



Welcome to Lake Placid

*by Lord Killanin,
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In February of 1980, it will have been 48 years since the Winter Games were last held in the tiny mountain resort of Lake Placid. In what amounts to almost half a century, the world as a whole, and not least the Olympic movement, has undergone many changes.

Lake Placid, too, has been largely transformed since 1932. Although still small and secluded in comparison with other more recent venues, the simplicity of the setting is welcomed by many as a return to the original concept of the Olympic Games. Nevertheless, all the sophisticated technology available to us today will be used and indeed needed in the judging of events such as these where split seconds count and records are continually being broken.

The Winter Games will very soon now be brought to millions of people throughout the world, via television and radio broadcasts and reports from the written press, so that as many as possible may share in the unique and splendid atmosphere of this unquestionably spectacular sporting occasion.

To all athletes, officials, judges, the Organising Committee and the spectators, and indeed anyone involved in these Games, I wish every success.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Killanin", with a long horizontal line underneath it.