

The First Pan-American Games Championships held in Buenos-Aires

February 25th - March 5th 1951

2000 athletes - 18 sports - 21 nations

These regional Games held under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee have just been celebrated in Buenos-Aires, and have scored a great success.

The idea of promoting and organizing these games dates back to 1945; owing to

the war it had to be abandoned, then was taken up again in 1948, at the 2nd. Congress of the Pan-American Sports Committee, which held its meetings on the occasion of the London Olympic Games. The Argentine Sports Federation, as well as the Argentine National Olympic Committee, both affi-

liated to the Pan-American Sports Committee, were entrusted with the entire organization of the Games.

While His Excellency Mr. Péron, President of the Argentine Republic had given his patronage to this most important function, the Minister, Dr. Rodolfo-G. Valenzuela, Member of the Supreme Court of Justice in the Argentine, and a former Olympic Fencer in the years 1932 and 1936, and a National Champion in 1939, was entrusted with the Presidency of the Games.

Amongst the names of the members of the Organising Committee, it is gratifying to notice that of Mr. Avery Brundage, Member of the I. O. C. for the United States, who since 1940 has been President of the Sports Committee of these Games.

Eighteen of the following sports were included in the Programme of the Games contested: Athletics, Rowing, Baseball, Basketball, Boxing, Cycling, Equestrian Sports, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Weightlifting, Swimming, Modern Pentathlon, Tennis, Shooting, Polo, Wrestling and Yatching. As for Ski-ing, for reasons easy to understand, these competitions will take place at Bariloche (Argentine) next August.

The International Olympic Committee was officially represented at Buenos-Aires by the following Members: MM. A. Brundage, J.-J. Garland, J. Brooks, B. Parker (all three from the United States), Count A. Bonacossa (Italy), Lord Burghley (Great Britain), Horacio Bustos Moron and R.-C. Aldao (Argentine), Dr. J.-F. Ferreira

Santos (Brazil), Jean Ketseas (Greece), Marte-R. Gomez (Mexico), Alfredo Benavides (Perou), Joaquim Serratosa Cibils (Uruguay). They all were received officially by President Peron. The list of the countries who took part at those Games figures in the French text of this article. The final results will appear in our next *Bulletin*.
