

Lord Killanin at the Kremlin...



The President of the IOC, Lord Killanin, is received by Mr. Alexei Kosygin, President of the USSR Council of Ministers. From left to right we have: Mr. Sergei Pavlov, Vice-President of the USSR NOC; H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, First Vice-President of the IOC; Mrs. Monique Berlioux, Director of the IOC ; Lord Killanin, President of the IOC ; an interpreter ; Mr. Alexei Kosygin, President of the USSR Council of Ministers ; Mr. Ignaty T. Novikov, President of the OCOG; and Mr. Vitaly Smirnov, member of the IOC Executive Board and First Vice-President of the OCOG.

For the fourth time Lord Killanin, President of the International Olympic Committee, visited the host city of the Games of the XXIIInd Olympiad in 1980, from 5th to 8th January this year.

It was an opportunity for him to inspect the Olympic sites which he found in a very satisfactory state of progress, and he in particular stressed the organisers' considerable lead in comparison with the constructions of the previous Games.

The representatives of the IOC—Lord Killanin, President, H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, First Vice-President, and Mrs. Monique Berlioux, Director—met top representatives of the Organising Committee led by Mr. Ignaty T. Novikov, President, for a working session at which Mr. Novikov presented a full report on the preparations.

Construction on the sites of the Luzhniki Stadium, the gymnasium and the velodrome

is progressing according to schedule. Work on the rowing basin is being completed, while the Army Sports Club is almost finished and the two tracks of the Dynamo Stadium are under construction. The swimming installations will be able to accommodate 10,000 spectators and those for diving 5,000.

The yachting centre at Tallinn will comprise a sports area, an Olympic village and several hotels, all situated at the same spot.

The Moscow Olympic village presently under construction will be composed of eighteen sixteen-storey blocks, which after the Games will house nearly 100,000 Muscovites.

The press centre is almost complete and will be able to receive over 7,000 journalists, approximately 6,000 of whom from the written press.



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Here we present the pictograms submitted by the OCOG of the XXIInd Olympiad and approved by the IOC Executive Board. Their particular feature is that they can be used either in black on a white ground or in white on a black ground.

Mr. Novikov announced that Moscow expects about 350,000 foreign visitors and roughly the same number of Soviet spectators. The capital intends to welcome a daily maximum of 125,000 foreigners and 100,000 Soviet citizens who will be housed in motels or hotels under construction.

As for the Olympic flame, the President of the OCOG stated that it was planned to transport it through Bulgaria, Romania, Moldavia and the Ukraine.

Lord Killanin was then received at the Kremlin by the President of the USSR Council of Ministers, Mr. Alexei Kosygin. Their discussions dealt with questions concerning the preparation and organisation of the 1980 Olympic Games in an atmosphere of frank cordiality. It was indeed a meeting of sportsmen as Mr. Kosygin disclosed to the President of the IOC that he had practised a number of sports in his youth, including rowing.



At the press conference he gave in the evening, the President of the IOC in particular announced that Mr. Kosygin had confirmed in the fullest terms all the guarantees given by the Soviet authorities at the time of the city of Moscow's candidature.

He went on to emphasise the important contribution of the Soviet NOC and the Moscow OCOG to the Olympic Solidarity programme, particularly with regard to the young African countries.

He also declared that he had studied with the OCOG the method of ticket distribution among the various participating countries, the facilities and services offered to tourists, and various other matters. Several times he stressed the close co-operation between the IOC and the OCOG, and the perfect mutual understanding which had reigned at these meetings.

In conclusion he expressed his strong belief that the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad would be a great success, adding that the IOC particularly appreciated the fact that all the installations would be used to the full after the Games.

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...and in Lake Placid

The President of the IOC also visited New York and Lake Placid.

Accompanied by the members of the IOC Press Commission, led by H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, he toured the installations and competition venues of the next Winter Games to be held in 1980. We shall be reporting on this trip and the Commission's discussions in our next issue.