

Obituaries

The IOC is in mourning. Two of its members, General Chong Kyu Park, IOC member in Korea and Lewis Luxton, have died.



Lewis Luxton, CBE, elected member of the IOC in Australia in 1951, became an honorary member following his resignation in 1974. His life was devoted to rowing and swimming and he had a remarkable sporting career: stroke for the Melbourne Grammar

School eights (1928-1929), he represented Cambridge University against Oxford University in swimming — 50 yards and 440 yards in 1930 and 440 yards in 1931; Cambridge University 440 yards swimming champion (1931-1932); represented British Universities at the University Games in Darmstadt (Germany) in swimming in 1930. He was also stroke for the British eights at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1932.

An enthusiastic organiser, he was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Organising Committee of the Games of the XVth Olympiad in 1956 in Melbourne, his native city.

His many friends in the IOC and in the world of swimming will remember him as a valued colleague and friend. Our deepest condolences go to his family and the Australian NOC.

General Chong Kyu Park who has just died of cancer at the age of fifty-eight had been a member of the Committee only since the 88th Session in Los Angeles in 1984, but he had already gained the respect of his peers as a remarkable sports administrator.



An extremely brilliant statesman, holder of several masters degrees from Korean and American universities in law and political sciences, this former member of the Xth National Assembly (1978-1980) was an outstanding figure in Korean political life. His sports achievements commanded admiration: black belt 3rd dan in judo and hapkido, swimmer, parachutist, horseman, he was an all-round amateur sportsman. His specialities nevertheless remained shooting and archery. It was in these disciplines that his career as a sports administrator was to take shape and in which he was to reveal his qualities as an organiser.

President of the Korean Shooting Federation, he was made honorary President of the Asian Shooting Confederation after occupying the presidency from 1970 to 1977. Since 1980, he held the position of first Vice-President of the International Shooting Union.

A great organiser of World Championships in this sport in his country, his indefatigable activity and his devotion played an important role in gaining recognition for Korea on the international sports scene. In his capacity as President of the NOC and the Korean Amateur Sports Association (1979-1980), he was an ardent promoter of Seoul's candidature for the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad. Since the Games were officially assigned, he devoted all his time to the preparation of this event.

His enthusiasm in defending the unity of the Movement at the head of the General Association of Asian Sports Federations (GAASF) made him an invaluable ambassador of Olympism in the Far East.

On behalf of the entire Olympic Family, we address our deepest condolences to Mrs. Chong Kyu Park and her children and to all the Korean sports authorities for this cruel loss.

The President of the IOC, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, addressed the following words of condolence to, Mr. Tae Woo Roh, Presidente of the SLOOC :

"Deeply shocked by your telex this morning informing me of the sudden and unexpected passing away of our dear colleague Chong Kyu Park, I should like to present to you personally and to the who/e Organising Committee my most sincere condolences.

Whilst only a recent member of the International Olympic Committee, General Park had already gained the respect of all his colleagues and his achievements for the staging of the Games in Seoul are highly esteemed.

Not only the Seoul Organising Committee, but the whole Olympic Movement will miss him greatly."

□ *Death of a former Olympic champion*
Owen Churchill, gold medallist at the Games of the Xth Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1932, died on 12th November at the age of 89.

Owen Churchill was the helmsman of the Angelita, an eight meter sloop which gave the United States its first Olympic victory in a sailing event. Angelita was restored at the request of Mr. Peter Ueberroth, then President of the Organising Committee for the 1984 Games, and, with Owen Churchill once more at the helm, acted as flagship during the Olympic sailing events at Long Beach.

