

## † Death of the Baroness Pierre de Coubertin

The widow of the man who revived the Olympic Games died in her 102nd year, on May 6th last in a Lausanne clinic. Her daughter, Renée de Coubertin, was at her bedside. Stricken with bronchitis during the course of the hard winter of 1963, she suffered a relapse from which she never recovered. In our Bulletin N° 74 of May 15th 1961 we gave a detailed account of the life of the deceased. Let us recall that the Baroness married the Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1892 in Paris. Two children were born of the marriage, a son born in 1896, dead in 1950, and a daughter, Mademoiselle Renée de Coubertin born in 1902, who lived with her mother.

The funeral service for the Baroness Marie de Coubertin was held in Lausanne Cathedral on May 10th. The International Olympic Committee was represented by its Vice-President, Monsieur Armand Massard, President of the French Olympic Committee, His Excellency Mohamed Taher ; while the High Commission for Youth and Sport in France was represented by Colonel Crespin.

The Swiss Olympic Committee was represented by its President, Monsieur Marcel Henninger and by its Secretary-General Monsieur Jean Weymann. Three speeches were made by Monsieur G. Jaccottet, Municipal Councillor for the town of Lausanne, Monsieur Armand Massard and Monsieur O'Connor, French Consul-General in Lausanne.

Mademoiselle Renée de Coubertin was supported by her family, which included cousins and relations who had come from Paris. The burial took place at the Bois de Vaux cemetery in Lausanne in the plot given by the town of Lausanne to the Baron de Coubertin where he himself has lain since 1937.

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The International Olympic Committee would like to thank all those who associated themselves with this sad bereavement by the sending of flowers, letters and telegrams.

To Mademoiselle Renée de Coubertin and to his family we would like to express once more our deep and sincere sympathy.







