

# Olympism in mourning

● **André Obey** (France), dramatist, director of the Comédie Française from 1946 to 1947, Olympic poet, died at the age of 82. His work as a sports journalist and his contribution to sports literature bear witness to his legacy to culture and sport. Let us hope that many generations to come will be moved by certain passages of “L’orgue du stade” (The Stadium Organ). We are reprinting an extract on the next page.



*Peter Kohnke*

● **Peter Kohnke** (Germany) won the Olympic small bore rifle title at Rome in 1960 at the age of 18. He died at the beginning of April as the result of a car accident. 33 years of age, he was still a member of the national shooting team.



*F. Morgan Taylor*

● **F. Morgan-Taylor** (United States), 1924 Olympic gold medallist in the 400 m. hurdles, third in 1928 and 1932, died at the end of March aged 74.



*Harold Osborn*

● **Harold Osborn** (United States, 75) passed away on 5th April. Before becoming a well-known osteopath he practised athletics as a talented all-rounder—he was 1924 Olympic decathlon and high jump champion and came fifth in the high jump in 1928.



*Gösta Lilliehöök*

● **Gösta Lilliehöök** (Sweden, 90 years of age), first holder of the title of Olympic modern pentathlon champion in 1912, passed away on 18th November 1974. Present at Munich in 1972, he maintained his love for his sport right up until his death and never ceased to devote himself to his cause.

● **Roger Depagniat** (France), writer, publisher, journalist, a close friend of Pierre de Coubertin, certainly one of the last of the collaborators of the Renovator of the Olympic Games, has just passed away at the age of 82.

● **Giulio Basletta** (Italy), classic épée fencer in the purest tradition of the Italian school, Olympic champion in the 1928 team event, honorary member of the International Fencing Federation, died in February at the age of 85. He succeeded Nedo Nadi as President of the Italian Fencing Federation from 1940 to 1948.

● **Glenn Hardin** (United States, 65) has just died in Baton Rouge (Louisiana) from a heart attack. He will remain one of the most prominent figures in athletics, having held the world 400 m. hurdles record for

19 years (1934 to 1953) and winning this event at the 1936 Olympic Games.



*Glenn Hardin*