

**Les Etats-Unis ont célébré en septembre 1946
le 50^e anniversaire des Jeux olympiques de 1896.**

Cette manifestation s'est déroulée à New-York à l'occasion d'un dîner réunissant près de 700 invités sous la présidence de Mr. Avery Brundage, vice-président du C. I. O. — Un câblogramme fut adressé à cette réunion par le général Mac Arthur. Nous estimons que sa teneur mérite d'être publiée ci-dessous :

*Mr. Avery Brundage,
United States Olympic Association,
Chicago.*

Much as I should like to, I deeply regret that the pressure of occupational duties will not permit me to leave Japan in time to join you at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Olympic Movement. I extend my cordial greetings to those present with the earnest hope that they will exert every endeavor to restore, as early as possible, the blessings of international athletic competition to the strife torn and war weary world. It is in the Amateur Athletic Arena that we find the spirit of tolerance and fair play, the lesson of give and take, fundamentally the basis of good sportsmanship. The cause of mankind would be immeasurably advanced could we but apply that spirit and that lesson in the solution of the more serious problems which confront the councils of the nations of the world. International amity and understanding thereby would be served, and the obstacles which bar the way to able common sense correction of many of the world's current ills would rapidly be swept away. It is for us to encourage this leadership of youth toward the betterment of human relations by turning the battle fields of the past into the fields of healthy competition of the future, the destructive bitterness of war into constructive enthusiasm of peace, thereby rekindling in the hearts of all men the fires of sportsmanship, based upon honor, mutual respect and able common understanding. It will not do all, but it will help point the way.
Mac Arthur.