

Olympism in mourning

● **Karoly Takacs** (Hungary, 65), Olympic rapid-fire pistol shooting champion in 1948 and again in 1952, died recently in Budapest, his birth-place. This champion's strength of character will remain forever an example to us all: following the amputation of his right hand, he became a left-handed marksman while retaining his position among the world's top class shooting competitors.

● **The Montreal Organising Committee grievously struck again**

Aged 41, the Montreal Organising Committee's Executive Vice-President, Simon Saint-Pierre, did not recover from a riding accident. Everyone was fond of this dynamic, shrewd and warm personality. Determined, cheerful, convincing, Simon Saint-Pierre embodied the will to succeed of the 1976 Organising Committee's members. His disappearance, following that of Pierre Charbonneau, constitutes yet another great loss for our Canadian friends.



● **Nils Ofol Hederén** (1908-1976, Sweden), Secretary General of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon for biathlon and Treasurer of the UIPMB since 1960, died just before the XIIIth Winter Games after a short illness. A retired Lieutenant-Colonel, he was one of his country's best

marksman between 1930 and 1960. He also assumed the presidency of the Swedish Biathlon Association from 1958.

● **Nikolai Sematchko** (68, USSR), Vice-President of the Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur since 1960, and for a long time President of the Soviet federation and member of the USSR NOC, died at the beginning of March. Like Soviet sportsmen

and many basketball players, we shall miss this upright and circumspect man, a perfect leader who will remain an example for all sports officials.

● **Silvia Käser-Loepfe**, wife of Dr. Helmut Käser, Secretary General of the FIFA, died on 14th February after a long illness. We are deeply saddened and share our friend's sorrow.

● **Kalle Antilla** (Finland, 1887-1975), Olympic wrestling champion in 1920 and 1924, world champion in 1921 and 1922.

● **Major-General Yrjö Valkama** (1894-1975), President of the Finnish Olympic Committee from 1956 to 1961, Olympic competitor at Antwerp in 1920 (5th in diving) and in 1924.

The Olympic Review presents its condolences to all the families and friends of these departed.