

## Members Notebook



### Tribute to Mr Avery Brundage

Mr Won Kyung Lee, Secretary general of the Korean Olympic Committee, has sent us the following information, for which we thank him:

The Korean Olympic Committee has recently presented a commemorative plaque to Mr Avery Brundage, Honorary President of the IOC, as a token of gratitude for his energetic efforts as President of the IOC from 1952, to propagate and defend the Olympic ideal throughout the whole world.

This presentation adds to the numerous other tokens which have been received by Mr Avery Brundage, as much from his colleagues as from the International Federations, the National Olympic Committees or from various other sports organisations.

### International Panathlon Championships

The International Panathlon Club, founded in Venice in 1951, by certain distinguished people with sporting ideals, now has 8,000 members spread over a dozen countries. Its aim: the affirmation of the idea of sport and the ethical value of sport as an element of education and of solidar-



*Mr Avery Brundage, Mr Willi Daume, Mr Giulio Onesti*

ity amongst men. From the practical point of view, the various clubs have the task of sustaining and encouraging all activities or programmes which lead to the development of amateur sport.

This movement has created a quadrennial



*The mayor of Rome, Mr Dalida offers a model of "the wolf" to the Lord Killanin.*

award in the form of a golden torch, aimed at rewarding three individuals whose activity has made a mark on sport and has contributed to making it respected and accepted in all fields of life.

The first three award-winners were Mr Avery Brundage, Honorary President of the IOC, "for all he has done in the cause of Olympism, and for the upkeep of athletes' integrity in a world becoming more and more commercialised and materialistic"; Mr Willi Daume, President of the Organising Committee for the Munich Games "for the perfection of an organisation which, from the point of view of sport, was incomparable"; and Mr Giulio Onesti, President of the Organising Committee for the Rome Games, and the Italian Olympic Committee, "whose life is dedicated to propaganda in favour of the ideal of sports".

The official ceremony of presenting the awards took place in Rome, in the majestic Room of the Horaces and the Curiaces of the Town Hall, in the presence of Mr Andreotti, President of the Italian Council, Mr Giulio Gaiati, Minister for the Problems of Youth, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, Comte Jean de Beaumont, first Vice-President of the IOC, Mr Herman A. van Karnebeek, Vice-President of the IOC, and His Majesty Constantine King of the Hellenes, IOC Member.

### **Distinction**

It is with great pleasure that we have learnt of the distinction that has just been granted to one of the Honorary Members of the IOC.

Sir Arthur Porritt, IOC Member for New Zealand from 1934 to 1967, has now assumed the title of Life-Peer of the Kingdom.

Lord Porritt had been a member of the



Executive Board from 1956 to 1961. He retired from the IOC in 1967, but his many friends know only too well that he has never ceased to be interested in Olympism.

The *Olympic Review* sends him its warmest congratulations.

### **Birth**

In December, 1972, to Hadj Mohammed Benjelloun, President of the Moroccan Olympic Committee, and IOC Member, a daughter, Babya. In a few years time, we shall no doubt find that she has become an eminent sportswoman, and perhaps a participant in the Games of the XXIVth or XXVth Olympiad. Our best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the baby.

### **Mr Joao Havelange**

Mr Joao Havelange, IOC Member for

Brazil, has been re-instated for three years as President of the Brazilian Sports Federation. His drive and his qualities as an organiser and defender of sport have assured his re-election.

### **Cedriades**

Mr Gabriel Gemayel, IOC Member for the Lebanon writes:

"I propose to carry out the following project in my country. The Lebanon has over three million of its countrymen scattered over 5 continents. I have thus thought of organising at Beirut Games between the Lebanese people overseas which we will call "Arziades" or "Cedriades". I am certain that some promising young people will be found amongst these athletes."

Mr Gemayel has moreover informed Mr Jean-François Brisson, Director of the *Figaro*, of his opinion on the aim of the Olympic Games. At his request, we have much pleasure in publishing his views as follows:

"The Games must be geared to those who consider sports as a leisure-time activity; in other words true amateurs.

"These Games must comprise solely individual sports. Team sports must be prohibited, because they inevitably encourage nationalism and thus politics.

"They must be preceded by heats according to zones and not according to continents, in such a way that an Asian can perhaps represent a group of countries, rather than a race (e.g. the Mediterranean zone). These zones are to be determined. Then only the finalists will be invited; the automatic avoidance of gigantism.

"These Games will take place, as in the past, over a period of five days, with an appropriate ceremony to raise spirit and life. I am perhaps an extremist.

"I may be accused of being intransigent.



"But if we are to avoid our Olympic Games becoming 'Circus Games', if we want to prevent their increasing degradation, forceful steps have to be taken."

Certainly there is bound to be disapproval from the public on these Games, which I will entitle "Pure Games".

### **Medal**

Through the magnificent review *Flambeau*, edited by the Olympic Committee of Luxemburg, we learn that Mr Avery Brundage has awarded his medal of merit to the Grand Duke Jean of Luxemburg, as a gesture of recognition of his 27 years with the IOC and his dedication to the Olympic cause.

### **Pakistan**

New address of Mr Syed Wajid Ali, IOC Member for Pakistan: 18, Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi, Pakistan.