

## *Homage paid to Mr. A. Bolanaki in Cairo*

An imposing ceremony took place in Cairo, on May 18th 1960, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the nomination of Mr. Bolanaki as member of the International Olympic Committee. As a matter of fact this jubilee commemorates the time he has been in office since his appointment as member of the International Olympic Committee during its Session held in Luxemburg from June 11th to June 13th 1910. He was elected member for Egypt on the first instance, then, as Greek citizen he became member for Greece ever since 1933. In his capacity of senior member of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. Angelo Bolanaki has thus broken a new type of Olympic record.

This friendly Egypto-Greek manifestation took place in the presence of the Authorities of the RAU as well as of leading personalities belonging to High Society and the sporting world. Mr. Ahmed El-Demerdache Touni, General Secretary of the new Olympic Committee of the RAU, delivered a speech appropriated to the occasion when he dwelt on the various athletic achievements performed by the honoured member in the course of his

life. 'Thanks to the financial and moral support, added the speaker, Mr. Bolanaki founded in 1908 the sports clubs' Association, then, in 1910, he founded the Olympic Committee for Egypt and later caused the Olympic Stadium of Alexandria to be built'. On Mr. Bolanaki fell the honour to hoist the first Olympic flag on the Stadium of Chatly in Alexandria, an innovation in Olympic History since this happened on April 5th 1914, six years before the Olympic flag was officially flown at the Antwerp Games in 1920. Mr. Bolanaki delivered a speech which was an outstanding success. To commemorate the occasion, a medal bearing his effigy was cast, when Mr. Bolanaki was presented with the original medal cast in gold. The International Olympic Committee joined in the rejoicing of this successful jubilee and paid its tribute to the honoured member by sending him a telegramme suitable to the occasion. It goes without saying that Madame Bolanaki received her share of praise when, according to the report of a Cairo newspaper, she looked beautiful in the radiance of her happiness.