

THE DEATH OF MR. JULIO BUSTAMANTE

On June 24th, sad news arrived from Venezuela : Mr. Julio BUSTAMANTE had died.

Born in San Antonio del Tachira on August 17th, 1903, Mr. Julio BUSTAMANTE studies at the Central University of Venezuela. He became Doctor in Physical Science and Mathematics.

Being dedicated to pedagogy, he taught at the Caracas University.

As a keen sportsman, he played football for several teams. He assumed his vocation of animator very quickly, When he was 22 years old he started the "Dos Caminos Sports Club".

He was founder of the Venezuelan Football Federation and also of the Venezuelan Olympic Committee. He was an outstanding President of the Olympic Committee from the time of its creation, and an efficacious member of its Executive Committee which he occupied to the day of his death.

As President of the Organizing Committee it is to him that we owe the Bolivian Games, when they took place in Caracas in 1951. He was also President of the Organizing Committees of the Central American Games of the Caribbeans which took place in 1959.

As President of the National Institute of Sports he controlled the team representing Venezuela in various International competitions, in particular at the London Olympic Games in 1948, then those at Helsinki in 1952. In that year he was elected a Member of the International Olympic Committee.

The members of the Olympic Movement wish his wife, three daughters and son to know that their sorrow is shared with sadness.

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