

## RETROSPECTIVE VIEW ON CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

In her discriminative survey of Cortina, the well-known Swiss journalist Colette Muret has raised two points of interest that we are glad to publish herewith, they bear on the following subjects :

### **The Soviets as sportsmen**

During the Winter Games, the Soviets gave us a wonderful example of fair play. If there were such a thing as a medal for true sportsmanship, they would undoubtedly have won it. Somewhat stern in appearance, the Russian winners showed themselves as equally good losers. Never in any events, did they make one gesture out of place, whilst, certain of their opponents' behaviour towards them did not always give them a true sample of western civilization...

### **A Pitfall**

Organization on an imposing scale, unlimited financial resources ; all has been said already on the subject of the formidable system which was set afoot in order to make the VIIth Winter Olympic Games the most outstanding success unique of its kind in the world. Moreover, one fact stands out : How will it be possible to continue and keep up on this scale in future without falling into the pitfall of ostentatious show which is in direct opposition to the basic principles laid down by Baron de Coubertin ? On account of their inherent good taste, the Italians at Cortina, managed to keep within bounds of permissible things and did not go beyond them. Nevertheless, if we want the Olympic Games to retain their true aspect and not fall in the pitfall of aping a "Hollywood Show", a stern come back to simplicity is imperative.

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