



*"In view of the various reports which are appearing in the world press regarding the problems confronting the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, the President and Vice-Presidents of the International Olympic Committee have been in continual contact with the Montreal Organising Committee to obtain clarification of the position.*

*"The Montreal Organising Committee presented a progress report to the International Olympic Committee and International Federations at Vienna in October 1974, but has since encountered several difficulties. The International Olympic Committee is assisting the Organising Committee to find an acceptable solution, as the Games must take place on the scheduled date",* wrote Lord Killanin, President of the International Olympic Committee, at the beginning of January.

On 28th January, in Amsterdam with the Vice-Presidents of the International Olympic Committee, he met Mr. James Worrall, member of the Montreal Organising Committee's Executive Board and Executive Board member of the International Olympic Committee, for which he is the ambassador to Canada. According to press reports following discussions by the Study Commission of Quebec Province's parliamentary assembly the installations planned would be maintained.

The day after this meeting, Lord Killanin held a press conference when he stated:

*"The 1976 Olympic Games will certainly be held in Montreal on the dates arranged, but the International Olympic Committee expects that it will have to accept changes to the organisers' original proposals. The major problems are the swimming pool and press centre,"* he declared. *"Montreal will fulfil its obligations, of that we are sure. There is no question at the moment of the Games being held elsewhere. As for us,"* he emphasized in conclusion, *"we are fully aware of our responsibilities, as in the end the most important factor is the athletes who are preparing for the Games which must take place next year."*

Mr. Roger Rousseau, President of the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games in Montreal, is to hand Lord Killanin a detailed report which will be examined by the Executive Board on 20th February 1975. To date, the celebration of the XXIst Olympiad remains fixed for 17th July 1976 in Montreal.