

Olympic notebook

Lord Killanin honoured by France

At the Cercle Interallié in Paris in 1975, Lord Killanin was presented by Comte de Beaumont with the Cross of Officer in the Order of the "Legion d'Honneur". This distinction was awarded him for his exemplary military conduct on French soil during the Second World War and his personal efforts in support of the Olympic movement.

On 1st February, the Ambassador of France in Dublin. His Excellency Jacques Dupuy will, in the name of the President of the French Republic, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, present Lord Killanin with the insignia of Commander of the Legion of Honour, a rank to which the President of the IOC has just been raised on the honours list of 1st January 1980.

We extend here to Lord Killanin the warm congratulations of all his friends and colleagues for this new distinction that has been awarded to him by the country of the founder of the Olympic movement.

The "Olympic Review" has learned of the passing of the following great figures :

- **Sir Charles Curran** (GBR, 67), a dynamic personality in British broadcasting, who served as Director-General of the BBC from 1969 to 1977. An ardent proponent of public service broadcasting, he was unceasing in his efforts to effect improvements within the British electronic mass media. In addition to his many duties with the BBC over three decades, he served as President of the European Broadcasting Union from 1973 to 1978 and as Director and Chief Executive of the Visnews television agency. He had also been made a director of the Nationwide Building Society. Knighted in 1974,

- **From Victoria to Vidy !**

A discussion centring on the possibility of Melbourne (AUS) submitting an application to host the 1988 Olympic Games-such was the purpose of a visit paid to the Chateau de Vidy on 9th January by Mr. Brian Dixon, who holds the portfolio of housing as well as that of youth, sport and recreation within the Government of the State of Victoria, whose capital city is Melbourne. Mr. Dixon has played an active role in Australian public affairs since he was first elected to the state legislature in 1964, having previously taught at both the secondary school and university levels. Our distinguished Australian visitor described his talks at IOC headquarters as "wide ranging and in-depth". The Games of the XXIVth Olympiad may be eight years distant, but the chances of a second Olympic celebration taking place "down under" are by no means remote.

- **Change of address**

Jan Steler, Secretary General of the FIL, has informed us that henceforth all communications with the Federation's secretariat should be sent to the following address :

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Sir Charles was married with one daughter.

- **Simone Mathieu** (FRA, 70) tennis player with sparkling talent and a tenacious worker in the French resistance during the Second World War. Two French women's championship titles in 1938 and 1939 are to her credit as are six national women's doubles crowns and two women's doubles triumphs at Wimbledon. For her activities during the occupation of her homeland, Simone Mathieu was awarded the legion of honor, the resistance medal and the war cross.

The "Olympic Review" sends its sincere condolences to the families and friends of these lamented sportsmen.