

THE MUNICH GAMES



* Mr. Konrad POEHNER, Bavarian Minister of Finance, was elected new chairman of the board of directors of the Olympic Construction Corporation. He succeeds Franz Josef STRAUSS, former Federal Minister of Finance. Vice-chairman are Dr. Alex MOELLER, presently Minister of Finance of the Federal Republic, and Dr. Hans-Jochen VOGEL, Munich's Lord Mayor.

* Dr. Hans-Jochen VOGEL, Lord Mayor of Munich, visited Australia to speak at Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide on the concept and the preparations for the Olympic Games 1972. He also met with Mr. Hugh WEIR, member of the IOC, Sir Harold ALDERSON, Sir Wilfrid KENT-HUGHES and Sir Edgar TANNER from the Australian Olympic Federation in order to discuss experiences made at the Olympic Games 1956. At Melbourne City Hall Mr. Edward W. BEST, Lord Mayor, made the statement that Melbourne, at the moment of applying for the 1974 Commonwealth Games, has gained a great number of permanent assets for the city's development by the Olympic Games.

* The Organising Committee of the Munich Games has just named Mr. Hans Joachim KORNER head of the Olympic Youth section. Mr. KORNER was, for many years, a member of the "Sports" department of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, and, since its foundation, reporter for the "Franco-German Youth". He organised, at the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki, the first Young Peoples Reunion.

* The Federal Government issued a first series (six million pieces) of an Olympic coin (ten D-Marks), which may be used as normal currency. The sovereignty goes to Munich as a weighty contribution to the construction of Olympic installations. The result was a big run of coin-collectors. The five million pieces were sold out within a few hours. An additional issue is under consideration for spring 1970. Until 1972 there should be a total of four series with a profit of some 240 million D-Mark.

* The Federal Railway is going to open a station "Olympiafeld", situated only one kilometre from the Olympic Stadium, which can handle, simultaneously, fourteen trains. The Olympic transport system will thus be able to receive an hourly capacity of 25,000 people at least.