

## The IIIrd Mediterranean Games are out of danger

In our Bulletin No 56 we enumerated the various reasons which constituted a threat to the IIIrd Mediterranean Games, due to be held in October of this year in Beirut. Cheik Gabriel Gemayel, President of the Organizing Committee, travelled in the course of the Spring to the Chancellery of the International Olympic Committee at Lausanne and to the headquarters of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (I.A.A.F.), in London, in the hope of arriving at a solution which would make it possible for athletics to be included in the Programme of these Games.

As a result of the goodwill and the sporting spirit evinced by both the parties in question (the International Amateur Athletics Federation and the Lebanese organizers) it has proved possible to effect a compromise which will allow the Lebanese Organizing Committee to include athletics in their programme without causing the International Amateur Athletics Federation to act in a manner contrary to the decision adopted at their last congress in Stockholm. In fact, the terms of this solution require that the athletic events be held outside the aegis of the Mediterranean Games and that they be entitled, *Lebanon Games* although they will be held at the same time as the Mediterranean Games. Hence these events will not figure among the results of the Mediterranean Games. Thus everyone will be satisfied.