

## Olympic notebook



On Saturday, 18th March the air was clear and fragrant, the sun shone through the flowering trees which encircled the little church tucked away in a haven of greenery. Under the porch a radiant figure attracted the attention of the few, albeit indifferent, passers-by. She was indeed beautiful, this bride. And what a happy couple they formed !

Lucinda Vasquez had just become Mrs. Antonio Soares Arsenio.

Joining the Secretariat of the International Olympic Committee in 1975, Lucinda made nothing but friends amongst her colleagues who all immediately appreciated her great kindness, luminous smile and constant good humour.

Not just content with her excellent work in the IOC, she untiringly devoted herself to helping her Portuguese compatriots in Switzerland during her spare time. In so doing she was to meet Antonio.

The greatest surprise Lucinda had on her wedding day came from the President of the IOC. Staying in Lausanne, Lord Killanin wished to show the esteem in which he held the future bride by his presence on this particular day. Thus, watched by the President of the IOC, her Director and all her work friends, Lucinda pronounced the traditional "yes" to Antonio.

We offer them here our renewed sincere best wishes of happiness and joy.

● **Mr. Walther Tröger**, Secretary General of the German NOC, informs us that his daughter Sabine married Mr. Friedrich Lauer-Schmaltz on 4th March. All our good wishes go with the young couple.

● **Mr. Etienne Ahin**, whom many international leaders valued last year at Abidjan as Ivory Coast Minister of Youth and Sport during the Olympic meetings last March, has

just been promoted Minister of Social Affairs.

● **Dr. Abdel Mohamed Halim**, IOC member in Sudan, has just been re-elected President of the Sudanese Football Association.

*We extend to them all our warmest congratulations.*

*We have learned of the recent deaths of the following defenders of the Olympic and sports movement.*

### **Tribute to Olav Ditlev-Simonsen**

Another of the “giants” has left us—Olaf Ditlev-Simonsen passed away on Sunday, 19th February after a long illness. In my country, Norway, he was considered an example of sportsmanship and the Olympic ideal. When the 1952 Winter Games were held in Oslo, he presided the Organising Committee and brought Olympism to our doorstep. He was a unique leader and an example to our youth.

During his active sports career, he won a silver medal for sailing in the 1936 Olympic Games, was five times a football international, winner of the King's Cup (sailing) in 1930, eleven times Norwegian bandy champion, as well as an accomplished skier, tennis player and athlete.

The Norwegian Sports Association honoured him with its highest awards and he held, in addition, a number of Norwegian and foreign distinctions.

Olaf Ditlev-Simonsen was a member of the International Olympic Committee from 1948 until 1966 when he resigned at the age of 70 and was subsequently elected an honorary member.

Olaf's memory will always live in those of us who had the great privilege of knowing him.

Jean Staubo,  
IOC member  
in Norway.  
25th February 1978.



1952 - Oslo : Olaf Ditlev-Simonsen at the opening of the Vllth Winter Games.

● **Annibale Guidobono Cavalchini** (ITA), Executive member of the Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc (archery) from 1967 to 1975.

● **Jim MacDowell** (USA), hockey referee who officiated at the 1956 and 1960 Olympic finals and the 1964 and 1968 Olympic tournaments.

● **Zygmunt Zabierzowski** (POL), athletics coach whose most well-known charge was none other than the Cuban athlete Alberto Juantorena, 1976 Olympic champion over 400 m and 800 m.

● **Harry Hainsworth** (USA), Administrative Assistant to the Secretary General of the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur (swimming).

*The "Olympic Review" sends its sincere condolences to the families and friends of these lamented sportsmen.*