

# The XIth Olympic Congress



In the course of the meeting of the Tripartite Commission which took place in Baden-Baden on 23rd January 1981, the President of the Organising Committee, Mr Willi Daume, gave a report. The following article is a short summary of the main points of this.

## **Funds**

The Organising Committee has recently overcome certain difficulties regarding the funding of the Congress. Due to the current economic climate, the government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the government of the state of Baden-Württemberg, two of the main sources of funds for this Congress, have been obliged to introduce stringent economy measures, which have considerably reduced the sums available to the Organising Committee. Fortunately, however, the substantial reserve fund already established is sufficient to carry out the organisation of the Congress and avoid financial risk.

## **Registrations**

At the date of the meeting of the Tripartite Commission in Baden-Baden, the following confirmations of attendance had been received :

- IOC members : 70 delegates, 62 guests ;
- NOCs: 101 ;
- IFs : 34.

## **Accommodation**

Due to the limited amount of hotels in the small town of Baden-Baden, procuring suitable accommodation in accordance with the request formulated by the IOC has proved to be one of the most complex problems facing the Organising Committee of the Congress. The establishment of the final programme by the Tripartite Commission, however, has facilitated matters, as the duration of the delegates' stay in Baden-Baden is now easier to ascertain, and firm booking will shortly be made.



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### **Official Congress Guide**

The Official Congress Guide is already in the planning stage. When published, this will include the delegates' addresses during the Congress, details of the Congress programme and social and cultural events, information on Baden-Baden, and other relevant material.

### **Staff**

At present, the Organising Committee has a full-time staff of ten, but this number will increase to 30 at the time of the Congress.

### **Cultural programme**

A comprehensive cultural and social programme has been planned, including a garden show, concerts, plays, excursions, and recitals. Participants in the Congress will also be given the opportunity to take part in golf and tennis competitions.

One of the highlights of the cultural events will undoubtedly be the performance of a specially-commissioned Olympic score for orchestra and choir under the direction of the well-known composer, Leonard Bernstein. Mr Bernstein will donate the score to the Olympic movement after the performance.

Efforts are also being made to stage a spectacular display involving the projection of the five Olympic rings, with laser beams, on to natural or artificial clouds over the Merkur mountain, which overlooks the town, for one hour on each day of the Congress.

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### **Press Service**

In addition to the official Congress Bulletin, a German press service will, from February 1981, be publishing a monthly international press release, and a fortnightly bulletin for the German press—both publications comprising approximately 20 pages.

Journalists accredited to the Congress will be offered comprehensive facilities, including separate editorial offices for some 12 news agencies, and a central press office with 150 work places.

### **Exhibition by candidate cities for the 1988 Games**

The old Baden-Baden railway station, which is connected directly to an exhibition centre, is being redecorated to house the displays by candidate cities for the 1988 Games of the Olympiad and the Winter Games.

