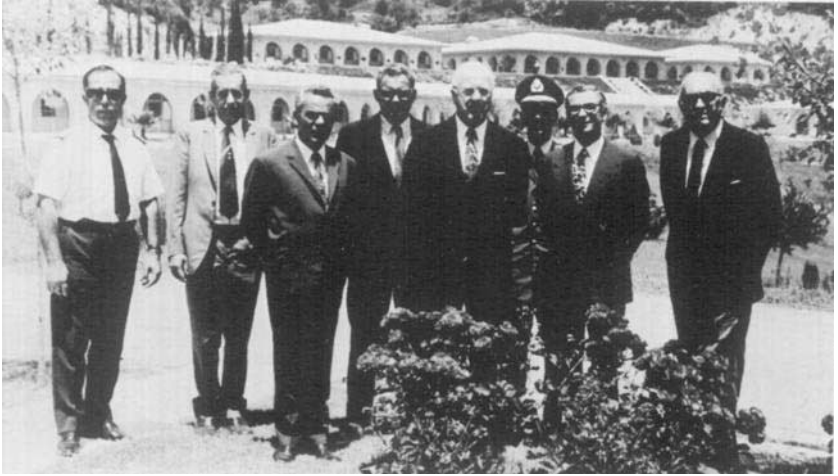


## RETURN TO THE SOURCE



President BRUNDAGE visited Greece at the beginning of June. On 10th June, accompanied by the members of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, he went to the Olympic Stadium at Athens, at present under construction, to meet the architects, Messrs. DAKOGLON and DIAMANDOPOULOS.

The next day he went to Marathon to see the most recent excavations. The 11th June was a veritable return to the source; a visit to Olympia, where the President of the I.O.C. with Mr. PETRALIAS, President of the International Olympic Academy, was able to admire the Academy's new installations, then the Modern Olympic Games Museum, and to meditate at the stone erected in memory of Pierre de COUBERTIN.

His last day was particularly important, as the Hellenic Olympic Committee bestowed upon him the title "Olympian". Mr. PETRALIAS presented the President of the I.O.C. with a parchment in ancient Greek (see our photo, with Admiral Pyros LAPPAS, I.O.C. member for Greece in the centre). Mr. MIROPOULOS, first Vice-President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, declared:

*Now more than ever before we are honoured to know that you are one of us since we have just conferred upon you the title of "Olympian". It is the greatest honour we can grant, the most precious title; and in this way we pay tribute to your devotion to the Olympic ideals and to the young athletes of the whole*

*world. We likewise acknowledge the rôle you have played in helping to make the International Olympic Academy the spiritual centre of the world Olympic movement.*

Mr. Constantin ASLANADIS, General Secretary of sports, spoke to Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE before the ceremony, together with Mr. PETRALIAS, Admiral LAPPAS, Mr. MIROPOULOS and Mr. SZYMICZEK, Rector of the International Olympic Academy, on the subject of "Olympic Treasures". In addition we are publishing the President's circular to the National Olympic Committees.

This visit to Greece, during which President BRUNDAGE had the opportunity of meeting H.E. Mr. Roger ROUSSEAU, President of the Organising Committee of the Games of the XXIst Olympiad at Montreal, took place in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. PETRALIAS for letting us have the photograph illustrating this report.

