

Around the National Olympic Committees

Austria



● *The International Sports Information Association* is to organise an extraordinary anniversary congress from 15th to 19th April 1975 at Graz (Austria).

Professor Josef Recla, who is well-known to our readers and to participants at the International Olympic Academy Sessions in Olympia, will lead this congress and welcome the delegates to his pleasant town of Graz.

The main theme of this congress will deal with sports information today and tomorrow.

Belgium



● To celebrate its 550th anniversary, the University of Louvain will host the 4th international seminar of the International Association for the History of Physical Education and Sport from 1st to 5th April 1975. The delegates will study the history, evolution and increase of sport and games in various civilisations. The University's Physical Education Department, directed by Professor P. de Nayer, is organising this seminar.

Brazil



● Mr. Joao Havelange has been made a Knight in the Legion of Honour (France) for his achievements and work for young people. Let us recall that this distinction is only rarely bestowed on non-Frenchmen, and we send him our heartiest congratulations.

● After his election as President of the FIFA, Mr. Joao Havelange announced his intention to resign from the presidency of the Brazilian Sports Confederation which he has led for 18 years. Admiral Heleno Nuñez has

therefore succeeded him. A former leader of the Vasco da Gama Football Club, Heleno Nuñez was previously a member of the BSC in 1967. He has been elected for one year and is re-eligible.

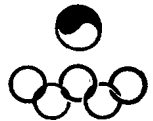
Columbia



● *New Board* elected on 17th December 1974 for the 1975-1978 period: *Hon. PT:* Dr. Mario Garcia y Garcia; *PT:* Arch. Humberto Chica Pinzon; *VPTs:* Dr. Emilio Echeverry de la Roche, Dr. Guillermo Quintero Quintana; *SG:* Prof. Jorge Zabala Cubillos; *T:* Mr. Guillermo Gonzales Correa; *Ms:* Dr. Jaime Inglesias Caballero, Dr. Carlos Holguin Pelaez; *Hon. M:* Mr. Boris H. Rodriguez Diaz.

Dr. Mario Garcia y Garcia and Mr. Boris H. Rodriguez Diaz, former President and Secretary General respectively, had announced their intention not to renew their term of office. They have therefore been given honorary titles.

Korea



● *New Board:* *PT:* Mr. Taik-Soo Kim; *VPTs:* Messrs. Joun Sik Kil, Un Yong Kim, Won Gie Kim; *SG:* Un Yong Kim.

Mr. Won Kuyung Lee, former Vice-President and Secretary General, and recently appointed as Minister for Culture and Information, becomes a member of the Board.



*Mr. Taik-Soo Kim,
President*

Congo



● *New address* of the NOC of the People's Republic of the Congo: B. P. 2061, Brazzaville.

Dominican Republic



● *President's address*: Ing. Roque Napoleón Munoz, President of the Comité Olímpico Dominicano, Callo Mayaguez 4, Ensanche Ozama, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

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● *Secretary General's address*: Justo Castellanos Díaz, Secretary General of the Comité Olímpico Dominicano, Calle 17, 28 Ensanche Quisqueya, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

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United States

● At its half-yearly general assembly, the USOC took certain very important decisions. We would particularly mention a change in the statutes establishing an athletes' charter, the working out of criteria for arranging free admission to all national sports institutions, the extension of the Executive Board into the private sector and various organisations which contribute to the development of Olympism, and finally the integration of the Advisory Board for Olympic Athletes as a permanent member of the USOC.

● *The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)*, for its part, has adopted a new regulation to strengthen the restriction of an American athlete from participating in an international meeting ten days before American championships and five days before an international match. The penalty could be as much as a year's suspension.

● Mr. Joseph Scalzo, a lawyer, has been elected President of the AAU in place of Mr. David Rivenes. This will be Mr. Scalzo's third term at the head of this important United States amateur sports organisation.

● A USA football team has just been chosen to take part in the 1976 Olympic tournament and the 1975 Pan American Games.

