

THE NEXT GAMES

WATER RACES IN THE XVIITH OLYMPIC GAMES

- * To avoid any confusion about the programme of canoeing events in the next Olympic Games at Munich, the International Olympic Committee would like to specify the exact situation: the eventual addition of canoe slalom and wild-water racing as extra events was considered in Mexico during the 67th Session. However the final decision will be made in June at the Session in Warsaw,

We should like to stress that there is no question of adding a new sport to the programme of the Games, as has been mentioned in various west-European papers, but merely of adding two particularly difficult and energetic events demanding qualities which should be a must for every Olympic champion.

- * For rowing and canoe-kayak, the organizers of the XXth Olympiad will spend approximately 9.5 million dollars on the construction of an artificial rowing and canoeing course near the village of Koenigsdorf, 32 kilometers south of Munich. Preconditions for construction are favourable results of ground-water tests, which are already under way. The site, already endorsed by Mr. Thomas KELLER, president of the Federation internationale des sociétés d'aviron, will also include a separate training course. The main course for the competitions will be 2225 meters long, 125 meters wide and 3.5 meters deep, thus being in full compliance with international standards. The installation will be situated in a lovely landscape within view of the Bavarian Alps and will have direct autobahn and rail connections to Munich. Seating capacity during the Games will be 35000. Local authorities plan to develop the whole area into a large recreation area after the Games in 1972.

IN 1976, DAVOS WILL NOT HOST THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- * The District Council of Davos has decided not to present the candidature of this resort for the organization of the 1976 Olympic Winter Games.

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