

communiqués and news in brief

Olympia and its Games

In our last number we announced the publication in German of a very fine work on the Ancient Games written by Dr. Heinz Schöbel, President of the Olympic Committee of East Germany and we expressed our wish to see it published shortly in other languages. This has now been done as far as English is concerned. We strongly recommend all readers interested in Olympism and its history to obtain a copy of "The Ancient Olympic Games" in England from Studio Vista Ltd., Blue Star House, Highgate Hill, London, N. 19 ; or in the United States from D. Van Nostrand Co. Inc., 120 Alexander Street, Princeton, New Jersey. They will be captivated by this masterly account of a civilization that concerns us all. A French version is planned for the summer. It will be followed by editions in Dutch and Spanish.



Praxiteles' Hermes.

*At Mon-Repos, from left to right : Messrs. A. Mayer, M. Hodler and Von der Mühl.
(Photograph by Presse-Diffusion, Lausanne.)*

The F.I.M.S. at Hanover

The International Federation of Sports Medicine will hold its sixteenth congress in Hanover (Germany) from June 12th to 16th, 1966. The theme proposed to congress members is "Deterioration and improvement of functions in modern life". In addition, the programme provides for exchanges of views on sports competition at high altitude, as well as a report by Dr. J. B. Wolffe on the first work of the Committee of the Olympic Medical Archives, of which he is president (see "Bulletin" No. 92, page 80).

Reports of the I.O.A.

The number of pages that we are able to devote in this "Bulletin" to the International Olympic Academy is unfortunately, for obvious reasons, very limited. Each of the lectures given at the five meetings of the I.O.A. is worthy of full attention, for all constitute a rich source of information on the various aspects of Olympism, its history, psychology, essence and ramifications. Our readers will therefore be glad to hear that these texts are published in the reports of the I.O.A.'s meetings, which can be obtained, for the years 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965, from the International Academy, 4 Kapsali Street, Athens 138.

Hermes at Mon-Repos

The Greco-Swiss Friendship Association has donated a magnificent copy of Praxiteles' Hermes to the Olympic Museum at Mon-Repos in Lausanne. This cast, the original of which is to be seen at Olympia where it was discovered, was presented on March 26th, the day after the Greek National Day, by Mr. H. R. Von der Mühl, President of the Association and Olympic medallist for architecture at Amsterdam in 1928. Mr. Albert R. Mayer, representing President Brundage, and Mr. Marc Hodler, both members of the I.O.C. for Switzerland, attended this ceremony which was also honoured by the presence of Mrs. Carl Diem, Mr. Emmanuel Spyridakis, Consul General of Greece, and Mr. G.-A. Chevallaz, Mayor of Lausanne, as well as a number of other Greek and Swiss personalities. Mr. Von der Mühl, a Hellenist in heart and culture, briefly recalled the work and excavations that culminated in the discovery of this statue of Hermes and its attribution to Praxiteles in spite of the marks left on it by its Roman restorers. The copy that now enriches the Greek room at Mon-Repos was made by the Louvre workshops. Mr. Albert Mayer was called on to express the I.O.C.'s gratitude to the Greco-Swiss Friendship Association, which he did with great warmth referring to the ties binding modern Olympism to Eternal Greece, retracing the history of the revival of the Games and welcoming the presence of the King of Greece, H. M. King Constantine, on the International Olympic Committee. After wishing the International Olympic Academy the brilliant success it deserves, which the plans now being put into effect will ensure for it, Mr. Mayer called on Mr. Spyridakis to speak. The Greek Consul General congratulated the I.O.C. and extended his best wishes for the success of its work of promoting the spread of principles dear to Greece. Finally Mr. Chevallaz, the Mayor of Lausanne, paid homage to Greek civilization, at the same time welcoming the presence in Lausanne of the headquarters of the I.O.C. The speeches were followed by a reception given in the Olympic conference hall at Mon-Repos.



