

## Birthday



On 7th April, General Vladimir Stoytchev celebrated his 80th birthday. A member of the IOC for Bulgaria since 1952, he became at the same time President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, a position he still occupies today. He was a member of the Executive Board from 1956 to 1960. An accomplished sportsman, he no doubt

owes his astounding vitality and lively mind to his daily practice of equestrian sports. A brilliant and renowned rider, he took part in several Olympic Games and is the only competitor to have competed twice (VIII and IX Olympic Games) in the dressage event and three-day-event. Promoted to General in 1944, by the end of the war he had become Commander of the Bulgarian Army and was showered with honours and glory. He holds the highest civil and military decorations awarded by Bulgaria, France, Russia and Yugoslavia.

He was made Bulgarian Ambassador to the United States and, on his return, was created President of the Supreme Committee of Physical Culture and Sport. Since then, he has worked incessantly for sport. 1973 will be a very memorable year for him with the Olympic Congress being held in Varna as well as the 74th Session of the IOC and the 50th Anniversary of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee.

The Olympic Review, on behalf of the whole Olympic movement, sends him its congratulations and wishes him many more years of activity.

