

The Olympic Flame, symbol of the unity through sport of world youth, is already on its way to Grenoble and will soon be setting out for Mexico. 1968 will see a more magnificent celebration of the Olympic Winter Games and of the Olympic Games than ever before.

These brilliant festivals must not just be a form of distraction for the actors and the spectators but rather a proof of progress made, of confidence gained and of a better understanding between the nations. The Olympic Movement binds men together in one great brotherhood even if the world is all too often full of egoism and selfishness. The Olympic family is open to all, but, as in all families, we have our rules and those who wish to join themselves to us must abide by them.

Our message for 1968 is once again that the important thing is not to win but to take part for we believe that true effort brings its own rewards and satisfaction.

In this age of idols, choose yours with care. In these times of mechanisation and systematic specialisation, may this year bring you a renewed energy and an equal respect for mind and body for true culture has many different aspects. May sport help you in your development and your relations with your fellow men.

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