



sports substructures

Alpine events

Extensive embankings were completed on the runs of the Olympic courses at Chamrousse last year, representing the major part of a programme to be continued this summer.

Two seat-lifts planned as part of the Olympic facilities programme were put into service at the beginning of the year, and two others will be installed presently, completing the network of mechanical ski-lifts.

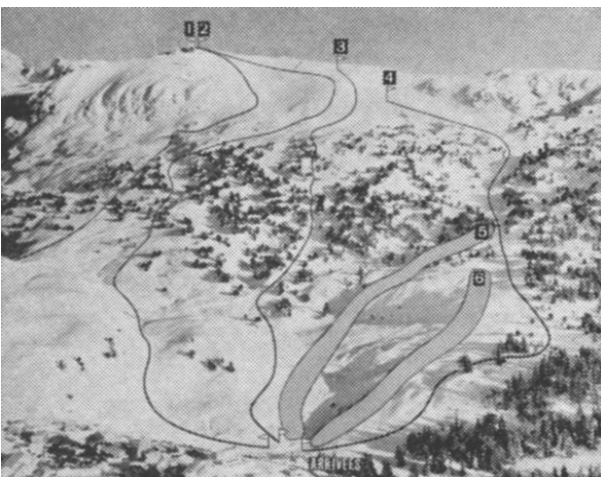
The entire layout will again be tested from 8 to 19 February 1967, this time on a larger scale, on the occasion of an "International Ski Week" open to competitors from all nations.

The study of the alternative courses which are to be at Alpe d'Huez is being actively pursued.

Nordic events

The various required courses which have been created at Autrans for these events were tested

Chamrousse. Alpine events. 1 : men's downhill ; 2 : ladies' downhill ; 3 : men's giant slalom ; 4 : ladies' giant slalom ; 5 : men's slalom stadium ; 6 : ladies' slalom stadium.



during the French Championships. Modifications of detail remain to be carried out on these trails to take count of the observations made by the international experts who were invited for the occasion. The situation of the whole was, however, confirmed, particularly as pertains to the principle of a start and finish stadium common to all events. Certain additional projects consisting essentially of an improvement of the profile of the runs and construction of a shooting range for the biathlon events, will be achieved this summer.

The 70 m. jump of Autrans was used during the French Championships this past winter, on which the bulk of work was done in record time last year. The complement of arrangements on this ski jump will be executed this summer.

The construction plan of the 90 m. ski-jump at Saint-Nizier-du-Moucherotte, established in collaboration with Mr. Klopfer, F.I.S. technical delegate, has been achieved and construction has begun early in May 1966. The bulk will be completed by next winter in order for an international event to be held under limited but significant and instructive conditions for the programme's continuation.

A special effort has been planned concerning arrangements of the landscape of this site of particular beauty.

Bobsleigh events

Consultations are being held, and bids of construction companies considered, with reference to the project already discussed with the International Federation. Work began at Alpe d'Huez early this summer.

The Organizing Committee has committed itself to the accomplishment of the essential aspects of this undertaking during the summer 1966, in order to enable the staging of the World Bobsleigh Championships in February 1967, the organization of which was entrusted to Alpe d'Huez.

Luge events

Here as well the bulk of the project will be accomplished this summer to permit the organization of an international competition next February at Villard-de-Lans.

Skating and hockey events

Construction of necessary facilities began at the beginning of 1966 in Grenoble. The foundations of the large skating rink with a capacity for 14 000 spectators, are already above earth-level and completion is scheduled for the summer of 1967.

Construction of the speed ring is in active progress and will be completed for the most part

by the end of the year. An international trial event will take place on this ring in January 1967.

