

The 50th Session in Paris

A record beaten was undoubtedly the peak attendance of the members present at the Session. Indeed, out of a total of 69 members, 62 were present. An unprecedented happening in the 61 years of the I.O.C.'s existence.

At the Conference of the International Federations, there were 41 Delegates representing 23 Federations while the Conference of the National Olympic Committees was attended by 77 delegates representing 48 Committees.

The Executive Commission of the I.O.C. which sat already at the Conference of the International Federations as well as at the Conference of the National Olympic Committees has thus, in 9 days, totalled 48 hours of attendance.

Seven delegations of the candidate cities applying for the honour of having the Games of the XVIIth Olympiad in 1960, plead their cause, each in turn, throughout a whole day, while the delegations of 4 Cities wishing to obtain the VIIIth Winter Olympic Games for 1960, defended their point of view throughout a whole morning.

At the Session, a very heavy agenda was forecast ; as the business was not entirely carried out, the all important matter of Amateurism, though it shall be discussed at interims at both the Session of Cortina as well as at Melbourne, has been deferred to the Session of Brussels in 1957.

At all the Meetings held in Paris, the delegates displayed great activity and the work accomplished will, no doubt, bring excellent results.

As far as the festivities are concerned, the Organizing Committee of Paris did exceedingly well. The recalling of all these happy memories in a brief summary would run into pages. Our sincere gratitude goes to the French members of the I.O.C., Mr. A. Massard, Chairman, of the French O. Committee, Mr. François Pietri and Count de Beaumont who snared no trouble to give to all the happiest recollections of our sejour in Paris. This memory is indeed vivid and these gentlemen have fully achieved their purpose. We do not wish the many other close collaborators of the French Olympic Committee to be omitted in the expression of our gratitude.

