

NEWS ABOUT OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS

* Did you know ? The Women's Olympic Discus Throw Champion for 1968, the Rumanian Lia MANOLIU is 36 years old. She is an electronics engineer. Her Mexican success has enabled her to establish a record that will be difficult to beat: twenty years of sport, crowned with the victor's laurels, with participation in five Olympic Games, at which she mounted the podium three times (3rd in 1960 and 1964, 1st in 1969).

* For the first time in sixty years, Great Britain has an Olympic shooting champion: Bob BRAITHWAITE, a veterinary-surgeon from Lancashire.

* *Laszlo PAPP is preparing for the Munic Games.* But, unfortunately, this great boxer who won in London, Helsinki and Melbourne will not be appearing in the ring himself in 1972. He will be advising his young proteges - in his new capacity as coach for the Hungarian boxing team.

* *From Mexico to Germany with Thomas KONNO.* During the last four years, the American Tommy KONNO, Olympic Champion in 1952 and 1956, second in 1960, acted as coach for the Mexican weight lifting team. From now until 1972 he will be devoting himself to training the West German team.

* The three PEARCE brothers between them total thirteen participations in Olympic hockey tournaments. Eric has taken part in four Games, Gordon and Julian in the last three. They have made their last appearance however, having decided to retire from international hockey.

* A great Dutch sprinter, Olympic champion in Los Angeles in 1932, Jacques VAN EGMOND has just died at Haarlem. He had built up a thriving timber business. He was only 60.

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