Opening ceremony

The decision was taken to hold the opening ceremony in the existing municipal stadium of the Paul-Mistral Park. This solution presents a certain number of advantages, the first of which being that it will closely associate the Grenoble

population with the ceremony. The Organizing Committee envisions the possibility of a capacity of 40 000 to 45 000 in the stadium with the aid of provisional arrangements now under study. The ceremony itself which is to take place there will be preceded by a parade of the different delegations through the Paul-Mistral Park, permitting an extremely large number of Grenoble inhabitants to participate in the celebration.

Autrans. Nordic events. 1 : 70 and 40 m. jump hill ; 2 : olympic village ; 3 : stadium ; 4 : shooting range ; 5: start ; 6 : finish.



Alpe d'Huez. Bobsleigh run. 1 : start ; 2 : finish.



Villard-de-Lans. Luge run.
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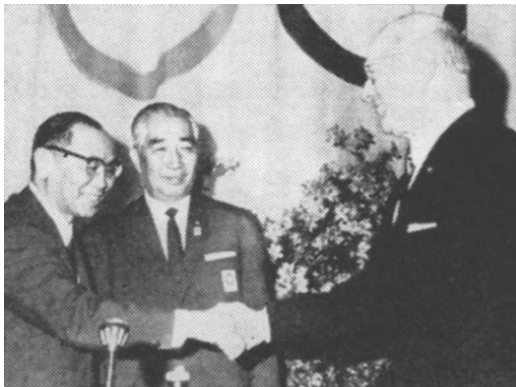
communiqués and news in brief

Olympic Games 1972

It will come as no surprise to hear that the inhabitants of Munich and Sapporo went wild with joy when they learned of the decision to award the 1972 Olympic Games and Winter Olympics to their respective towns. This satisfaction took the form of messages addressed to the I.O.C., the contents of which we take pleasure in reproducing here, at the same time adding our heartiest congratulations.

The International Olympic Committee, in its 64th session in Rome, honoured the City of Munich by awarding to it the Olympic Games 1972. The inhabitants of this city have responded to this decision with pride and satisfaction. The City Council of Munich has noted with gratitude the confidence placed in it by the International Olympic Committee. Under the auspices of the National Olympic Committee for Germany, the City of Munich, assisted by the Federal Republic of Germany and the Free State of Bavaria, will do its utmost to make the Olympic Games 1972 a contribution toward the realization of the Olympic idea in the spirit of its refounder, Pierre de Coubertin.

*Dr. Hans-Jochen Vogel,
Lord Mayor.*



Mayor Harada and President Takeda of the Japanese Olympic Committee are being congratulated by President Brundage after the vote.



The City of Sapporo, for which the I.O.C. once voted to assign the Winter Olympics of 1940, continued, through the intervening years, to aspire to the honor of holding these international athletics in this capital city of Hokkaido.

We were exceedingly honored and pleased with the recent I.O.C. decision in selecting Sapporo as the site of the Winter Olympics of 1972. I should like to extend to all of the distinguished members of the I.O.C. our profound appreciation for awarding to us this great honor.

The Olympic Games are one of the greatest of inspirations for bringing peoples and nations together, thus contributing to the peace of the world. I am fully convinced that with the existing nation-wide zeal and its dedicated cooperation toward this goal the Winter Olympics of 1972 will be another resounding success in the long history of this event. May I respectfully anticipate your continued interest and support of our mutual endeavor.

*Yosaku Harada,
Mayor.*

Mon-Repos

At a Franco-Swiss friendship meeting held on April 18th, Mr. Raymond Rödel, president of the French Committee for national prestige and propaganda, and member of the Academy of sport, presented posthumously the gold medal for amiability in gratitude to Baron Pierre de Coubertin. This ceremony took place in the presence of President Brundage, Mr. Albert Mayer and Mr. Marc Hodler, members of the I.O.C. for Switzerland and Mr. G.-A. Chevallaz, Mayor of Lausanne. In this way France's gratitude was expressed towards those who have glorified and perpetuated the memory of the reviver of the Olympic Games.

Lord Mayor Vogel, Vice-President Wülfling and President Daume of the German Olympic Committee with President Brundage before a model of Olympic Munich (left to right). Photo D.P.A., Munich.

