

# ROME:



## 64th SESSION

For the International Olympic Committee, meeting in Rome is a little like going home again since, last April, it was the fourth time that it was holding a session there since its foundation. Obviously the fountain of Trevi and its attractive legend have something to do with it ! But what is certain is that, apart from the setting bearing witness to a glorious past, the I.O.C. finds such a cordial welcome in Rome that it is only natural it should want to return.

The C.O.N.I. and its president Mr. Giulio Onesti, member of the I.O.C. for Italy, as well as Mr. Giorgio de Stefani, lived up to their firmly established reputation of generous and attentive hosts. This 64th session, which with fifty points on the agenda promised to be an extremely serious, busy one, was in fact most pleasant because of the harmonious programme arranged by the organizers. The opening ceremony, held at the Opera House on April 24th, during which the important speeches we publish below were made, was followed at the end of the day by a brilliant reception given at the Quirinal Palace for members of I.O.C. and representatives of the International Federations by the president of the Italian Republic, Mr. Giuseppe Saragat. From the next day on, the long hours of work were followed alternately by particularly welcome hours of leisure and the finest entertainment, including the banquet given by the

president of the C.O.N.I. for the I.O.C. on April 27th, the party organized by the Japanese ambassador in Rome — who is no other than Mr. Shigeru Yosano, the former secretary general of the Organizing Committee of the Tokyo Games — during which we had the pleasure of watching a showing of a supplement to the admirable film "Tokyo-Olympiad", as well as the receptions of the Mexican delegation and the two towns organizing the 1972 Games, Munich and Sapporo.

We should like here to thank our Roman hosts and their devoted assistants for having so generously contributed to the success of this 64th Olympic session, not only by the warm and relaxed atmosphere they succeeded in creating but also by the excellent organization of these important meetings, which culminated in the audience given to members of the I.O.C. by H. H. Pope Paul VI, which we describe elsewhere in this "Bulletin".

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