

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

UNDER WHOSE HIGH PATRONAGE  
THE GAMES OF THE XVII OLYMPIAD WILL BE  
CELEBRATED IN ROME

Palazzo del Quirinale

Happy and proud to have been chosen as host for the 1960 Olympiad, Italy, as the urgent pace of constructional work shows, gives proof that she is conscious of the importance of the event and of the spiritual and social value it will assume.

In Rome, where the ancient Hellenic rite will be renewed to revive a significant tradition, representatives of the youth of all nations will be welcome to compete in noble emulation under the Olympic flame and may their generous efforts bear witness not only to controlled physical strength and steadfastness of will but also and primarily to a faith in a better future for all when, within the limits of the legitimate aspirations of individual peoples, all differences are resolved to create a constant harmony of co-existence based on loyalty and trust under the symbol of freedom and justice.

*Gronchi.*