

# Lord Killanin in Norway for the NOC's 75th anniversary

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Seventy-five years ago a National Olympic Committee was formed in Oslo to prepare Norway's participation in the IInd Olympic Games in Paris, 1900.

One of the main tasks of the Committee was to secure financial aid for this participation—which, incidentally, is also one of the major problems facing the present Committee. It might well have been somewhat easier for our first Committee, however, as only eight athletes took part, winning a bronze medal in the pole vault, and a silver and bronze medal in shooting, as against a team of 180 sportsmen in the XXth Olympiad in Munich, 1972.

In connection with our celebration, we had the pleasure of welcoming the President of the IOC to the Holmenkollen Ski Festival. Our IOC representative, Mr. Jan Staubo, has made it a tradition to invite each year some of his colleagues to this event.

Owing to the bad weather, the President did not arrive until the morning of the 50 km. event. During the competition Lord Killanin met King Olav, an excellent skier who has gained several prizes.

In the evening the Norwegian Olympic Committee arranged a dinner for Lord Killanin and among the guests was Mr. Marc

Hodler, President of the Fédération Internationale de Ski.

On Sunday Lord Killanin visited the jumping event, and we are sorry to say that the weather was not the best, as it was foggy, but not enough to cancel the competition.

The next day, before his departure, Lord Killanin met the Norwegian press and representatives from the national federations and the Norwegian Sports Federation. The press comments were very favourable, particularly with regard to his handling of the problems connected with the Olympic movement.

We in Norway are very grateful for Lord Killanin's visit. We feel it is only by these forms of personal contact that we are able to know each other and to discuss all the different points and problems.

On 4th April the Norwegian Olympic Committee hosted the annual meeting of representatives of the IOC and the National Olympic Committees of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden.

The Mayor of Oslo arranged a reception for the delegates and the national federations in the Town Hall.

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*From left to right: Jan Staubo, IOC member for Norway, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, Arne B. Mollen and Joh. Chr. Schonheyder, President and Vice-President respectively of the Norwegian Olympic Committee, at the Holmenkollen Ski Festival.*

