conditions as they relate to the practice of sport. The fundamental objectives of the policy are to : extend participation in sports activities beyond the elite to the general public, including the disabled and elderly ; emphasise recreational sport ; intensify physical activity in the schools ; and increase the quantity and quality of competitive sports.

"Sport for All", one of the programs instituted to realise these objectives, involved, in its first year, some 2,000,000 citizens in activities organized locally. The government expects over one million participants in 1985.



AUSTRALIA

Messrs. Sydney Grange and Julius L. Patching, President and Secretary General of the Australian Olympic Federation, have been decorated with the prestigious Officer of Australia Order. The « Olympic Review » sends them warmest congratulations for this honor which rewards their dedication in the service of sport and Olympic Movement in Australia.

□ More than 2,000 athletes from twenty-four countries competed in the first edition of the Australian Games. Held in Melbourne, from 26th January to 3rd February, this inaugural event, the largest in that city since the Games of the XVIth Olympiad in 1956, included twenty-one sports as well as competitions for the disabled.

The next Games will take place in 1987.



AUSTRIA

□ Representatives from fifteen European NOCs attended a two-day seminar in Vienna last November chaired by Mr. Kurt Heller, President of

the Austrian Olympic Committee and head of the Association of European NOC's (ACNOE) Working Group on Marketing and Finance.

The participants explored ways of combining their marketing efforts to increase revenues. Also present was Mr. Bill Wardle, Vice-President of Calgary's OCO'88, who discussed plans for the Winter Games with special reference to fund-raising.

□ At the plenary session of the Austrian Olympic Committee held on the 7th of December 1984, Mr. Philipp Von Schoeller, IOC member in Austria, presented the Olympic Order to one of the country's legendary sports figures Herma Bauma (shown above). Although a member of the national handball team for nearly thirty years, Herma Bauma distinguished herself in the javelin throw, competing in the Games of three Olympiads - in 1936 at Berlin, 1948 at London, where she established an Olympic record, and in 1952 at Helsinki. Formerly director of the Vienna Sports Center, she is now enjoying retirement

□ Edith Hrovat and Peter Seisenbacher, both judokas, were elected athletes of the year 1984 by the Austrian Sports Journalists. This is only the second time that two practicans, male and female, of a single sport, have received this honor in the same year.

Edith Hrovat was second in the 52 kg category at the 1984 Women's World Championships held last November in Vienna. Her counterpart, Peter Seisenbacher, won the Olympic gold medal at Los Angeles in the 86 kg competition.



BARBADOS

At its general assembly held on 24th November 1984, the Barbados Olympic Association elected its Executive Council for the next four years as follows : *PT* : Mr. Austin L. Sealy ; *VPT* : Mr. Milton G. Tucker ; *SG* : Mr. Steve R. Stoute ; *Asst. SG* : Mrs. Esther Maynard ; *T* : Mr. John Brewster ; *Ms* : Messrs. H. Michael Simmons, Norris Procope, Harley Mosely, Cecil Walton, Keith Ashby and Leslie Barker.



BELGIUM

Composition of the Board of the Belgian Olympic Committee: *PT*: Mr. Raoul Mollet ; *VPTs*: Messrs. Jacques Rogge, Paul Dirix, Jean Leeuw and Xavier Sturbois; *SG*: Mr. Adrien Vanden Eede; *T*: Mr. François Marmon.

New address: Avenue Houba de Strooper 15, 1020 Brussels (BEL).

New telephone numbers : (32.2) 478 84 75 and 478 95 17.



BENIN

When they talk sport in Benin, they talk football, but handball, basketball, volleyball and athletics also have their place and the boxers from Benin were in on the act at the Olympics last summer.

The drawing up of a national Charter of sport in 1976 led to a decentralisation of the sports organisations and the diversification of sports activities. Important infrastructures were created : a stadium seating 50,000 and a multisports stadium at Cotonou. Existing sports fields have been restored and every province today possesses a stadium for the various championships. However, from the remotest village to the densest residential areas of the capital, it is football clubs that are in the majority. Other sports, in spite of encouraging initiatives, remain somewhat in the shadow of this ever popular game.



