



CONCERNING HORSES' DISEASE

As you know, there has been a certain amount of anxiety in Equestrian circles, due to the horse sickness, which is prevalent in the American continent. Particularly concerned is Mexico, as their horses have been forbidden to enter Europe for fear of infecting other horses or even human beings.

We have now heard from H. R. H. The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Fédération Equestre Internationale, that the Bureau of this Federation has approved the suggestion that the German National Equestrian Federation should lend horses to Mexican riders, in order that they can take part in the equestrian events in Munich.

It has been pointed out, however, that this decision will not be considered as setting a precedent and has only been made as an exceptional gesture towards Mexico, as the host nation of the last and very successful Olympic Games.

Applications from other National Olympic Committees, suffering the same veterinary restrictions as Mexico, will not be entertained.



* The President of the Federal German Republic, Mr. Gustav HEINEMANN, has written a welcoming address, of which the following are excerpts:

"To sportsmen of the entire world taking part in the Munich and Kiel Games, to representatives of the National and International Sports Federations, and also to the thousands of visitors coming from nearly every country, I address a cordial welcome.

International events with an attraction equal to that of the Olympic Games are rare. This goes for the participants as well as for the spectators. The reasons are obvious: Never has sport been as profuse, nor has it had such an important significance in individual and social life, as it does today. To this must be added the fact that the international competitions are seen by many as a peaceful bringing together of nations. Finally thanks to the technical development in the area of television, it is possible to follow, from all points of the globe, the events at Munich and at Kiel.

I thank all those preparing the competitions of Munich and Kiel and those who will accommodate our visitors.

I wish all possible success to the Games of the XXth Olympiad!"



* On 1st August, the Press Centre intended to receive approximately 4,200 journalists covering the Games, will be inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Hans KLEIN, Chief of Press of the Organising Committee.

Situated 500 metres from the Olympic stadium, it is equipped with all the apparatus necessary for a complete and rapid transmission of the events, and all conveniences to make the work of the press correspondants the easiest and most pleasant.

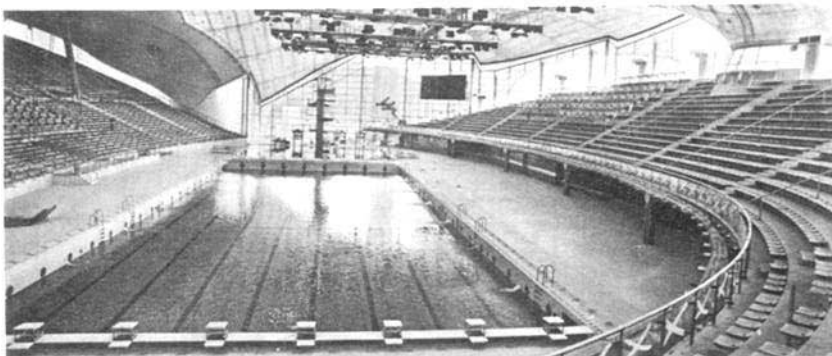


* Beginning nearly 6 years ago, the construction of the Olympic installations is now completed. We shall present to you the stadia where soon, more than 10,000 athletes will meet:

The great roof with a surface of 75,000 square metres, made of translucent acrylic glass, covers the Olympic stadium, the sports palace (on the right) and the swimming pool (on the first drawing) the drawing behind shows the cycle racing track.



- The swimming pool can receive 9,000 spectators.



- The cycle racing track, constructed of African wood, is weather-proof.



* 50 countries will be represented at Kiel (46 at Rome and 41 at Mexico) where 210 boats will start in the six yachting classes: Dragon, Star, Tempest, Flying Dutchman and Finn.



* The inhabitants of the Olympic Village will have at their disposal, in the centre of their domain, a "house of leisure" with a cinema, where films chosen by the athletes themselves will be shown, from 10th August until 10th September; a discotheque with a bar where non-alcoholic beverages will be served and rooms where concerts will be given; exhibitions of folklore and singing groups.