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BULGARIA



The Bulgarian Olympic Committee have decided to award the IOC Sport and Study Trophy to Mr. Peter Kirov, Olympic Champion in Graeco-Roman Wrestling, flyweight, in 1968 and 1972. He was also three times world champion, in 1970, 1971 and 1974. Mr. Kirov

is a graduate of the Higher Institute of Physical Culture and Sport in Sofia and has a doctorate in Education from Moscow. He currently holds the post of Senior Lecturer in the Wrestling Department of his former college. He has written various studies in his particular field of sport.



PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

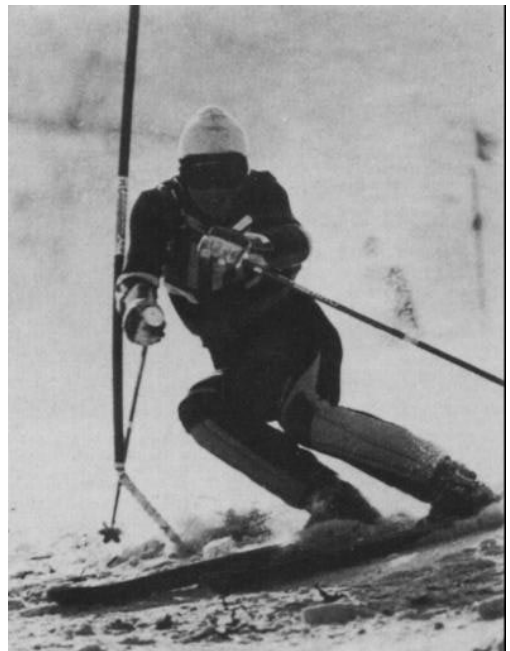
Every four years, since 1959, the National Winter Games have taken place in China. The sixth Games have been staged in three parts : cross-country skiing and biathlon in mid-January; Alpine skiing and ski jumping from 3rd to 10th February, and speed skating, figure skating and ice hockey.

"China Sports" notes that performances in the first two stages demonstrated how much Chinese skiers have improved with the benefit of instruction from abroad. Ski jumping was included in the Games for the first time, with ten competitors taking part. This is a direct result of the training a group of skiers did in Japan in 1985. Last year, a 40 m jumping platform was built at the Songhua Lake Skiing Ground. Although skiing facilities are still scarce in China, many areas have good natural conditions for developing the sport.

□ Football, already very popular in China as elsewhere, is being promoted through various incentive schemes. Under the sponsorship of the national sports newspaper, "Tiyu Bao" and other organisations, a poll was taken to choose the Best Player and the Top Scorer of 1986. The Golden Ball Trophy for the former went to Jia Xiuquan and Liu Haiguang won the Golden Shoe for his total of 34 goals, 31 of which were kicked in international matches last year.

A football essay writing competition produced prize-winning entries on such topics as "The Scientific Significance of Football Training from Early Childhood" and "Meeting the Challenge of the New Era in Football".

The Chinese national football team recently spent two months in Brazil, to receive coaching and also to engage in a series of friendly matches with foreign teams.



Huang Hongli, gold medallist in the men's Alpine skiing.

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COSTA RICA

The NOC of Costa Rica held a ceremony on 31st March to honour posthumously the late Antonio Escarré Cruxent, who died last February. Antonio Escarré Cruxent was the first President of the Olympic Committee of Costa Rica, from 1953 to 1959. Members of the NOC, government officials, athletes past and present, as well as friends and relations, were there to give tribute to him. Mr. Jorge Nery Carvajal Castro, President, praised in his speech the qualities of character of Mr. Escarré Cruxent as pioneer of sport in Costa Rica.



Homage to Mr. Antonio Escarré Cruxent.



DENMARK

Close liaison between the National Olympic Committees of Denmark and the Republic of Korea has enabled them to forge exchange links between Albertslund High School, near Copenhagen, and Eonnam High School in Seoul. They will associate with each other as Olympic Friendship Schools, to learn about each other's society and culture, by means of letters, magazines, audio and visual tapes, and even exchange visits. The top form at Albertslund School plans to visit



Exchanging flags.

their Korean counterpart during the Seoul Games in 1988. They are going to follow the Seoul Olympic preparations carefully and learn about the organization and philosophy behind the Olympic Movement through direct and personal experience. They hope that their newly made friends will arrange a reciprocal visit later that year. Mr. Richard Larsen and Mr. Ole Thomsen, respectively chef de mission and assistant chef de mission to the Danish delegation to the Games, returned from a preparatory visit to Eonnam School last September and were welcomed by the Principal Man-Eong Chu, so the project is already well under way.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Mr. Obaid Rashed Al Majar has been elected General Secretary of the National Olympic Committee of the United Arab Emirates, thus succeeding Mr. Ahmed Al Fardan.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The United States Olympic Committee has selected Mr. John Edgar Wideman, Professor of English at the University of Massachusetts, to receive the IOC trophy for excellence in athletics and academics. As an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Wideman was a member of the first basketball team, and captained it in his last two years. He played for two years for the All-Ivy League Conference team and he was twice selected for the All-Philadelphia team. His academic career has been distinguished: he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and obtained a Bachelor of Philosophy degree there. One of his novels won the Pen-Faulkner Award for Fiction and a non-fiction work won the DuSable Museum Prize for Non-Fiction.

promotional scheme is a TV advertising series which will encourage people to ring a central telephone number to obtain detailed information on facilities in particular areas.

