
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER

On 10th and 11th December at Olympic House, the members of the Executive Board met together with President Samaranch for their fifth and final meeting of 1987. The meetings were devoted chiefly to stepping up the fight against doping and to studying the reports of activities presented by the four organising committees of the Games and those of the IOC commissions.

“You may rest assured that we shall be very firm where doping is concerned”, declared the President to the journalists at the press conference held after the two days of meeting. *“It is a form of cheating which we cannot tolerate”*. The commission decided to forbid



Seiuli Paul Wallwork, IOC Member in Western Samoa, was presented to the members of the Executive Board. He is seen here with President Samaranch and, right, Mr. Kevan Gosper, IOC Member in Australia.

the use of human chorionic gonadotrophin, a substance which helps to increase the production of endogenic steroids. In accordance with the conclusions of the report by the Medical Commission presented by its president, Prince Alexandre de Merode, the Commission similarly banned chemical products or methods which cover up the illegal use of drugs by athletes. Such a product is probenecide, a substance which makes steroids undetectable in analyses of urine samples. The Prince wanted the IOC to introduce anti-doping rules for the Games this year which would authorise urine analyses for the first four athletes in each event plus others chosen at random.

Following the recommendations of the Eligibility Commission, the Executive Board decided to permit the inclusion in the Luxembourg team at the Games in Calgary of the skier Marc Girardelli and Ingemar Stenmark (SWE). For the Games of the Olympiad, the fencer Michel Stéphane Ganef (HOL), the gymnast Nicoletta Desena (SUI), the table tennis players Zsolt-Georg Bohm, Olga Nemes (FRG), Xiao-ming Wang (FRA), the yacht Leslie Jean Egnot and Jennifer Marie Egnot (NZL) and Roy Heinen (HOL) have been included.

“Calgary is just about ready we have no more large-scale tasks to finish, the work has been done.” This is what Mr. Frank King, Chairman of OCO’88, accompanied by Mr. Bill Pratt, President, told the members of the Executive Board. The number of participants, competitors and spectators will be even greater than at Sarajevo four years ago. It was Mr. Un Yong Kim, IOC member in Korea as Vice President of International Relations who presented the SLOOC report to the Board. The IOC President stressed that

during his last visit to Seoul he had been extremely impressed by the progress that had been made with the preparations. Tickets for the different competitions at the Games went on sale in other countries in October 1987, but will not be on sale in Seoul until June. The reports of the organising committees for the 1992 Games also met with the satisfaction of the members of the Board who gave their consent to a number of propositions. The logos which will be the symbols of the two Olympic cities have been approved but will not be officially unveiled until during the 92nd Session in Calgary. Mr. Jose Miguel Abad, Chief Executive Officer in charge of COOB'92 and who was heading the Barcelona delegation, used a short slide show to illustrate his account of the work currently in progress and modifications made to the Olympic stadium and sports centre. Rink hockey and Basque pelota put forward by COOB'92 have been accepted as demonstration sports. The Olympic Charter states that host cities may request the inclusion in the programme of two demonstration sports which are generally sports of local or regional interest, but the International Federations of which must be recognised by the IOC. The Board also approved the choice of the new site for the yachting events which will take place at the port of Barcelona and not in the Balearic Islands as had been envisaged. Mr. Michel Barnier, President of the Albertville OCOG, announced the budget had been reset 9% higher than originally estimated owing to the state of the financial markets, as Mr. Claude Villain, Executive Vice-President went on to clarify. The Board was told that this question of budget was settled by the firm assurance of the French government that it will finance the necessary motorway building.

The President asked Prince Alexandre de Merode, Mr. Marc Hodler and Mr. Zhenliang He to examine the question of possible sanctions and what form these could take, regarding the NOCs who, after responding positively to the invitation to take part in the Games, then decided not to participate.