

## Homage to Ronald McKenzie

The joy that usually accompanies the opening of the Olympic Games is tinged this winter, on American soil, with deep sadness : the man who until 23rd December 1978 was the keystone of the whole organisation. Ronald McKenzie, President of the OCOG, will not be there at this meeting of the youth of the world, this parade of athletes whom he had wished so fervently to invite to the resort of Lake Placid.

This great sportsman, who died tragically at the age of 75, while present at the inaugu-

ration of the 70 m. ski-jump, devoted-it will be remembered-the major part of his life to sport : a gifted speed skater, a keen Alpine and Nordic skier, brilliant in four-man bob, Ronald McKenzie gave others the benefit of his experience upon ceasing to be an active sportsman. President of several important organisations, frequently at the head of delegations, and a coach on the federal level, this citizen of Lake Placid, strongly attached to his region, was the natural choice for President of the Organising Committee for the XIIIth Winter Games.

Those who knew him could perfectly well imagine the pleasure he would have felt on 13th February 1980, to be there, between President Carter and President Killanin, when the Olympic flame shines over this region of the Adirondacks which he wanted the whole world to know.



*Ronald McKenzie together with Lord Killanin.*