

† **Count Alberto Bonacossa**

(Member of the I. O. C. for Italy since 1925.)

The International Olympic Committee deeply mourns today the death of one of its most faithful and devoted member: Count Alberto Bonacossa, who died suddenly on Friday, January 30 th, in his residence at Milano.

In 1925, he was elected a member of the I. O. C. to represent Italy. He lost no time in showing his outstanding qualities of kindness, curtesy and friendliness to which were added his vast knowledge and experience in sports. He was called to serve on the Executive Committee of which he was a member for several years; his resignation took place last year at Helsinki, when his time of office came to an end according to Olympic Regulations.

From 1912 up to the time of his death, Count Bonacossa, showed considerable activity within the Italian National Olympic Committee of which he was one of the leading personality. To give a true account of his sporting career on the national or international basis, would be a stupendous undertaking that would compel the publication of a book, so great was the energy with which he carried out the enterprises so dear to his heart. In our Bulletin N^o 4 of April 1947, we gave an account of his principal sports' titles, which though few in number, have a petential meaning on his activity and devotion to his sporting career. The favourite sports he went in for and for which he obtained outstanding results were: football, swimming, winter-sports, skating especially, weight-lifting and alpinism.

In the person of Count Alberto Bonacossa, The International Olympic Committee loses one of its most striking personality and one of his most loyal friend.

The president and the Members of the I. O. C. wish to pay their last respects to his memory and like to convey the expression of their respectful and deepest sympathy to his widow, Countess Bonacossa and to their son Cesare, in their great sorrow. Count Bonacossa will, forever live in the the memory of the I. O. C. as their true friend.