

## The reorganization of the Central American and Caribbean Games

These Games are the oldest among Regional International Competitions recognized by the International Olympic Committee. They have been held without interruption every four years since 1926 when the First Games were organized in the City of Mexico with entries from Cuba, Guatemala and Mexico which became the founders of these Games. The last were the eighth of the series which took place in Caracas early in January of 1959.

Inasmuch as its charter or constitution had not been changed, or modified, it became necessary to bring it up to date and adjust it to the needs of the present generation. Which these objects in view, special meetings were called in Caracas in January, in Kingston in May, and in Chicago in August of 1959. A new charter was developed by the

labouring delegates to these various meetings and it was in Chicago that it was decided that a second vote should be taken on the approval of the Charter by a special meeting which was convened in Mexico City, the cradle of the Games, last February. Delegates from ten Nations were present on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of that month.

The result of these meetings was the approval of a new Charter, or Constitution in accordance with the needs, conditions, and circumstances of our present-day life. It covers the need of reducing the cost of these competitions, limiting the number of sports in accordance with the economic possibilities of the development of sports within its circuit and stressing the need for greater international understanding and [strengthening the ties of friendship which meets approval among

the sixteen countries which are members of these Regional Games. In addition, the General Rules for the conduct of the Games were approved which will efficiently serve the organization of the next Games which were awarded to Kingston, Jamaica, to take

place in 1962. The opening session of these special meetings was attended by Dr. Jaime Torres Bodet, Secretary of Public Education and Ex-Secretary General of the UNESCO.  
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