

## THE TOWNS APPLYING FOR THE 1976 OLYMPICS

*The approach of the final date for receiving the candidatures of towns for the organization of the Games of the 21st Olympiad and the 12th Winter Olympics brought a certain number of delegates to the Château de Vidy at the end of 1969.*

*At 4 p.m. on December 18th, representatives of the city of Moscow came to hand in their official documents to Madame Monique BERLIOUX, Director for Press and Public Relations and Head of the Administration of the International Olympic Committee. Mr. Vladimir SAVVIN, Secretary General of the Olympic Committee of the U.S.S.R., accompanied Mr. Anatoli PEGOV, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Soviet of Workers' Deputies of Moscow. Both read three letters of invitation: from the city of Moscow, the U.S.S.R. National Olympic Committee, and the Government.*

*At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Philippe HENCHOZ, President of the Committee for the Promotion of the Town of Sion, arrived at the I.O.C. accompanied by a large delegation including Mr. Emile IMESCH, President of the capital of the Valais, and a number of girls in traditional costume. Mr. HENCHOZ explained clearly, but none the less warmly, the reasons that had decided his compatriots to apply for the honour of holding the Winter Games.*

*On December 30th, three more delegations were received at the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee, by Mr. Artur TAKAC, Technical Director.*

*Florence, the capital of Tuscany, was represented by Mr. PADALINO, Government Commissary to the Municipality, escorted by Mr. Marcello GARRONI, a member of the Italian National Olympic Committee.*

*Mr. Usko TEROMAA, Secretary General of the town of Tampere, came to present the application of the Finnish town finally given preference to Lahti, which at one time had seemed to be the national choice.*

*Finally, Mr. James COTTER, Secretary General Of the Committee for the Promotion of Denver (United States), completed the dossier sent in earlier.*

*The two members of the I.O.C. for Switzerland, Mr. Marc HODLER, President of the International Ski Federation, and Mr. Raymond GAFNER, President of the Swiss Olympic Committee, honoured with their presence these receptions to which the press had been invited.*

*Let us add that Montreal and Vancouver (Canada), as well as Los Angeles (United States) had sent in their official applications well before the final date.*

*Finally, on, January 7th Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE, President of the I.O.C., attended a press conference in Chicago given by Mr. Jean DRAPEAU, the Mayor of Montreal, at which the latter described in detail the arrangements the capital of Quebec planned to make if it were fortunate enough to be chosen.*

*The choice by members of the I.O.C. will be made at the Amsterdam session in May. The candidates are as follows:*

Summer Games

*Montreal (Canada)*

*Los Angeles (United States)*

*Florence (Italy)*

*Moscow (U.S.S.R.)*

Winter Games

*Tampere (Finland)*

*Vancouver (Canada)*

*Denver (United States)*

*Sion (Switzerland)*