

# President Brundage second visit in Europe in 1959

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The Prize Christophus Columbus awarded  
to the International Olympic Committee*

Last October, Mr. Avery Brundage paid a second visit to Europe in the course of 1959. He presided over the Executive Board's Meeting in Paris on October 2nd 1959. The members of the Executive Board, in full attendance, examined the various problems which are to be submitted at the forthcoming plenary Session to be held in San Francisco in February 1960.

After spending three days at the International Olympic Committee headquarters in Lausanne, Mr. Brundage proceeded to Genoa where he received on behalf of the International Olympic Committee the prize 'Christophus Columbus' styled in the conventional design of a sailing ship wrought in solid gold, inserted with diamonds. In the course of this ceremony which was very impressive Mr. Giovanni Gronchi, President of the Italian Republic, assisted by Mr. V. Pertusio, Mayor of Genoa, handed this award to the President of the International Olympic Committee at the Town Hall (Tursi Palazzo) on October 12th, anniversary date of the birth of the great Genovese navigator.

Herewith is the citation which accompanied the adjudicating of this prize, which is to be seen at the Lausanne Olympic Museum:

*The Commission appointed for the attribution of the International Prize of Sport met this morning at the Tursi Palazzo (Town Hall) under the presidency of the Lord Mayor Vittorio Pertusio, when it unanimously agreed to bestow the prize Christophus Columbus 1959 to the International Olympic Committee in virtue of the efficient contribution this Committee has made to bring about the development of the ideals of sport and in carrying out the continuity of the Olympic Games.*

Among the personalities present at the Ceremony let us mention H.E. the Cardinal of Genoa, Comm. Aldo Mairano, president of Italian Panathlon and his colleagues: Mr. Caffish, Pozzani, Supino, Chiesa, Petrucci, della Pergola and the untiring Gen. Secy.

of Panathlon Club for Italy: Mr. Galetto Valladares as well as Me Antoine Hafner, president of Panathlon Club in Geneva, and numerous local personalities.

In the course of our visit in Genoa, the members of the Italian Panathlon never failed to give us proof of their hospitality for which we thank them most heartily. In the impossibility to mention them all, let us recall the dinner offered in honour of President Brundage by Comm. A. Mairano, President of Italian Panathlon. It was attended by nearly hundred guests; we noticed the presence of the Lord Mayor of Genoa Mr. Vittorio Perusio, Mr. Viali of Venice, founder of the concept of Panathlon, Count Paolo Thaon di Revel, Mr. Giorgio De Stefani, etc.

In the magnificent setting of the Genoa Yachting Club, we were entertained to a luncheon party presided by Mr. Luido Giovanelli, Vice- President of the club.

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From Genoa, The President of the International Olympic Committee went to Beirut in order to attend the IIIrd Mediterranean Games. On his way he stopped one day in Rome in order to see for himself the progress realized there in connection with the forthcoming Games.

From the Lebanon, Mr. Avery Brundage, carrying still further his Olympic journey visited Madrid, Lisbon and London before returning to the United States.



*Genova, Oct. 1959. H. E. M. Giovanni Gronchi, President of the Italian Republic, hands over to the President of the International Olympic Committee the International Sport Price « Christoforo Colombo » (see text in the present edition).*



ITALIAN OLYMPIC STAMPS FOR THE 1960 GAMES

*(Ed.) We take this opportunity to ask the Olympic Committees to let us have a copy of the Olympic stamps which might be issued in their country; they are foreseen to be placed in the Olympic Museum at Lausanne. Thanks in advance.*

**opposite:**

*The 'Christophe Colomb' Prize has been awarded by the Municipality of Genova to the International Olympic Committee (see text in the present edition).*

