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ALGERIA

Two hundred scientists, technicians and coaches attended the first session of the Summer University of Sports Science and Technology held last year at the Algerian Technological Sports Institute in Ain El Turck. The central theme examined during the seven-day meeting was the role of bio-medical, human and social sciences and of technology in the scouting, selection and training of talented young athletes. According to its organisers, the "University", whose overall goal is to promote research in the area of sports and physical activity, shall become a tradition.



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The FRG NOC has named its chefs de mission for the 1988 Olympic Games. Mr. Walther Tröger, the NOC Secretary General and IOC Sports Director, will serve in this capacity for the fourth time when he accompanies his country's team to Calgary for next year's Winter Games. Mr. Heinz Fallak, Chairman of the ANOC Commission on Sports Facilities, will head the FRG delegation for Seoul.

□ The 18th Sports Ball held in Mainz on 7th February was a splendid affair with a guest list of over 2300, constituting a veritable "Who's Who" of sport, government and industry. Topping the register of sports personalities present was the President of the IOC, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, and the 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Berthold Beitz. Mr. Willi Daume, also a member of the IOC and President of the FRG NOC, was there as well, along with Mr. Josef Neckermann, the head

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of the Sports Aid Foundation (Stiftung Deutsche Sporthilfe), under whose auspices the ball was held. Among the athletes who attended were tennis power Boris Becker, football star Franz Beckenbauer, fencers Matthias Gey and Alexander Pusch, 1984 Olympic team foil silver and team épée gold medallists, respectively, and weightlifter Mantred Nerlinger, World champion and winner of a bronze medal in Los Angeles. Guests from abroad included Mr. Ivan Slavkov, President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee. The highest of Federal officials — President Richard von Weizsäcker and Chancellor Helmut Kohl — also made an appearance to show their support for the Foundation and for sport in general. All in all, the fundraiser was a great success as evidenced in the sale of all 25.662 lottery tickets in only ninety minutes.



Dr. Niedermann recipient of the IOC Peace Prize. Here he is being congratulated by Mr. Kurt Heller, President of the NOC of Austria.



AUSTRIA

The Austrian Olympic Committee has awarded the IOC Peace Prize to Professor Erwin Niedermann, President of the National Olympic Academy. Since assuming that position in 1982, Dr. Niedermann has spread the Olympic spirit amongst the youth of Austria through seminars and publications. The beautiful trophy he received in recognition of his service to the Olympic Movement was designed to mark the International Year of Peace, 1986.

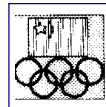


Mrs. von Weizsäcker, Mr. Neckermann, Mrs. Samaranch and President von Weizsäcker.



ANDORRA

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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

An agreement was signed in Beijing last December providing for exchanges in the field of sport between the People's Republic of China and the German Democratic Republic represented by Messrs. Li Menghua, Minister of Sport and President of the NOC and Mr. Klaus Eichler, 1st Vice-President of the German Sports Confe-

deration (DTSB). During 1987, Chinese athletes will take part in several important events in the GDR, including the Olympic Day track meet and the national swimming festival. Coaches and other specialists from both countries will participate in exchanges.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Dominican Olympic Committee held elections for its Executive on 20th September with the following results : *Pt* : Dr. José Joaquín Puello, re-elected ; *1st VPT*: Mr. Domingo Bdo. Solano ; *2nd VPT*: Mr. José Ramos B. ; *SG*: Prof. Nelly Done, re-elected ; *Asst. SG* : Dr. Juan José Matos Rivera; *T*: Mr. J. Julio Cross; *Ms*: Messrs. Luis Elpidio Cumba, Danilo Aquino and Fernando France.



COSTA RICA

The NOC of Costa Rica, its Medical Commission and the Costa Rican Sports Medicine Association jointly hosted the 11nd Central American Sports Medicine Congress in San José (CRC) from 1st to 6th December 1986. Held under the patronage of the IOC, the Congress featured sessions covering such themes as the medical aspects of football, children and sport, methodology of training and the organization of medical services for Regional and Olympic Games. Specialists from GUA, ESA, HON, NCA, PAN and CRC were invited to attend the meeting along with lecturers from other countries outside of Central America.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The USOC Educational Council has voted to establish the Nikos Nissiotis Memorial Lecture which will inaugurate future sessions of the National Olympic Academy. It will be given by a prominent member of the international Olympic family on a subject of Olympic concern. Mr. Richard W. Pound (CAN), member of the IOC Executive Board, will deliver the first lecture at the United States Olympic Academy XI on 18th June in Indianapolis, Indiana (USA). He has selected as his topic "How Is the IOC Facing the Political Issues of Today ?".

