

J. W. WESTERHOFF
SECRETARY GENERAL
at Munich

On Friday, June 14th, Mr. J.W.WESTERHOFF, Secretary General of the International Olympic Committee, went to Munich in order to meet the members of the Organizing Committee who are responsible for the Games of the XXTH Olympiad in Munich in 1972.

His first meeting on arrival at the Bavarian capitol, was with the Secretary General of the Organizing Committee, Mr. KUNZE, when they discussed all the details of the Organization for the next Games. The experiences of both were exchanged which will enable future difficulties to be avoided.

The Organizing Committee of the Munich Games is placed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Willi DAUME, International Olympic Committee Member, and President of the German National Olympic Committee. The Executive Committee of this Organization shows proof of an excellent combination between the various representatives of the public and private authorities which will all play a leading part in their respective domains. Amongst them are found sports representatives from the National Olympic Committee, from the Town Council, from the Bavarian Council and from the Federal Government.

The Secretary General, Mr. KUNZE, is the former President of the Group of Sports National Federations (Deutsche Sportbund) and the Treasurer is the President of the National Bank of Bavaria.

The meeting of the Executive Council which was attended by the Secretary General of the Intenational Olympic Committee was held in the Villa Waldberta at Feldafing, not far from Munich, in the immediate vicinity of the Starnberg Lake.

Open discussions on sporting, and, above all, practical matters, took place amongst those interested.

A Metro connecting the town to the various Olympic sites is in course of construction. The Stadium of Honour will be covered by an enormous tent canvas like the one that protected the German Pavilion in Montreal. It will have a surface of

more than 60,000 square metres, and will cost 30 million marks (about 8 million dollars)

The different Olympic sites are defined with the exception of the rowing which has some technical problems. The International Federation must decide next whether the lake chosen 50 kms from Munich is suitable for the competitions. If not a special canal of the same type as that prepared by the Mexicans, will be constructed 25 kms from the Bavarian capitol.

The Germans who intend to provide 800 million marks, (200 million dollars) for the Munich Games have here and now stated that they have no wish to increase this sum. They mean to run these games to the dimensions of man and to approach the Greek tradition by developing all the cultural activities alongside the sports competitions.

Finally, PRINCE GEORGE OF HANOVER, member of the International Olympic Committee for the Olympic Academy, came to Munich especially to meet the Secretary General of the International Olympic Committee, in order to converse with him on the problems and projects that are relative to this Organization.

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