

Our best wishes to everybody for 1974

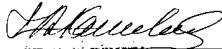
"It is always with great pleasure and interest that I read the "Olympic Review". The choice of authors, the standard of the articles, the information it offers us and excellent quality of its presentation create an essential bond within the Olympic Movement throughout the world. I send the "Olympic Review" and its readers my best and warmest wishes for 1974 and many years to come.



Comte Jean de Beaumont
Vice-President of the IOC

I take pleasure in extending my very best wishes for 1974 and in expressing the hope that the coming year will prove to be a favourable one for sport in general, thereby bringing the many nations involved closer together. In this connection I should like to point out that Olympic Solidarity is well on the way to assuming shape and substance, as will be evidenced in the near future by a display of activities in various parts of the world. I am confident that the current energy crisis will not unduly affect the practising of sport and that the youth of the world will have very little difficulty in adapting themselves to the resulting changed circumstances.

In conclusion I wish the committee members of sports organisations all over the world success in their efforts to promote the interests of sport.



H.A. van Karnebeek
Vice President of the IOC

The IOC can firmly, confidently and with good courage approach the second half of the 21st Olympiad. It has proved itself at the Varna Congress by showing remarkable power of integration and not closing its eyes to un-

comfortable truths and harsh realities. It is worth remembering that, out of the important international organizations, the IOC alone achieved its humanitarian goals in this century, in spite of all the great crises and catastrophes. But isn't it exactly the human element which is in danger? We will manage to solve the political problems, draw up a modern amateur code, overcome the so-called gigantism (which in fact does not exist as such), structural developments and administrative tasks. But is our "Citius, Altius, Fortius" still human?

The trend towards records at all costs has led for example to the widespread use of anabolics which, as we know, result in extreme muscle growth. To make out of one man a totally different man through pharmaceuticals, without taking into account his natural aptitudes, is in my opinion criminal interference in the human person. If this obsession does not stop, and since so many things of our modern times have already been sacrificed, who can guarantee us that one fine day the Olympic kingdom will not open its doors to other forms of doping? I wonder.

This can be achieved through continually intensified national ambition, but also the results of new medical research. If we do not succeed here and now in fixing limits. if we are therefore prepared to pay any price—even barbarity—for records, then the Olympic Games must one day die.

If we consider dangers to our idea, in my view they lie in this direction. All the prohibiting clauses of our rules will not be of much use. But on the other hand records are part of the very essence of the Olympic Games; we cannot dissociate Hamlet from the Prince of Denmark.

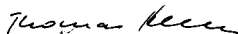
But I believe in the wisdom and insight of our movement, and above all I believe that there are idealists and pragmatists in every National Olympic Committee and International Federation who will not admit that in our strive for records we are coming upon the road of barbarity.

It is no easy problem, one of many, but to my mind it is the most important. In the knowledge that we lack many things, I hope for myself and for all of us that the new year may lead us on the path to Goodness.




Willi Daume
Vice-President
of the IOC

To the Olympic Review and all its readers, I send best wishes for the New Year on behalf of myself and all my international sports federation colleagues. In 1973 the Olympic Congress was held when the present problems of the Olympic Movement were discussed very frankly. After evaluating all the advice given, I hope that in 1974 the International Olympic Committee will be able to take practical steps to put the Olympic Movement back on a realistic course. Due to regular contact during the last few years, an excellent spirit of co-operation has developed among the IFs and I sincerely hope that this spirit will extend equally to the three groups which make up the Olympic Movement.



Thomas Keller
President of the "Fédération
Internationale des Sociétés
d'Aviron"



At the threshold of a new year it is tradition to pause and look back over the past year; in so doing for 1973 we in the sporting world of the Olympic Movement can view this with a sense of pleasure generally and even be warranted some contentment with pride, which a great many in other walks of life may be justified to envy us.

Looking through the door ajar into 1974 and trying to gaze further ahead, we can do this also with greater confidence than most in that the Tenth Olympic Congress in Varna gave us a vision affecting all sports as expressed in the Statement the IOC President the Lord Killanin presented on behalf of the Tripartite Commission when summing up at the closing of the Congress.

Let all of us engaged in promoting sport make a New Year resolution and vow that these various points in the Olympic Congress Statement shall, to the best of our abilities, be realized in 1974 through the IOC President and with co-operation and understanding between and

among the International Olympic Committee, International Sports Federations and National Olympic Committees as well as between individuals to the advantage of sport and thereby bring to all people concerned with sport around the World an atmosphere of Goodwill and Good Sportsmanship in a Happy and Joyful 1974.



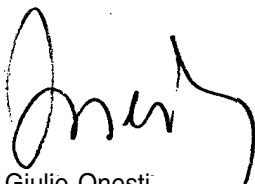
I.K. Frith
President of the Fédération
Internationale de Tir à l'Arc

If, for the Olympic Movement, the year 1973, which has just come to an end, can be considered as the year of the Olympic Congress, I personally hope that the year 1974 can become for us all the year of Olympic Solidarity.

It is in this spirit that I sincerely extend these wishes for a happy 1974, especially in my capacity as IOC Co-ordinator for Olympic Solidarity.

Can the noble action of assistance for the National Olympic Committees undertaken by the International Olympic Committee contribute quickly and efficiently to strengthen the National Olympic Committee and their work, to give a new impetus to the whole Olympic Movement, to subsequently promote the Olympic ideal and amateur sport.

While avoiding the risk of falling more into dangerous pitholes, which exist in the field of sport as in other fields between the privileged nations and those not so privileged, we must thus prove spectatorily and convincingly that the Olympic brotherhood can and must not remain an empty formula without sense.



Giulio Onesti
IOC Member and Co-ordinator
for Olympic Solidarity

The Organising Committee for the 1976 Olympic Games duly sends you its best wishes for Christmas.

In a world in constant turmoil, Olympism takes its place more and more, and eurythmy, as the Greeks understood it, must become the theme-song across the whole world, more especially in the 131 countries which have made the philosophy of Baron Pierre de Coubertin theirs.

All these countries dream of one day being the hosts to the Olympic Games, and we hope that the self-financing schemes put into operation by the Montreal Organising Committee, with the help of its predecessors, will make this dream a reality.

It is in this spirit that we repeat our best wishes of health and happiness to you.



His Excellency Roger Rousseau
President and Commissioner
General of the Organising
Committee for the 1976 Montreal
Olympic Games

Greetings of the season and the best wishes for a happy and peaceful new year to all members and friends of the International Olympic Movement.



Fred Sinowatz
President of the Organizing
Committee of the XIth Olympic
Wintergames Innsbruck 1976