

Olympic notebook

- Mr. Manfred Ewald, President of the NOC of the GDR, has officially offered his thanks to Dr. Heinz Schöbel, IOC member in the GDR, who was celebrating his 65th birthday, for the latter's untiring work in support of sport and the Olympic ideal.
- His Excellency Ahmed Sekou Touré, President of the Republic of Guinea, has bestowed the title of Commander of the Guinean National Order on Mr. Ydnekatchew Tessema, IOC member in Ethiopia, for services rendered in his capacity as President of the African Football Confederation.
- Mr. Suat Erler, IOC member in Turkey, informs us that the telephone number at his office has been changed : 66.71.82.
- An award for Mr. Paul Libaud, President of the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball: the Commander's tie in the French National Order of Merit, which was presented to him by Mr. Maurice Herzog, IOC member in France.
- A moving occasion for Mr. Frank Taylor, President of the European Union of Sports Journalists, who received from HRH Queen Elizabeth II the rank of Officer of the British Empire for the important service he has rendered to the cause of sport.
- A reception, flowers and champagne for Mr. Walther Tröger, who celebrated concurrently his 50th birthday and a quarter-century of service to the general secretariat of the NOC of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- Warmth, respect and friendship — such was the atmosphere surrounding the accolade which took place on 7th January in Lyon between Emile Zatopek and Alain Mimoun, two eminent figures of Olympism. It should be recalled, perhaps, that the Czechoslovak, who will be celebrating his 57th birthday this year, was the winner of four gold medals as well as one silver, while his 58 year-old French comrade captured three silver and one gold.
- Ludmilla Turishclmeva, one of the best gymnasts of all time, and Valery Borzov, the sparkling star of the short sprint, have celebrated the birth of a daughter, Tatyana.