

LA FAMILLE OLYMPIQUE

Sous cette rubrique nous publierons désormais et chaque fois que l'occasion nous en sera donnée toutes les nouvelles intéressant les membres du C. I. O. que ces derniers voudront bien nous communiquer. D'avance nous les remercions de leurs aimables communications.

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M. Joaquin Serratosa Cibils, membre pour l'Uruguay, a été nommé président du Rotary international et vient d'effectuer un grand voyage autour du monde, pour rendre visite aux nombreuses personnalités faisant partie de cette organisation.

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M. Erik von Freneckell, membre pour la Finlande, a été honoré très récemment, en

tant que président des Jeux olympiques qui se déroulèrent à Helsinki en 1952, de la « Grande Croix de l'Ordre du Lion » qui lui a été remise par le président de la République de Finlande. Pour ces mêmes raisons, Sa Majesté la Reine des Pays-Bas lui a remis la « Grande Croix de l'Ordre d'Orange-Nassau ».

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M. Armand Massard, membre pour la France et vice-président du comité, a été élu au printemps dernier membre du Conseil municipal de Paris. En outre, il vient de recevoir des mains de M. André Marie, ministre de l'Education, la cravate de commandeur de la Légion d'honneur.

The President of the I. O. C. and the press.

Mr. Avery Brundage has just completed an "olympic" tour in Europe. He has visited successively Budapest, Vienna, Innsbruck, Lausanne, Rome, Garmisch, Munich and London. Owing to the importance of his personality it is easy to understand why he aroused the interest of the press who published lengthy accounts about him in the newspapers. Mr. Brundage acquitted himself well when he kindly granted all the interviews desired of him. We are pleased to admit the fact that the majority of the journalists gave an exact interpretation of the views as the President expressed them to the press. After his return to America, Mr. Brundage gave the press his impressions resulting of his European tour. Unfortunately certain press agencies put the wrong construction on the informations given by the President of the I. O. C. or imparted them with a meaning of their own making and worked to such a purpose (We content ourselves with quoting two of the most striking examples) found in the newspapers *L'Equipe* from Paris and the *Sport* from Zürich, who always draw their informations and are inspired by news received from foreign sources, and though not acting with evil intent, obviously have launched a very sharp attack of Mr. Brundage's attitude.

In order to give our readers and the press in general, a true light on the matter, we have asked Mr. Brundage to kindly reply

dans la notion de concours. Les Jeux olympiques sont, autant que possible, libres de l'emprise du dollar et nous avons la ferme intention qu'à l'avenir il en soit de même.

Avery Brundage,
président du C. I. O.

to certain questions with regard to the attacks which have been made upon him recently. We can think of nothing better to do than to publish shortly the letter that Mr. Brundage has sent us and which make all comments on our part needless.

Chancellery of the I. O. C.

Chicago, October 27, 1953.

Mr. Otto Mayer
Chancellor of the I. O. C.
Mon Repos
Lausanne.

Dear Mayer:

Your letter of October 21, enclosing a page from *Sport*, Zürich, containing the article entitled "Olympisches Wetterleuchten", has had my attention. The remarks attributed to me in the story from *L'Equipe*, which is quoted in *Sport*, are a complete and undiluted fabrication. I have never made such statements either publicly or privately. This extract from *L'Equipe* confirms *Sport's* view as expressed in the first paragraph of its article that press reports must be examined with caution.

So far as Sport-Totos are concerned, at a Press conference in New York City on my return from Europe, I deplored the fact that the United States Olympic Committee has no similar source of revenue (it is against the law in the United States). On many occasions I have mentioned the fine work that is being done in European countries by National Olympic Committees with Sport-Toto money, particularly in Italy and Austria where sport fields are being constructed and amateurism and Olympic ideals are being promoted in the schools and clubs.