

With the Pentathlon Athletes in Mexico

Twenty-one members of the International Olympic Committee accepted the kind invitation of the Mexican Olympic Committee to take part in the World Championships of the Modern Pentathlon, which took place in Mexico from October 21st to 25th 1962. They were thus able to visit the new sports installations destined for the use of the young people of Mexico, which gained for the Mexican Olympic Committee the Bonaccosa Trophy for 1962.

The new sports centre in Mexico City consists mainly of seventeen football grounds with stands, twenty-four without stands and twenty for the use of juniors — in all a total of sixty-one grounds. There are also twenty-two basket-ball pitches, seventeen for volleyball, twenty-four for baseball, two swimming pools with diving boards, numerous pools and fountains, running and cycling tracks etc., etc. Every kind of sport can be enjoyed. One can judge the importance of this stadium by the fact that it covers a total area

of more than two million square metres. while the swimming pools alone cover 28,590 square metres.

The members of the International Olympic Committee were also able to visit and see in detail the stadium and the swimming pool of the University, the new shooting range and the military camp where the horsemanship trials are held. The Mexican Olympic Committee, aided by the federal and municipal authorities, has made an immense effort to give Mexico modern sporting equipment, so that the youth of that country can have the benefit of healthy and enlivening occupations.

A dinner, given by the Mexican Olympic Committee, brought together the members of the International Olympic Committee and the delegates of the International Federations. It was followed by a meeting, during which Mr. Avery Brundage, the President of the International Olympic Committee.

presented the problems of today, and the difficulties which could only be overcome by the close collaboration between the two organizations. There followed a friendly and helpful exchange of views, which accentuated the unanimous desire to act in close co-operation, which is also a necessity.

The members of the International Olympic Committee paid a visit to their colleague the Engineer Marte R. Gomez who, owing to his illness, was not able to be with them. They were glad to know that their friend was making a good recovery. They were

also the guests of the Authorities, the Mexican Olympic Committee, and of their colleague General Jose de J. Clark F., in the course of an unforgettable evening. They were also able to visit Puebla in the centre of Mexico, where they saw a very colourful Youth Festival, which was remarkably well produced. All the members left delighted with their stay, and very grateful to all the members of the Mexican Olympic Committee, who gave of themselves without stint to assure them of an instructive and interesting visit combined with a warm and friendly welcome.