



The Tripartite Commission in Baden-Baden

Following the close of the meeting of the Executive Board, and after a few hours of rest, the President and the Vice-Presidents of the IOC, accompanied by the Director, left Lausanne early on the morning of 31st January for a journey to Brenner's Park Hotel in Baden-Baden, where a meeting of the IOC Tripartite Commission was to take place. Mr. Willi Daume, IOC member and President of both the NOC in Federal Germany and the Organising Committee of the XIth Olympic Congress in 1981, greeted them in the famous city of waters-whose attributes as a host are legendary. They then met the representatives of the International Federations, Messrs. Thomas Keller, Charles A. Palmer and Gunther Sabetski, the delegates from the NOCs, Messrs. Antonin Himl, Philip O. Krumm and Colonel Raoul Mollet, as well as Mr. Trendafil Martinsky, who had been specially invited, owing to the vital role he had assumed in preparing the Varna Olympic Congress in 1973. The late afternoon was devoted to visiting the facilities, hotels and meeting rooms. It was held by all that the conditions for work and accommodation offered every guarantee for success.

Six hours of meetings the following day in the rooms of the Baden-Baden Casino allowed for a thorough discussion of the entire report presented by the organisers. Among the points studied, the following bear special mention :

It was recalled that the Olympic Congress is convened by the IOC and that the role played by the Tripartite Commission is simply one of co-ordination in preparing for the event.

The Olympic Congress will study three themes, each of which is to be presented by one of the mainstays of the Olympic movement :

"Determining new directions since Varna" by the IOC ; *"The future of the Olympic Games"* by the IFs ; *"International co-operation"* by the NOCs.

Procedures and rules for the meetings are to be prepared for the Commission's next meeting by an editing committee composed of Messrs. Mzali, Keller, Mollet and the Director of the IOC, Madame Monique Berlioux.

Among its other advantages, the Olympic Congress facilitates and increases contact-between the main figures in the international sports movement.

To fulfill this objective more effectively, and despite the impossibility of accommodating all the delegates in one single hotel, a-meeting place is to be created where Congress delegates will be able to meet one- another freely outside the confines of the work sessions.

As yet another means of facilitating contacts, participants may have their meals in the various hotels hosting them.

- A scheme whereby Olympic Solidarity would assume travel costs for one Congress delegate per NOC is under study.
- It was also suggested that invitations be issued to 30 athletes having participated in the summer or winter Olympic games in 1976 and 1980 and having placed among the top six competitors. These invitations should be allotted on a continental basis and limited to one athlete per Olympic sport, with men and women both represented.
- A list of observers likely to be invited was drawn up. Included in addition to the members of the IOC Commissions not attending the Congress in another capacity, are the UN, UNESCO, the

International Federation of Sports Medicine (FIMS), the International Committee for Fair Play, the International Association of Physical Education and Sports Institutes, etc.

- Coaches may be included in the IFs' delegations as with those from the NOCs.
- The Olympic flag is to be given priority over all possible emblems.
- Mr. Daume is to present a report on the organisation of the Congress at the meeting of the IOC Executive Board with the representatives of the IFs in March.
- The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Brussels on 23rd and 24th April.

A dinner given by the Mayor of Baden-Baden, Mr. Carlein, completed the programme amid a tranquil and friendly atmosphere.