

NEWS ABOUT I.O.C. MEMBERS

Mr. Mohammed MZALI, (Tunisia) who has been Secretary of State for National Defence since 12th April 1968, was appointed Minister for Youth and Sport in November 1969. This field is familiar to Mr. MZALI as he has been a Doctor of Letters at Sadiki College since 1950 and at Aloui College in Tunis and also Cabinet Chief to the Secretary of National Education since 1956. He held the position of Director of Youth and Sport from 1959 to 1964, then that of Director General of Tunisian Radio and Television. Already President of the Tunisian Olympic Committee since 1963, he was elected Member of the I.O.C. in 1965. Mr. MZALI was also President of the Organising Committee of the Mediterranean Games in Tunis. We quote below some extracts of a message which Mr. MZALI addressed to the Teachers of Physical Education:



"Now that the Government is entrusting me once again with the Ministry of Youth and Sport, it is to you first that I turn to say how proud I feel at being able to contribute, with your close co-operation, to the promotion of youth and sports activities in Tunisia.

" ... In the classroom, on the sports fields, educationalists, directors, officials, players, whatever the place and whatever your role, you are, you must be, an example, a guide, a reference. Success depends on this.

"... Beyond the match stakes, the placing of the favourites, there are the rules of fair play, the obligations of the sportsman's code, the sports fraternity, the education of the young and the expansion of their physical, intellectual and moral ability.

"... In spite of material or psychological difficulties which may handicap your work, I am counting on you to speed up the rhythm of development of sport in Tunisia, to banish unfairness and to impose sport ethics.

"It is on all this that you will be judged. I am convinced that this judgement will be worthy of your moral and technical standards and in accordance with your deep sense of duty and pioneer spirit.

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On returning from Mexico, where he had been invited for making the draw for the football world cup, Mr. Mohammed BENJELLOUN (Morocco) learnt that he was a grandfather. His daughter Ghita BENJELLOUN has given birth to a son called Mohammed El Mahdi.

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We are pleased to learn that Mr. Marc HODLER's (Switzerland) convalescence following his ankle fractures has come to an end. We should also like to congratulate Mr. HODLER on the marriage of his son, which took place on 17th January in Mürren.

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