



## Three members leave the IOC



At its June meeting in Lausanne the Executive Board was sorry to learn of the resignation of three IOC members—Mr. Lewis Luxton, member for Australia, Mr. Mario L. Negri, member for Argentina, and H. M. Constantine, member for Greece. All three have ably served the Olympic movement for a long time, and their departure will be deeply felt by all their colleagues. Let us briefly retrace their careers.

### **Lewis Luxton, CBE**

Born in Melbourne (Australia) on 12th September 1910, he studied at Cambridge University where he also practised rowing and swimming. In particular he won the Cambridge University 440 yards swimming trials in 1931 and 1932, represented the British Universities at the International University Games at Darmstadt, rowed stroke in the Cambridge University eight-oared crew in 1932, and stroke for the British eight-oared crew at the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

After returning to Australia he became a company director and cattle farmer.

Elected member of the IOC in 1951, he was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Melbourne Games in 1956. He is also member of the Australian Olympic Federation. Paying attention to everything able to improve contacts between the IOC and other sports organisations, he was a member of the joint IOC/NOC Committee from its foundation in Tehran in 1967 and a member of the International

Olympic Aid Commission from 1962 onwards, which was later to give birth to the present Olympic Solidarity.

### **Mario Luis José Negri**

Now aged 85, Mr. Mario Negri can justly be proud of a long life spent in the service of sport. Born in Buenos Aires (Argentina), this engineer and industrialist began his sports administrative career in 1913 in his student days as Treasurer of the Football Association and then as President of the Buenos Aires Students' Club. In 1929 he became President of the South American Swimming Federation and was to hold this post until 1961 with a short interruption from 1951 to 1956. He was won over to swimming and climbed every rung of the administrative ladder—president of the Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas from 1948 to 1956 and then honorary member, member of the FINA Board from 1947 to 1948, its Vice-President from 1948 to 1952 and finally President of the FINA from 1952 to 1956.

In addition he was President of the Argentine Pelote Confederation (1941 to 1949) and Vice-President of the International Pelote Federation from 1947 to 1960. He has also been President, Vice-President or member of a great number of other sports organisations. He was elected to the IOC in 1960, where his great competence in the field of sport quickly made him respected by everybody.



### **iiH. M. Constantine**

King Constantine practised several sports from a very early age, but his favourite was and still remains sailing. It was in this sport that he won a gold medal at the Games of the XVIIth Olympiad in 1960 in the Bay of Naples. Very attached to the cultural heritage of his country, he became interested in the International Olympic Academy, of which he is Honorary President, right from its foundation, and gave as much assistance as he could to its establishment and growth in ancient Olympia. On entering the IOC in 1963 he naturally became member of the Commission for the IOA.

The establishment of a new regime in Greece abolishing the monarchy obliged him to go into exile. As he could no longer represent the IOC in Greece, H. M. Constantine submitted his resignation to the IOC, judging that he could not belong in this capacity. An honourable and brave gesture respected by all his colleagues.