

THE ETRUSCAN TOMB OF THE ATHLETES

*The most recent Italian archaeological discovery
in the necropolis, at Tarquina*

In *Olympiad 1960* Renato Giani says in which circumstances the Etruscan tomb of the athletes has been discovered, which is the latest important archaeological find in Italy. It is worth a visit for anyone who wants to have as accurate a picture as possible of the Italian tradition of athletic games and of the pictorial way of commemorating them. The tomb forms part of the vast group in the Etruscan necropolis at Tarquina, on the Monterozzi. It was discovered in the course of excavations carried out with modern drilling methods at the end of March 1958. The Sepulchre was opened after 2400 years of sacred solitude. The whole ensemble is

like having a look through a window at the arena where the Olympic Games were being held.

The frescoes have now been recomposed in the lovely Museum of Tarquina where the visitors of the Rome Games will have the opportunity to admire them.