

To the subscribers and readers of the “ Bulletin ”

This number of the *International Olympic Committee's Bulletin* is the last of a series which was inaugurated in October 1946. This series was the continuation of other series of olympic publications for, and this may not be generally known, the International Olympic Committee has always, or nearly always, had a publication to act as its representative before the general public, as the platform from which it may express its ideas and as an open window onto its activities.

Indeed, since 1901, the *Revue olympique*, quarterly I.O.C. bulletin, published in Paris on the initiative of and, it would seem, financed by Baron de Coubertin, took the rôle of a regular echo of olympic life, of sport in general, of the problems with which the I.O.C. was already occupied, of important correspondence and of books and the arts. The articles were then published as much in French and English as in Italian, German and even in Dutch, according to the nationality of the author.

The First World War brought this publication to an end and in 1915 Pierre de Coubertin, living at the time in Lausanne, published a new first number of the *International Olympic Committee's Bulletin* which took the form of a single printed sheet. One year after Baron de Coubertin had left the I.O.C. in 1925, his successor, Henri de Baillet-Latour, took the initiative of starting a new publication called *Bulletin officiel du Comité international olympique* which was published regularly until Carl Diem's *Revue olympique* took its place in 1938 and in its turn continued to be published until 1944.

A quarterly publication no longer satisfies the demands of modern information. News must be transmitted rapidly, they must be brief, abundant and precise. It becomes increasingly important that each individual be quickly informed as to the activities and decisions of others so that the work of all may become orderly and co-ordinated. Thus, the I.O.C. having approved the proposals of the Press Commission, an account of whose work, which figures in the minutes of the Tehran

meetings published in this *Bulletin*, will be read with interest, decided to give up the traditional *Bulletin* and henceforth to publish a monthly *Newsletter* which will contain news of the I.O.C., of its members, of its commissions, of its secretariat, information provided by the International Sports Federations, by the National Olympic Committees, by the Organizing Committees of the Games and in general by all who, from far or near, are concerned with, and take part in, the Olympic Movement.

In addition, as of next year, a *Revue du Comité international olympique* will be published once, or perhaps twice, a year not with the aim of providing news, but rather of presenting olympic texts, documents, thought and photography. It will also contain extracts of the minutes of the I.O.C. sessions and of the meetings its Executive holds with the National Olympic Committees and the International Federations.

Finally, a handbook, containing a list of the names and addresses of the members of the International Olympic Committee, of the National Olympic Committees, and the International Federations as well as all the necessary information usually printed in this sort of brochure, will be published after each session.

Those who still have a valid subscription for the traditional quarterly *Bulletin* will receive the *Newsletter* until their subscription runs out. As for the conditions of subscription for the *Newsletter* alone, they will soon be communicated by means of a circular letter. The same applies to the way in which the annual *Review* will be distributed.

We are pleased that the adoption of new forms and methods in the diffusion of information will accompany and confirm the I.O.C.'s desire to strengthen the ties between, on the one hand, those who work for and actively take part in the Olympic Movement, and, on the other hand, the public, the sportsmen and the press, and we trust that this effort will prove extremely fruitful.

The Editor.