



Final preparations at Grenoble

The Olympic City

Started in April 1966, the construction of the Olympic City went forward at a record pace with the use of the most modern construction techniques. This will enable the Organizing Committee to take possession of these buildings at the end of September, when various arrangements made necessary by their special use during the Games will be undertaken. The city is composed of eight towers high of sixteen storeys, of several parallel two to four-storey-high buildings, of university meeting halls and auditoriums. The athletes and team officials will be housed in the actual olympic village where accommodation has been planned for two thousand male athletes and three hundred women. The rest of the Olympic City will be reserved for the Organizing Committee. An alpine style will be given to the Olympic City by using wood for the railings and the decoration of the facades.

Sport facilities



Ice palace : will be completed and tried in October, and inaugurated during the International Figure Skating and Ice Hockey events, in November.



Speed skating rink : the works are being completed. After the 1967 trials, a softer water was used which produced a technically better quality of ice. The rink will be in operation again on 15 December.



Bobsleigh run : the summer was used to correct the bobsleigh run. The difficulties encountered with the icing will be overcome for 1968. The icing will be started at the beginning of the winter, screens will be erected against the sun, and the most exposed bends will be artificially frozen.



Luge run : the detail work will be completed in September, the run being ready since last winter.



70-metre ski-jump at Autrans : the jump is ready. Construction of stands for the public and of the towers for the jury will be completed in October.

90-metre ski-jump at Saint-Nizier : the final sections of the works will be completed in November.



Alpine courses at Chamrousse : several minor modifications were brought to the courses and various facilities such as stands, footbridges, a press sub-center, radio and TV cabins, etc., have been built during the summer.



Nordic facilities at Autrans : a permanent building, stands, cabins, have been erected, and the trails for the 50 km., 15 km. combined, 4 x 10 km. relay, and ladies' 3 x 5 km. relay prepared, most of them following parts of existing trails.



The biathlon at Autrans : the shooting trench will be completed at the end of the summer as well as a permanent building to house the technical services. The layout of the trails will have been modified in order to become more difficult.

Sale of tickets

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3. For other countries, tickets are on sale in the main travel agencies.

Additional information can be obtained from the Organizing Committee of the Xth Olympic Winter Games, service billetterie, B. P. 1043, 38 Grenoble, France. tel. 87 35 24.