

## THE OLYMPIC FAMILY

### † Enrique Alberdi

A great sportsman has passed on. On November 7th 1959, Enrique Alberdi, member of the International Olympic Committee for Argentine since 1952, was flying, with three friends, on an aircraft near Buenos-Aires and crashed. All four were killed instantly. Alberdi was one of the youngest member of the International Olympic Committee and where he had only friends.

In his young age he participated in several athletic championships as representative of the School of Architecture and, later on, of the University. It was in the sport of Polo that he found to be the most successful. He started practising that sport in 1930. At the present time he had the highest handicap in Argentine, and in 1953 and 1954, he was the best polo player in his country. He was selected for various international teams to participate in events staged in United States, Great Britain, France, Spain, Chile and Brazil. He was captain of the winning team of the latest World Polo championships, of the first Pan-American Games and of the America Cup in 1950. He was President of two sports clubs and, from 1949 to 1952, President of the Argentine Polo Association. His last appearance in the International Olympic Committee was in Rome in May 1959, when he represented the Argentine Olympic Committee and, a few days later, in Munich at the Session of the International Olympic Committee.

To Mrs. Alberdi, his family and to the Argentine Olympic Committee we wish to express our deepest and sincerest sympathy.

### † Stanko Bloudek

Mr. Stanko Bloudek, member of the International Olympic Committee for Yugoslavia, died at his residence at Ljubljana on November 26th 1959. The deceased was elected member of the International Olympic Committee at the Session in St.-Moritz in 1948. He became a devoted member of this Committee and took a libely interest in its activities. His last appearance was on the occasion of the International Olympic Committee Session at Munich last May.

Ever since his early youth, Mr. Bloudek practised gymnastics, skating and other sports. When he was still a student, he founded in 1907 the first sports club of his country where he went in for many sports. During his studies at the Polytechnic of Prague, he took up civil aviation which was at its very beginnings, as well as athletic

sports and skating. In 1911, he built his own airplane in which he made several successful flights. In 1921, he won the title of National Champion of discus and 1923-1924 he became Skating Champion for Yugoslavia. In 1928, he competed in the skating events at the Olympia Games of St.-Moritz, and in 1930 he was elected member of the Olympic Committee for Yugoslavia as well as president of several sporting associations.

After his retiral from competitive sport, in his quality of civil engineer, he devoted much of his time to the building of several sport installations, such as stadia, swimming-pools, tennis courts, spring-boards for jumping competitions, etc. At Planica (Yugoslavia), he built the first and most famous spring-board of the world for ski-jumps where up to 1948, all the world records were beaten, starting from 84 m. up to 121 m. In 1946, he was elected member of the International Federation of Skiing. At Ljubljana, he also presided the Sport Central Association.

We deplore the death of this eminent personality who devoted so much of his life to the cause of sport. He will be best remembered by his colleagues of the International Olympic Committee who knew and appreciated him. We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to his family and the Olympic Committee for Yugoslavia in their sad bereavement.

### Lt.-Col. R. H. Russell

is elected president of the International Amateur Boxing Association

The Delegates of the International Amateur Boxing Association met in a Congress held in Paris last November. The election of a new president to take the place of Mr. Grémaux (France), who died recently, happened to be one of the most important items on the Agenda. Lt. Col. R. H. Russell, who, up to the present time, was Hon. Secy. of the International Amateur Boxing Association was elected president unanimously. The International Amateur Boxing Association could not have made a more judicious choice in view of the fact that no one has a better knowledge and truer understanding of all the inside working of this federation and technique of amateur Boxing than Lt. Col. Russell. We wish to convey our heartiest congratulations to the newly appointed president, while expressing the hope that his years in office will be crowned with success.