BRAZIL
The new telephone Nos. of the Olympic Committee of Brazil as of 1st October 1984 221 7225 and 221 7252

PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA
The Beijing international marathon held on 14th October this year was won by the Japanese Kunimitsu Ito in 2 hrs 12'16".

Sixteen countries announced that they would take part in this event, and the funds arising from the tombola set up to attract spectators will serve to finance sports installations.

From Ancient Art to Modern Sport
Owing to its ancient traditions of acrobatics, martial arts and dance, China is now enjoying a strong position in competitive acrobatic gymnastics. Chinese acrobats have been known for centuries for their ability to execute extremely difficult stunts with uncanny grace and ease. Although they only recently entered the world of international competition, the Chinese have captured an impressive number of world championship titles in the past four years.

KOREA
Mr. Roh Tae-Woo, President of SLOOC, has recently been elected to head the Korean NOC, after being named as President of the Korean Amateur Sports Association where he succeeds Mr. Chung Ju-Yung who has resigned. This change at the top of the country's principal sports organisations will strengthen the decision-making process at a time when preparations for the sporting events to be held in the next few years enter a new phase. Mr. Roh, 52, retired general and former Minister of the Interior, created the position of Sports Minister which he held until 1983.

CI New telex number and address of the SLOOC (Organizing Committee of the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad in Seoul) Telex K 21988 Address Korean Exchange Bank Building, 181, 2-Ka, Ulchiro, Chung Ku, K.P.O. Box 1988, Seoul (KOR)

COSTA RICA
The new telex No of the Olympic Committee of Costa Rica 2670 discin C. R.

SPAIN
Mr. Anselmo Lopez, Secretary General of the NOC, has offered his resignation. After twenty years of constant collaboration, the present Director of Olympic Solidarity feels he should make way for young people. This reduction in his work load will allow him to...
devote himself entirely to defining and organising programmes to assist the less-privileged NOCs.

**UNITED STATES**

From 10 until 13 January 1985 in Colorado Springs, the USOC Sports Medicine Council will sponsor the First National Conference on Physiological Performance Evaluation Overreaching vs Overtraining Papers will be presented on topics relating to the physiological and psychological aspects of sports fatigue and training, and will focus primarily on swimming, cycling and athletics

**FRANCE**

The Minister for Youth and Sport, Mr. Alain Calmat, announced on 23rd October, the creation in the very near future of a multisport lottery as hoped by Mr. Nelson Paillou, president of the French National Olympic Committee (CNOSF)

This new game, concerning current sports news, will be based on standings and not on results The French sports lottery will comprise several sports football naturally, but also cycling, tennis and other disciplines less known to the public in order to popularize them

It is hoped that the returns for next year will be in the region of 35 million FF and around 7 million FF for 1986 President Paillou hopes that 33 % of the total sum collected will be given to sport in general in order to lessen the blow of the 3 % reduction in State subsidies and to increase training aid for top level athletes for future national and international competitions

**GREAT BRITAIN**

Mr. Charles Palmer has been elected president of the British Olympic Association for four years on 8th October of this year, following a second ballot and beating Sir Arthur Gold and Mrs. Mary Glen-Haig, IOC member for Great Britain This was a confirmation of his role, as Mr. Palmer has acted as interim president since the death of Sir Denis Follows a year ago

Although sometimes questioned because of his advanced ideas, Mr. Palmer has always been known to be an altruist passionately devoted to sport Former president of the International Judo Federation and a well-known figure in British sport, the newly elected president has quoted as his objectives both to restore the BOA’s public image and also to obtain a tax deduction on the funds destined for the preparation of British athletes for the Olympic Games

CI New telex number of the “British Olympic Association” 932312 BOA G.

**ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

Composition of the new office of the National Olympic Committee of the Islamic Republic of Iran, elected during the 5th General Assembly held on 1st August 1984 PT : Dr. Hassan Ghafoori Fard, 1st VPT : Ali Reza Aladpoush, 2nd VPT
Mr. Bahram Afshar Zadeh, aged 41, and former treasurer, has been elected secretary general of the NOC during the Assembly General held on 1st August 1984. A professor of sport and a physical education instructor at the university and at several teaching institutions, he was a member of the national gymnastics team for eleven years. University champion from 1951 to 1971, he became an International judge for the International Gymnastic Federation.

Mr. Bahram is also a member of the finance commission for the Asian Olympic Council.

3 540 000 participants between 12 and 14 years old attended the XVIIth Youth Games throughout the country, ie almost 40% of the population of school attendance age. This record figure proves the immense popularity of this event, which took place from 1st to 7th October, and for the second time was linked to Sports Week. The President of the Republic, Mr. Sandro Pertini, and Mr. Franco Carraro, were present at the inauguration of this large gathering of youth and of national federations in Rome. The Olympic teams were also present, as was Francesco Moser, the cyclist, and holder of the world record for the hour. Numerous other champions also attended, and their presence was a tribute to all the young finalists in these Games, who were rewarded not only by prizes but also a rich harvest of autographs.

Mr. Franco Carraro, President of the CONI, inaugurated the Institute for Sports Science on 10th October this year, during a ceremony which took place in the great amphitheatre of the Sports school of the “Giulio Onesti Sports Centre”.

This new sports organisation, which expands and restructures the Institute of sports medicine, is organised into three departments: sports medicine, physiology, and sports psychology.

