

The official film of the XXIInd Olympiad

Mr. Yuri Ozerov, the well-known director responsible for the official film of the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad, visited Lausanne on 13th February to present his work to the International Olympic Committee.

He was warmly welcomed and heartily congratulated on his success by Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch. There was a short working meeting after the film was shown in order to refine a few details, but the work already stands among the best films on the subject of Olympism.

In the tradition of his country's sports cinema, Mr. Ozerov and his colleagues at Goskino, the State Committee for Cinematography, have succeeded in showing the historical, human and poetic aspects of Olympism through the celebration of the XXIInd Olympiad in Moscow. From Olympia to Moscow, through the past, going back as far as the ancient origins of the Games, at all the competition sites, in the Olympic village, behind the scenes of their organisation, thanks to 150 of the best Soviet cameramen, the film-makers reach beyond the rather narrow definition of the official film. The competition becomes just one aspect of the gathering of young people through sport. Mankind and the complete unfolding of physical and psychic gifts become the focus of the spectator's attention.

Our thanks go to Mr. Ozerov, whose talent has already been appreciated in the filming of eight sequences on the 1972 Olympic Games, and to his 'colleagues. Shortly before the Games, he said : *"I was won over to sport a long time ago. I love its inimitable world, with all its unexpectedness, the beauty of competition, the daily effort in training halls in preparation for new records..."* His film-making skill has enabled him to further assert his devotion to sport.



- *The European section of the international sports press union recently voted the Dress service for the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad in Moscow as the best at a sporting event during 1980. Second place went to the press service for the final of the European Cup for football in Madrid.*