



By the United States **IS GRANTED A GOVERNMENTAL
CONCESSION TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN
THE WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES OF 1960**

Last August, the House of Representatives adopted a motion under which the selection of foreigners having to comply with the formality of having their fingerprints taken upon entry in the United States, should be left to the discretion of the State Department and Ministry of Justice.

The specific object of this measure is to ensure the participation of the athletes belonging to the Eastern Countries of Europe in the Olympic Winter Games which are to be held at Squaw Valley in 1960.

On several occasions, the visits of Soviet citizens to the U.S.A. have had to be cancelled as a result of their refusal to allow their fingerprints to be taken. The Soviet Government considered this measure to be *humiliating* (although this formality is required of travellers from all nations upon entry into the U.S.A. — *Editor*).

We consider that the action taken by Mr. Avery Brundage has contributed to a large extent to this satisfactory decision adopted by the Americans in favour of the Soviet participants to the Games of 1960.