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## Letters to the Editor

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### GIVE THE CHAMPIONS THEIR RECORDS

**M**r. Pierre Dasriaux of Paris (FRA), a faithful reader of the *Olympic Review*, informed us in a letter some time ago, which we were not able to publish at the time due to the need to cover the latest Olympic news, of a number of inaccuracies contained in the article "Of Human Feats" which appeared in our issue No. 226 :

"Issue No. 226 of the *Olympic Review* contains on pages 452 to 454 an article by Mr. Lewis Portelli entitled "Of Human Feats"... The author credits Jesse Owens with a record of 8.20 m in Berlin, whereas the quadruple Olympic champion jumped 8.06 m in Berlin, with back wind, and his world record had been 8.13 m since 1935. He later refers to a jump of 8.60 m by Ralph Boston at the Olympic Games in Rome. In fact, Boston was Olympic champion with 8.12 m and his best jump that year was 8.21 m, beating Owens' world record. Finally, he extrapolates Bob Beamon's record set in Mexico in 1968 from 8.90 m to 9.02 m."

*Our expert readers will no doubt have made the appropriate rectifications, but we hope everyone will excuse us for overlooking these errors at the expense of historical accuracy.*

### PIERRE DE COUBERTIN WEEK

**M**r. Daniel Deschâtres (FRA), who describes himself a "faithful friend of Olympism who respects the works of Pierre de Coubertin", has informed us of a wish he formulated on reading the announcement of the publication of the writings of the founder of modern Olympism.

"... Taking advantage of the impact made in France by the candidatures of Albertville and Paris and the enthusiasm aroused for several days by the press and the media, it would be a good idea as a first step to find sponsors willing to donate the three volumes and Mr. de Navacelle's album to all the communities of France... Subsequently, a 'Pierre de Coubertin Week' could be organised nationally with the support of the French NOC (CNOSF), the Ministry for Youth and Sport and the national federations.

During this week, in addition to sports events of all kinds which could be organised at all levels, colloquia, meetings, councils, conferences, debates, information campaigns, film shows etc. could be arranged to bring together in all areas students, teachers, athletes, champions, politicians and trade unionists who have mugged up beforehand on Pierre de Coubertin's works. The week could be instituted on an annual basis."