

Around the National Olympic Committees

Germany



“The general assembly of the National Olympic Committee for Germany took place in Berlin on November 15, 1975. Main subjects of the conference were the preparations for the Olympic Games in Innsbruck and Montreal. 45 of the 50 members of the NOC, several honorary guests and representatives from the Press, Radio and TV listened to the President’s reports. The speech of the President, Mr. Willi Daume, was complemented by short reports from the Chefs de Mission Walther Tröger (Innsbruck) and Heinz Fallak (Montreal). The members of the NOC Prof. Dr. Hans Lenk (rowing, 1960 Olympic winner) and Prof. Dr. Manfred Steinbach (long jump, 4th at the 1960 Olympic Games) in their capacity as scientists reported several basic problems on sport and the Olympic Movement.



From left to right: Heinz Fallak (Montreal 76), Josef Nöcker (Munich 72), and Walter Tröger (Innsbruck 76).

The first members of the Olympic team for Innsbruck were nominated. So far only the hockey team, the 1972 Olympic winner has been nominated for Montreal.

Dr. Hermann Jansen, Treasurer, tented his resignation after 23 years of meritorious activity. He became an honorary member of the National Olympic Committee for Germany. Mr. Paul Skonieczny, General

Manager, was appointed his successor. Mr. Heinz Fallak is the designated new member of the Competitive Sports Department.



Belgium

- The first issue of the COB’s information brochure has just come out under the name “Olympics”. Bilingual, full size, simple and open in composition, it contains very interesting and well selected items of national and international news.
- Since 28th April 1975 a new Secretary General has replaced Mr. Robert Godefridi, who has retired. He is Mr. Adrien Vanden Eede, a physical education graduate. In charge of athletics and volleyball lessons at the Free University of Brussels,



Mr. Vanden Eede, General Secretary

Mr. Vanden Eede was also trainer of the national volleyball teams from 1968 to 1972, trainer of the Olympic team at Mexico and participated in the Munich Games as Director of the COB.

We wish him all the best in his new functions.

Finland



President
Urho Kekkonen

● An exemplary President

Dr. Urho Kekkonen, President of the Republic of Finland, who celebrated his 75th birthday on 3rd September 1975, regularly practises sport to keep fit—in summer running and in winter cross-country skiing. He thus wishes to live up to his titles of high jump champion (1.85 m. in 1924) and President of the Finnish Athletics Federation, which post he held for many years. Our sincerest compliments and encouragement.

France



● A new law governs sport in France. Among its many articles one in particular concerns us as it is to do with the protection of the emblems—in future the use of the Olympic emblems on French territory shall be brought under regulation.

● Another very important point in this new law: for the first time the practice of a physical or sports activity is recognised as a *national obligation*.

● Finally, the law continues to ban betting on sports events on account of moral reasons, the bill to legalise them having been rejected by the National Assembly.

● A large French evening newspaper recently carried out an enquiry into the city of Grenoble, seat of the Xth Winter Games in 1968. We are publishing below a few extracts from the statements of Mr. Dubedout, Mayor of Grenoble:

“ ... Thanks to the Olympic Games

The liabilities are considerable. The municipal installations existing in 1964 corresponded to the needs of a town of 80,000 inhabitants, although it was already a centre of 300,000 people (today 400,000). Yet to renovate or build you need a lot of money. The 1968 Olympic Games and the subsidies they brought were to be the indispensable oxygen tent. With, in addition, the purse of the taxpayers, who, for a time, were the most heavily taxed people in France...

“ ... Show the way

Balance sheet. First of all the installations—schools, swimming pools, young people's centres, socio-cultural centres, libraries, crèches, hostels, accommodation, etc—have multiplied themselves. The main point of interest is of course their number, but also their conception which each time corresponds to the prime objective of trying to create or re-create a social life guaranteeing both individual fulfilment and communication between persons.

The local centres are a good example of this wish. They are called 'centres for all' and generally house both the youth club and the old people's club. They are the social, cultural and sports centre, as well as the seat of the local associations, the antenna of the town hall. Young and old people come into contact and join together. It is the 'no' to the stupid dogma about the age gap...

“We can be proud that we have launched operations, both on the social and cultural level, which are today irreversible,” remarks Hubert Dubedout. “But we are still far from our aim.”

