

## **News release from the Games for the XVI. Olympiad, Melbourne 1956**

### **Olympic Medallions ordered**

Commemorative medallions of the 1956 Olympic Games will be issued to 11,500 people who compete or have some other role in staging the Olympic Games.

An order for that number of medallions has been placed by the Organizing Committee with K. G. Luke (Australasia) Ltd., of Melbourne.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who will open the Games, the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. R. G. Menzies, who is President of the Games, and Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, are among those who will receive medallions.

Others include visiting and local Olympic officials, Olympic Organizing Committee and sub-committee members, and runners in the Olympic Torch relay.

Designed by a Hungarian-born Melbourne sculptor, Mr. Andor Meszaros, the medallion illustrates the march past of the world's athletes around the edge, with one figure carrying the Olympic Flag. The reverse side bears the Coat of Arms of Melbourne and the 5-ring Olympic symbol.

### **Wrestling Mats, Gymnastic Engines and Fencing Equipments**

Two Olympic standard wrestling mats

will be imported from Sweden. Authority for the purchase of two mats from the Swedish firm of Johan Strandh has been given by the Organizing Committee. The Gymnastic engines have been ordered in Switzerland and the special electrical equipment for Fencing is a gift from the Italian Olympic Committee.

### **Many seek Games „Glamor” Jobs**

Hundreds of women have been attracted by the “glamor” Olympic job of chauffeur to international Olympic officials and other high ranking visitors to Melbourne during the Olympic Games.

An immediate response to the Organizing Committee's appeal for voluntary women drivers brought 350 written applications and many telephone inquiries by early December.

Applications came mainly from Melbourne women but also from distant parts of Australia. One application came from Fort Knox, Kentucky, U.S.A.

The Organizing Committee says that more applications are required.

Wearing attractive uniforms the successful applicants will drive a fleet of cars made available without charge to the Organizing Committee by leading car manufacturers or distributors.