

Solemn opening Ceremony of the 57th Session of the International Olympic Committee

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The inaugural Ceremony of the 57th Session of the International Olympic Committee, which took place on 20th August at the Palace of Congresses, will undoubtedly rank among the most interesting and important events in connection with the protocol of the Rome Olympic Games.

With silver trumpets in their hands, ten valets of Vitorchiano, drawn up on the flat space above the steps of the Palace of Congresses, announced

the arrival of the Head of the Italian State with Roman fanfares. After the welcome of the Authorities, the Hon. Gronchi moved towards the large Reception Room while 18 Trumpeters of the Carabinieri played the Olympic motif repeated three times. This was followed by the Italian National Anthem and immediately afterwards the Orchestra of the National Academy of Santa Cecilia in conjunction with the choir composed of 100 singers (50 women and 50 men) began the choral-orchestral programme, with the *Symphony of Semiramide* by Rossini.

The interesting Ceremony reached its climax with the speech by the Head of the Italian State. The Hon. Gronchi shortly afterwards took leave of the authorities, while the Trumpeters once more sounded the Olympic motif.

We judge it of general interest to publish the integral text of the three speeches:



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