

† Sir Noel Curtis-Bennett

*Member of the I. O. C. for Great Britain
from 1933 to 1950*

DIES AT A DINNER

Sir Noel Curtis-Bennett who was an active member of the I. O. C. for 17 years, retired from the Committee last year and was nominated as Honorary Member. With great regret we inform our readers that he collapsed while making a speech on December 2nd, 1950 at a Savoy Hotel dinner. He died a few moments later. Sir Noel, who was 68, was speaking for one and a half minute as senior trustee of the West Ham Boy's and Amateur Boxing Club at the club's annual dinner and was proposing the toast of the Marquess of Queensberry when he was taken ill and fell. Lady Curtis-Bennett was sitting at the same table.

VOLUNTARY WELFARE WORK

Sir Francis Noel Curtis-Bennett, K. C. V. O., was a distinguished Civil servant, but was best known to the public for his voluntary welfare work, and more particularly for his encouragement of sport and outdoor recreation. He had a long connexion with the National Playing Fields Association.

Born in London on May 14, 1882, the youngest son of the late Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett, who became the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, he might, like his elder brother Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett, the famous criminal lawyer, have achieved fame at the Bar, but his inclinations led him in other directions. Educated at Tonbridge and then privately, he entered the Civil Service in 1905.

Early in his career he had founded the Civil Service Sports Council, and his conviction that sport and healthy outdoor recreation could strengthen the moral and spiritual, as well as the physical, qualities of men and women of all classes impelled him to devote much of his leisure for the rest of his life to advocating the provision of suitable facilities. He was chairman of the Ranelagh Club, one of the founders of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, and a founder, and for 25 years honorary treasurer and for 10 years chairman, of the National Playing Fields Association. He was a member of the British Olympic Council executive, and attended the Games at Los Angeles in 1932, Berlin in 1936, and London in 1948.

When the National Council for Physical Fitness was established in 1937 he was one of the first to be selected for membership.

In recognition of his public service he was created C. V. O. in 1926 and K. C. V. O. in 1932. When he retired from the Civil Service in 1942 in order to devote himself more fully to voluntary welfare work the Civil Service Sports Council had 50,000 members and

Les Jeux panaméricains,

Ces Jeux, organisés sous le patronage du C. I. O., vont se dérouler à Buenos-Aires, du 25 février au 5 mars prochains. Ils sont placés sous la présidence d'honneur de S. E. le Général D. Juan D. Péron, président de la République argentine, et sous la présidence effective du Dr Rodolfo G. Valenzuela. Ils réuniront les athlètes des pays suivants: Argentine, Brésil, Canada, Colombie, Cuba, République dominicaine, Etats-Unis, Honduras, Jamaïque, Mexique, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Venezuela, Pérou, Chili et Uruguay. Les pays dont les noms suivent n'avaient pas encore répondu à l'invitation au début de décembre, mais ont la possibilité de s'inscrire encore jusqu'au 15 janvier 1951: Bolivie, Equateur, Guatemala, Haïti, Panama, Trinité, Curaçao, Salvador, Porto-Rico.

Les sports suivants figurent au programme: athlétisme, basketball, baseball, boxe, cyclisme, sports équestres, escrime, football, gymnastique, pentathlon moderne, polo, aviron, tir, natation, tennis, poids et haltères, lutte et yachting.

The Pan American Games.

Those Games, organised under the Patronage of the I. O. C., will take place in Buenos-Aires from February 25th. to March 5th. 1951. The President of honour will be H. E. General D. Juan D. Peron, President of the Argentine Republic and the Chairman is Dr. Rodolfo G. Valenzuela. The athletes of following countries will take part (see list in french text) and other countries which did not reply yet may still give their inscriptions until January 15th. (see list in french text). Following sports are figuring on the program: Athletics, Basketball, Baseball, Boxing, Cycling, Equestrian, Fencing, Football, Gymnastics, Modern Pentathlon, Polo, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Tennis, Weight-lifting, Wrestling, Yachting.

Les Jeux méditerranéens.

Ces Jeux se dérouleront du 10 au 25 septembre 1951 à Alexandrie et réuniront les athlètes des pays touchant à la Méditerranée.

The Mediterranean Games.

Same will take place at Alexandria from September 10th. to 25th. 1951.

grounds at Chiswick and in many provincial towns. From then on he travelled ceaselessly in the interest of the various causes he supported. He never spared himself in his unselfish efforts for others.