

## THE OLYMPIC FAMILY

### † Mrs. W. M. GARLAND

We have just heard of the death in Los Angeles of Mrs. W. M. Garland, she was in her 89th year and the mother of our member J. J. Garland. She was the widow of the late member of the International Olympic Committee who died a few years ago. Thanks to her generosity, a magnificent bronze plaque, in memory of Baron de Coubertin, is to be placed in the Olympic Coliseum of Los Angeles in the course of this year.

We wish to convey to our member for the United States the expression of our deepest sympathy in his sad bereavement.

### † Sir HAROLD LUXTON

We have only recently heard of the death which took place a few months ago, in October, of the former member of the International Olympic Committee for Australia, Sir

Harold Luxton. The deceased was most devoted to the Olympic cause which he served faithfully from 1933 to 1951. Since then he became an honorary member of the International Olympic Committee. In 1951 he was succeeded by his son, Mr. Lewis Luxton, to whom we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy on the occasion of his sad bereavement.

M. GABRIEL GEMAYEL HONOURED

Cheik Gabriel Gemayel, member of the International Olympic Committee for Lebanon has just been awarded the greatest Lebanese mark of distinction ever bestowed on civilians. Everybody is aware that the initiative of the organization of the Pan-Arabic Games which took place in Beirut from October 12th to October 27th of last year, is due to Mr. Gemayel who actually presided over these Games which have been an outstanding success. Benefitting from a perfect

organization, these Games collected a contingent of a thousand athletes who participated in them. As a mark of grateful appreciation for services rendered in the cause of these Games, the President of the Lebanese Republic bestowed the National Order du Cèdre with the rank of Commandeur on Mr. Gemayel. We wish to convey to the latter our heartiest congratulations.

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TO THE BELGIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

We have been informed that His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Belgium has accepted the Honorary Presidency of the Belgian Olympic Committee ; this brings forward another proof of the benevolence and the attachment shown to sport and Olympism by the Royal Family of Belgium.

We wish to present to the Belgian Olympic Committee our most sincere congratulations.

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MR. AVERY BRUNDAGE HONOURED

Last January, Mr. Avery Brundage has had the great honour of receiving the first Bowditch Memorial Award for "Outstanding Service to Humanity", from the Sportsmanship Brotherhood in New York. The President of the International Olympic Committee has certainly deserved such an honour and we wish to congratulate him cordially.

## IN RUMANIA

INSTITUTION OF SPORT FEDERATIONS

As a part of the reorganization of the sport Movement in Rumania, one has proceeded to the founding of federations by categories of sport, these will play a much more important part than the former central Boards.

The following federations have been created recently : Athletics, Skiing, Bobsleigh, Equestrian Sports and Modern Pentathlon, Weightlifting, Shooting, Volley-Ball, Boxing, Chess, Wrestling, Football, Hockey and Skating, Swimming, Fencing, Judo (Rumanian National sport), Gymnastics and Cycling. The other federations will be created at an early date.





**TERRY MCGOVERN**, Vice President of the Sportsmanship Brotherhood presents John Perry Bowditch Memorial Award to Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee.

*(See our appropriate text in the present edition.)*