



*From left to right: Mr. Antoine Konan Kanga, Mayor of Abidjan, Mr. Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye, IOC member, the President of the IOC, Mr. Auguste Denise, President of the National Assembly, and Mr. Etienne Ahin, Sports Minister.*



## OLYMPIC

For all delegates attending the Olympic meetings held in Abidjan from 28th March to 2nd April last, the "AKWABA"—that is to say the traditional welcome—offered to them by H.E. Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye has now taken on a deep significance. This "AKWABA" expressed the joy felt by all inhabitants of the Ivory Coast in welcoming Olympic representatives from the five continents since, apart from members of the IOC Executive Board, 90 National Olympic Committees were represented in Abidjan, a very large figure as shown by our table on page 228. It also expressed their adoption by the Ivory Coast community and their integration within it, proof of which everyone received on many occasions.

In our next number, we shall be publishing large extracts from the minutes of the meeting of the IOC Executive Board, as well as of the joint meeting between the IOC Executive



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## ABIDJAN

Board and representatives of the National Olympic Committees that followed the 8th General Assembly of NOCs.

To all our hosts we extend here our warm thanks for their kind welcome, their courtesy, their friendliness and the excellent working conditions offered us all. A perfect atmosphere of friendship and serenity enabled the discussions, often of great importance for the future, to be held in an atmosphere conducive to sincerity and clear-sightedness.

In addition to H.E. Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye and his wife, attentive and considerate hosts, and the members of the Ivory Coast Olympic Committee, we should like to mention the names of all those who contributed to the success of these meetings: Mr. Auguste Denise, President of the National Assembly, Mr. Antoine Konan Kanga, Mayor of Abidjan, Mr. Etienne Ahin, Minister of



## Meetings of the IOC Executive Board with the National Olympic Committees

No.	Date	Place	NOCs present
1st	1952	Oslo	38
2nd	1953	Mexico	29
3rd	1954	Athens	40
4th	1955	Paris	49
5th	1957	Evian	34
6th	1958	Tokyo	*14
7th	1959	Rome	48
8th	1961	Athens	48
9th	1963	Baden-Baden	73
10th	1964	Tokyo	46
11th	1965	Madrid	65
12th	1967	Tehran	63
13th	1968	Mexico	100
14th	1969	Dubrovnik	67
15th	1971	Munich	67
16th	1972	Munich	97
17th	1973	Varna	**82
18th	1975	Rome	92
19th	1977	Abidjan	90

\* NOCs of countries which took part in the Asian Games.

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Youth, Public Education and Sport at the head of a most efficient team, Messrs. Konan Dri and Etienne Koizan, respectively President and Secretary General of the Organising Committee of these meetings, Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Hotel Ivoire Congress Centre, and all their assistants.

Conferring the Cross of Commander of the Order of Sports Merit on the President of the IOC, Lord Killanin, and the Cross of Officer on Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, Major Sylvio de Magalhaes Padilha, Mr. Mohamed Mzali, Count Jean de Beaumont, Mr. Giulio Onesti and Mrs. Monique Berlioux, the Minister of Sport, Mr. Etienne Ahin, honoured Olympism as a whole. Similarly, by entertaining members of the IOC Executive Board at his residence at Yamasoukro, the Head of State, H.E. Félix Houphouët-Boigny, President of the Ivory Coast Republic, expressed his country's deepfelt attachment to the Olympic movement.