BOLIVIA

"The glories of sport will be the glories of the country", stated Mr. German Peters Olivares, Presi-

dent of the Bolivian Olympic Committee (COB) in an article outlining activities planned for 1985.

The IVth Session of the National Olympic Academy on 26th January launched this year's activities, which will include a national course for administrators, other training sessions for coaches and athletes and an Olympic week in June, featuring competitions, cultural events and seminars.



BRAZIL.

The first Panamerican Conference on Sport for All was held in Gramado (BRA) in October 1984 under the patronage of ICSSPE/UNESCO and the Organisation of American States (OAS). Governmental representatives from ARC, BRA, CHI, MEX, PAR and URU exchanged information, discovered common ground and planned for cooperation among the countries of the three Americas. The participants recommended that an Interamerican organisation be created to promote non-formal sports and that all states be encouraged to celebrate a "Sports for All Week" in 1985, the International Youth Year. The next conference will take place in 1986.



CAMEROON

The Mount Cameroon long-distance race took place on the 28th of January and for the first time the field included foreign competitors. This half-marathon over a 27.5 km course derives its originality from the climb up Mount Cameroon. The best runners emerge on the way up and have to maintain their position on the way down. This year's field included Cameroonian athletes and foreign champions. The British runner, Mike Short, came first in a time of 3 h 56'17".

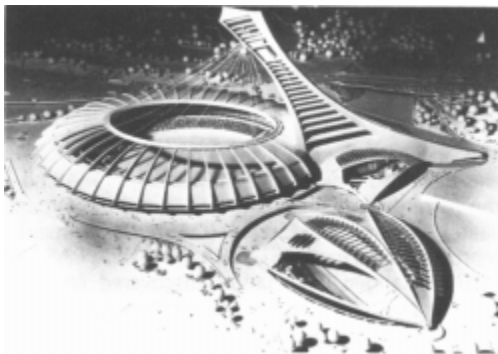
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CANADA

Work will begin soon on the construction of a retractable roof for Montreal's Olympic Stadium designed by the architect Roger Taillibert.

Financed by a special tax on cigarette sales, the roof of the 60,000 seat arena, built for the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad, is expected to be completed within two years.



□ An International Seminar on Recreation and Sport will be held on 25th and 26th April of this year at the University of Ottawa. Information is available from : Professor T. Goodale, Department of Recreation, University of Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5 (CAN).

Telephone number : (613) 231 5941.



PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Land of Bicycles

It is estimated that every day more than one-tenth of China's population rides a bicycle ; still, competitive cycling is not commonly practiced. According to the monthly "China Sports", less than 500 people, out of a total population of one billion, are active in the sport. To generate interest, sports officials have recently begun to organise races

among commuters and inhabitants of rural areas using ordinary bicycles. Racing models have become increasingly popular and merchants find it difficult to keep them in stock. Officials of the Chinese Cycling Association feel that with a more scientific approach to training, better facilities, improved equipment and a little time, the ratio of competitive to commuter cyclists, currently 1 to every 200,000, will be substantially higher as will be China's standings in international competition.



KOREA

Mr. Man-Lip Choy, 50, divides his time between sports and business. In addition to serving as Vice-President and Secretary General of the Korean Olympic Committee, he is a member of the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee (SLOOC) and Vice-President of the organising committee for the 1986 Asian Games. With a strong educational background in law and international political science, he

received a graduate degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Stanford University (USA) and is presently President of a micro-electronics firm in Seoul. Mr. Choy devotes much of his free time to sport, as well, by playing tennis and golf.



IVORY COAST

4th Fraternity Run

Three thousand participants signed up to run the ten kilometers of the Fraternity Run organised for the fourth time by the newspaper "Le Griot", under the aegis of the Ivory Coast Athletics Federation, on Sunday 24th February.

This race, in spite of its young age, is already one of the great African classics of its kind and represents, due to the heat and humidity, the same test of endurance as the marathon. Dehydration and the rapid absorption of salt cause many to drop out. A true competition, and extremely popular, the race attracts experienced athletes as well as juniors and veterans of both genders. The majority of the champions of the continent took part and technicians of athletics were able to test their training methods in this particular context.

