

## OBITUARIES



**Luigi Beccali** (ITA), who won the 1,500 m at the Games in 1932, died last year at the age of 82. A former world and European record holder over the distance, he was also a bronze medallist at the Games in 1936 and the European championships in 1938.

**Charlotte Boyle Clune** (USA), who set 21 world records in swimming and won 60 national championships early this century, died last October at the age of 91. Born in 1899 in New York City, she swam for the USA in the Games in Antwerp in 1920. Named overall American swimming champion in 1919 and 1920, she was influential in developing the freestyle stroke that became standard in racing. At 79, Mrs Clune said she could still swim 36 lengths of the pool "and not be bothered".

**Eva Bosakova-Vechtova** (TCH), gold medallist on the gymnastics beam at the Games in Rome, died on 10th January this year at the age of 59. She was tripled world champion on both 1952 and 1962.

**Noureddine GuCdira** (MAR), head of the sports service of Moroccan radio and one of its most distinguished journalists, died in Paris in December after a long illness. A former president of the Moroccan Sports Press Association, he had an encyclopedic knowledge of sport, and particularly of the history of football in his country. He was in charge of the national federations press commission.

**Adriano Pacione** (ITA), sports chief of the Italian press agency ANSA, died on 25th December in Rome at the age of 61. A professional journalist since 1961 and very well known in sports circles, he had begun his career on the "Corriere dello Sport", before joining ANSA, in where he quickly made his mark. During his career, he had covered many major sports events, including the world cycling championships and three World Cups in football in 1974, 1986 and 1990.

We have learnt of the death of **Pierre Comte-Offenbach** (FRA). An eminent coubertinian specialist, of the French Pierre de Coubertin Committee for many years.

*Olympic Champions Luigi Beccali (ITA), left, and Eva Bosakova-Vechtova (TCH).*

