

# The IX<sup>th</sup> Winter Olympic Games

## Innsbruck 1964

The Organizing Committee has had the good idea of organizing press conferences in the principal European cities in order to provide information on the progress of the works which are being carried out in preparation for the 1964 Winter Games. Thus Mr. Bertl Neumann, chief of the publicity for these Games, visited Zurich and Lausanne among other cities, last November. In the course of a most striking lecture accompanied by two recent films, he gave useful information and particulars which allowed us to realize the gigantic work carried out to date. As it happens, by the time these lines are published, several sport events will already have taken place in order to test the various Olympic installations. Although we are given to understand that the organizers are seeking to achieve the original simplicity of these Games, we are nevertheless convinced that they are determined to maintain a very high standard. As a matter of fact, their budget of 'Olympic

expenses' is in the region of 33 million Swiss Francs, whereas it is actually double this figure, if one takes into account the projects forecast in connection with the organization of these Games (Road construction for example such as the road of the Brenner which connects Austria with Italy, the building of the Olympic Village comprising large buildings of 8 to 11 floors, which will serve afterwards as housing for the local population, etc., etc).

The prospects for the Innsbruck Games seem most favourable, especially as they are being organized under the aegis of such capable energetic personalities as President Mr. Drimmel, Minister in the Government, assisted by the mainspring of the enterprise : Professor Friedl Wolfgang, who is General-Secretary.

We publish in this issue of the Bulletin a few photographs which were taken last autumn.



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*En haut : Innsbruck 1964. Tracé de la descente hommes ainsi que la piste de bobsleigh et celle de luge.*

*En bas : Innsbruck 1964. Le stade de glace en construction (photo prise en automne 1962).*



