

News of members



* In October last year, Mr. Hugh WEIR, Member of the I.O.C. for Australia, visited Taiwan as the guest of the Republic of China Olympic Committee, the occasion being the celebration of Double Ten National Day.

Whilst in Taipei, Mr. WEIR was invited to address the students of the Normal University of Taiwan on the subject of amateurism.

At a complimentary dinner, the Minister of Education presented Mr. WEIR with the gold medal of distinguished service in recognition of "his continued endeavours in promoting the international amateur athletic movement and in furthering the friendly relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Republic of China".

In addition, the Government of the Republic of China conferred on Mr. WEIR a very high civilian award: The Order of the Brilliant Star.

At a ceremony in the national capital of Australia, Canberra, Mr. WEIR was invested with the insignia of the Order by the Chinese Ambassador, after which he was entertained at dinner by His Excellency Mr. Sampson SHEN and Mrs. SHEN.

Our warmest congratulations to Mr. Hugh WEIR for these very well deserved awards.



* In our last issue, in which were reported the main decisions made at the meeting of the Executive Board last March in Lausanne, we announced that Prince George of HANOVER had submitted his resignation from membership of the I.O.C. as President of the International Olympic Academy.

As a result, Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE has written the following letter to Prince George:

"Pursuant to the terms of our rule on the subject, inasmuch as you are no longer President of the Olympic Academy, we are forced to accept your resignation. In view of your distinguished service as a member, we regret that this becomes necessary.

"We are glad to take this opportunity to compliment you on your activities as President of the Olympic Academy and your contribution to the development of the Olympic Movement in that capacity . . ."

* Lord LUKE, member of the I.O.C. for Great Britain, has resigned from the Chairmanship of the Commission for the Protection of Olympic Emblems and Mr. Raymond GAFNER, member of the I.O.C. for Switzerland, has accepted to succeed him as head of this Commission.

We have received numerous messages of condolence and sympathy on the deaths of Mr. A. MASSARD, General Pahud de MORTANGES and General José de J. CLARK.

We thank all those who have shown their friendship. Among the messages received are those from:

Messrs. E. DIBOS, M. R. GOMEZ, J. HAVELANGE, H. WEIR and W. ALL, *members of the I.O.C.; the International Federations of: Rowing, Boxing, Cycling, Canoe-Kayak, Equestrian Sports, and Archery; the National Olympic Committees of: Netherlands Antilles, Argentina, Korea, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jordan, Kuwait, Nigeria, Salvador, Senegal, Surinam, Tanzania, Tunisia and Venezuela; and the African sportsman: Mr. J. C. GANGA.*