

Olympic Solidarity

As the Xth Olympic Congress was being opened, the President of the IOC learnt that two trainers from Cuba on a course in Chile had been taken prisoner in the stadium in Santiago. Lord Killanin soon intervened. A telegram was addressed to Mr. Rivery Bascur, IOC member for Chile, from Varna. Major Sylvio de Magalhaes Padilha, IOC member for Brazil, returning from Bulgaria, and Mr. José Beracasa A., IOC member for Venezuela, had to take firm action in collaboration with the Chilean authorities which was successful when the latter allowed the repatriation of the Cuban trainers.

A few days later, Mr. Manuel Gonzales Guerra, elected IOC member for Cuba during the recent Session, was able to send the President of the IOC the following telegram: *"Thanks to Olympic Solidarity, Hector Arguelles and Orlando Torrado have just arrived back in Havana. We heartily thank you for your help."*