Ahmed Saleh (DJI), winner of the gold medal in the 10,000 m at the Championships of Central and East Africa in 1982, took first place followed by Djama Robleh (DJI), Alfred Nyabani (KEN), David Choge (KEN) and Jean-Michel Charbonnel (FRA).



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The new Board of Directors of the UAE National Olympic Committee elected on 22nd December for a term of four years: *PT*: H.H. Shaikh Butti Maktoum ; *VPT*: H.E. Ahmed Bu Hussain ; *SG* : Mr. Ahmed Al Fardan; *T* : Mr. Khamis Ahmed Salem ; *Ms* : H.H. Shaikh Omar Al Quassimi, H.E. Ahmed Saif Bel Hassa, Col. Nasser Abdul Razak, Messrs. Obaid Al Majar, Salem Obaid, Salem El-Ghamai, Nasser Abdullah and Obaid Al Quasseer.



SPAIN

On the 21st 22nd and 23rd March, 1985, the Sports Medicine Association of Navarra (ANAMEDE) held its third sports medicine conference, in the course of which seventeen eminent Spanish professors spoke on the following themes : man in sport, the sportman's foot, doping and the physiology of exercise. Further informations may be obtained from the following address: ANAMEDE, Paulino Caballero 13, 31002 Pamplona (ESP). Tel. : (948) 26 53 60 (between 10:00 and 13:00).



Juan Antonio Corbalán, the charismatic forward of the Spanish national basketball team, silver medal winner in the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad, has left international competition as a first step towards devoting himself full-time to his other career – cardiology. In a recent interview, the popular athlete, who will play another year and a half for the Madrid team before retiring completely, told the city's periodical "La Hoja del Lunes" : "It is difficult to conceive of a single day of my life without sport : it is the most important thing right now because I thrive on it".

□ The IIIrd Jornadas Médicas en Atletismo, a two-day conference on Sports Medicine and Trauma in Athletics, will take place in Pamplona on the 14th and 15th of June. Further information on this program, which is being organized by the Sports Medicine Association of Navarra, can be obtained from : Miss M^a Angeles Arázcuez, Centro de Rehabilitación y Medicina del Deporte, Iturrama, 43 bis, 31007 Pamplona (ESP).



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) held its Quadrennial House of Delegates Meetings on 7th to 9th February in Colorado Springs. During the course of the meetings, the first general assembly convened in this Olympiad, the new officers for the four-year period were named.

The composition of the new Executive Board is as follows : *PT*: Mr. John B. Kelly, Jr., elected by acclamation to replace Mr. William E. Simon ; *1st VPT*: Mr. Robert H. Helmick (also President of FINA and previously 3rd Vice-President of USOC) ; *2nd VPT*: Dr. Evie C. Dennis (re-elected) ; *3rd VPT*:

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Mr. Stephen B. Sobel (formerly Secretary); Sec: Mr. Andy Toro ; T: Mr. Howard C. Miller. The new Executive Director/Secretary General, whose appointment was officially announced at the meeting, is Lieutenant General George D. Miller.



□ Lieutenant General George D. Miller, 54, succeeds Colonel F. Don Miller (no relation) who had occupied the post of Secretary General since 1973. The new Executive Director, as this appointed position is called in USOC, was selected last October from among a large pool

of candidates soon after retiring from the US Air Force. He is a seasoned administrator and natural leader, vital assets for someone who will supervise USOC's budget of more than \$ 110 million. Immediately before ending his thirty-one year career in the military, he served as Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Strategic Air Command and was responsible for the operations of all land-based strategic forces in the USA. A 1953 graduate of the US Naval Academy and former staff member of the Pentagon (headquarters of American defense forces), he has a most impressive record as a fighter pilot.

An avid supporter of amateur sports, Lt. Gen. Miller, who plays golf and racquetball regularly, is excited about the opportunity to serve his country in a different way.

□ During the Quadrennial Banquet held on the evening of 9th February, Colonel F. Don Miller, the retiring Executive Director, received several standing ovations for his selfless dedication to American amateur athletics. He is said to have revolutionized the Olympic program in his twelve years with the Committee, culminating with the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad celebrated last year in Los Angeles.

Colonel Miller was given a "Book of Letters" containing messages of praise and farewell from his colleagues as a part of a twenty-minute tribute.



