

NEWS OF THE WORLD

AFRICA

* The Superior Council of Sports in Africa has just edited a poster on which appear the 1968 Olympic Champions : WOLDE, REMU, GAMMOUDI and BIKILA.

* Abebe BIKILA, Olympic Marathon Champion in Rome and Tokyo, was involved in a serious car crash last March. With half of his body paralyzed, he nevertheless wanted to participate in the Olympics for Wheelchair Athletes in Stoke Mandeville (Great Britain). He finished 9th in Archery.

"I have no idea, so far, about the future" he said "but being with other people who are in the same situation gave me back confidence in life. These people are wonderful".

Fed. Rep. of Germany

* Mr. Willy KRAMER, professor of Gymnastics and Sports, former champion of Germany in back stroke, is directing the sports programme of the 2nd German T.V. Channel. This section has a staff of 56 members of which 32 are sports writers.

CANADA

* Mr. Jean DRAPEAU, Mayor of Montreal, presented personally the candidature for the Games of the XXist Olympiad, of the city he administers, at the IOC Headquarters at Chateau de Vidy, where he met President Brundage.

UNITED STATES

* Mr. Larry LEWIS, 102 years of age, celebrated his birthday by running the 100 yards at the Cox Stadium in San Francisco. He improved his last years' performance by 5/10 of a second and covered the distance in 17"3/10. Bravo !

* Maureen CONNOLLY, who was the best tennis player in the world and youngest participant at Forest Hill, died from cancer at the age of 34.

FRANCE

* Daniel GROUSSEAU, founding member of the Sports Journalists Association, pioneer of cycling sport, passed away on the 3rd of August at Montfort-l'Amaury. He was 93 years old. In 1900, he reorganized the French Velocipede Union which later became the Cycling Federation. He was the creator of the first cycle-cross country in 1901.

* A twelve years old boy, Pierre BORISOFF, suffering from a paralysis of both legs since birth, has just obtained his certificate in 1.000 metres swimming in Cherbourg.

* The first World Congress of Physical Training which was attended by 700 persons who came from 11 countries, was held in Strasbourg in July.

* For the occasion of the bi-centenary celebration of Napoleons' birth, emperor of the French, an international sword tournament was organized in Bastia, August 15th, 16th and 17th.

* The Racing Club of France, one of the oldest French sports associations, organized, at the end of July, an unusual competition, a 1000 x 100 metres swimming relay. Many former champions participated and the distance was covered in 25 hours.

* Marie DECUGIS, who participated in tennis in the Olympic Games at the beginning of our century, has passed away in Antibes.

GREAT BRITAIN

* John FAIRFAX, a 34 years old Englishman, rowed across the Atlantic (6.000 km). He left Palma in January and reached Florida in July.

* John BERESFORD, since 1920 several times Olympic Rowing Champion, took up his training again. At the age of 70, he participated in the famous Thames competition which takes place between Mortlake and Putney, over a distance of 7 km.

* Sydney WOODERSON, another famous British athlete, who in 1937 held the record for one mile in 4'6"4/10, again took part in a mile race, during the 100 x 1 mile relay in Croydon.

ITALY

* The Panathlon Club of Florence announces that the second exhibition "Art and Sport" will take place in March 1970 in the Congress Hall of Florence, which is to be inaugurated this autumn.

MEXICO

* The famous tennis champion Rafael OSUNA died in a plane crash in Monterrey, while he was on his way to the finals of the Davis Cup.

NORWAY

* Ivar BALLANGRUD, Olympic Champion in speed skating who had won 7 medals, of which 4 were gold medals, has passed away in Oslo at the age of 65. Our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

SWITZERLAND

* Mr. Willy RATZ has just been nominated Deputy-Director of the Federal School of Gymnastic and Sport, in Macolin. Our congratulations.

* The World Gymnastic Festival, The Gymnaestrade, which took place for the fifth time in Basel, was a great success. More than 11.000 athletes from 30 different countries participated.

* Mr. Marcel MEYER de Stadelhofen, former Olympic Champion in shooting, has just celebrated his 91st birthday. Our congratulations.

VIETNAM

* Mr. Nguyen-Kim CANG, Director of the daily paper "Tin-Som" (Morning News) one of the most important Vietnamese Newspapers, was awarded the gold medal in Mexico, during a contest organized by Mexican journalists for the best report of the written press.

We hope to publish one of his articles in a further issue, but in the meantime, we should like to show you his photograph. Mr. Nguyen-Kim CANG, is 41 years old, married to a journalist and father of 6 children. Since 1954 he specialized in reporting on important world affairs.

