

## MEXICO AND THE GAMES

### The Artistic and Cultural Programme

Inaugurated since January 19th by Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE President of the International Olympic Committee the artistic and cultural programme of the Games of the XIXth Olympiad is in action:

In June a Japanese Art Festival will be held at the Noh and Kyogen Theatre, and an exhibition of traditional Japanese Art.

### Monument

When the Olympic Flame reaches the New World next autumn it will land on the Island of San Salvador, the first American territory discovered by Christopher COLUMBUS. This is why Mr. Pedro RAMIREZ VASQUEZ, President of the Games Organizing Committee wished to erect a Monument, the clay model of which being the design of the Mexican sculptor Frederico CANESSI.

This monument is composed of a platform supporting five cement blocks. On the top there will be a bronze sculpture in the form of a flame and a dove. The flame will be lit every evening and will serve as a light-house for ships.

On the pedestal the five Olympic rings will be reproduced, also the Motto "Citius. Altius. Fortius."

### International Congress of Sporting Rights

From the 26th to the 30th of June the Autonomous University of Mexico and the Games Organizing Committee will arrange the first International Congress of Sporting Rights in order to study the different judicial problems now placed in the world of sport.

Many themes for study have been chosen:

- International Organization of Sport.
- Social function of sport.
- Administrative organization of sport on the International scale.
- Amateurism and Professionalism.

The President of the Organizing Commission of the Congress is Dr. Ernesto FLORES ZAVALO, Dean of the Faculty of Rights in the National Autonomy University of Mexico.

#### Nomination

Mr. Peter J. CELLIERS, has been nominated head of the Foreign Press service with Mr. Rafael SOLANA, head of press within the Committee of Organization.

Our sincere congratulations.

#### Commemorative Coins

A new coin commemorating the Games of the XIXth Olympiad has just been minted, 30 million pieces have been issued throughout the world, and have been on sale since March in the Banks of Mexico and their branches overseas. Each piece is worth 25 pesos (\$2) and weight is 22.5 grms. contains silver at the rate of 0.720, and has a diameter of 38 mms.

On the 'upper side' is engraved the Mexican National Coat-of-Arms, with the inscription "Estados Unidos Mexicanos" On the 'reverse side' there is a reproduction of an ancient Maya player of pelote, as well as the Olympic Symbol and the words "Juegos de la XIX Olimpiada Mexico 1968". The edge of the coin is smooth and bears the words Independence and Freedom.

#### Exhibition of Olympic Philatelic Art

The Organizing Committee will present an Exhibition of all the stamps issued by the member countries of the International Olympic Committees during the Games. It will give special prominence to the countries where games have already been held and having as subject the Games of the XIXth Olympiad.

For the carrying into effect of this Exhibition the Organizing Committee earnestly requests the collaboration of the National Olympic Committee's to send material and collections which could contribute to the success of the Exhibition to Mexico City.

The Italian National Olympic Committee is helping to organize the Exhibition in a substantial manner by sending

a very important Olympic Collection 'limited to the organizing countries' which they 'have recently acquired.

### New Postage Stamps

A new series of six postage stamps will be issued on the occasion of the Mexico Games. This issue is the fourth, the previous ones occurred in 1965, 1966, and 1967. A post-Olympic series is contemplated for 1969.

There will be two kinds of postage stamps, firstly stamps for ordinary mail with a total value of 7 million dollars, and secondly for air mail stamps with a total value of 4 million dollars. Each stamp of the series will have marked price of 20. 40. 80. cents and 1. 2. and 5 pesos.

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