

*B/N McKenley HERB*

# Olympic order award for Herb McKenley



**HERB MCKENLEY**

THE world's top quarter-miler of the early 1950's, Jamaican Herb McKenley has been awarded the silver Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee.

The Olympic Order, the IOC's highest award, is awarded in gold, silver and bronze categories to persons who have made a sustained contribution to sport.

The IOC said the award to the 70 year-old McKenley, was "in recognition of his sustained interest in and contribution to sport, nationally and internationally, over the past 50 years".

McKenley, who has been coach to several Jamaican Olympic athlet-

ic teams, was the world's top 440 yards and 400 metres runner from the mid 1940s to the early 1950s.

Between 1946 and 1948 he held world records in the 300 yards, 440 yards and 400 metres, and in 1948

was the first man to run the 400m in under 46 seconds.

He was a double silver medalist (in the 400m and 100m) in the 1948 Olympics in London and also won silver in the 400m in Helsinki four years later.

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