□ Another initiative is being taken with regard to promoting athletics amongst eight-to-ten-year-old school children. Older pupils already have a "Five Star Award" which encourages them to achieve certain levels of achievement and now the IBM company is backing a nation-wide scheme called the "Ten Step Award", in which children can choose to undertake basic physical tests, such as running, jumping and skipping. This will involve very little special equipment or training and therefore the scheme can be adopted by any interested primary school.



GREAT BRITAIN

AWARD

We convey our congratulations to Mr. David Miller, head of the Sports section of The Times of London, who has been named "Sportswriter of the Year" by the British television channel, Granada. Mr. Miller, a regular at Olympic meetings, was part of the delegation which accompanied the President to Oceania.

□ Sebastian Coe, Vice-Chairman of the Sports Council of CBR, launched a national campaign called "What's your Sport?" at the end of April. This aims to provide information about sport to sections of the community such as housewives, school leavers and senior citizens, who wish to take up sport but are unsure of how to go about it. As many as 40% of men and 60% of women give up sport after leaving school. The key to this



GREECE



The IOC President and Mrs. Mercouri unveiling the Greek statue

Mrs. Mercouri, Greek Minister of Culture, led a delegation from the Hellenic Olympic Committee to the IOC in Lausanne on 9th and 10th April. She was accompanied by Messrs. Sifis Valyrakis, Secretary of State for Sport, and Lambis Nikolau, IOC member in Greece and President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee. After discussing various issues concerned with sport, including

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the candidature of Athens (GRE) for the Games in 1996, the delegation presented the IOC with a statute intended for the future Olympic Park at Ouchy.



HUNGARY

A congress on sports sciences will be held on 21st to 22nd October 1987 in Pécs (HUN) under the aegis of the Department of Athletics, on the subject of selection and replacement training.



INDIA

Dr. R. L. Anand, former Director General of Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, was co-opted Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association (NOC), at the Executive Meeting on 6th April.



ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

The Eighth General Assembly Meeting of the NOC of Iran took place on 7th April at its headquarters in the capital, Tehran. The meeting was presided over by the Acting President, Mr. Ali Reza Aladpoosh, who announced that Dr. Ghafoori Fard, the President of the NOC, had decided to resign due to the demands made by his university career, which required him to spend a great deal of time away from Tehran. An election will be held in due course.

Mr. Aladpoosh spoke about the activities of the NOC of Iran in the last few years : one of the Executive Board's most important tasks has been

to reintroduce and define Olympism, in order to avoid misinterpretation and to show how the NOC can aid in the development of sport in the country. The Secretary General, Mr. Bahram Afsharzadeh, produced a detailed report on the technical and administrative aspects of the 10th Asian Games and also reviewed the results achieved by the Iranian delegation. Preparatory Committees, which will work under the direct supervision of the Executive Board of the NOC,



The eighth General Assembly Meeting of the NOC of Iran.

have already been set up for the Games in Seoul next year. Another initiative taken by the NOC has been the translation and publication of various books on sport and sport-related subjects so that athletes and coaches can improve their theoretical knowledge. Last year, the list of works published included a translation of the "Olympic Charter", *Kinesiology, Championships and their place in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iranian Traditional Sports, Swimming Techniques for Children, and How to teach Basketball.*

Mr. Afsharzadeh went on to give an account of the Olympic Solidarity courses held in Iran since 1983. Four coaching sessions in Table Tennis, Wrestling, Swimming and Gymnastics have been organised for 1987 and 1988. The International Federations involved have already designated the instructors. The treasurer, Mr. Nasrullah Sadjadi, presented the financial report for the preceding year. The NOC commissioned a survey of a site in a southern district in Teheran where it intends to build a swimming complex.



NORWAY

The Norwegian Olympic Committee requested that the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) give an advisory opinion regarding the eligibility of athletes found guilty of doping to take part in the Olympic Games, as they wished to take a strong line against drug abuse. The CAS concluded that an NOC is fully entitled to exclude an athlete for life, provided it is established that the athlete has wilfully, or intentionally, violated the rules governing the use of doping. In addition, the substances found must be listed as prohibited drugs in the IOC Medical Code. CAS also judged that any action taken against any athlete should com-

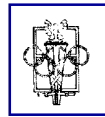


Unveiling "The Goalkeeper". From left to right, Messrs. Michel Jekiel, Boleslaw Kapitan and H.E. Mr. Samaranch.



Professor Ulatowski receiving the Olympic Order.

ply with international principles and laws governing the protection of personality and human rights. Prince Alexandre de Merode, the chairman of the IOC Medical Commission, especially emphasized the NOC's rights to refuse an inscription for the Olympic Games with reference to Rule 26 of the Olympic Charter. Mr. Jan Gulbrandsen, NOC President, announced that after two plenary meetings, the NOC has approved new rules, which were effective from 1st March, 1987 and ban athletes guilty of doping, and using preparations and/or methods specifically forbidden on the IOC list, for life, subject to certain rights of appeal.