● *The National Track and Field Hall of Fame* will soon be constructed in the city of Charleston, capital of West Virginia, at the instigation of a young oculist supported by town and state officials. At its first meeting, the Selection Committee chose to honour as officials Mr. Avery Brundage, Honorary Life President of the IOC, and Mr. Daniel J. Ferris, outstanding figure of the International Amateur Athletic Federation; the coaches Dean B. Cromwell, Brutus Hamilton, Michael C. "Mike" Murphy and seventeen athletes: the Olympic champions Ralph H. Boston (1960, long jump), Lee Q. Calhoun (only athlete to win the double over 110 m hurdles in 1956 and 1960), Glenn Davis (400 m hurdles in 1956 and 1960, and 4 x 400 m hurdles in 1960), Mildred "Babe" Didrikson-Zaharias (1932, 80 m hurdles and javelin), Harrison Dillard (100 m and 4 x 100 m in 1948, 110 m hurdles and 4 x 100 m in 1952), Ray C. Ewry (eight titles for standing jumps from 1900 to 1908), Rafer L. Johnson (1960, decathlon), Alvin C. Kraenzlein (1900, 60 m, long jump, 110 m hurdles and 200 m hurdles), Robert B. Mathias (decathlon in 1948 and 1952), Parry O'Brien (shot put in 1952 and 1956), Alfred A. "Al" Oerter (discus from 1956 to 1968), Harold M. Osborn (1924, decathlon and high jump), Jesse Owens (1936, 100 m, 200 m, 4 x 100 m and long jump), Malvin G. Whitfield (800 m in 1948, 800 m and 4 x 400 m in 1952), and the miler Glen Cunningham, Harold "Hal" Davis—the unforgettable sprinter between 1940 and 1943, and Lawrence "Lon" Myers—United States champion fifteen times in four events (100 to 880 yards) from 1879 to 1884.

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France



● *Sports statistics*

In 1973, the 23 French Olympic federations comprised 2,754,151 members, which represents an increase of 3.21% over 1972. The sports which have made the most progress are ice sports (+ 22.53%), volleyball (+ 17.79%), rowing, kayak canoeing (+ 15.59% and 15.88%), followed by basketball, cycling, fencing, handball, judo, and so on. On the other hand, noticeable losses have been recorded in modern pentathlon (—49%), equestrian sports (—24.63%), skiing (—4.23%), athletics and hockey.

● *Sport and culture*

From now on, French athletes travelling abroad will be able to take advantage of an extra day to acquaint themselves with the country or city where they are residing.



BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Great Britain

● The annual report of the British Sports Council has recently been published. This document presents a complete account of the year's efforts as much for the extension of sport for all, as for the establishment of a satisfactory organisation to deal with competition sport. This is a rare occasion when one can fully appreciate the multiplicity and difficulty of the tasks which are to be surmounted by this Council, until now directed by Dr. Roger Bannister.



Guatemala

● In a previous edition we mentioned that Dr. Alejandro Giammattei Caceres had become President of the Guatemala NOC. Having graduated as a dental surgeon from the faculty of dentistry of the University of San Carlos in Guatemala, he was a member of the national basketball team in 1958. He became Vice President of the National Bowls Federation from 1964 to 1966, and in 1970 President of the Guatemala Autonomous Sports Confederation—the country's highest sports authority—until 1973. Meanwhile in 1972 he was elected Vice-President of the Organising Committee of the first Central American Games. In December 1973 he was elected President of the Guatemala NOC. An enthusiastic athlete, he practised many sports (basketball, volleyball, table-tennis, etc.) and is still an active softball player.



Dr. Alejandro Giammattei Caceres, President



Iraq

● *A new President...* As Mr. Adnan Ayyoub Sabri al-Izzi, President of the Iraqi Olympic Committee, had to resign due to ill-health, Mr. Naem Haddad was elected as President on 11th November 1974.

