

E D I T O R I A L

The flame burns no more over Grenoble ; the Xth Winter Olympic Games are over.

Grenoble will have made a bright pendant to the magnificent and now-near coronation of Mexico, exalting sport and free air.

Let us for a moment think of the past, when for instance, Games of Ice and Snow were, for the first time, held on the very same mountains of France at Chamonix ; What a long way one has covered since then !

Indeed the performances of the champions are far more impressive today than those of their predecessors ; indeed, the equipment is up-to-date, the competitors enjoy greater comfort but at what costs ! Our time and progress are the answer.

Nevertheless, the celebration of the five Olympic Rings ought to remain a choir of simplicity and nudity and not become a reason for commercial exploitation. This would indeed stain the purity of Pierre de Coubertin's idea of the Olympic gathering.

Every new Olympic Games bring a new contribution. The hyper-development of Olympic cities have always been a great victory. Progress went further quite impressively as years went by. Every meeting witnesses new records.

The Xth Winter Olympic Games testify to Grenoble's rank among other great capitals. Grenoble is now equipped so as to meet year 2000 and is now a turntable ready, thanks to a devoted team, to ensure the future of its children.

The IOC can be proud to progress always further on the way once opened by the Renovator, for it contributes to the benefit of mankind as to that of the Olympic Games.

May those Games, once meant in their essence to remain wholly disinterested, perpetuate the consecration of the cult of human fraternity and beauty.

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