

THE OLYMPIC FAMILY

† Dr. Ferenc Mezö

Dr. Ferenc Mezö, member of the International Olympic Committee for Hungary since 1948, died at Budapest on November 21st 1961 after a long illness to which he succumbed shortly after his return from attending the Session at Athens last June. A scholar above everything, he was the author of numerous works and articles on sport which have been published in Hungary and in fifteen foreign countries. He had been a student of both Greek and Latin as well as of modern languages. In the field of sport, during his student's days, he won several titles for the high jump, weight-lifting and shooting. He competed in the Olympic Art Exhibitions at the Amsterdam Olympic Games in 1928 and was awarded a gold medal for his book *History of the Olympic Games*. He owned an important collection of books as well as an Olympic Museum which contained valuable information bearing on the Olympic Games and sports as well as works of Art connected with them. As a leader of sport, Dr. Mezö successfully held the following posts:

1932-1946: General Secretary of the Hungarian Olympic Association.

1945-1946: President of the Hungarian scientific Sports and Physical Culture Association.

1945-1948: Head supervisor of sports at the Hungarian Ministry of Religion and Education.

For years, he gave numerous lectures on the history and literature of sports, both in Hungary and abroad. One of his last works entitled: *The Modern Olympic Games* published the results of the first three finalists in all the Olympic Games till 1952 and a brief historical account of these Games.

This work was published in 1956 in five languages and met with considerable success, being a most useful document to all interested on this subject.

Only a few months before his death, Dr. Mezö was to have the joy of seeing once again the ruins of Olympia, on the occasion of the Athens Session, for this spot was for him a favourite place of meditation where he loved to retire within himself.

Dr. Mezö will be remembered within the International Olympic Committee as a man entirely devoted to the cause of Olympism. He will be deeply regretted by all the members. To his daughter Olympia, we wish to express in the name of the International Olympic Committee our most sincere sympathy in her sad bereavement.