Born in 1933, Mr. Haddad has always been interested in sport and youth. His first preoccupation, he declared, would be to do everything in his power to extend the practice of sport and the sporting spirit among his country's young people. Mr. Haddad has also recently become Iraq's Minister for Youth.



Mr. Naem Haddad, President

During excavations at Varka, in the south of Iraq, 5,000 year old tablets have been unearthed. These bear inscriptions which confirm that sport was practised in the former Uruk kingdom, 5,000 years ago. Other tablets show the results of sports events—races, wrestling and lion hunting—which took place about 3,000 years ago.



Kenya

● *Composition of the Board:* PT: Mr. J. M. Kasyoka; VPT: Mr. S. S. Rao; SG: Mr. F. Njuguna; Asst. SG: Mr. F. H. Sherman; T: Mr. B. D. White; Asst. T: Mr. Gholi Puri; Life M: Mr. I. Lugonzo; Ex of. M: Mr. R. S. Alexander (IOC member).



Mr. J.M. Kasyoka, President

Malta

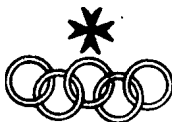
● *Olympic Solidarity*

Six months after receiving an Olympic Solidarity scholarship, Dr. V. Attard Bondi has sent us a preliminary account of his sports medical activities in Malta.

Firstly, he opened a sports medical centre for the footballers in his village, and then set up another one for basketball players. In addition, every Saturday he travels to the sports education centre at Marsa where 200 young athletes assemble. He gives each youngster a thorough and regular examination in order to prevent accidents and to give them as much guidance as possible.

It should be noted that all this medical work is carried out in addition to Dr. Attard Bondi's normal job as general practitioner in a village. Nevertheless, he hopes that a real medical centre can be established in the middle of the island, where several doctors would be employed full-time and could follow medically the sportsmen as athletes and no longer just as other patients.

We wish him good luck.



Puerto Rico

● Since some changes have occurred within the Puerto Rican NOC, we are giving below the composition of its board:

PT: Dr. Jose E. Arraras; *VPT:* Lic. Osvaldo L. Gil Bosch; *SG:* Mr. Ismael Delgado Davila; *T:* Mr. Luis Crespo Nieves; *Ex. Dir.:* Mr. Raul W. Pelegrina. *Address:* GPO Box 4722 - San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936.

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USSR

● Mr. Serguei Pavlov, President of the USSR Sports and Physical Education Committee, has announced that the Soviet Union forecasts between 85 and 90 million athletes in 1990. At the present time, the USSR maintains sports relations with 87 countries and nearly 20,000 sportsmen participate in competitions abroad.

● The next Spartakiad, to be held from 10th to 25th July 1975 in Moscow, will be open to foreign athletes and will in some way act as a pre-Olympic trial before the 1980 Games.



ОЛИМПИЙСКИЙ КОМИТЕТ СОВЕТА ССР

Philippines

● Colonel Arsenio de Borja has held the post of Secretary General of the Philippine Olympic Committee since 1970. A career soldier, he was firstly Athletics and Recreation Officer in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (1946-1948) and then Chief of the Education and Recreation Service in the Air Force (1948-1950). In 1957 he became Director of Special Services in the Air Force, which position he held until 1963. Further, he presided the Philippine Amateur Swimming Association from 1961 to 1972. Since 1970, he has also acted as Secretary-Treasurer of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation.



*Col. Arsenio de Borja,
Secretary General*

Zaire

● A sports weekly dealing with African affairs will soon be appearing at Kinshasa, announced the President of the Zaire Sports Reporters Union, Mr. Tschimpumpu wa Thsimpumpu.

● Since 1972, the Zaire Sports Reporters Union has been organising an election to chose the five best athletes on the African continent. After John Akii-Bua in 1972 and Ben Jipcho in 1973, the Ugandan boxer Ayub Kalulé, first African amateur world champion, will receive the trophy presented by Mr. Mobutu Sese Seko, President of the Zaire Republic.



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