

## **The Session of the International Olympic Committee at Innsbruck**

Innsbruck welcomed the 61st Session of the International Olympic Committee on the eve of the IX Winter Olympic Games, which is to say that the town was 'en fete'.

The members found, during their intervals of leisure, that, in addition to the well-known Tyrolean gaiety, Innsbruck was a town decorated everywhere in the Olympic colours.

The Minutes, published in the pages of this edition, give a strictly accurate account of the work done by the International Olympic Committee, but no mention is made of the setting where it was accomplished. Innsbruck had, in fact, opened its Diet Hall for the first day of the Session, the baroque splendour of which contrasted strangely with

the cabins used for simultaneous translation. We must also mention with grateful thanks the charming hostesses who, all through the discussions, gave service with a smile.

Entertainments were certainly not lacking before the great excitement of the events. The excellent concert given at the Solemn Opening of the Session by the Philharmonic Orchestra of Vienna conducted by Karl Böhm will long be remembered. So will the very warm reception given to the Tyrolean choir, which by torchlight welcomed the guests at a dinner given above the town.

Then came January 29th, the opening day of the Games. This was a moving and spectacular prelude to the sporting feats which were to follow.