Our guests

Since the beginning of the year, both at Mon-Repos and at his home in Montreux, Mr. Albert Mayer, member of the I.O.C. for Switzerland, received the delegations of several towns, candidates for the 1972 Games, not only lavishing his renowned hospitality on them but also giving them the benefit of his vast experience of the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games with invaluable suggestions and advice.

On March 9th, Mr. Albert Mayer was visited by his German colleague, Mr. Willi Daume, who had previously called at Mon-Repos to talk with Mrs. L. Zanchi, secretary of the I.O.C.

Mr. Frantisek Kroutil, member of the I.O.C. for Czechoslovakia, also spent several hours at Mon-Repos, on March 22nd last. He took advantage of his visit to look round the Olympic Museum whose philatelic section he endowed with a very fine set of commemorative stamps issued by Czechoslovakia on the occasion of the Games.

Olympian International

An association known as "Olympian International" is trying to regroup in as many sections as there are member nations, those who have "participated" in the Olympic Movement, as athletes or officials. Groups have already been organized in the United States, Bulgaria and Israel, and Mr. S. N. Gerson, the general secretary of the international association, is busy creating other national sections in different parts of the world. The address of "Olympian International" is : 1000 Penn Square Building, Philadelphia 7, U.S.A.

Exchanges...

Record is the new publication of the Canadian Olympic Committee, the first number of which appeared in February and has a promising future. Its modern, attractive appearance makes it inviting to read. Excellent articles in English and French give a review of Canadian sporting and Olympic activities. *Record* will undoubtedly succeed in fulfilling its aim of being of service to the rapidly developing Olympic movement in Canada.

... and a loan

From *Record* we borrow the appeal published on the last page of its first number: "News and comments are welcome... and needed. The success of a publication depends largely on communication. We must be informed to be able to inform." Readers of the "Bulletin", remember this !



*The Olympic Diploma of Merit for 1966 has been awarded to Mr. Joseph Barthel.
(Photograph by Tony Krier, Luxembourg.)*

Olympic Awards

The I.O.C. awarded the Olympic Diploma for Merit for 1966 to Mr. Joseph Barthel, the famous winner of the no less famous 1500 metres at the Helsinki Games in 1952. This award was presented to him on January 21st, by H. R. H. the Grand Duke Jean, member of the I.O.C. (left, on the photograph), at a reception in the Grand Ducal Palace in Luxembourg, attended by Mr. Paul Wilverts and Mr. Ch. J. Leurs, respectively President and Ge-

neral Secretary of the Luxembourg Olympic Committee, as well as a number of leading figures in the Grand Duchy's sporting circles. It should be remembered that the Olympic Diploma for Merit is awarded each year to a personality who has rendered outstanding service to the cause of sport and in this way successfully contributed to the spreading of the Olympic idea. Our congratulations to Mr. Barthel are therefore accompanied by our great gratitude.

Minutes of I.O.C. meeting in Madrid, October 1965 - Supplement

Item 17. Standard works on 1964 Olympic Games. Mr. Frederick Fliegner initiated the project of producing books on the IXth Olympic Winter Games at Innsbruck and the Games of the XVIIIth Olympiad at Tokyo. This work was carried out to the satisfaction of the I.O.C. and two outstanding volumes were published by the International Olympic Institute under patronage of the I.O.C. The members all received copies given to them by their colleague Mr. Daume. These were highly appreciated.

The International Olympic Institute is the property of the I.O.C. Its purpose is the diffusion of publications required for the development of the Olympic Movement.

Decision : Mr. Fliegner will be authorized to produce a similar work for the Games in 1968. I.O.C. members, National Olympic Committees and International Federations are requested to support Mr. Fliegner in his project which actively contributes to the promotion of the Olympic idea.

64th session of I.O.C. in Rome

The minutes and reports of the olympic meetings held in Rome last April will be published in our next "Bulletin".