

# First Report

**by the Italian National Olympic Committee to the  
International Olympic Committee**

**on the Games of the XVIIth Olympiad in Rome, 1960**

The Italian National Olympic Committee has the honour to report to the International Olympic Committee on the activity and programme of organization undertaken as far as December 31, 1955 in preparation for the Olympic Games to be held in Rome in 1960.

#### AWARDING OF THE OLYMPIAD TO ROME

With great joy, Italian sportsmen, athletes and their leaders heard of the wish for decision of the International Olympic Committee to award the 1960 Olympiad to Rome here as well as in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Naples and Castel Gandolfo, there was public rejoicing.

#### CHOICE OF LOCALITIES FOR THE GAMES

Generally it has been decided that the Yachting Events shall take place at Naples, and the Rowing and Canoeing Events on lake Castel Gandolfo, 30 Kms. from Rome and that all the other events in the city. A request to the International Olympic Committee for authorisation to hold Trial Heats for the Team Events in other cities near Rome is contemplated.

#### PERIOD FOR HOLDING THE XVIIth OLYMPIAD

After an opportune study of the climatic conditions of Rome and of the winds in

the Gulf of Naples it is considered that the 17th Olympiad should begin during the second fortnight of August 1960, the Final Events taking place at the end of that month or at the beginning of September (from August 20 to September 4 or from August 13 to August 27).

Before submitting definite dates to the International Olympic Committee, the Italian National Olympic Committee will seek the opinion of the International Federations.

#### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The programme of events is principally that laid down in paragraph 42 of the General Rules and adopted for the Olympiad in Melbourne. In any case, a definite list of the Events will be submitted to the International Olympic Committee for examination within 1957.

#### SPORTS INSTALLATIONS

The International Olympic Committee is already aware of the situation in Rome with regard to Sports Installations through previous reports submitted.

The Olympic Stadium has proved efficient and functional in use but it will be still further perfected for the Games.

On the Regatta Course at Castel Gandolfo, numerous competitions are held annually. To facilitate access to the course to Competitors and Sporting Authorities, a wide road has been projected and will be built by the Italian Government Department concerned.

Work on the Cycling Track will be started within a few months.

The Fencing Events are to be held at the Palace of Congresses at the Rome Universal Exposition grounds where the 1955 World Championships, a great success from all points of view, were held.

Sport Palaces in the E.U.R. and Foro Italico districts are to be built for the following specialities : Boxing, Basket-Ball, Gymnastics, Wrestling and Weight Lifting.

The Shooting Range will be restored and will be equipped with no less than 80-100 targets.

The Swimming Events will take place in two adjacent pools with ample stands for the Public and modern technical arrangements for the Competitors.

The Equestrian Events will be held in Piazza di Siena in Rome and at the Olympic Stadium while the Three Day Events will be held in a pleasant locality 35 Km. from Rome.

A general trying out of the organization for the Yachting Events which will be held in Naples will take place there in 1956 on the occasion of the Star Class World Championships.

The installations for the Modern Pentathlon competitions are being decided upon.

#### OLYMPIC VILLAGE

The Olympic Village will be arranged in accordance with the General Regulations and will consist of one or at the most two centres with the object, as far as is possible, of accommodating the competitors near to the sports grounds.

#### PLANS OF ORGANIZATION

Immediately upon the award to Home of the 1960 Olympiad, the Italian National Olympic Committee and the Municipality of Rome respectively nominated committees to study plans for the necessary organization and to take any initial measures.

The work of these committees proceeds expeditiously but privately so as to avoid publication of information concerning the Olympiad to be held in Rome which might disturb or interfere with the organization that our Australian friends have in programme for the 16th Olympiad. Immediately after the Games in Melbourne the Municipality of Rome and the Italian National Olympic Committee will make public the initial programme of organization.

#### OFFICIAL ITALIAN AID

Both the Italian Government and the Municipality of Rome are maintaining the assurances given to the International Olympic Committee on the occasion of the presentation of the candidature of the City of Rome for the 1960 Olympiad. They are large in their support directed particularly to assuring that the city will be ever more able to accommodate Olympic visitors and to assure them ample and rapid faculty of travel and a most cordial welcome.

The Italian National Olympic Committee assures the International Olympic Committee that the task of organizing the Olympiad proceeds without meeting insurmountable difficulties of either a technical or financial nature and that all lovers of Sports in Italy fully appreciate the Olympic Ideal and in that spirit are preparing to welcome in 1960 athletes from all over the World.