□ Greg Louganis, 1984 Olympic champion in both platform and springboard diving, has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Sullivan Award. The three-time world champion, one of ten finalists for the sixth straight year, received the most votes from the 2,500 person electorate made up of former champions, journalists and sports leaders. The award has been given annually for the past fifty-five years in memory of the founder of the Amateur Athletics Union, James E. Sullivan, to the person designated as most outstanding amateur athlete.

Last year's winner, Edwin Moses, two-time Olympic champion and world record holder in the 400 m hurdles, presented the trophy to Louganis at a banquet held 18th February in Indianapolis.



ETHIOPIA

The Olympic Order was awarded posthumously to Mr. Ashenafi Yuria at a ceremony on 19th January attended by Mr. Ydnekatchew Tessema, IOC member in Ethiopia, members of the National Olympic Committee and other government sports officials. Mr. Tsegaw Ayele, NOC President, presented the Order to the sisters of the late Mr. Yuria, who died in 1972 at the age of 54. The honor was bestowed on him by the IOC in recognition of the outstanding services he had rendered to the sports movement in Ethiopia as member and Vice-President of the NOC and as an equally active force in the sports federations for football, athletics and boxing.



FINLAND

Marja-Lisa Hämäläinen-Kirvesniemi (FIN), has been elected Nordic athlete of the year for 1984 by the presidents of the federations of Sports Journalists of the Nordic countries (DAN, FIN, ISL, NOR and SWE). The 29-year-old Olympic champion in three out of four cross-country skiing events and 1984 World Cup winner, is the fourth woman in four years to receive this honor, which has been conferred every year since 1962. Long-distance runner Grete Waitz (NOR) was chosen in 1983.



FRANCE

The National Commission for High-Level Sport met on the 5th of February under the chairmanship of Mr. Alain Calmat, Minister for Youth and Sports, in the presence of Mr. Nelson Paillou, President of the French National Olympic Committee (CNOSF).

The Commission gave a precise definition of the mission of the forty-five high-level sports training centres. Two thousand three hundred athletes will be able to attend these centres and those shortly to be opened in order to pursue regular high-quality training. The national federations wish to see the continued application of the policy for the preparation of athletes, with a view to the Games in Seoul.

The Minister's recent decisions in favour of a reorganisation of the school timetable should lead to an increase in the practice of sport and enable more young people to gain admittance to the high-level training centres.

□ "Sport and Management" was the theme of a debate organised by the French sports daily "L'Equipe" and the Ecole supérieure de commerce (graduate school of business) in Paris. About one hundred participants, federation and club officials, local councillors, industrialists and athletes, all concerned with management in sport, offered a wide range of tips on how better to manage the financing of sport.

□ The Prize for Sports Literature has been awarded this year to Marcel Hansenne, former champion and journalist for "L'Equipe", for his book "Du soleil plein la tête" (A head full of sunshine). Alfred Schoebel, President of the Association of Olympic Medallists, received the Sports Official's Prize.



GREAT BRITAIN

A Sports Aid Trust has been launched by the already-active Sports Aid Foundation. While the latter has been providing financial assistance to outstanding GBR athletes since 1976, the new fund, an educational charity, is aimed towards helping younger individuals, who demonstrate a high degree of talent, achieve their full potential. The directors of the trust, chaired by Mr. Adrian Metcalfe, expect to raise £ 1 million (approximately US\$ 1.10 million) before the Olympic Games in 1988.

□ In preparation for the 1988 Olympic Games, the Sports Council has set up a working group to investigate and make recommendations on the needs of each team. The six-member party, chaired by Olympic champion Sebastian Coe, has already interviewing representatives of the 28 sports involved. Among the other members of the group are Mrs. Mary Glen-Haig, IOC member in Great Britain, Mr. Richard Palmer, Secretary General of the British Olympic Association and Mr. John Rodda, member of the IOC Press Commission.

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GUYANA

The Guyana Olympic Association held its general meeting on 28th December 1984 and elected the following officers to serve for the next four years : *PT* : Mr. Justice Rudolph Harper ; *VPTs* : Messrs. Lancelot Baptiste, Stanley Moore and Terence Richmond ; *SG* : Mr. Ivor O'Brien (reelected) ; *T* : Mr. Joseph Lee-Lam ; and Ass. *SG/T*: Mr. Claude Blackmore.



