



## MONTREAL '76

### \*Visit of IOC Vice-President Mr. Willi Daume

Mr. Willi Daume visited Montreal between March 22 and 25, 1973. During this visit, Vice-President Daume participated in a working session with COJO's Executive Committee, and made himself available for private discussions with the President and Commissioner General of COJO. This working session and these discussions were most beneficial to COJO, and Mr. Daume's advice and suggestions are being examined, and undoubtedly the big majority of these recommendations will be implemented. Mr. Daume visited the construction sites and examined the construction plans.

Before leaving Montreal, Mr. Daume gave a press conference at which time he favourably commented on the progress of the organisation of the Games of the XX1st Olympiad.

"After three days of being shown all the installations and after talks with Montreal officials, I can say that 70 per cent of the sport installations and the venues are available corresponding to olympic standards. City infrastructure needed for the games is in order. In a common press conference, president Rousseau and mayor Drapeau announced the beginning of the construction work on the main stadium, the olympic swimming pool and the velodrome for April 1973. Approximately 25 big enterprises and 45 architects and engineers will be engaged. Corresponding decisions concerning the olympic village are being prepared. After consultation with technical experts, there is no doubt that the olympic installations can be finished by the beginning of 1976." As for public opinion in Montreal, a recent opinion-poll showed that even if the pop-

ulation is not convinced that the Olympic Games are a viable proposition, 70% of those interviewed approved of Montreal's candidature and the choice of the site of the Olympic village. 1150 people were interviewed at random (350 in Montreal, 25 elsewhere in the C.U.M. (district of Montreal), 250 in the immediate suburbs and 300 elsewhere in Quebec.) 82% replied.

Question No. 2. was:

As you know, Montreal will host the Olympic Games in 1976. If there were a referendum today would you vote for or against the Olympic Games?

	Montreal	CUM	Suburbs	Rest of Quebec
For	70	78	76	84
Against	14	12	11	6
It depends	4	4	2	2
Would not vote	5	2	7	2
Don't know	4	1	3	6
No reply	2	2	0	1

### \*Interface with International Federations

Mr. Thomas Keller, President of the International Rowing Federation, met with COJO in Montreal on March 1 and 2, 1973. At this meeting, an agreement was reached on the rowing programme, and approval of the International Rowing Federation of the Regatta Basin construction details was secured.

On March 5, 1973, Mr. Charles S. Palmer (London), President of the International Judo Federation, visited COJO in Montreal. At this meeting, agreement was reached on the dates for the judo programme. Agreement was also reached to use the infield of the Velodrome for the judo competitions.





\*During March, tenders were called for the excavation work at Maisonneuve Park. These tenders will be opened on April 16, 1973, and while April 13, 1973 had been tentatively set for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Olympic Stadium, the Olympic Swimming Pool and the Olympic Velodrome, this ceremony has been re-scheduled for April 28, 1973. High ranking Government, Municipal and Olympic officials will participate.

\*COJO continues in its efforts to obtain the consent of the Federal Government of Canada and of the ten Provincial Governments required to organise Olympic Lotteries on a Canada-wide basis.

\*Negotiations with the Department of Labour of the Province of Quebec were opened with the view to facilitate all labour relations with COJO staff during the period of COJO's activities. This most important business received high priority during the month under report. COJO expanded its working force significantly, and total staff grew from 25 to 42 during the month under report. This growth included the employment of several senior staff members in important assignments.

\*Both Governments appointed co-ordinating committees to assist COJO in the financing and organisation of the Games. They will assist COJO most significantly in virtually all aspects of the enterprise; e.g. armed services, immigration, customs, police, lottery, and coins.

#### **\*Olympic programme**

A tentative programme of Olympic events was developed and is attached hereto. While the dates and locations in some instances are subject to change and the IOC has not yet given its approval, it is not anticipated that these changes will be extensive.

## Provisional programme

Dates	Opening ceremony	Athletics	Rowing	Basketball	Boxing	Canoeing	Cycling	Fencing	Football	Gymnastics	Weightlifting	Handball	Hockey
17 July	x												
18			E/m	E/m E/f	x		Road		x	x	x		x
19			E/f	E/m E/f	x				x	x	x		x
20			Rep m	E/m E/f	x		x	x	x	x	x		x
21			Rep f	E/f	x		x	x	x	x	x		x
22		x	S m	E/m E/f	x		x	x	x	x	x		x
23		x	S f	E/m	x		x	x	x	x		x	x
24		x	F m		x		x	x			x	x	x
25		x	F f	S/f	x			x	x		x	x	x
26		x		S/m	x			x			x	x	x
27				F/f	x	x		x	x		x	x	
28		x		F/m	x	x	Road	x				x	x
29		x			x	x		x	x			x	x
30		x				x		x					x
31		x			x				x			x	x
1 Aug.													

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	Judo	Wrestling	Swimming	Diving	Water polo	Modern Pentathlon	Equestrian	Shooting	Archery	Volleyball	Yachting	Closing ceremony
17												
18		x			x	x		x		x		
19		x			x	x		x		x		
20		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
21		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
22		x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
23			x	x	x		x	x		x	x	
24			x		x			x		x		
25		x	x	x	x		x			x		
26	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	
27	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	
28	x	x	x	x	x		x		x		x	
29	x	x							x	F/f	x	
30	x						x		x	F/m		
31	x								x			
1							x					x

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