

ROME INVITES

The Organizing Committee of the Games of the XVIIth Olympiad in Rome decided that the invitations to participate in the Games should be sent to the 91 National

Olympic Committees on April 21st. As it happened, this date coincided with the anniversary of the foundations of the Eternal City. The duty to deliver the said invitations to the representatives of the Olympic Committees fell on the Italian consuls appointed to these countries. These invitations were printed on vellum in the respective language of each country. Hence the actual text of the invitation has been translated in 43 languages although this was going beyond the requirements demanded by the International Olympic Committee since only French and English are its official languages. But the Roman organizers endeavoured to do even better.