POLAND

Mr. Boleslaw Kapitan, President of the Polish NOC, led an official visit to the IOC on 25th and 26th March. Professor Tadeusz Ulatowski, Rector of the Warsaw Academy of Physical Education and Vice-President of the NOC, and Dr. Zygmunt Szulc, Director of the Department of International Relations within the General Committee for Culture and Tourism, also made up the delegation, which had discussions with H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch about the Olympic and sports movement. The Polish delegation presented the IOC with a statue for the Olympic Park.

Professor Ulatowski received the Olympic Order from the IOC President in tribute to his outstanding services to the development of sport.



GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Mr. Manfred Ewald, President of the National Olympic Committee, reported on the preparations for the VIIIth Sports and Gymnastics Fes-

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tival and the XIth Children and Youth Spartakiad of the GDR in a meeting of the organizing committee on 30th March, 1987 (OR No. 233).

On the same occasion, Mr. Ewald presented the IOC Peace Prize, set up to mark the U.N. Year of Peace. The NOC decided to award it to Mr. Erich Honegger, Head of State of the CDR, in recognition of his "untiring efforts to work for a secure future of mankind in a peaceful world as well as his continual promotion of sports and of the Olympic Movement".



Mr. Ewald awarding the prize to Mr. Honecker.

□ Mr. Ewald visited Mr. Chong Ha Kim, President of the Korean Olympic Committee, in March, during a six day visit to Seoul.



Messrs. Günther Heinze, IOC member in GDR (on the right) and Manfred Ewald in Seoul. In the middle, Mr. Sei-Kee Lee, Korean Minister of Sport.



RUMANIA

The NOC of Rumania met on 13th March for their General Meeting. The first item on the agenda was the unanimous election of Lt-General Mr. Gheorghe Gomiou as President of the Rumanian NOC. He is the successor to Mr. Haralambie Alexa. Mr. Alexa had asked the assembly to relieve him of his presidential office, on account of his new duties, which do not allow him to devote himself as much as he would wish to Olympic and sporting matters.

The second item was an analysis of how ready the Rumanian athletes are for the forthcoming Games. After discussion, it was decided to take steps to intensify their training programme in readiness for both the Summer and Winter Games in 1988.



SWITZERLAND

The Swiss Sport Aid Foundation, founded in 1970, distributed over 21 million francs to promising young sportsmen and women over the age of 17 in 1986. This meant that 195 athletes in 53 different disciplines, were able to benefit. Dr. Fritz Honegger, President of the Foundation, Mr. Edwin Rudolf, Director, Mr. Daniel Plattner, President of the Swiss Olympic Committee, which collaborates very closely with the Foundation, attended a recent press meeting in which they discussed the continuing development of Sport Aid in Switzerland. This is due in large measure to the close links it has forged with firms concerned with sport. The Sport Aid Foundation is keen to widen its commitment to sport even further. An exhibition entitled "Sport-Vita : man and movement", which gives a perspective on the work it does on behalf of sport in the country, will tour various centres in May.



CZECHOSLOVAKIA

H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, attended a session of the Czechoslovakian Olympic Committee, held in the Palace of Culture in Prague on 30th April, which inaugurated the Czechoslovakian Olympic Academy. Over 100 representatives of the country's Olympic Movement were present to hear the formal act of constitution of the Academy, read by Mr. Antonin Himl, the President of COT and Vice President of the ENOC. The Academy, presided over by Mr. Vladimír Cernusak, IOC member in Czechoslovakia, will serve as a centre for study, information and research on Olympism.

In his speech to the assembly, the President of the IOC praised the contribution, both past and present, of the Czechoslovakian Olympic Committee to the Olympic Movement.

The session took place against an artistic and cultural background, with interesting exhibitions of philately and publications from "Olympia" Press, together with collections of Olympic medals and several works of art by Czechoslovakian artists.

□ Professor Ludovit Komadel, M.D., D.Sc., Director of the ENOC Medical Course which took place in Prague from 21st to 26th April, reports that the main subject under discussion was "The Assessment of Training and Over-training in Top Athletes". The importance in such assessment of laboratory testing for muscle biopsis, certain hormonal and biochemical levels and steroid hormones were thoroughly examined. Physiological parameters for recovery and problems of muscular imbalances in top athletes were also discussed. Practical information was given on assessing the effects of training in endurance sports and in certain games.

Lectures were given by 22 experts from Czechoslovakia, together with several invited lecturers from FIN, ITA, URS and GDR. 41 participants from 26 European countries took part. After the success of the conference, it is hoped that such high level discussion of sports medicine will continue on a regular basis.



URUGUAY

Mr. José Vallarino Verarierto, IOC member and President of the NOC of Uruguay, is now assisted by Mr. Felix Sienra Castellanos, as Executive President.



VENEZUELA

The Venezuelan Olympic Committee draw attention to their new telephone no : (58.2) 496231 - 496960 and telex no : INDOI - VC 26402.