

In 1942 Arthur Daley became the sports columnist of the “New York Times”, for which he had been working since 1926. He succeeded John Kieran, the founder of this column, with whom he wrote a history of the Olympic Games. In 1956 the high quality of his work was rewarded with the Pulitzer Prize. Thus this honour was awarded to a sports journalist for the second time, John William H. Taylor of the “New York Herald Tribune” receiving the prize in 1935. Arthur Daley worked on the Los Angeles Olympic Games; when he went to the Berlin Games in 1936 he became the first special sports correspondent of “The Times” to be sent abroad. Later he attended the Olympic Games in Rome, Tokyo, Mexico and Munich. Sadly, he won’t be present at Montreal.

James Lionel (Jim) Manning became a journalist like his father. He began in 1919 working for “The Sunday Chronicle”, “The Sunday Dispatch” and joined the “Daily Mail” in 1954. From 1969 onwards he wrote a regular column for the London “Evening Standard”. He chose to become a fighting journalist throughout his life — his vigorous attack against apartheid in sport is an example.

The sports press loses two of its servants

With the deaths of Arthur Daley (69 years of age, United States) and James L. Manning (60 years of age, Great Britain) in January, deep sorrow was felt in several editing rooms throughout the world. Both of them passionately followed the development of the Olympic movement. We shall all regret no longer receiving articles from these two unforgettable sports commentators.

James L. Manning died in hospital after a heart operation, while even the day before he was from his bed telling his listeners about his professional memories. H.M. The Queen had awarded him the OBE at the beginning of January for his services as a radio and newspaper reporter. We will always remember this quotation: *“Sport is play. So life without sport would be unplayful. That is why people who dislike sport are a menace and those who think of nothing else are a nuisance.”*