The Nissiotis Memorial Lecture was established in recognition of the late IOC member's contributions to the Olympic Movement during his tenure as president of the International Olympic Academy and as a permanent remembrance of his keynote speech at the fifth US National Olympic Academy in 1981, the theme of which was "Broadening the Olympic Horizon".



IVORY COAST

René Djedjémel, an outstanding runner who holds the national record in the 400 m hurdles and is the current African champion in the 110 m hurdles, has been named the best athlete in the Ivory Coast for 1986.

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ETHIOPIA

On the occasion of the meeting of sports ministers of socialist countries held last November in Berlin (GDR), a delegation from Ethiopia, headed by Mr. Tsegaw Ayele, NOC President and Commissioner for Sports and Physical Culture, met with sports officials from the GDR, led by Mr. Manfred Ewald, president of the NOC and the German Sports Confederation (DTSB), to sign a protocol on sports cooperation for the next two years. The agreement is basically a renewal of a cooperative arrangement between the two countries initiated in 1985.

□ As part of a major Sport for All campaign launched recently by the Ethiopian Physical Culture and Sports Commission, a three-year Spartakiade is being jointly organised with the Ministry of Education in which virtually every child aged 11 to 18 will have a chance to take part. Beginning with local contests held from now until June of this year, the competitions will progress to the district, regional, zonal and finally national levels until June 1980. In a recent Interview published in "Mehra Sport" (ETH). Mr. Tsegaw Ayele said that "Elite sportsmen are by-products of the mass sports movement" and outlined the Commission's new approach to competitive sport which has shifted from quantitative to qualitative.



FINLAND

A book about the Modern Pentathlon event of the Games of the XVth Olympiad in 1952, written by Finnish journalist Mr. Pentti Pirhonen, has been published in limited edition by Hämeen Sanomat Oy. The well-illustrated volume, which is not for sale, speaks of the preparations for and operations during the multi-disciplinary event held in the town of Hämeenlinna, 100 km north of Helsinki, including the important role played

by the Armed Forces. A ceremony officially marking the publication of "Hämeenlinnan Olympialaiset 1952" (The 1952 Olympic Games of Hämeenlinna) attended by all three members of the 1952 bronze medal-winning Finnish team — Olavi Mannonen (ranked 5th individually), Lauri Vilkkö (7th) and Olavi Rokka (13th) — and the alternate Arvi Vilhunen was held in the town on 12th December 1986.



GHANA

The IOC Peace Prize for Ghana was presented at a ceremony in Accra on 23rd December 1986 to Mr. David Apenkwa Acquah, 71, a former Director of Social Welfare and Community Development. Mr. Acquah was honoured for his many



Mr. David Apenkwa Acquah congratulated by his wife and daughter.

years of public service, often voluntary, which went far beyond his regular professional duties to active involvement in a number of other national organizations, such as the Christian Council of Ghana and the Ghana Red Cross Society, and membership in delegations to the General Assemblies of the United Nations (1973 and 1974) and UNESCO (1980). He has acted as consultant to several UN agencies and is well-known for his tireless efforts in fighting against the apartheid system in South Africa.



GREECE

In the November-December issue of the *Olympic Review*, we announced the election of Mr. Nikos Filaretos, IOC member in Greece, as President of the International Olympic Academy, succeeding Nikolaos Nissiotis who passed away last August. The Hellenic Olympic Committee, meeting in plenary session on 2nd September, also elected Mr. Yannis Papadogiannakis, its 1st Vice-President of the Academy. The remaining members of the Ephoria are : 2nd VPT: Mr. Vasilios Rotis ; Ms : Messrs. Georges Vishos, N. Yalouris, St. Lagas, A. Tzartzanos ; and the Dean, Mr. Otto Szymiczek.



