

Olympic News

* We are happy to announce the marriage, celebrated in Prague on March 30th, of Mr. Frantisek KROUTIL, member of the International Olympic Committee for Czechoslovakia, and Miss Iva BICOVA. Our most sincere best wishes to the newlyweds.



Miss Iva BICOVA and Mr. Frantisek KROUTIL during the ceremony

* Sport is health, we are wont to say, and here is one more proof of it. Mr. Harlin B. HILL who was, in shot put, the United States junior champion in 1898 and senior champion in 1903, and world record holder in 1905 and 1925, has just celebrated his 90th birthday, in Brookline (Massachusetts), May 11th.

This still alert nonagenarian leads a very active life and everyday does his physical exercises, which help him to surmount a crippling arthritic condition, considered incurable 25 years ago. His interests are space exploration and politics, and he enjoys visiting his numerous relatives and friends.

As President BRUNDAGE wrote, on May 8th, Mr. Harlin B. HILL is a "wonderful example of personal discipline," and deserves our most sincere compliments.

* Polish television devised, as did the French with "Visa Olympique," a series of quiz shows based on the Olympics called "Olympic Itinerary." The questions dealt with the participation of Polish athletes, the Olympic Movement, and its cultural aspects. The final show, held in May, was marked by the victory of three participants, whose award will be a trip to Munich during the Games of the XXth Olympiad.

* Louis NOVERRAZ is no more. The famous Swiss coxswain, silver medalist in the Olympic Games of Mexico, passed away on May 16th, at the age of 70. His career as a "yachtsman" began with a victory when he won his first regatta at the age of 12, on a boat owned by a florist at the Russian Court. After graduating in architecture, the lure of the sail remained the strongest, and NOVERRAZ continued to accumulate victories: "One Ton Cup" in 1953, European championship in the 6 m. category the same year, and world championship in the 5m.50 category in 1961. He took part in the Berlin Olympic Games, and won, in 1968 in Mexico, the silver medal with Marcel STERN and Bernard DUNAN.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the Swiss Olympic Committee, his relatives, and friends.

