



VIIIth Olympic Winter Games

Statement from Squaw Valley

Electronic System at the Service of the Press

The full official results of the Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley (California), which are to take place from February 18th to February 28th 1960, will be communicated to the Press less than two minutes after completion of each contest, and this achievement is made possible through a remarkable device put into use for the first time.

By using electronic calculators, an American firm is going to record the results obtained by each competitor as the event is contested, therefore it will be possible to communicate the results to the press two minutes after the finish. Up to the present time, one had to wait sometimes for several hours, before the official placing was obtained. This applied particularly in the case of Jumping and Figure Skating events.

In order to give an idea of the speed in which the results will be communicated, the vice-president of the American firm entrusted with the communication of the results, mentioned the example of the downhill event (Skiing) for men. At the moment when each competitor will cross the finishing line, his number, name, country, and his time will be recorded electronically. As soon as the last competitor will have ended the race, the electronic calculator will produce the automatic recording of the list of the competitor placed according to the time they made. This list will come out of a reproducing apparatus at the rate of 150 lines per minute. The original impression will then go through the electric duplicating machine for immediate reproduction. Synchronized with the production of the original sheet, a teletyped tape automatically perforated will retransmit the results by telescriptors to all press centres which are to be placed in Squaw Valley and surrounding districts till Reno (Nevada). At each press centre, a duplicating machine will print again the list which, in a few minutes will be printed in hundred or thousand copies.

The last mentioned process will operate more especially at night, in order to obtain the swift transmission of the starting time of events of the following day's races, as well

as for all other communications issued by the organizing centres.

A certain number of these duplicating apparatus will be installed in good time at Squaw Valley and the first indications of the output is estimated at more than 120,000 sheets of results and other informations produced daily during the Olympic Winter Games at Squaw Valley.