



In memory of Mr. Jean Ketseas

On the 6th of April this year the International Olympic Committee heard with stupefaction of the sudden death of Mr. Jean Ketseas, member of the I.O.C. for Greece.

Over and above the grief caused by his passing there is the feeling of an irreparable loss. With him a little of the original Olympic spirit has been extinguished.

This admirable man exuded the radiance peculiar to those that practise what they preach. He combined thought and action, tradition and innovation in his tastes, austerity and humour, lively intelligence and wide cultural knowledge in perfect proportions. He put each at the service of the cause to which, among all others, he was most devoted : the Olympic Movement.

Mr. Ketseas was elected member of the International Olympic Committee in 1946. His sporting past was sown with remarkable successes. Having competed at the national level in many running events, the long jump and the high jump, he won second, then first place in the latter event at the Pan-Hellenic Games of 1905 and 1906, and was selected for the Greek team to take part in the Athens Games organized the same year. He was an accomplished tennis-player, and won in many singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles

tournaments, including the international men's doubles championship in Athens in 1925.

As a leading sportsman Mr. Jean Ketseas had many posts. In particular he presided over the Greek athletics and tennis federations and, after having for a long time been secretary-general of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, he became one of its vice-presidents, it being traditional for the presidency to go to the heir to the Throne.

Mr. Ketseas was also and above all president of the Board of Trustees of the International Olympic Academy, whose fifth session, for which he worked so hard, will be held without him in Olympia from 8 to 24 August. The fortunes of the Academy were particularly dear to his heart, for he was among those who did not see the Olympic Movement purely as a sporting movement. He was a humanist who had made himself the apostle of the complete man.

Mr. Jean Ketseas' friends and colleagues will remember him with emotion and gratitude. Born in the cradle of the Olympic Movement itself, he personified the link between the past and the present.

The future will be marked by his memory.