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During the compilation of the last issue of the "Olympic Review", published on the occasion of the XIIIth Winter Games, an entire paragraph was omitted from the message written by Mr. Jacques Favart, which appeared on page 21. We hereby offer our apologies to the author and reprint below his text in its entirety :

"Faithful ever since the first Games at Chamonix (FRA) in 1924, the International Skating Union is proud to take part in the XIIIth Olympic Winter Games in the two sports it governs : figure skating and speed skating.

It is grateful to the IOC for having agreed to the inclusion of ice dancing on the Olympic programme, from 1976, as it has been an official branch of figure skating since 1952.

In view of the technical progress it has achieved and the success it has had with the public, ice dancing fully justifies this decision.

I take this opportunity to place a request before IOC members. Would it not be possible in future to enter four competitors (instead of three) in the shorter speed skating races (500 m. and 1000 m.) ? Two arguments may be invoked in favour of such a proposal : in any event, the athletes are at the Games' site, meaning that no additional costs would be incurred by the organisers, and the resulting increased duration of events poses no problems.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Lake Placid in February 1980 "