

THE OLYMPIC FAMILY

† Mr. Angelo Bolanaki

Death of the Doyen of the International Olympic Committee

For several years, Mr. Angelo Bolanaki had been in the habit of spending a month in Lausanne during the summer. He loved the calm restful atmosphere and also the Olympic spirit which emanates from that city. Lausanne was the favourite city of Baron de Coubertin, who is buried there, and Mr. Bolanaki was his most faithful disciple and an ardent protagonist of his ideas.

On July 20th, 1963, Mr. Bolanaki arrived in Lausanne, only to be admitted to a clinic three days later, struck down by bronchial pneumonia. Three days later again he died peacefully in his sleep. At his bedside were his two nieces and a nephew.

It would take too long to enumerate here all his fruitful activities in the sphere of sport. As early as 1910, Baron de Coubertin appointed him the ambassador of the International Olympic Committee to Egypt, a post which he filled until 1932, and which he left to become member of the International Olympic Committee for Greece, as he was a citizen of that country. He became Doyen of the Committee to which he was attached as an active member until his death at the age of eighty-six.

As early as 1896, he was holder of the 100 metre record, in an incredible time for that era, as he achieved it in 10" 4/5. Later he became holder of the 150 and 220 yards, Long Jump (7 m. 23) and High Jump with 1.78 m.

From 1911 he devoted himself to the administration of sport and was the instigator of many an organization in Egypt. In the same year, he founded the Egyptian

Olympic Committee. In 1918, he created the Alexandria Stadium, still in existence today, which was the scene of the First Mediterranean Games in 1951, of which he was one of the king-pin, and whose presidency was assumed by their creator, H. E. Mohammed Taher.

He held many distinctions, both civil and sporting, among which should be mentioned the Olympic Diploma of Merit which was bestowed on him by the International Committee for the many services rendered to the Olympic cause.

In 1959, Mr. Bolanaki donated many precious objects and manuscripts to the Olympic Museum of Lausanne, among which were authentic letters of Baron de Coubertin. For the placing of these objects, he insisted on assuming financial responsibility and for the acquisition of show-cases. It is there that his trophies, his decorations and his numerous medals are deposited. In 1960, he gave to the Museum the first Olympic flag, made by order of de Coubertin in Paris, in 1913. Mr. Bolanaki was the holder, and he insisted that this flag, raised for the first time in the history of Olympics on April 5th 1914 over the Chatby Stadium in Alexandria, should be kept in the Olympic Museum of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne. On May 18th 1960, a moving ceremony took place in Alexandria in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of his election to the centre of the International Olympic Committee. This was the last official ceremony at which he was present. From then onwards, he settled permanently in Paris. His wife, who had accompanied her husband to all the sessions of the International Olympic Committee, died there in October 1960. Mr. Bolanaki suffered very greatly from the loss of his wife and was inconsolable. His health suffered and he did not attend the last two

sessions, he who, in 60 years, had not missed a single one.

There is much that could still be written on such an active life, but it has only been possible here to mention the bare essentials. We shall all treasure a lively memory of this man's impressive personality and equable temperament.

May his family, his nephews and his nieces, Monsieur and Madame Axelos and Monsieur and Madame Guy Gimel, take comfort in the expression of our profound sympathy.

(A religious ceremony took place at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Lausanne, which was strictly private.)

Club of Rio de Janeiro and founder and first President of the Brazilian Olympic Committee. He introduced the scout movement into Brazil.

To his Family and to the Comité Olimpico Brasileiro, we wish to express our deepest sympathy.

