

Olympic evening in Munich

In "Olympic Review" No. 72-73, we announced that the 74th Session of the IOC had attributed the Olympic awards for the year 1973. Among the recipients was Mr. Otl Aicher, awarded the Olympic Diploma, and on behalf of the town of Munich, to which the Olympic Cup was awarded, the burgomaster, Mr. Georg Kronawitter and three representatives of the population who had been spectators in 1972.

On 14th November, 1973, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, presented them with these distinctions during the ceremony organised in Munich. Mr. Avery Brundage, Life-Honorary President of the IOC attended, accompanied by his wife, as well as Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, member of the IOC Executive Board and Chef du Protocole, and Mrs. Monique Berlioux, Director of the IOC.

Lord Killanin pointed out the reason for the IOC's choice, recalling the respective qualities of the new prize winners. He congratulated them for having been worthy of these prizes and urged them to continue to defend and further the Olympic ideal. Addressing himself in particular to Mr. Kronawitter, he asked him to pass on to the population of the town of Munich the congratulations of the entire IOC for the friendliness, hospitality and the splendid management which it had given to these Games.

A few of those taking part in this ceremony: from left to right: Mr. Hans Klein, Chief of Press for the Munich Games, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC member for Spain and chef du Protocole, Mr. Avery Brundage, Honorary President of the IOC, Mrs. Monique Berlioux, Director of the IOC, Mr. Willi Daume, IOC member for Germany and Vice-President of the IOC, Mrs. Brundage, Mr. Otl Aicher.



Lord Killanin presents Mr. Georg Kronawitter, burgomaster of Munich, with the diploma commemorating the award of the 1973 Olympic Cup to the population of the town of Munich. On the left, Mr. Avery Brundage, on the right, Mr. Willi Daume.

It was Mr. Willi Daume, Vice-President of the IOC and President of the Organising Committee of the Games of the XXth Olympiad in Munich in 1972, who organised the reception to which the press were invited, led by Hans Klein, Chief of Press for the Games of the XXth Olympiad, who has reassumed his post as a well-known newswriter.

Mr. Willi Daume had previously recalled how and why the prizes had been awarded and drew attention to the artistic work of Mr. Aicher. The prize winners, in turn, giving a brief speech, thanked the President of the IOC for having kindly come in person to present the trophies.

We are presenting below some documents which Mr. Andres Mercé Varela has kindly made available to us, for which we are most grateful to him.