Ghana



● New board of the *Ghana Olympic Committee*: *PT*: Lt.-Col. M. P. Simpe-Asante; *1st VPT*: Mr. R. T. Orleans-Pobee; *2nd VPT*: Mr. H. P. Nyemitei; *SG*: Lt.-Col. J. A. Dellor; *Clerk*: Mr. S. A. Okyere.

- The new President of the Ghana Olympic Committee, Lt.-Col. Maxwell Patrick Simpe-Asante, holds a physical education diploma from the Jordanhill Physical Education College in Glasgow, from which he graduated in 1962. He has been special officer in charge of sport since December 1973.

Member of the Scottish and Ghana referees' associations since 1962, Secretary of the Armed Forces Sports Board from 1965 to 1973, President of the Ghana Athletics Federation from 1967 to 1969, member of the Sports Council from 1967 to 1972, member of the NOC since 1967, he was also member of the International Military Sports Council from 1968 to 1973.

A confirmed sportsman, former member of the West Scottish hockey team and the Ghana national team, he still practises football, hockey, tennis and swimming.



Lt-Col. Simpe-Asante,
President



Lt-Col. Dellor,
Secretary General

- As for the new Secretary General, Lt.-Col. J. A. Dellor, a talented basketball player and President of the Ghana Basketball Federation since 1972, he is one of the chief advocates of basketball in Ghana and has served on many Organising Committees of national and international sports events. He became a member of the Ghana NOC in 1972.

Great Britain



BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

- At the annual dinner of the sports journalists of Great Britain on 8th December Mr. Sandy Duncan, Director of International Affairs and Technical Adviser of the BOA (see page 87), well-known to our readers, was awarded the Jim Manning Trophy for his outstanding services to

sport. This trophy, honouring the memory of Jim Manning, a famous British sports journalist, was awarded for the first time in 1974 to Sir Stanley Rous, then President of the FIFA.

The *Olympic Review* joins in this well deserved tribute to Mr. Duncan and sends him its warmest congratulations.

- The last issue of *Sportsworld*, dated 12th December 1975, has been published. Created in 1936 under the name *World Sports*, it has always faithfully reflected sports life in Great Britain and the whole world. The official bulletin of the British Olympic Association, it has had to stop being printed on account of insoluble financial difficulties. This is an irreparable loss for world sports literature since its contents, value and presentation had made it one of the leading sports magazines of the world.

For its last issue the editorial staff of *Sportsworld* surpassed itself and the contents are superb. Let us in particular note an absorbing interview with Jesse Owens defending the Olympic ideal, and a very instructive comparative study on financial assistance given to athletes in various countries.

The *Olympic Review* thinks it is speaking for all its readers when it expresses the wish that *Sportsworld* comes back to life again soon.

Hong Kong



- On 6th October 1975 the Hong Kong NOC held its annual general meeting. Mr. A. de O. Sales has sent us the message he delivered on this occasion, for which we thank him very much. We are extracting the following passages from it:

"I am much encouraged by the reports which the representatives of our affiliated organizations make each time. They record in the main the regular activities of our sports bodies but also reflect in particular the growing concern of all enlightened sports leaders with the need to create opportunities for physical recreation and sports competitions for the mass of our population. In fact, this is a policy the Federation has advocated for very long in Hong Kong. Members will recall how they have been urged repeatedly over the years

to instigate or even organize *development programmes* in densely populated areas. They do so in pursuit of a fundamental object of all sports bodies: to promote the practice of their particular sport throughout Hong Kong.

It is in the leadership of amateur sport that an example must be set of fair play so that the young will learn to live up to the high standards of conduct which the practice of sport tries to inspire. In our circumstances, where people live in such high density and work so hard, there is a very important and stimulating role which sports associations can play to make life altogether more pleasant and meaningful. In this connection, it is worth repeating that there are now sports technical assistance programmes from which Hong Kong could benefit. They are steadily growing in number and variety. So our associations should get in touch with the international sports authorities concerned as the Federation has urged them to do."

