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National Sports Limited

During 1966, National Sports Limited continued to operate with the objective of facilitating the advancement of sports generally, and providing facilities for large civic receptions, religious crusades and other functions rather than with an accent on the accumulation of large profits.

2. In the year under review, the Stadium was used on a total of over 100 occasions and the new National Arena on a total of 62 occasions.

3. The uses to which the facilities of the Stadium and the National Arena lent themselves throughout the year were vastly diversified, and this is a true indication of the important part which this sports, recreational and training complex now occupies in the life of the Jamaican public.

4. Sports loving Jamaicans, indeed Jamaicans from all walks of life, and Jamaicans of all age groups will always remember, with a deep sense of pride, the staging of the Eighth British Empire and Commonwealth Games in August 1966.

5. The Commonwealth Games, involving as it did the impressive opening and closing ceremonies and the friendly though intense rivalry by some of the world's top athletes in the various sports, understandably must take pride of place among the wide range of activities which the facilities controlled by National Sports Limited were able to provide during 1966.

6. Other uses for which these facilities provided adequately during the year are listed hereunder:-

NATIONAL STADIUM

1) Football:

- (a) KASAFSA Division 1 Competition
- (b) Visit of Trinidad Schoolboy Team
- (c) Jamaica Football Federation Fund-raising Matches
- (d) Visit of a Brazilian Club Team
- (e) Annual renewal for the Father Roper Memorial Cup between Kingston College and St. Georges College.

2) Track and Field Athletics:

- (a) Jamaica Amateur Athletic Association Development Meets and Trials

- (b) Inter-Secondary Schools Boys Champs
 - (c) Inter-Secondary Schools Girls Champs
 - (d) Primary Schools Champs
 - (e) Youth Clubs Champs
- 3) Hockey:
Visit of Trinidad Schoolboys.
- 4) Boxing:
Two Professional Promotions.
- 5) Cycling:
(a) Professional Promotions
(b) Training of Amateur Cyclists.
- 6) Go-Kart Racing:
- 7) Swimming:
(a) National and Schools Champs
(b) Triangular Meet between Washington, Puerto Rico and Jamaica.
- 8) Coaching Clinics: - organised and conducted by the Sports Development Agency.

7. In addition the Stadium continued to be the training venue for national team representatives in athletics, football, swimming and tennis.

8. On the civic side, official functions for Her Majesty the Queen (Youth Rally) and His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie were staged at the Stadium.

9. In an ever-increasing effort to meet the needs of the public, during the year work was completed on the improvement of the sound amplification system within the stadium.

10. Tribute must also be paid to the successful efforts at landscaping and beautifying the entire Stadium compound.

THE NATIONAL ARENA

11. The National Arena was designed and constructed by Jamaicans, as were the equally imposing adjoining Stadium and Swimming Pool, was completed in July 1966 and has already shown that its construction has filled a long felt need for a building of its kind.

12. The uses to which the Arena may be put in the future are limitless as it offers facilities for boxing, tennis, basketball, table tennis, badminton among other sports, and it is admirably suited for such activities as the staging of plays and the holding of exhibitions and conventions.

13. In addition two therapeutic rooms and two gymnasiums are included in the Arena. These rooms have been equipped with whirlpool baths, diathermic machines,

heat lamps, medical supplies, isometric racks, pulleys and other modern treatment and training apparatus.

14. In the short space of five months between August to December, 1966, the Arena was used for the following purposes:-

1. Grand Gala Jamaica Festival 1966
2. Coronation Ceremony Miss Jamaica 1966
3. British Empire and Commonwealth Games
Wrestling and Badminton Competitions
4. Badminton
 - a) All Jamaica Indoor Champs
 - b) Jamaica Telephone Company Tournament
5. Tennis - National Indoor Champs
6. Table Tennis - Girls Inter-Schools Champs
7. Boxing - Guinness promoted amateur boxing champs
8. Automobile dealers Show
9. The Australian Trade fair
10. Religious Expositions
 - a) Nazarine Evangelist
 - b) Conference of Seventh Day Adventists
 - c) Kingston Evangelistic Crusade.

In addition, a number of shows and dances have been held there.

15. On the operational side, during 1966 National Sports Limited showed a deficit of £2,443. In this connection it should be noted that the deficit was largely due to the fact that on 23 occasions the Stadium was made available, free of charge, for various sporting events and other functions.

16. Additionally, the training of our national teams, particularly football, athletics, swimming and cycling are in fact given, what might be termed "hidden subsidies", by National Sports Limited, in the sense that various facilities at the Stadium and the Arena continue to be made available to the respective sporting organisations, on the one hand at nominal cost, and on the other at no cost whatsoever.

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