The Games united the six countries of southern Asia: Bhoutan, India, the Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal, between 17th and 23rd September. Three hundred athletes competed in sixty-two competitions in athletics, boxing, weightlifting, swimming and football. These first games, which brought about friendly contacts between the different national teams were a great success with the public, which is a good sign for the future.
PAKISTAN

Manzoor Hussain, Hassan Sardar, Kallmul-lah and Hanif Khan, members of the Olympic champion hockey team at the Games of the XXIIrd Olympiad in Los Angeles received the national sports merit medal. We recall that the Pakistan hockey teams already won three gold medals (1960, 1968, 1980), three silver (1956, 1964, 1972) and one bronze in 1976.

On 16th September this year, the popular children's television programme celebrated its 250th broadcast with its theme for the day as 'participate, persevere, and improve your performance'. Every month, millions of young people sign up for competitions organised within the framework of this programme. The NOC, which for twenty years has given its patronage to this televised sports competition, was represented by its vice-president, Mr. Rudi Hellmann. Mr. Gunther Erbach, Secretary of State, awarded the medal of culture and sport to the national television company.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

New telex numbers of the Olympic Committee of Papua New Guinea are NE 23284 OLYCOM and NE 2211, the latter being the number of the secretary general, Mr. Graeme A Norris.

EL SALVADOR

New address of the El Salvador Olympic Committee is Apartado postal 759, Gimnasio Nacional “Jose Adolfo Pineda”, 6A, 10A, Calle Poniente, San Salvador, El Salvador. Telephone number 225471, Telex number 20521 COLIMPICO, Cable COLIMPICO.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

High honours for GDR athletes

“Our sportsmen and women are dedicated to the peace-promoting mission of sport,” stated GDR head of state Mr. Erich Honecker at a function held recently to honour over 3,000 outstanding athletes, coaches, sports scientists, medical officers and journalists. Mr. Honecker went on to say that “helping to build a better and more peaceful world, an aim set forth in the Olympic Charter, is uppermost in their minds.”

SWITZERLAND

Acrobatic skiing, which will be a demonstration event at the XVth Winter Games at Calgary in 1988, made a spectacular appearance in the streets of Lausanne on the occasion of the 3rd Olympic Week, which took place from 1st to 7th October. Films tracing the high spots of the last Olympic Games, and an exhibition of Olympic posters and photographs were also on the programme of this extremely popular event.
Gabriele Andersen-Schiess, who showed her great sporting value and her Olympic spirit by courageously finishing the marathon at the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad in Los Angeles has thanked the President of the IOC, in a letter which we reproduce below, for sending her his congratulations.

“It was a great honor for me to compete in the women’s Marathon in the Olympic Games, but it was even more memorable after receiving your note and gifts. The response to my race was overwhelming and shows that the spirit of the Olympic Games exists in people throughout the world.

I am very thankful that I recovered so quickly and I am already looking forward to running another marathon this fall.”

The runner, aged 39, has decided to take part in the marathon organised in New York (USA) on 28th October of this year. She was ranked 37th in August of this year in Los Angeles, with a time of 2 h 48'42”.

Sport could soon be introduced as one of the optional subjects in the “Maturity” (diploma at the end of secondary education), following the example of drawing and music. A study made in 1983 shows that this decision would be favourably accepted by both teachers and pupils. The Swiss Schools’ Physical Education Association (ASEP) and the Federal Commission for Gymnastics and Sport (CFGS), together with a commission consisting of experts nominated by the Federal Department (ministry) of the Interior, are responsible for examining what form sport should take as an examination subject, and what system of marking should be adopted.

In the views of those supporting the project, physical and sports activity have achieved such socio-political significance that it would be difficult to keep them out of this basic diploma for much longer. Before this recognition of sport as an academic subject can be the subject of a law, it is still necessary to prove to those opposing the project that making sport into such a subject will not lead to either enforced training or fanatical competition in order to create elite athletes, but will respect the basics of education, i.e. the development of intelligence, willpower, sensitivity and physical aptitudes.
OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
New telex number of the “Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Association” WG 320

YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC
Mr. Abdalla Nasser Al Dorafi has been elected president of the “Yemen Arab Republic Committee” in place of Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Louman.

USSR
Archery, whose national federation is celebrating its 25th anniversary, is a growing sport The good results obtained in International competitions explain, without doubt, one part of this passion the Soviet archers hold one half of the world, European and Olympic records

Under the sign of the gazelle
The finals of the XVIIth Spartakiads for youth took place in Ouzbekistan this year, and all the sports installations of this Federated Republic were placed under the sign of the gazelle, the emblem of this festival of sports and youth Seven thousand girls and boys from all regions of the country were on the starting line for these events, which are an important step on the ladder towards elite spot-t

ZAIRE
On 23rd June 1984 in Kinshasa, the Zaire National Olympic Committee organised a gala on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the creation of the Olympic Games of the modern era The profit from this event was given to the Zaire delegation (nine athletes and six officials) who attended the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad in Los Angeles

During his speech, the president of the NOC and General of the Army Boteti Nkok’ea Nkanga thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the evening, and recalled that the NOC had been founded in 1968 He also noted the desire of the NOC “to make Olympism a living reality in Zaire (...) The programme of the Zaire National Olympic Committee is very ambitious and to carry it out will require a large effort, both material and human. With your help, we are certain to achieve our aim Regular events, such as tonight’s gala, will continue to be envisaged. As of next year the festivities to mark the NOC’s anniversary will be immediately followed by an Olympic Week”, on whose programme will be sports events, courses and training and introductory seminars, as well as cultural events.

BURKINA-FASO
New address of the Burkinabe National Olympic and Sports Council (Formerly Upper Volta) B. P. 3925, Ouagadougou, Burkina-Faso