HONDURAS

Composition of the Executive Board of the Honduran Olympic Committee from 1985 until 1988 : *PT*: Mr. Julio C. Villalta Jr. ; *VPT*: Mr. Carlos Zapata Lovo; *SG*: Mr. Mauricio Velasco Lafinez; *T*: Mr. Gerardo Richmagui ; *Ms* : Messrs. Daniel Matamoros B., Jorge Omar Cásco and Orlando Aguilar.



INDIA

On 13th January, the Referee's Association of Asansol (RAA), founded in 1961, began a year-long celebration of its silver anniversary that will include a full program of sports-related activities. The

induction of new members (seen here taking the oath), into the organisation of more than 200 judges and referees for thirteen different sports, was part of the opening day festivities. During this jubilee year, the top priority of the RAA is to raise enough funds to begin construction on a new meeting-house.



INDONESIA

The National Olympic Committee of Indonesia will celebrate its XIth National Sports Week from 9th to 20th September in Jakarta (INA). Some 10,000 athletes and officials from Indonesia's twenty-seven provinces will participate in a program of competitions in forty-four sports disciplines.



IRAN

New address of the National Olympic Committee, Islamic Republic of Iran : Enghelab Avenue, Forsat Street, Araste Alley No 9, P.O. Box 15815/1589, Tehran (IRN).

Telephone numbers : 83 79 81 and 82 46 58.



IRELAND

New address of the Olympic Council of Ireland : 74 Calderwood Road, Dublin 9 (IRL).

New telephone number: (353.1) 371 703.



ITALIA

H.H. Pope John Paul II received members of the Italian NOC (CONI) and other national sports



federations, who collaborated on the International Sports Jubilee held on 12th April 1984 in Rome, in a private audience at the Vatican on 17th January. Those in attendance wished to thank the Pontiff for the successful event, and to reaffirm the sports world's pledge to peace.

Sports Activities for Youth

"Athletic activity in schools must be considered an integral element of educational programming" states a circular recently distributed by the Italian Ministry of Public Instruction prescribing guidelines for the 1985 Student Championships. The competitions, for those enrolled in secondary schools and born between 1966 and 1971, will take place over the year in several phases from local and provincial tournaments to the national finals. For those between 10 and 14, the Youth Games, now in its seventeenth year, have also been launched for 1985, beginning with the cross-country and winter events, concluded this month. Local contests have also begun in some thirty-seven other sports with the national phase planned for early October.

Elementary school children, starting from age 6, have their own Games, initiated in 1984. Included in the program are "mini" versions of most team sports, a triathlon, water sports and gymnastic-expressive movement.



JAPAN

Teams from eight countries competed in the First Japan Cup Men's World Volleyball Championships held last November in Hiroshima. The first three places in the round-robin tournament went to URS (7-0), followed by USA (6-1) and Japan (4-3).



LUXEMBOURG

In the January issue of "Flambeau", the magazine of the Olympic and Sports Committee of Luxembourg, the participation of the national team in the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad at Los Angeles was

studied with regards to five aspects : preparation of the participants, travel and sojourn, composition of the delegation, the Youth Camp and the results attained.

This analysis should provide lessons to draw from for the next Games at Seoul. Some changes are necessary for changes well to the exceptional conditions in which the Games take place. The chef de mission will have to arrive at the Olympic site at least one day before the team ; a greater representation of the delegation in the stands would prove beneficial for the competitors from Luxembourg. The results were evaluated as being satisfactory; nevertheless, the COSL would like to see more intense medical and para-medical supervision during the preparation of the athletes. Each must participate in many national and international competitions in order to be more critical towards himself, his performances and his training.

□ H.R.H. the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, IOC member, has given a new flag to the Olympic and Sports Committee of Luxembourg. The official presentation of the new standard took place on 2nd February during the General Assembly at which a new administrative council was elected.

The new council is as follows : *PT* : Mr. Gerard Rasquin (re-elected) ; *SG* : Mr. Robert Decker ; *T* : Mr. Jean-Louis Margue ; *Ms* : Messrs. Norbert Hauptert, Emile Thoma, François Wies, Armand Wagener, Jean Zahlen, Alex Storoni, Michel Heinrichy and Joseph Schmit.

