

Olympism in mourning

● It was with profound shock that we received the news of the tragic road accident involving the ski team of the Soviet Union. The team was returning from three weeks training at Zell am See (AUT) when their minibus was involved in a collision with a tram in Vienna. The young slalomer Elena Panchenko (17) was killed instantly as was the team's interpreter. Four others, Ludmila Reus, Galina Sungatova, Tania Pivovarchik and Igor Kordiako were seriously injured. The remainder of the team, including the top downhill racer Vladimir Makeev were treated in hospital for minor injuries.

It is with deep regret that we learned of the deaths of the following defenders of the Olympic and sports movements

● **Apostolos NikoIaides** (GRE), President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee from 1974-1976. Born in 1896, he was a football international, decathlon champion and participated in the 1920 Olympic Games at Antwerp. Secretary General, then President of the Greek Athletics Federation (1924-1967), he was also founder-President of the football federation (1928) and President of the basketball federation (1954).

● **Lucy Heaton** (née Morton) (GBR, 82). After having been the first world record holder for the women's 200 yards breaststroke, and the 150 yards backstroke in 1916, Miss Morton became her country's first Olympic swimming champion when she took the gold medal in the 200 m breaststroke at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris.

● **Ernst Hess** (SUI, 65) former handball player and president of the Swiss Athletics Federation.

● **Claude Menard** (FRA, 74) four times French high-jump champion from 1926 to 1930 and bronze medalist in the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam.

● **Jean-Pierre Gapais** (FRA, 38) treasurer of the athletics circle in Peronne (ERA) and brother of Brigitte Dumont, Vice-President of the French national Olympic and sports committee (CNOSF).

The "Olympic Review" sends its sincere condolences to the families and friends of these lamented sportsmen.