Monaco

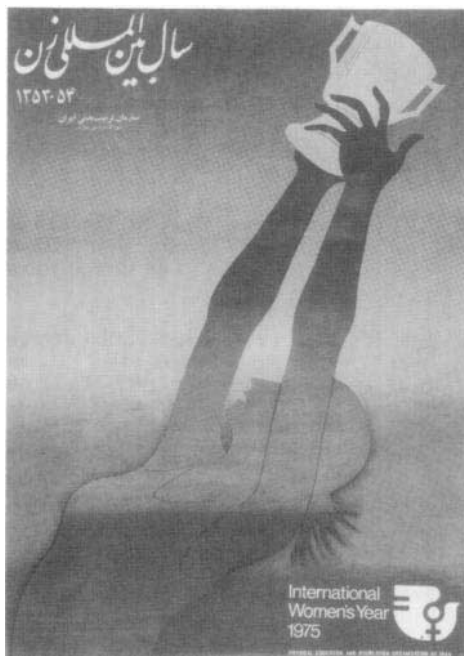


*Mr. Henry Rey,
President*

- On 19th September 1975 the Monaco Olympic Committee elected a new steering committee for four years. The new President, Mr. Henry Rey, a graduate in higher legal studies from the University of Geneva and master of comparative law at the University of Georgetown (USA), is a past French Universities' volleyball champion and Paris University football champion. At present Captain of the Monte Carlo Golf Club, he is President of the Monaco Weight-lifting Federation and President of the Monaco European Junior Football Tournament.

● *New board of the COM:*

PT: Mr. Henry Rey; *VPT:* Mr. J. L. Mar-San; *T:* Mr. Francis Boisson; *SG:* Mr. Antoine Romagnan.



Iran



● *The promotion of women's sport*

A special committee was set up at the beginning of 1975 by the Iranian Physical Education and Sports Organisation. One of the chief aims was to encourage each sports federation to include at least one woman on its board and to organise special competitions for girls with prizes offered by H. I. M. Shahbanon Farah.

Literary competitions were also organised and several posters have been put up on walls to celebrate International Women's Year.



Kuwait

- At its meetings last September the NOC of Kuwait nominated the delegation to represent it at the Games of the XXIst Olympiad in Montreal. It will be headed by Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Sabaa, President

of the NOC, assisted by Mr. Khaled Al-Sane, Secretary General of the NOC.

Mr. Mubarak Al-Rashed will fulfil the functions of Treasurer, Mr. Abdul Karim Abdul-Reda those of Director and Mr. Mutlak Al-Oseimi those of head of the youth camp delegation.

- The Kuwaiti team at the Olympic Games will be composed of six track and field athletes, five judo players, two divers, three trainers and three leaders.

- The first seminar for basketball referees, organised by the Arab League, was held in Kuwait on 25th September 1975. Held in view of the 2nd Arab Basketball Championships which are to take place in Kuwait, this seminar was attended by Mr. Marwan Tahlawy, President of the newly founded Arab Basketball Federation, and Mr. K. Michael, representative of the FIBA.

- Since 1971 the NOC of Kuwait has regularly sent participants to the Sessions organised by the International Olympic Academy. Five of them attended the 15th IOA Session and their report appears in the October edition of the NOC's bulletin. The importance given to acquaintance of the IOC rules and the proposal to enrich the Olympic Museum with various flags, stamps, medals, etc. created in Kuwait at the time of various sports events are of particular note.



Poland

- The 1975-1976 school year in Poland will be the year of team games, with over 4000 schools already taking part. The authorities help as far as they can with the organisation of this programme, which will introduce team games to many youngsters.

- On 25th September 1975 a five-year sports co-operation agreement was signed between Poland and Sweden. Signed by Prince Bertil on behalf of the Swedish Sports Federation and Mr. Boleslaw Kapitán on behalf of the Physical Education and Sports Committee of Poland, this agreement foresees an exchange of athletes at every level, documentation, experiences, activities,

the organisation of seminars, lectures, various contracts etc. in order to help spread the Olympic ideals and fight discrimination in sport.

- We have just received the translation of an article in the sports daily paper *Przeźgląd Sportowy* devoted to Jan Parandowski. A writer, philosopher, archaeologist and art historian, Jan Parandowski will be 81 in May. Among his best known works is without doubt his "Olympic discus", a historical work translated into several languages, winning him the bronze medal at the XIth Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. Vice-President of the International Pen-Club Federation, Jan Parandowski still takes an active part in the Polish Olympic Club of which he is the first honorary member.

Switzerland



- *The new Swiss Sports Aid sticker*



This year, as every year, a new sticker has been put on sale by the Swiss Sports Aid to help mass sport and the preparation of the 1976 Games. Designed by Mr. Scheller, a graphic artist from Zürich, this original coloured composition has been approved by the Swiss Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee. It can be obtained at the price of five Swiss francs from the Swiss Sports Aid Foundation, Haus des Sportes, C. P. 12, 3000 Berne 32.