



News about Lake Placid

- **Birger Ruud : 38 years later**

Invited by the Norwegian radio and television companies, the great Birger Ruud, Olympic ski jumping champion at Lake Placid in 1932, will be returning during the next few days to the scene of his earlier exploits. Now 70 years old, Birger Ruud lives in an Oslo apartment. This outstanding champion smiles when one mentions the lack of snow in 1932. He remembers that in 1936 and in 1950 when he was visiting the Adirondacks, the snow conditions were hardly any better.

- On 13th February 1980, the President of the United States, Mr. Jimmy Carter, will declare the XIIIth Winter Games open. In 1932, this honour belonged to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Governor of New York State at the time.

- A winner in the 500 m event at the IIIrd Winter Games in 1932 at Lake Placid, John Shea (USA), who is still a speed skating enthusiast, is looking very much forward to the forthcoming Olympic encounters. His view of the Games is indeed a moving one : "As long as young people in all countries can meet and compete like this, there is no need to justify the Games."

