

1984

On 31st October 1977 the deadline expired for the submission of candidatures for cities wishing to stage the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad and the XIVth Winter Games in 1984.

The following invitations have been received:

- *for the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad:*
 - Los Angeles, USA (host city for the Games of the Xth Olympiad).
- *for the XIVth Winter Games* (in alphabetical order)
 - Göteborg, Sweden.
 - Sapporo, Japan.
 - Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

A cable has also been received from the French National Olympic Committee proposing to host the XIVth Winter Games either in Chamonix Mont-Blanc or the Trois Vallées (Courchevel, Meribel, Belleville).

Upon receipt of these candidatures Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, stated:

“Whilst it is disappointing that there is only one candidate city for the Olympic Games, it is not surprising. Los Angeles had already made two previous and unsuccessful bids. Los Angeles therefore was in a strong position to be awarded the Games for 1984.

Further, I have no doubt that smaller cities and National Olympic Committees have been frightened by the exaggerated statements regarding costs. It is important to distinguish between capital costs which are of lasting benefit to the areas concerned, and the running costs which showed a profit of DM 940.9 million in Munich and CAN\$ 126.8 million in Montreal.

It is extremely encouraging to note that the Winter Games have attracted more candidatures and that a city like Sapporo which had staged the XIth Winter Games in 1972, is already now again a candidate, thus demonstrating the appeal of the Olympic festival for a city.”

The procedure is now as follows:

Questionnaires dealing with technical, administrative and communication matters are being sent on 1st November to all candidate cities. Their replies must be returned by 31st December 1977 for the Winter Games and 31st January 1978 for the Summer Games. International Federations, experts and IOC members will study the relative questionnaires and report back to the IOC Session.

The vote on both summer and winter bids will be made at Athens in May 1978 by the 80th IOC Session.

Editor's note

Contrary to what has often been stated, Los Angeles was not the only city wishing to bid for staging the 1984 Olympic Games. Just on American territory alone, there were no less than five candidatures: Los Angeles, New Orleans, Boston, New York and Detroit. As each NOC can submit only one candi-

dature, Los Angeles was finally chosen by the USOC after a very close election in which it obtained 55 votes against 39 for the city of New York.

Let us point out that other interested cities (such as Brussels) preferred to keep their bid for 1988, knowing that Los Angeles had every chance of being chosen.