

## DECEASE OF RENEE DE COUBERTIN

She, who Baron de Coubertin called "The Lark", died after a long illness, in Lausanne on Monday, February the 19th. She was 66 years of age.

Mademoiselle de Coubertin, who led a quiet life, did not wish her decease to throw any cloud over the Olympic Games. She had feared that her leaving us might occur during the celebration at Grenoble. Her wish was heard : she passed away on the morrow of the closing of the Olympic Winter Games.

"What intelligence and what finesse is to be found in this particularly gifted being", wrote Marie-Thérèse Eyquem, about the daughter, (1) of the founder of the Modern Games.

"She writes, she paints, above all she is passionately interested in philosophy. Too young, reading the "Great Initiated" by Shuré, develops in her a taste for esoterism maintained by treatises on psycho analysis. Such was the taste of her great-grandfather, the Marquis of Mirville".

The funeral of Renée de Coubertin took place on Friday, February the 23rd, in Lausanne, in the presence of her tutor, Me Chavan, and of Mr. and Mrs. Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffroy de Navacelle and the Baroness Jacquier her cousins.

Mr. J. Westerhoff, Secretary General of the I.O.C. represented the I.O.C., Mr. Pierre Ferri, the French Olympic Committee, Mr. Jean Weymann the Swiss Olympic Committee, and Mr. Roger Coulon, the International Wrestling Federation. Dr. Messerli, one of Baron de Coubertin's very first collaborators, and Madame Zanchi, also attended the Ceremony.

Renée de Coubertin's ashes were transferred to the Cemetery of Bois-de-Vaux, Lausanne, to a concession given by the Municipality of Lausanne, where her parents and her brother are already at rest.

The I.O.C. would like to express it's deep sorrow and heartfelt sympathy to the de Madre and de Navacelle families, Renée de Coubertin's relatives and friends.

(1) L'Épopée Olympique - (in English translation).

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