

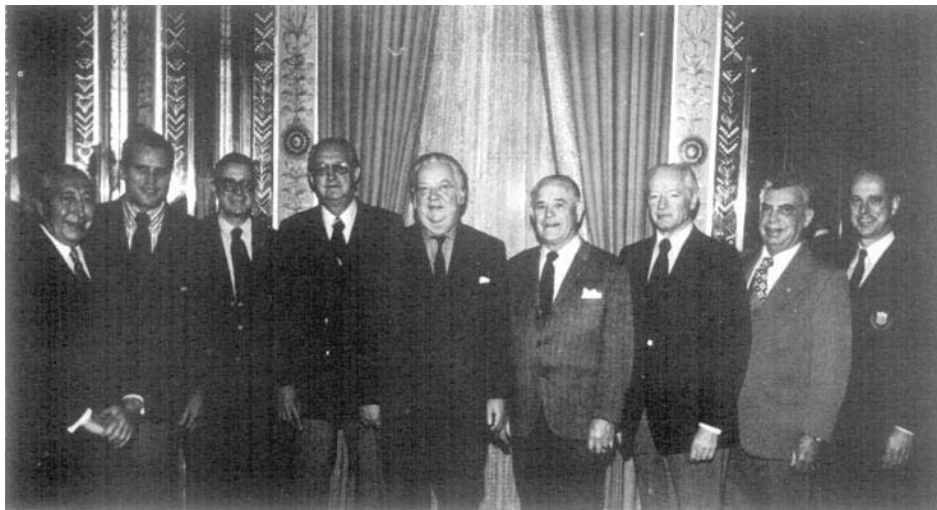
The President of the IOC visits the USA...

Lord Killanin's visit to the United States, planned for some time, extended from 21st to 25th February 1974.

This was the President of the IOC's 12th official trip since his accession to the post in August 1972. He was accompanied by Mr. Henry R. Banks, Technical Director of the IOC.

On arriving in New York, Lord Killanin met Mr. Douglas Roby, IOC member for the United States, Mr. Philip O. Krumm, President of the USOC and Colonel Miller, Executive Director of the USOC. The President of the IOC was thus able to obtain a full picture of the particular problems affecting the

USOC. The meeting continued the next morning and in the afternoon a press conference was organised at the Club 21. Over 50 journalists were present from information agencies, local and national newspapers, magazines, and radio and television companies. A number of USOC members attended, notably Messrs. Philip O. Krumm, President, John B. Kelly Jr., Vice-President, Al. O. Duer, Vice-President, E. Newbold Black IV, Secretary, Julian K. Roosevelt, Treasurer and Colonel Miller, Executive Director. During his introductory speech, Lord Killanin approached all of the present problems with which the IOC was faced, and



Lord Killanin and the USOC Executive Board. From left to right: Mr. Harry R. Banks, Technical Director of the IOC, Mr. John B. Kelly, Vice-President of the USOC, Mr. Julian K. Roosevelt, Treasurer of the USOC, Mr. Philip O. Krumm, President of the USOC, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, Mr. Douglas F. Roby, IOC member for the United States, Mr. Robert J. Kane, Executive Vice-President of the USOC, Mr. A. O. Duer, Vice-President of the USOC, and Mr. E. Newbold Black IV, Honorary Secretary of the USOC.

then replied openly to the many questions put to him. It was during this press conference that the President of the USOC, Mr. Philip O. Krumm, surprised everyone by announcing the official candidature of Los Angeles for the organisation of the 1980 Olympic Games.

Lord Killanin then visited the USOC headquarters, before attending a reception given by the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) and then the national athletics championships in the AAU Hall in Madison Square Garden upon invitation from Mr. David Rivenes, President of the AAU and member of the Executive Committee of the USOC.

The 23rd February was a very busy day for the President: the Executive Committee of the USOC had invited him to be present at one of its meetings. The agenda was chiefly devoted to the reconstruction of the USOC, and Lord Killanin was thus able to gain a precise idea of the work of this Committee before having detailed talks in the afternoon with some twenty-five Committee members.

After these meetings, the USOC invited Lord Killanin to a large reception where over 200 people were present, among whom were Mr. Mike Harrigan, representing the President of the United States of America and Mr. Bob Mathias, member of Congress and Olympic decathlon champion in 1948 and 1952. Lord Killanin spoke to the assembly and thanked them for their efforts towards the amateur sports movement. He referred to the difficulties which this movement was coming up against today, and urged that all



Lord Killanin with American Olympic champions. From left to right: Mr. Willie Davenport (110 m hurdles, 1968), Dr. Tenley Albright (figure skating, 1956), President Krumm, the President of the IOC and Mr. Julian K. Roosevelt (yachting, 1952).

forces be united to strive towards the victory of Olympism. At the end of his speech there was a warm applause. Another event awaited the President of the IOC on 24th February. He took part in the well known American broadcast "Issues and Answers", transmitted throughout the United States. Jim McKay and Frank Reynolds dealt one by one with the principle questions regarding Olympism: amateurism, nationalism, China, the future Olympic Games, as well as the proposed American Bill affecting the organisation of amateur sport in the United States. Below are the main extracts from this broadcast.