

youngsters, boys and girls, anxious to take part in them. Never before have we had so many « older people » prepared to help in the management of athletic clubs, nor more old athletes prepared to give their time to coaching the rising generation into the skills of Athletics.

The reason I ascribe mainly to the influence of the 1948 Olympic Games, which thrilled literally millions by reason of broadcasting, television and press reports, and persuaded the people, some against their will perhaps, that the Olympics are essential, if goodwill through sport is to sweeten international relations.

I said I would not attempt to allocate the credit for this magnificent return to public affection of the Olympics, but could I, on behalf of Britain's track and field athletes, express gratitude to the members of the International Olympic Committee for the great service they have rendered to our sport by their selfless devotion to the Olympic ideal in which they had unflinching faith when all seemed lost or very nearly so? Not only sport but the world at large is deeply in the debt of those who have maintained, revived and even increased the Olympic Movement during a long period of difficulty.

November 1949.

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### THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE XVth OLYMPIAD AT MELBOURNE 1956

The Organizing Committee for the XVth Olympic Games has been formed and held its first meeting at Melbourne on November 12 th. 1949. The list of members of this Committee is as follow:

CHAIRMAN: Hon. Sir Frank Beaurepaire, M.L.C. (President of the Victorian Olympic Council).

Hon. J. S. Disney, J. P., Lord Mayor of the city of Melbourne.

A representative of the Commonwealth Government Australia (to be appointed).

Hon. T.T. Hollway, M. L. A., The Premier of the State of Victoria.

Sir Harold Luxton and M. H. R. Weir, members of the I. O. C. for Australia.

H. G. Alderson, M. B. E. (New South Wales), Chairman of the Australian Olympic Federation.

W. T. J. Uren, Chairman Victorian Olympic Council.

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R. H. Wallman (South Australia) and M. Edgar S. Tanner, members of A. O. F. Executiv.

The Hon. G. L. Chandler, M. L. C., is proposed as Representative of the Municipal Association of Victoria.

Sir George Wales, representing the Melbourne Invitation Committee.

### LES JEUX DE 1960

Une nouvelle candidature vient de parvenir à la Chancellerie du C. I. O. pour l'organisation des Jeux de la XVII<sup>e</sup> Olympiade de 1960. Il s'agit de la ville de ROME. Rappelons que les villes suivantes sont également candidates: Lausanne, Buenos-Aires et Los Angeles.

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### NOS HOTES

Le prof. Dr Carl Diem, nouveau secrétaire général du Comité olympique allemand qui vient d'être fondé à Bonn, a rendu visite à la chancellerie du C. I. O. à Lausanne où il a eu divers entretiens. Après s'être incliné sur la tombe du rénovateur des Jeux, il a rendu visite à la baronne de Coubertin à Lausanne. Il fut également reçu à dîner par le bureau du Comité olympique suisse auquel fut également présent le membre du C. I. O. pour la Suisse.

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### SESSION DE COPENHAGUE 1950

Afin de mettre au point les détails de la session du C. I. O. à Copenhague, l'an prochain, M. Sigfrid Edström, président, s'est rendu à fin novembre dernier au Danemark, avec M. Bo Ekelund, pour y rencontrer S. A. R. le prince Axel et les membres du Comité olympique de ce pays.

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### OUR NEXT PUBLICATIONS

Our member M. F. Mezö of Budapest retired after 35 years of activity into private life and since he has kept continuing his sporthistorical studies. Next year he intends publishing the register of the victors of the ancient Olympic Games in connection with interesting dates about their lives. Besides he works at the History of the minor Greek and Roman Games too.

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### NOS PROCHAINES PUBLICATIONS

Notre member M. F. Mezö de Budapest s'est retiré de la vie publique après 35 ans d'activité, mais il continue ses études sur l'histoire du sport. L'an prochain M. Mezö publiera un registre des victoires acquises à l'occasion des anciens Jeux olympiques avec des dates intéressantes sur la vie des athlètes. D'autre part, il travaille à l'histoire des Jeux secondaires grecs et romains.