



Tampere, 160.000 inhabitants, Finland

THE TOWN

Tampere is situated in the interior of the country 110 miles from Helsinki, on a narrow isthmus between two big lakes.

It was founded in 1779 and is today the second biggest town in Finland. It is the heart of the country's biggest economic region, which has a population of about 400.000.

The Winters are long and cold. The month of March is the best time for skiing, with a mean temperature of about -20.

Its mayor is Mr. Pekka PAAVOLA.

SPORT

Finland is a great country for skiing and Tampere a great centre for Winter sports of all kinds. Each year international meetings are held there in all sports except bobsleigh and toboggan. Tampere is unquestionably Finland's ice-hockey capital. In 1965, the World Ice-Hockey Championships were held there and in 1968 the World University Championships in the same sport.

Among the great names in sport, let us quote Veikko Hakulinen, Eero Mäntyranta, Niilo Halonen, Veikko Kankkonen.

THE 1976 GAMES

* The present installations:

a covered skating rink, built in 1965 for the World Ice-Hockey Championships - "le Hall de Glace", 10.800 seats.

- . an artificial ice skating rink, 20.000 seats.
- . the Tampere Stadium, 20.000 seats, for the speed skating events.

* The installations planned:

- * All the ski races will be held at Lamminpää

To be built:

- . a 70 m ski-jump
- . a ski-jump at Villilä
- . two artificial skating rinks next to the covered stadium

* Olympic Village:

The Hervanta University Village will be built on the University campus now in the process of construction. The athletes will be accommodated in rooms for two. A recreational centre and a covered stadium are also included in the project. During the period of the Games, this stadium will be available for figure skating and ice-hockey, in addition to the above-mentioned stadiums.

* Press Centre:

Telecommunications will be ensured by a second television and radio station to be completed by the Finnish Broadcasting Company in 1973. Its spacious premises and modern equipment will be equipped among other things for colour TV broadcasts.

The Games Administrative Centre, the Enquiry Office and the Hotel for the press will be in the premises of the Tampere School of Commerce a short walk from the Ice Stadium.

* Visitors' accommodation:

At present, 2.500 visitors can be accommodated in Tampere's hotels, 1.500 in the outskirts. Two new hotels will be built. Accommodation in private families makes it possible to accommodate another 6.000 visitors.

* Cultural programme:

A Festival of International Theatre will be organized during the period of the Games.

* Financing the Games:

The Games will be financed by the Finnish government and the town of Tampere.

* Organizing Committee:

At the time of the Games of the 15th Olympiad, the whole Finnish nation rallied together in order to welcome athletes from all over the world in the purest Olympic Spirit. Consequently the Organizing Committee will be composed of members of all the Finnish Winter Sports Organizations.

* Dates planned:

From February 27th to March 7th, 1976.