□ The "1984 Trophys" of the Luxembourg Association of Sports Press (ASPL) were given on 7th February 1985 to Raymond Conzémius (high jump), Jeannette Coergen (archery) and the national men's basketball team.



MALTA

Last 11th February, the Maltese NOC elected its new executive board for the next four years.

The members are as follows : *PT*: Mr. Carm A. Borg (reelected) ; *VPTS*: Mag. Dr. Gino Camilleri and Mr. Louis Borg ; *SG*: Mr. Bertie A. Muscat (re-elected) ; *T*: Mr. Philip Vassallo.

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Telegram address of the National Olympic Committee :

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MOZAMBIQUE

Leading sports officials from Mozambique spent six weeks last summer in Berlin (GDR) at the "Arthur Becker" central school of the Sports and Gymnastics Union (DTSB). Part of an ongoing exchange between the two countries, the course covered not only sports administration, but also coaching, training, fundamentals of sports medicine and basic information on various sports. The program was supplemented by tours of sports facilities and practical sessions.



OMAN

Results of the NOC elections held in January 1985 : *PT*: Mr. Hammad Bin Hamed Al-Ghafri ; *VPT*: Mr. Abdullah Bin Hamed Bin Abbas Al Ali ; *SG*: Mr. Saleh Bin Khalifa Bin Saud Al Khasaibi; *T*: Mr. Zaid Bin Talib Al Mauli ; *MS* : Messrs. Yusuf Bin Sanjoor Bin Saeed, Mohd Bin Mubarak Al Busaidi, Moosa Bin Mohamed Al Whahebi and Ali Bin Abdullah Bin Ali Bazamboor.



NETHERLANDS

«L'Elfstedentocht»

The famous race on skates of the "Eleven Towns", last held in 1963, took place on 21st February.

More than 16,000 participants took part in this skating competition on 200 km of frozen canals and

lakes which crossed eleven towns in Frise, a province in the north of the country.

This "marathon" on skates, of which the first edition dates from 1909, represents a genuine challenge to the impossible and symbolises for all a nation, its true identity and its roots: the skate, the cold, the ice. Unfortunately, the winters, too mild for twenty-six years, have prevented the formation of the twenty centimeters of ice necessary for safety. The result reflected the long wait. Close to a million people were gathered on the banks beginning at five o'clock in the morning to see the racers of all ages, male and female, pass. Queen Beatrix was present at the finish line to congratulate Evert van Benthem, a young milkman of 26, who won the race in 6 h 47'. improving the time of 1963 by three quarters of an hour.



PUERTO RICO

The new Executive Board of the NOC, elected on 5th February for the next four years, is composed as follows : *PT*: Mr. German Rieckehoff Sampayo, IOC member ; *1st VPT*: Mr. Osvaldo Gil ; *2nd VPT*: Mr. Libertario Pérez ; *SG* : Mr. Hector Cardona ; *SG* (adj.) : Mr. Orlando O'Neill ; *T*: Dr. Roberto Munoz Zayas ; *Sous-T*: Mr. Juan Santana.

□ In a message to the national legislature, the Hon. Rafael Hernández Colon, Governor of Puerto Rico, recommended the adoption of a policy for the development of Olympic sports that grants autonomy to the NOC and its affiliated federations. "Guided by their own rub and objectives, in agreement with the policies of International Olympism", these organisations would then be allowed "to direct Olympic sport without the intervention, control or supervision of the government of Puerto Rico or its municipalities". Furthermore, with such autonomy, the NOC would be the "single authority for putting together, entering and representing the Puerto Rican delegations in international events under the patronage of the IOC and the IFs".

At a press conference given on 31st January, Mr. German Rieckehoff delivered a telegram to the Governor from the President of the IOC, thanking him on behalf of the Olympic Movement. Also present for the announcement were Mr. Roque

Napoleón Munoz Pena, IOC member in the Dominican Republic, Mr. Javier Ostos (MEX), honorary life member of FINA, and the NOC Presidents from CRC, PAN, COL, AHO and DOM.

membership of the technical commission on artistic skating.



