

Modern Pentathlon. Unable to organize the Games at San Francisco in 1915, he applied for the patronage of the I. O. C. for a Pentathlon contest which was to be incorporated in the Exhibition's Programme. Consequently, on March 18th 1915, the Olympic flag was flown over the big parade ground of this manifestation. Mr. Allison Armour, member of the I. O. C. for U. S. A. was commissioned to represent the I. O. C. at San Francisco.

This homage to the I. O. C. excited universal interest at the time, and caused a happy repercussion in the Philippines where the United States of America were endeavouring to foist the love of sport.

## OLYMPIC DIPLOMA

In the course of a meeting of the French Olympic Committee which was held at its seat, 4 rue d'Argenson, on October 24th 1955, Mr. ARMAND MASSARD, President of the French Olympic Committee and Vice-President of the I.O.C., handed to Mr. Charles DENIS the Olympic Diploma, which the International Olympic Committee awarded him at its Session in Paris, in June 1955.

In a few simple words, Mr. Armand MASSARD retraced the long career of Charles DENIS who has been for 32 years the main-spring of the Olympic Movement in France,

## THE FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMISSION IN THE I. O. C.

Upon the initiative of Baron de Coubertin, the I. O. C. in 1921, approved of the motion to create an Executive Commission (or Board) this virtually confirmed a situation which already existed. The Executive Commission commenced to function on October 1st 1921 and was composed of the following members : Baron Godefroy de Blonay, Dr. Jiri Guth-Jarkowsky, Comte de Baillet-Latour, Mr. J. S. Edström and Marquis Melchior de Polignac.

he also recalled the active part Mr. Denis took in 1924, while assisting Franz Reichel in the organization of the Olympic Games in Paris.

The President's speech was acknowledged by the unanimous applause of all the members of the French Olympic Committee.

Mr. Charles DENIS expressed his thanks to the I.O.C. and to the French Olympic Committee.

Every member present congratulated Mr. Charles DENIS on the reward he well deserved after so many years of devoted service.

## ARE OUR MEMBERS SPORTSMEN ?

*Mr. STANKO BLOUDEK*

*Member of the I. O. C. for Yugoslavia since 1948, Civil Engineer.*

Ever since his youth this member has taken an active interest in gymnastics, skating and other sports. When he was a student, he founded in his country in 1907, the first Athletics Sports Club where he practised various forms of sports. During his studies at the Prague Polytechnicum, in addition to practising light athletics and skating he took up aviation which was making its debut. In 1911, he built his own plane in which he made several most successful flights.

After the first world war, Mr. Bloudek devoted his sports activity chiefly to light athletics and to skating.

In 1921, he won the National Championship at Discus throwing, and from 1923 to 1924, he became figure skating champion for Yugoslavia.

In 1928, he competed in the figure skating competition at the Olympic Games at St-Moritz, and in 1930 he became a member of the Yugoslav Olympic Committee, also held the post of President of several sports associations.

In order to help the development of sport in his country, he devoted himself in the ca-

capacity of civil engineer to the construction of numerous sports installations such as stadia, swimming pools, skating rinks, tennis courts, diving and spring boards etc. In 1932, he built at Planica (Yugoslavia) the famous first spring-board in the world, upon which till 1948 all the records of jumping were beaten, averaging 84 m to 121 m.

Ever since 1946, Mr. Bloudek has been member of the International Skiing Federation, member of the Olympic Committee for Yugoslavia and President of the Yugoslavian Skating Federation. At Ljubljana, he has held the post of President of the Central Sports Federation. In 1948, at St-Moritz, in the very place where twenty years previously he had participated as skating competitor in the Vth Winter Olympic Games, Mr. Bloudek was honoured with the membership of the International Olympic Committee.

At the present time, he devotes his time between acting as one of the directive power of several sports clubs and associations and acting in the capacity of engineer, to the setting up of new sports installations and equipment in his country.

*KI-POONG LEE*

*Member of the I. O. C. for Korea since 1955*

Date of birth : December 20, 1896. (Year of the celebration of the first Olympiad!)

*Ed.*) After having been graduated from Bo-Sung High School, Seoul he went, in 1917, to the United States where he remained for his studies for 11 years. He took the opportunity of his presence in that country to practise sport.

In 1949 he was elected Mayor of the special City of Seoul and two years later Minister

of National Defense of the Republic of Korea until March 1952. On that same year he was elected President of the Amateur Athletic Association and in 1953 he accepted, in spite of his numerous occupations, the presidency of the National Olympic Committee of Korea. He was elected member of the I. O. C. for his country in 1955.