INDIA

The President of India, Mr. Giani Zail Singh, has conferred the country's highest sport prize, the Arjuna Award, upon nineteen outstanding athletes for their achievements in fifteen sports and a new decoration for meritorious service to sport, the Dronacharya Award, to three coaches for their work in 1985.



ISRAEL

Israel's Olympic Day for 1986 was held at the Wingate Institute on 18th September in the presence of Mr. Itzhak Navon, Minister of Education and Culture and guest of honour Mr. Nelson Pailou, President of the French NOC. The festive occasion, broadcast live on television, was opened by Mr. Isaac Ofek, NOC President, and



From left to right: Messrs. Uri Afek, Director General of the NOC, Nelson Paillou, Isaac Ofek, Itzhak Navon, Itzhak Caspi, honorary secretary of the NOC.

featured the presentation of the IOC Youth Year and Peace prizes. Additional NOC championship awards were given to outstanding and popular athletes in twenty-one Olympic events. Mr. Paillou addressed the gathering, speaking on the importance of the Olympic idea and the values of the writings of Pierre de Coubertin.

□ In its General elections, the NOC of Israel named the thirty-five members of the Assembly and re-elected all of its officers : PT: Mr. Isaac Ofek; VPT: Mr. Azrikam Miltzan ; SG: Mr. Itzhak Caspi; T: Mr. Josef Inbar. Mr. Uri Afek remains the Director General and Mr. Yehuda Gabbai is the Committee's Spokesman.



MALTA

The Malta Olympic Committee has awarded the IOC Peace Prize to Mr. Dennis Sammut, the executive director of the Bank of Valletta.



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During 1986, Mr. Sammut launched, with the Bank's help, a regular series of television spots showing posters and slogans promoting the Olympic ideal such as "Sport helps to educate young people in a spirit of better understanding between each other", "Sport helps to build a better and more peaceful world" and "Sport helps to spread the Olympic Ideals throughout the world, thereby creating international goodwill". Mr. Carm Borg, president of the NOC, presented the trophy to Mr. Sammut at a ceremony on 9th January. (Photo previous page shows Mr. Sammut, on the left, receiving the prize from Mr. Borg.)



PANAMA

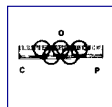
Representatives of fourteen national sports federations attended a special meeting of the Panama Olympic Committee held on 4th December 1986 with the express purpose of electing its new Executive Committee.

The composition of the Committee is now as follows : *PT*: Mr. Melitón Sánchez, re-elected ; *VPT*: Mr. Walter Amedee; *SG*: Mr. Juan Carlos Padilla; *Asst. SG*: Mrs. Vera de Gutiérrez ; *T*: Mr. Ildefonso Lee ; *Acct* : Dr. José Manuel González ; *M* : Mrs. Lila de Vázquez.



MONGOLIA

The VIth Mongolian Spartakiad was launched in January with winter sports competitions taking place first in towns and villages and then in seven regions before the finals which will be held this month. At the same time, the country's athletes are preparing for the summer portion of the great sports festival. A number of top athletes are discovered with each Spartakiad ; the last edition brought to light the talents of nine who became world champions in their respective sports.



PARAGUAY

Elections were held during the General Assembly of the Paraguayan NOC on 6th February 1987 with the following results : *PT*: Col. Reinaldo Ramirez Patiño ; *VPT*: Dr. Carlos Alberto Mojoli ; *SG* : Mr. Jorge Salomoni ; *T*: Mr. Francisco Birnstill ; *Ms* : Dr. Pedro Eladio Pereira, Mr. Giuseppe Bivona, Dr. Arindo Alcides Frutos and Dr. Angel Adrián Gill Lesme.



NIGERIA

Chidi Imo, who was placed first in the 100 m overall standings of the 1986 Grand Prix, has been chosen as the Nigerian champion of 1986. Holder of the African records in the 100 and 200 m, he had the second best time in the world in 1986 over 100 m : 10".



