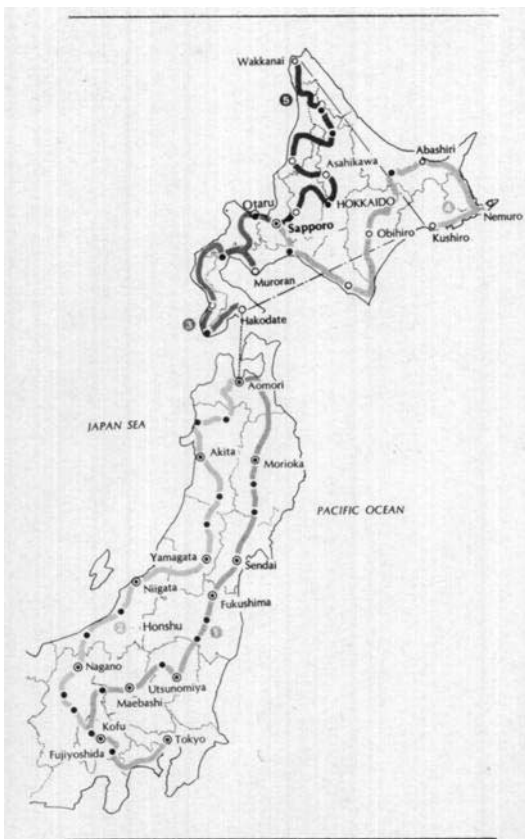


News of SAPPORO

The route of the Olympic Flame to Japan from 2nd January to 3rd February:



* The position of *Patron* is not expressly stipulated in the Olympic Charter, but it has however been a custom that the sovereign or ruler of the host country patronise the Games and declare them open. H.M. the Emperor was the patron of the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. This therefore will be the second time His Majesty has appeared in this rôle.

* *The sacred flame stand installation*, now completed, has been placed at the Makomanai Speed Skating Rink, the site of the opening ceremony. The size of the cauldron itself is 2.78m. by 2.18m. and 0.88m. deep; the cylindrical support is 2.10m. high. Propane-gas will keep the flame burning. The whole stand, in bronze, is finished in gold-coloured dust.

The design was conceived by Mr. Munemichi YANAGI, an eminent Japanese sculptor. The completion has cost some 20,000,000 yen (\$55,000), and was financed by the 50,000 Japanese Rotarians, who donated it for the Xth Olympic Winter Games.