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Roy Anthony (Tony) Bridge



Roy Anthony (Tony) Bridge, IOC member in Jamaica, died on 13 December 2000. Born on 4 February 1921 in Kingston, he competed in the Games of the XVII Olympiad in Rome in 1960 and those of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo in 1964 in the pistol shooting events. During his career as a national sports administrator, Bridge was, among other things, vice-president of the Amateur Weightlifting Association (1939-1949), vice-president of the Boxing Control Board (1947-1962), president of the Amateur Athletics Federation (1954-1962), president of the Jamaican Olympic Association (1958-1977) and vice-president of the Rifle Shooting Association (1960-1962). On a continental and international level, he was a member of the Pan-American Sports Organization Council (1971-1975) and vice-president of the Organizing Committee for the IX Central American and Caribbean Games in 1962 and the VIII British Commonwealth Games in 1966. Thus, from 1948 to 1961,

Bridge was either a competitor or an official at every Olympic, Pan-American, Central American and Caribbean and British Commonwealth Games, and chef de mission of the Jamaican team at all the editions of the Games from 1962 to 1977. He was elected an IOC member in 1973, and was a member of the Commission for the Olympic Programme from 1974 to 1980, before becoming a member of the Press Commission in 1983.

Jozsef Csermak



The Hungarian athletics champion **Jozsef Csermak** died of a heart attack on 19 January in Tapolca, Hungary, aged 68. His performance in the hammer throw, which won him a gold medal at the Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki in 1952 with a throw of 60.34m, enabled him to beat the world record of 59.88m set two years earlier by his compatriot Imre Nemeth. Jozsef Csermak also won a gold medal at the European Athletics Championships in Bern, Switzerland, in 1954. He then became a coach,

notably to Gyula Zsivotzky, who won the silver medal at the Games of the XVII and XVIII Olympiads in Rome in 1960 and Tokyo in 1964, before he became Olympic champion in Mexico City in 1968.

Adhemar Ferreira da Silva



Twice Olympic champion **Adhemar Ferreira da Silva** of Brazil died of a heart attack, aged 72. He won a gold medal in the triple jump at the Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki in 1952 and those of the XVI Olympiad in Melbourne in 1956, setting seven world records. He will be remembered as the most remarkable Brazilian athlete of all time.

Pape Gallo Thiam

Senegalese athlete **Pape Gallo Thiam** died in Paris, France, on 15 January. Born on 24 January 1930 in Dakar, Thiam was one of the best African and international high jumpers of the 20th century. In 1947, he broke the French

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West African record with a jump of 1.73m. The following year, he improved this record by 20cm at the French championships. Unable to compete in the Games of the XIV Olympiad in London in 1948 on the pretext that he was too young, he broke the French record again in 1949 with a jump of 1.99m, and then in 1950 with a record 2.03m jump. This record remained unbroken for six

years. Following an injury in 1952, he did not take part in the Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki. Nicknamed by "L'Equipe" the "Champion of champions", he was also an African militant and a model sports leader. He qualified as an engineer at the Ecole Spéciale des Travaux Publics (College of Public Works) in Paris, and went on to found the Entreprise Générale Africaine de Travaux Publics (African

Public Works Company) in Dakar. He was secretary general/treasurer of the African Amateur Athletics Federation, and then became honorary treasurer. Thiam was three times president of the Senegalese Athletics Federation between 1964 and 1993, and NOC member from 1970 onwards. In 1999, in recognition of his work, the IOC awarded the Diploma of Olympic Merit to Pape Gallo Thiam.

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