

The olympic village



The Olympic village will be located in a vast woodland area of ninety-eight acres in the southern part of Mexico City, approximately ten miles from the business district, in a place called "Pedregal de San Angel" which is covered with volcanic lava from a very ancient eruption of the Xitle Mountain. This part of the city enjoys a most favorable climate and beautiful surroundings.

The village will provide accommodation for ten thousand athletes and team officials in eight hundred one or two-story houses with two or three bedrooms. There will be supervision offices for athletes and administrators, restaurants, a recreation center and play rooms, steam and Turkish baths, barber shops and beauty parlours, a theatre for stage performances and motion pictures with eight hundred seats, medical services, etc.

There will also be a shopping center and two different types of parking areas : one inside for vehicles belonging to the village and the delegations, and one outside for those which will circulate between the training and competition fields and for visitors. The Olympic village has been planned with a view to permanence and not as a temporary project since, after the 1968 Games, it will house government employees.

Communication will be fast and easy between the village and the Olympic stadium, as well as with the other sports venues such as the Magdalena Mixhuca Sports

Center, the Aztec Stadium, etc. It will take approximately five minutes to travel by automobile from the village to the Olympic stadium, while the maximum traveling time between the village and the farthest sports venue will be twenty-five minutes.

Furthermore the peripheral speedway will pass alongside the village, connecting it with all Olympic venues as well as with the other fast transit routes and through-ways that lead to all parts of the city, including the business district.

