

The President of the IOC

On Monday 11th April, Lord Killanin, just back from Abidjan where he had presided over the meetings between the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee and the National Olympic Committees, was watching the Grand National at the Fairyhouse racecourse in Dublin. Lady Killanin was to present the victory trophy to the winner. It so happened that it was the President of the IOC's son, Michael Morris, one of the best jockeys in Eire, who won this much coveted race. Throughout the Easter holidays, the happiness of the parents and the young rider was complete. Especially as on the Tuesday "Mickey Mouse" Morris won the main race again before the delighted eyes of his father, who unfortunately however suffered a sudden heart attack. Immediately rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital in Dublin, Lord Killanin received intensive care for several days. Fortunately his state of health rapidly improved, and he was able to return home by the end of April.

Deeply touched by the many messages of good wishes for his speedy recovery, Lord Killanin would like once again to thank here all those who expressed their friendship and affection for him during these difficult days.

The President of the IOC also stated that he would shortly be taking up his Olympic activities again and that he would be presiding, as planned, over the 79th Session of the IOC to be held in Prague from 10th to 19th June next.

At the time of going to press we have heard the happy news that Michael Morris has become engaged to Shanny, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel B. D. H. Clark of Kilmacanogue, an esteemed Irish figure who is Chairman of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. We send the parents and young couple our hearty congratulations and all good wishes.

