

## THE OLYMPIC FAMILY

### Mr. Włodzimierz Reczek

*Member of the International Olympic Committee for Poland since 1961.*

Born in Cracow in 1911, Mr. Reczek is a jurist and is President of the Physical Training High Commission and of Tourism. He also has been President of the Polish Olympic Committee for the last ten years.

Already at boarding-school and later at the University of the Jagiellons, he went in for several sports, specially skiing, boxing, basketball and alpinism. On several occasions, he was appointed member of the school selection Committee in connection with basketball competitions. In the course of his life as a student, he qualified as licensed team sports instructor. He is taking an active part in the organization of the University sport movement.

The war of 1939-1945 caused him to interrupt his sport activity. After the war, Mr. Reczek devoted himself to the organization of the sport and Tourism Movement in Poland in which he holds highly responsible posts. He held the post of President of the Polish Tourism Association. In his capacity of President of the Olympic Committee for Poland, he led the Polish contingent who competed in the Olympics of Cortina d'Ampezzo, Melbourne and in Rome. He is well-known as a patron of Art and organized Art Exhibitions featuring sport under various forms.

### †Dr. Jose Joaquim Fernandes Pontes

Dr. Jose Pontes passed away in Lisbon on September 24th. He was a member of the International Olympic Committee for Portugal from 1946 to 1956, when he resigned and was elected an honorary member.

Dr. Pontes was a Doctor of Medicine, a Journalist, a former Senator and Vice-President of the permanent Inter-Allied Committee for the victims of the war. He studied medicine at Lisbon University, where he took an active part in sport, particularly in gymnastics, wrestling and weight-lifting. He was the leading organizer of the very first water-polo matches, automobile races, football matches, fencing tournaments and the director of the Lisbon cycle-racing track. He founded many sports clubs and staged innumerable events, congresses and sport gatherings. As a journalist he contributed to several periodicals thus serving the cause of sport most faithfully and

efficiently. As a leader, he assumed a number of important functions, among which: were President of the Portuguese Gymnasium Club and Former President of the Association of professors for physical education. From 1909 to 1914 he was General Secretary of the first Portuguese Olympic Committee. From 1922 and for more than thirty years he has been President of that Committee.

A highly likeable man, Dr. Pontes will leave to the heart of the International Olympic Committee the memory of a man gripped by the Olympic ideal, sincerely attached to his principles and devoted to the responsibilities which were entrusted to him. Among his colleagues he leaves only friends.

We wish to express the committee's sincere sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Palmiera Pontes in her sad bereavement.