



*In Lake Placid, for the first time since 1952, athletes from the People's Republic of China took part in the Games*

## **XIIIth Winter Games**

### **Lake Placid**

**13th-24th February 1980**



*Thanks to the efforts of a group of Norwegian-American sports enthusiasts and the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a sculpture dedicated to the memory of Sonja Henie now stands just outside the Olympic arena where the Norwegian figure skating champion captivated audiences during the 1932 Winter Games. The work, an all-weather fountain, consisting of five spheres representing the Olympic rings, was created by Karl Nesjar, best known perhaps for his joint sculptures with Pablo Picasso in the 1950s.*



*The opening ceremony.*



*Reverend J. Bernard Fell, President of the Organising Committee, and Lord Killanin, President of the IOC.*