



12 years later...

1964-1976: The two dates will remain forever inscribed in the landscape of Innsbruck, that little Austrian town which has earned world renown through the magic of the two words "Olympic Games"!

Indeed, the flame will be lit for the second time at the foot of the mountains which have given the town its fame, and the media of the modern world have already amply recalled the symbolism of the two bowls.

The athletes of the Olympic rings will therefore return to the sites of the 1964 exploits at Igls, Seefeld, on the slopes of the Patscherkofel, Axamer Lizum, Hoarl and Bergisel. However, the young men and women will not be the same, and the sites too will have been modified. But the same spirit will again fill the town with the bridge—the bridge over the Inn which watched over the birth of the city—that spirit of loyalty, friendship, sporting rivalry in the good sense of the term, mutual respect, magnified by that peculiar emotion, that special something which distinguishes the Olympic competitions from the others and gives the medals won at these universal contests an unequalled value.

Once again the inhabitants of Innsbruck and its surroundings will welcome the thousands of spectators and participants who have come from every continent to attend the XIIth Winter Games with their legendary hospitality and cordiality.

But beforehand the 77th Session of the IOC will have been held in the magnificent Congress Palace which already hosted the 62nd Session in 1964. Here too everything will undoubtedly go off perfectly with our Austrian hosts seeing that the International Olympic Committee's work and stay in Innsbruck meet with complete satisfaction, as we can in fact already judge from the programme of activities on the following pages.

Yet who are these hosts and organisers who for so many long months have worked towards the success of the Games and the meetings? We introduce the main ones on page 5 so that you can get to know them and in order to pay them the tribute they deserve.

May the success of the Winter Games be their greatest reward!

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