PORTUGAL

The third edition of "Operation Seoul '88" was held in Troia (POR), from 27th to 29th December 1984, and was attended by thirty four young people between the ages of 14 and 18.

The main aim of this course, organised by the Portuguese Olympic Committee and the national sports federations, was to evaluate the quality of young athletes, to improve their sports culture and to initiate them into the Olympic spirit.

□ Mr. Fernando Ferreira Lima Bello and Mr. Fernando Machado, President and Vice-President of the COP, paid tribute together with the Portuguese daily newspaper "Diario Popular", to the former COP President (1957-1968) Nobre Guedes, by the publication of two collections of the famous chronicals "A propósito de..." which he wrote for the columns of the paper every week for sixteen years until his death in 1969.



SYRIA

Mrs. Nour El-Houda Karfoul, 40, is the new Secretary General of the Syrian Olympic Committee. Educated in Sports Education, she has served over fourteen years as Director and professor of the Institute of Education at Damascus and Aleppo. Mrs. Karfoul is also a member of the General Sports



Federation and currently heads its information and foreign relations office. Aside from her sports-related academic and professional activities, she swims regularly and enjoys gymnastics.



GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Among the most influential sports personalities of the past thirty-five years, Mrs. Walburga Grimm certainly has her place. In 1953, she abandoned a promising roller-skating career and took to the ice. The affiliation of the national artistic skating federation to the International Skating Union (ISU) entailed the training of judges. Walburga was attracted by this aspect of the sport and today she is the most senior artistic skating judge in her country.

Her record speaks for itself: thirty-five times judge at World and European Championships, she was a member of the jury at four editions of the Winter Olympic Games. She is also a teacher, and holds training courses leading to qualification as a skating judge. The ISU last year appointed her to



SWITZERLAND

From the 14th October 1985, a new two year course leading to the qualification "master of sport" will be introduced at the Federal Gymnastics and Sport School (EFGS) in Macolin (SUI). The closing date for applications is the 22nd April.

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Département de l'instruction de l'EFGS, 2532
Macolin. Tel. : (032) 22 56 44. (int. 255).

In a span of only a few years, foot races have become a social phenomenon in the world and, more particularly, in Switzerland. The "1985 Calendar of Non-Stadium Races": published by the "Swiss Spiridon Club", presents every event and includes an exclusive, for this time of year, listing of the mountain runs. To receive this guide free of charge write to: Mr. Yves Jeannotat, Calendrier des courses, 2532 Macolin (SUI).



CHAD

The Chad Olympic Committee is organising a training course for its sports leaders to be held in April 1985 in N'Djamena. The Secretary General, Mr. Doudet Ossoga, will first attend a course in sports administration at the headquarters of the French NOC in Paris.



TUNISIA

H.E. Mr. Louis Guirandou N'Diaye, IOC member in the Ivory Coast, Sheik Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah,



IOC member in Kuwait, and Mr. Peter V. Ueberroth (not shown in the photograph), former President of the Los Angeles Olympic Committee (LAOOC), received the gold medals of the quarterly sports magazine "Champion d'Afrique", at a ceremony hosted by the Tunisian NOC and presided over by Mr. Mohamed Mzali, Prime Minister and IOC member. These awards are given biennially in recognition of outstanding contributions to the development of sport and to Olympism.



YUGOSLAVIA

Cycling in Yugoslavia has celebrated its first centenary. It officially began on 17th January 1885 when a group of enthusiasts founded the Serbian Cycling Society in a Belgrade cafe. The sport had been brought to the country by students who studied abroad and was quickly adopted by young people. Competitions were organised from 1887 onwards, and in 1897, the first official Serbian Championship was held. The popularity of amateur cycling has grown steadily since then, particularly in the last fifty years.



ZAIRE

Mr. Tshimpumpu Wa Tshimpumpu, founder and Honorary President of the Union of African Sports Journalists (UJSA), has been appointed Vice-Minister of Sport and Recreation for Zaire. Instrumental in the evolution of the African sports structure into its present form, Mr. Tshimpumpu, 44, is highly regarded throughout the continent and the world for his dedication and tremendous service rendered to sport as a journalist. The IOC and the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (CSSA), among others, sent telexes of congratulations.