

Olympic Order

On the occasion of his 70th birthday, veteran Hungarian football player Ferenc Puskás received the Olympic Order from the IOC President in Budapest in April. The IOC President pointed out that Puskás was being awarded this decoration for his sporting integrity and his contribution to the Olympic Movement. The ceremonies organized to mark the occasion

began in the Budapest National Stadium, "Nepstadion", with a friendly football match between Australia and Hungary. Among the many distinguished guests present were Prime Minister of Hungary Gyula Horn, Minister of the Interior and member of the Hungarian government responsible for sport Gábor Kuncze, Hungarian Ambassador in Spain,



(Centre, left to right) László Kubala, Francisco Gent, Fritz Walter and Karl Decker.



IOC Vice President and President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee Pál Schmitt, Secretary General of the Hungarian Olympic Committee Tamás Aján, UEFA President Lennart Johansson, the presidents of various European federations, and former players including Alfredo Di Stefano, Francisco Gent, Ladislao Kubala, Karl Decker and Fritz Walter.

(Left to right) Mihály Laczló, Tamás Aján, Pál Schmitt, Ferenc Puskás, Gábor Kuncze, Lennart Johansson and the IOC President.