



*On 13th and 14th May 1976 Mr. Claude Rouleau, President of the Olympic Construction Board, sent us reports concerning the work on the Olympic Park, from which we have extracted the following passages.*

Certain problems of working relations have recently been brought to the attention of the officials of the Olympic Construction Board. Immediate steps have been taken to rectify the situation, and I give you below the progress report on the work.

### **The stadium**

All erection and adjustment work on the structure of the stadium is complete, as are the concrete cappings on the twin-trees of levels 300 to 700. As for level 200, the cappings are 80% complete.

The installation of the lights in the technical ring is finished, as is the installation of the lighting clusters attached to the structural members.

The reduction of the balustrade of level 600 by a section 20 inches high in order to afford acceptable visibility is complete. The two scoreboards are now in place and ready to be connected up.

The bituminous concrete foundation of the track is complete and we are ready to receive the tartan. The bituminous concrete will be laid this week on the surfaces prepared for the high jump and long jump competitions.

The installation of temporary stands in front of the mast is 80% complete.

The installation of the piping for the sanitary installations is 50% complete in levels 400 to 600 and the masonry work and the installation of vending machines are 50% complete.

The laying of the grass inside the stadium is 100% complete.

An initial layer of tartan covers the training track outside the stadium.

### **The temporary installations**

The connection of the caravans allotted for the athletes' use in Pie IX car park, on the edge of the Olympic Park, is complete. 50% of these caravans are linked up to the electricity supply.

### **The car parks, landscape development and path paving stones**

The work in the Pie IX and Viau car parks is 80% complete and the landscape development is 30% complete. The path paving stones are 75% complete.

### **The pools**

The installation of the tiles in the various pools is complete.

75% of the tiles on the surrounds are laid. The mechanical work is complete and the filter system has already been tested.

The installation of the skylights linking the shells to the base of the mast is 25% complete.

The installation of the temporary stands is 100% complete, as is the installation of all the seats.

The installation of the tiles on the walls and also in the sanitary installations and the showers is also 100% complete.

The sanitary equipment remains to be installed in the toilets.

On 14th May water began to be poured into the competition pool for the swimming events.

## The Velodrome

The velodrome is 99% complete.

## Olympic Games dress rehearsal

Four days of dress rehearsal, from 26th to 29th June, will enable the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (COJO) to put the finishing touches to the various Olympic installations and check the smooth running of the services planned for the 1976 Games, from the electronic timing and scoring systems to the transport and health services.

Athletics, swimming and diving competitions, water polo and handball matches, boxing, judo, wrestling and shooting tournaments as well as rowing and weight-lifting events will be held during these four days in nine Olympic competition sites including the stadium and the velodrome. The international athletes already in Montreal will be invited to take part in the athletics and rowing events.

The public will be able to attend this grand dress rehearsal, for which tickets will be on sale as from 31st May.

● *The health services*, under the direction of Dr. Carroll Laurin, will be composed of over 1,000—chiefly voluntary workers, including 260 general practitioners or specialists, 30 nurses, 143 medical aides, 25 dentists, 7 pharmacists, 200 physiotherapists and therapists, etc. The Maisonneuve-Rosemont hospital centre, situated less than 800 metres from the Olympic village, will treat all cases needing hospitalisation.

● *280 liaison agents*, all voluntary workers, will assist relations between the delegations and the COJO administration. Apart from English and French which they all speak, 28 other languages can be used.

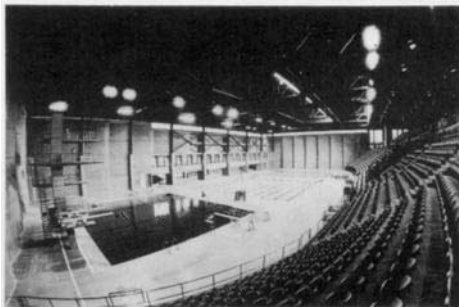
## Mr. Louis Chantigny, COJO Press Officer



On 18th May Mr. Louis Chantigny, member of the management board and special adviser to the COJO President, was appointed COJO's press officer. In this capacity he will act as COJO's official spokesman to the press accredited to the Olympic Games. A member of the COJO right from the start, Mr. Chantigny is certain to show efficiency and aptitude in his new function.

## Official hand-over of the Claude Robillard Centre to the COJO

On 18th May the authorities of the City of Montreal handed over the Claude Robillard Centre to the Organising Committee of the Games of the XXIst Olympiad at an official ceremony attended by the Mayor of Montreal, Mr. Jean Drapeau, and the President of COJO, Mr. Roger Rousseau.



*The Claude Robillard Centre on 31st March 1976.*

The water polo competitions and several handball matches will be held in this centre, of which the cost is fifty million dollars. One of the 27 Olympic competition sites, it contains an Olympic swimming pool, a diving pool, an omnisports hall, and, outside, an athletics track and a football pitch. Athletes of many Olympic disciplines will be able to train there.

● *The Olympic village dining room* will stay open round the clock, serving 20,000 meals a day. An international menu will offer a choice of twelve main dishes at each meal in addition to the hors-d'oeuvre, soups and desserts.

● *To take care of security*, 16,000 men from the Montreal, Quebec and Ontario police forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canadian Armed Forces will be mobilised for the duration of the Games under the co-ordination of Mr. Guy Toupin.

● *The two scoreboards in the main stadium* will reproduce any picture from an audio-visual source (slides, films, photographs, television). This innovation, due to the creation of nine shades of grey on the scoreboards, enables them to be compared to a television screen.

● *322 shows and concerts* will form the completely national "arts and culture" programme of the Games of the XXIst Olympiad. A total of 300,000 tickets will be available, 30,000 of which will be out on sale on the day of the event. The complete programme of events can be obtained from the COJO offices, 155 Est, rue Notre-Dame, Montreal.

● The official report of the "*International Competitions - Montreal 1975*", prepared by Mr. Jean Lafleur, was presented on 16th March 1976. It reflects the success of the useful rehearsals.

● *Olympic Coin Programme*. The seventh and last series of the programme will be put on sale in November.

*115 National Olympic Committees have sent their entry forms for the Olympic Games to the Organising Committee.*

