



O B I T U A R I E S



The former president of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSF), **Nelson Paillou**, died in an accident last month at the age of 73. Born on 6 January 1924 in Bordeaux, he taught French for 18 years in the city of his birth before becoming a National Education Ministry representative for educational activities, pedagogical research and continuing education for secondary school teachers. By the age of 17, he was secretary of the handball section of the Bordeaux Students Club, and served as its president from 1942 to 1964. A handball player and then international referee, Nelson Paillou quickly acquired responsibilities at national and international level. He was elected president of the French Handball Federation in 1964, a post which he held until 1982, when he was appointed president of the CNOSF. He was also chef de mission at the Games of the XX and XXI Olympiads in Munich in 1972, and Montreal in

1976. A member of the International Handball Federation council until June 1984, vice president of the International Association for Sport without Violence, a member of the European Olympic Committees (COE) executive board and chairman of the EOC juridical commission, Nelson Paillou was entrusted by the IOC with organizing the Centennial Olympic Congress, Congress of Unity, held in Paris in 1994. He was also a member of the IOC radio and television and Sport for All commissions. The holder of numerous distinctions including the Olympic Order, and a Commander of the Légion d'Honneur, Nelson Paillou, in the words of the IOC President, "strove continually throughout his career to show that sport and Olympism could keep aloof from the influence of politics. Olympism has lost a good man."



Roberto Goizueta, the president of Coca-Cola, died in Atlanta (USA) at the end of

October. He was 65. In 1986, Roberto Goizueta received the Olympic Order in recognition of the constant support which Coca-Cola has given to the Olympic Movement and to sport in general.



The journalist **Pietro Rizzo** died in Milan (Italy) at the end of July. He was 55. Born in Sciacca, he spent many years as a journalist specializing in motor sports, first for the daily *Telestar* in Palermo, then for *La Gazzetta dello Sport*. From 1982 to 1989 Rizzo was editor of the Italian weekly *Pallavolo*, before becoming press chief for the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) in 1990. In 1991, he created and began publishing the *Volleyball X-Press*. The editor and producer of several FIVB publications, in particular *Volley World*, Rizzo was also a member of the FIVB mass media commission, thereby contributing to the development of volleyball around the world.



Laurence Morgan, double Olympic three-day event champion at the Games of the XVII Olympiad in Rome in 1960, has died at the age of 82. An all-round sportsman, Morgan was amateur boxing champion of the Victoria region and also practised rowing, polo and Australian football.

The British yachtsman **John Merricks**, silver medallist in the 470 dinghy class at the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta, died in Italy in October at the age of 26.

Britain's oldest Olympic champion, **Rowland George**, died at the beginning of October at the age of 92. He won a gold medal in the coxless fours event at the Games of the X Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1932, with his compatriots Beresford, Edwards and Badcock.