

No Gifts to Olympians, please

Not so long ago the International Olympic Committee was approached by a manufacturer who wished to give watches to the winners at the next Olympic Games with his compliments. Offers of the same nature have been made by others from time to time and, of course, all have been declined with thanks since the International Olympic Committee neither wishes to jeopardize the amateur standing of the contestants nor to

permit commercialization of the Games. The victory ceremonies during which the medals are awarded to the winners should not be complicated by the presentation of special trophies or gifts, not even flowers ! The Olympic medal is the greatest honour in the Olympic World and the simplicity and dignity of the ceremony should not be marred by extraneous activities of any kind.