

NEWS FROM THE KOREAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Mr. J. S. Edström has received following letter from the Korean Olympic Committee:

« Seoul, Korea,
June 15th. 1951.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Our country has been in the midst of turmoil since last summer by sudden emergence of millions of refugees and loss of more than one million human lives. Our Athletic ground had completely damaged and we have lost the chance to have regular Games. However, both at the front and in the rear we have been able to have many opportunities of demonstrating and exercising our sportsmanspirit. Those who are not actually engaged in the battfield rendering such services such as supplement military training or going recreation and playing friendships Games in the entertainment of U.N. forces. Recently, as the war situation became improved, peoples are settled down and the spirit of construction are filled.

I have the pleasure of pointing out the fact that all of the sportsmen and those concerned are here under the banner of Korean Olympic Committee and Korean Amateur Athletic Association without any lost of lives, fulfilling their duties in their respective fields.

We pay a hearty homage to you for your everlasting efforts.

Yours truly,
sign.: Won Soon Lee. »

To this letter the President of the I.O.C. replied as follow:

« Stockholm, July 26th. 1951.

Mr. Sang-Beck Lee.
Honorary Secretary of
Korean Olympic Committee.
Seoul.
Korea.

Dear Mr. Lee,

Many thanks for your letter of June 15th. It was encouraging to hear from you and to learn to know that, in spite of the terrible war, the Olympic movement cannot be stopped.

I agree to the Korean Olympic Committee and send them wishes for rebuilding in order to make it possible to appear at the Olympic Games again and participate in the brotherhood sportmanship *of the world.*

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
sign.: J. S. Edström. »