

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Decision adopted by the Executive Committee.

On page 18 of the Green Booklet (both French and English versions) the text says that the colours of the Olympic Rings attributed to the respective five continents are as follows: Blue for Europe, yellow for Asia, black for Africa, green for Australia and red for America. According to the documents in the possession of the Chancellery, no definite proof can be found that this allocation of colours was P. de Coubertin's original idea at the very most he might perhaps have admitted it afterwards. To put an end to all controversy on this point the E. C. of the I. O. C. has decided to cancel this paragraph and not to allocate any colours to the various continents. The C. E. begs all those interested to take note of this.

Concerns english edition of the Green Booklet.

On page 6 it is stated in the third paragraph under the heading « Organization of the I. O. C. »: « *Any Country represented on the I. O. C. may appoint... a. s. o.* » Please replace « *Appoint* » by « *Have* », which is quite different. The french edition is correct.

Art Committee.

The President of the I. O. C. has recently appointed a board entrusted with the task of studying all problems pertaining to Art Exhibitions (Competitions) at the Olympic Games. This Committee is composed of the following members: Mr. A. Bolanaki, Chairman, Mr. R. W. Seeldrayers and Dr. von Mautner Markhof. It will submit its general report at the next session of the I. O. C.

To the national olympic Committees

In view to facilitate the work of the Organising Committees of the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki and Oslo, we beg the National Olympic Committees to reply *quickly* to all letters adressed to them. Thanks in advance.

† Sir Noel Curtis-Bennett

*Member of the I. O. C. for Great Britain
from 1933 to 1950*

DIES AT A DINNER

Sir Noel Curtis-Bennett who was an active member of the I. O. C. for 17 years, retired from the Committee last year and was nominated as Honorary Member. With great regret we inform our readers that he collapsed while making a speech on December 2nd, 1950 at a Savoy Hotel dinner. He died a few moments later. Sir Noel, who was 68, was speaking for one and a half minute as senior trustee of the West Ham Boy's and Amateur Boxing Club at the club's annual dinner and was proposing the toast of the Marquess of Queensberry when he was taken ill and fell. Lady Curtis-Bennett was sitting at the same table.

VOLUNTARY WELFARE WORK

Sir Francis Noel Curtis-Bennett, K. C. V. O., was a distinguished Civil servant, but was best known to the public for his voluntary welfare work, and more particularly for his encouragement of sport and outdoor recreation. He had a long connexion with the National Playing Fields Association.

Born in London on May 14, 1882, the youngest son of the late Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett, who became the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, he might, like his elder brother Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett, the famous criminal lawyer, have achieved fame at the Bar, but his inclinations led him in other directions. Educated at Tonbridge and then privately, he entered the Civil Service in 1905.

Early in his career he had founded the Civil Service Sports Council, and his conviction that sport and healthy outdoor recreation could strengthen the moral and spiritual, as well as the physical, qualities of men and women of all classes impelled him to devote much of his leisure for the rest of his life to advocating the provision of suitable facilities. He was chairman of the Ranelagh Club, one of the founders of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, and a founder, and for 25 years honorary treasurer and for 10 years chairman, of the National Playing Fields Association. He was a member of the British Olympic Council executive, and attended the Games at Los Angeles in 1932, Berlin in 1936, and London in 1948.

When the National Council for Physical Fitness was established in 1937 he was one of the first to be selected for membership.

In recognition of his public service he was created C. V. O. in 1926 and K. C. V. O. in 1932. When he retired from the Civil Service in 1942 in order to devote himself more fully to voluntary welfare work the Civil Service Sports Council had 50,000 members and

The Pan American Games.

Those Games, organised under the Patronage of the I. O. C., will take place in Buenos-Aires from February 25th. to March 5th. 1951. The President of honour will be H. E. General D. Juan D. Peron, President of the Argentine Republic and the Chairman is Dr. Rodolfo G. Valenzuela. The athletes of following countries will take part (see list in french text) and other countries which did not reply yet may still give their inscriptions until January 15th. (see list in french text). Following sports are figuring on the programm: Athletics, Basketball, Baseball, Boxing, Cycling, Equestrian, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Modern Pentathlon, Polo, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Yachting.

The Mediterranean Games.

Same will take place at Alexandria from September 10th. to 25th. 1951.

grounds at Chiswick and in many provincial towns. From then on he travelled ceaselessly in the interest of the various causes he supported. He never spared himself in his unselfish efforts for others.