



The Games of the XVIIth Olympiad in Rome — 1960

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT CENTRES

After consulting the International Amateur Football Federation and receiving assurances from the Mayors of the towns concerned as to the adequacy of the sports venues and their flood-lighting arrangements, the Executive Committee of the Rome Olympic Organization has decided that the Olympic football tournament will take place in the following cities: Florence, Grosseto, l'Aquila, Leghorn, Pescara and Naples as well as, naturally, the host city of the Games - Rome.

It is to be expected that during the elimination and semi-final phases of the tournament, which will be held in the above cities, there will be several matches of outstanding interest.

The two semi-finals and the finals for first and third place will be held in Rome.

DEPARTURE OF THE TORCH FROM OLYMPIA

Towards the middle of last November, a limited Commission under the leadership of Dr. Alfredo M. Langellotti, and which counted among its members Colonel Turrini of the Ministry for Defence (Army), went to Greece to finalise the time-table and other details of the ceremonies concerning the lighting of the Torch and its conveyance across Greek territory.

The Commission held several meetings with Mr. Keatseas and Mr. Leondopoulos of the Greek Olympic Committee, Mr. Vichos, Secretary-General of the Sub-Secretariat for Sport and with various federation officials; finally, the Commission was received by Minister Triantafyllacos, Under-Secretary of State to the Cabinet who spoke, amongst other things, of warm friendship for Italy and appreciation of the work being done for the XVII Olympic Games.

It was decided that the Sacred Fire would be lit in Olympia at 11 o'clock on the 12th August with the customary ceremonial, and the Torch would then be carried by a relay

over a course of considerable historical and archaeological interest; across Pyrgos, Patras, Corinth, Megara, Eleusis and Athens.

The Sacred Flame will reach the Panathinoikon Stadium in Athens at 21.00 hrs. on the 13th August where an impressive ceremony will be performed during which the Flame will be given to the Italian representative by H.R.H. Prince Constantine of Greece, the President of the Greek Olympic Committee. At 22.00 hours, the Torch will leave for the port of Turkolimano at Phaleros, the headquarters of the nautical clubs, and from there it will be embarked at 23.00 hrs. on the training ship, *Amerigo Vespucci*, which will bring it to Syracuse.