

The eighth edition of the Olympic Day Run will be a special one in this International Year of Sport and Olympism, It will be celebrating not just the IOC'S anniversary, as it does annually on 23rd June, but its hundredth birthday.

Special Run '94

Olympic Day : Sports for all. Zambia, below, Pyongyang (left) and Spain.



A hundred and sixty-four NOCs around the world are lining up at the start. Organized by the IOC in collaboration with the IAAF, the World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry (which is issuing a special Centennial t-shirt) and Coca-Cola are again generously supporting the event. The turnout should be higher than ever... As a taste of the reports to come, we take a brief glimpse back at some of last year's Runs which have just come to our attention. In **Ukraine**, the NOC is hoping to attract even more participants this year than the 77,000 in 1993, which was held in twenty-six regions over a six-month period. **Oman's** second Run was held in Muscat in December, to make

the most of the best season of the year and the school holidays, About a thousand people of all ages did the 5km distance. The NOC of **Zambia** held two runs in the major cities of Lusaka and Kitwe. Each year, the NOC of **Luxembourg** turns the Run into a festival of sport, 'Olympiadag', laying on other sports activities in the magnificent setting of Diekirch's athletics stadium. Six hundred and fifty people took part in the sixth edition. The first woman across the line was Danièle Kaber, who finished 7th in the Olympic marathon in Seoul. Toledo was the **Spanish Olympic Committee's** choice for the Run. Held around the annual meeting of the NOC and a series of conferences in October, the celebrations were marked by the hoisting of the Olympic flag by local hero José. Luis

Gonzalez, a local athlete who was runner up in the world indoor 3000m championships in 1989. The NOC of Turkmenistan held its Run on 26th September, just before the start of the school year, in order to get the maximum number of youngsters participating. Over two thousand athletes measured their fitness over distances of 500 and 1000m. In the **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**, the Run was staged in all districts of Fyongyang on Olympic Day, along distances ranging from 2 to 12km according to age. Bahrain's Run was staged at the National Stadium in October.

On your marks ! And please let us have your photos and press articles on your Runs as quickly as possible for publication in the Review.