Olympic Academy

The International Olympic Academy presented a report on its activities through Vice-Admiral Lappas, member of the I.O.C. for Greece at the session in Rome. This report points out that the Hellenic Olympic Committee has found ways and means of hastening the construction of buildings indispensable to the Academy. When they are completed, they will be able to house five to six hundred students. Let us point out that this permanent complex will not only be used for summer sessions but that it will also receive specialized groups such as writers, journalists, sports doctors, etc. The museum and library will be particularly outstanding. It will be remembered that the museum has been considerably enriched by the generous donation of Mr. Papastephanou and that the late Jean Ketseas bequeathed to the library five hundred books on sport which he had collected himself. So many generous gestures only waiting to be imitated !

Here we repeat the composition of the committee of the I.O.A. : president : Prince George of Hannover ; vice-presidents : H. M. King Constantine and Vice-Admiral Lappas ; members : the Marquess

of Exeter, Messrs. Giorgio de Stefani and Ivar Vind ; members *ex officio*: Messrs. Avery Brundage and Armand Massard.

Prague

▶ The Olympic Diploma of Merit for 1966 was awarded to Professor Joseph G. A. Gruss, for twenty years member of the I.O.C. for Czechoslovakia and today honorary member. This distinction has been given to reward his untiring devotion and constant loyalty to the Olympic Movement. The diploma was presented to Professor Gruss, at a meeting of the Czechoslovak Olympic Committee, by president Frantisek Vodslon, who had himself received it from the hands of the secretary general Mr. Frantisek Kroutil, Professor Gruss's successor at the I.O.C. Our photograph shows the latter receiving the congratulations of the charming Mrs. Vera Caslavskaja, triple Olympic champion and four times world gymnastics champion.

The Grotius Foundation and the Olympic Movement

At the end of December 1965, the Fifteenth Grotius Day was celebrated in Tunis. Who was Grotius ? He is considered to be the father of international law. Although he did not invent (he lived from 1563 to 1645) the notions of natural law and the law of nations, he nevertheless reworded the definitions in such a way that his interpretation continues today to underlie certain elements of international life. It is not surprising therefore that a foundation was created in his name for the propagation of the law of nations, which decided on the occasion of this Fifteenth Day to present its gold medal to President Brundage in recognition of the pacific virtues of the Olympic Games. Mr. Mohamed Mzali, member of the I.O.C. for Tunis, presented this medal to Mr. Brundage at the end of the recent Olympic session in Rome.



Photo Karel Kucera, Prague.

Los Angeles

▶ Mr. John-Jewett Garland, member of the I.O.C. for the United States, presented the Olympic Cup awarded for 1964 to the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games, to Mr. William M. Henry, president of this Committee, of which Mr. Garland is moreover honorary president. We see them here, from left to right, in the company of Mr. Ralph O. Chick, executive secretary, during the reception that followed this ceremony. All our congratulations and our gratitude are extended to the S.C.C.O.G. for its loyalty and unceasing activity on behalf of the Olympic Movement.



From Innsbruck to Lausanne

On June 30th last, the consul general of Austria in Geneva and Lausanne, Mr. Erich Ft. F. Maier, presented the Austrian Olympic Medal to Mr. Albert Mayer, member of **the** I.O.C. for Switzerland, Mrs. Lydia Zanchi, secretary of the I.O.C.. Mr. Marcel Henninger, former president of the Swiss Olympic Committee, Mr. Jean Weymann, secretary general of the S.O.C., Mr. Otto Mayer, former chancellor of the I.O.C. and Miss Myriam Meuwly, editor of the I.O.C.'s *Bulletin*, in recognition of services rendered on the occasion of the 1964 Winter Olympic Games in Innsbruck.

This ceremony was held in the presence of a great many French Swiss personalities and the secretary general of the I.O.C., Mr. J. W. Westhoff.