

THE OLYMPIC FAMILY

† General Henri Guisan

At midnight on Thursday April 7th, General Henri Guisan died at his residence of Verte Rive at Pully near Lausanne, at the age of 86. The deceased was member of the International Olympic Committee from 1937 to 1939. In consequence of his nomination as General in Chief of the Swiss Army in August 30th 1939, he had to resign his post on the International Olympic Committee, on account of the international character of the Olympic Movement. On the 20th of August 1945, he resigned his post as Commander in Chief of the Swiss Army and retired, living on his property by the shore of the Lake Lemman.

Throughout his life, General Guisan has been a keen sportsman and a fervent admirer and supporter of the Olympic Movement. He held the view that, if correctly applied, sport is a valuable asset contributing to the good of the race. He believed that before taking up any form of sport, a preliminary course of gymnastics or physical training were necessary. The deceased presided over countless equestrian sports meetings as well as athletic competitions. He also followed with keen interest skiing competitions and it was thanks to his support that military sport manifestations on a large scale could be organized. He launched the idea in Switzerland of preliminary physical culture and military training and became president of the sporting club called 'Lausanne Stade'. He was also honorary member of the Swiss Football and Athletic Association. A fine grand figure of a sportsman, beloved by all, has passed away, the whole nation mourns his loss. He was given a State and military funeral which took place in Lausanne on April 12th which was witnessed by a crowd of over 120,000 persons.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to his devoted wife, Madame Guisan and to his family, to his son, Colonel Guisan, a great sportsman too, who was president of the Swiss Skiing Federation as well as president of the Swiss Yachting Union. The International Olympic Committee will retain for many years to come a stirring memory of its former member.

† Mr. Ki Poong Lee

We deeply regret the death of Mr. Ki Poong Lee which occurred on April 28th 1960. The deceased was a personality deeply attached to the Olympic Movement which he served faithfully since 1955 in his capacity of member of the International Olympic Committee for Korea and of president of the Korean Olympic Committee which has its seat at Seoul. The International Olympic Committee wishes to convey to this Committee its deepest sympathy.