

## About a Jubilee

*We received following letter from the Netherlandish Olympic Committee which we have pleasure to publish as it concerns the 50th Anniversary of its foundation (1912-1962).*

We have the pleasure to send you under separate cover a copy of our jubilee book, written by one of our most well-known sports journalists Mr. J. Cottaar.

The celebration festivities round our jubilee were characterized by the propagation of the Olympic Movement. The festivities started in Scheveningen by igniting a symbolic flame and hoisting the Netherlands Olympic flag. Present were those whose names appear on the Olympic Roll of Honour as of 1908 (about 160 persons who could be reached were present), as well as youngster members of Olympic sports organizations from the 11 provinces of the Netherlands. After this Ceremony the medalists and all the others appearing on the Roll of Honour were assembled at a lunch, while the young representatives were entertained separately. In the afternoon, a ceremonial session was held at which H.R.H.

Prince Bernhard was present and during which several speeches were made, i.a. by the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Education, as representative of the Netherlands Government and by Lt.-Gen. Pahud de Mortanges as a member of the International Olympic Committee. Finally there was a reception which was attended by large numbers of civil and military authorities.

Besides the above-mentioned festivities, a pamphlet, entitled *The Olympic Movement*, has published and distributed among all of the pupils of the highest classes of all grammar- and secondary schools in the Netherlands. This pamphlet was very well received. A copy of same is enclosed herewith. (The printing amounted to 110,000 copies.)

We are glad to say that the press-cuttings regarding this celebration show that good propaganda was made for the Olympic Movement.

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