Members of the International Olympic Committee, who had the privilege of knowing Dr. Guinle, will retain a stirring memory of its former member who was sincerely attached to the principles of the Olympic Movement and devoted to the responsibil-

† The late Colonel P.W. Scharroo

On August 19th, we received the news of the death of Colonel P.W. Scharroo, who had been a member of the International Olympic Committee since 1924. He ceased all active committee work some years ago and he had been made an honorary member. He died at the age of 79 at The Hague. In his younger days, he had taken part in various sports, notably fencing, and it was as a fencer that he had participated in many national and international competitions both in his own country, Holland, and abroad. As its moving spirit, he was Vice-President of the Dutch Olympic Committee at a time when he still rendered active service to sport. In 1928, he was Vice-President of the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games at Amsterdam and he was sometime President of the Dutch Athletic Federation and member of the Dutch Superior Council for Physical Education. For several years, he was also a member of the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee, where his opinions were much respected. Among the members of this committee, he has left many friends to mourn his death.

To his widow, Madame Peter Scharroo, we offer our deep and sincere sympathy, and we shall always keep a grateful memory of her late husband for his devoted attachment to the Olympic cause.

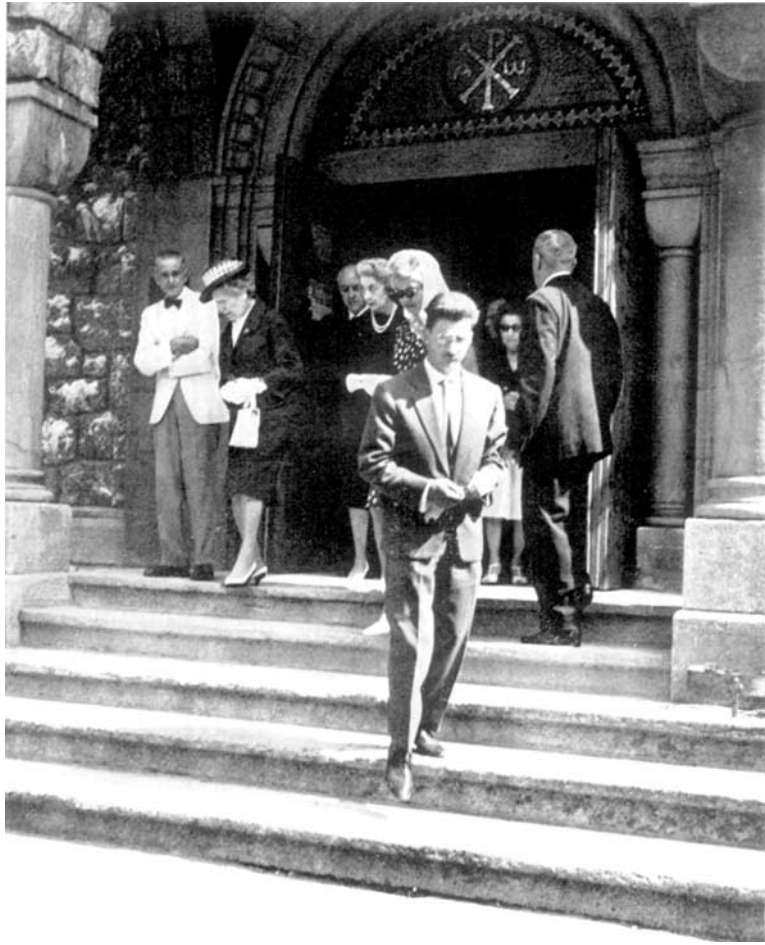
† Dr Arnaldo Guinle

In September, we have been informed that Dr. Arnaldo Guinle passed away. He was member of the International Olympic Committee for Brazil since 1923. He retired in 1961 and was elected Honorary member.

Dr. Guinle was actively engaged in sport throughout his youth. In 1914, he was appointed president of the Fluminense Football Club, which, under his influence, has become the most modern Association in Brazil. This club was awarded the Olympic Cup in 1949 from the International Olympic Committee. Dr. Guinle was founder of the Yacht

After Mr. Bolanaki's death





After the religious ceremony in Lausanne: the members of Mr. A. Bolanaki's Family.



The family members of Mr. Angelo Bolanaki and the representatives of the International Olympic Committee after the religious ceremony which took place in Lausanne.