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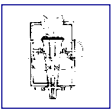
Mr. Rodolfo Cremer Nicoli, the Director of the Peruvian Olympic Academy, sent us a report on the IVth Session of the Academy, which was geared towards athletes and sports journalists and took place from 31st October to 2nd November 1986. Among the lecture topics were "Sport in the World of Antiquity", by Dr. Luis Raygada Echevarria, "Eligibility", by Dr. Raul Gamboa, Pre-



sident of the Peruvian NOC, "Stimulants", by Dr. Fidel Mendoza, President of the NOC of Colombia, "The Athlete and the Future", by Mr. Alfredo Deza. Dr. Carlos Boza, NOC Vice-President, spoke about the Peruvian Olympic Committee, while Mr. Ivan Dibos, IOC member in Peru gave a lecture on the IOC. Mrs. Rosario Vivanco, President of the National Swimming Federation, told of her experience at the IOA.

In the words of Mr. Nicoli, *"This academic experience meant a great deal to the participants who, for the first time, were athletes; through the lectures, they discovered and encountered the invaluable richness of the Olympic Ideal in order to make it a part not only of his or her sports life, but also of day-to-day living. In this sense, the greatest and best commitment which came out of this experience was the firm decision, on the part of the athletes, to spread and promote the Olympic Movement."*

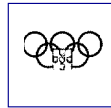
Along the way, there are many Olympians, but not all of them are fulfilling their obligations. These Academies allow them to consolidate unity and fortification in this great mission".



POLAND

Every year, during the month of May, "Olympic Day" celebrations are held throughout Poland,

organized on a local basis with the cooperation of youth, enterprises, educational authorities and, of course, sports organizations. Among the activities traditionally associated with the events are sports competitions, art contests and exhibition, the refurbishment of sports facilities by groups of volunteers, round table discussions with athletes and philatelic sales. Regardless of how "Olympic Day" is celebrated, the goal remains the same : to strengthen the Olympic ideal and in doing so, encourage the spirit of fair play and mutual respect in the field of play.



PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Olympic Committee has announced the foundation of a National Olympic Academy. A Constitutive Committee of six former participants in sessions of the International Olympic Academy has already been formed to draw up regulations and adopt procedures. The first activity of the Academy will be a part of this year's Olympic Day celebration.



GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The 8th Sports and Gymnastics Festival and the 11th Children's and Youth Spartakiad will be held in Leipzig from 27th July to 2nd August this year. The festival will feature large-scale displays of sport and physical fitness, international competitions in track and field, cycling, football and gymnastics, popular performers from the entertainment world and an art and sport exhibition. Some 12,000 young people, who did well at the district and county competitions, will take part in the Spartakiade finals in nineteen different sports. In addition, the winners of preliminary

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nationwide contests in cross-country running, skittles, table tennis, volleyball and sports for the disabled will compete for the national titles.



DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The postal address of the NOC of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is now : P.O. Box 56, Pyongyang. Telephone numbers : 6-3666, 6-2372 ; telegramme : Prkolymp Pyongyang ; telex : (783) 5472 KP.



SAN MARINO

In the 1986 edition of *"Panorama Sport"*, the annual magazine of the San Marino NOC, Secretary General Fabrizio Stacchini reflected on the year's activities and identified the "Let's Play Sport" programme as one of its most significant and most promising. Encouraging schoolchildren to practice sport regularly, but on a purely recreational basis, was the primary goal of the demonstrations and games which took place during the week-long promotional campaign concentrated in the schools; participation on the part of the students and their parents was more than satisfactory. Joint organization of the programme by the Department of Public Instruction and Culture and the NOC lay the foundations of a closer cooperative relationship between the two bodies, an important bond in the sports movement. In the words of Mr. Stacchini, *"The school represents the primary environment in which children are moulded; a truly complete formation cannot be without a sports education which familiarizes them with motor activity, at first as a game, and then encourages them to practise sport in its true sense, finally leading them to dare to make a real commitment in whatever disciplines to which they as individuals may be inclined"*.



CHINESE TAIPEI

The Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee held the ninth session of its National Olympic Academy from 27th to 31st December at the city of Kaohsiung's Cheng Ching Lake. A greatest number of participants to date, 153, came from various National Sports Associations and all levels of schools. The theme of the session was "The Olympic Movement and Sport for All". In addition to speakers from the local sports circle, guest lecturers came by invitation from abroad, among them Dr. Ronald Etheridge of the US Olympic Committee, Mr. Jamie Little from the Canadian National Olympic Academy and Mr. Chong Peng-tek of the Singapore NOC.



URUGUAY

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