

Los Angeles 1984



Mrs. Janis Berman, President of the Museum for Science and Industry; Mr. Harry L. Usher, Executive Vice-President and Assistant Director General of the LAOOC ; the sculptor Mr. Robert Graham and Mr. Robert J. Fitzpatrick, Director of the Olympic Arts Festival.

- The LAOOC has concluded an agreement with the city of Los Angeles guaranteeing that taxpayers will not have to bear any of the costs of the Olympic Games. The agreement stipulates a list of expenses connected with the organising of the Games, studied by the different municipal departments of the city.

This represents an important step forward for the LAOOC, which will contribute towards the local welcome of the 1984 Games.

- The LAOOC may recruit as many as 500 permanent and 15,000 temporary staff for the preparation and organisation of the 1984 Olympic Games. The majority of the temporary personnel are expected to be volunteers.

- The LAOOC has commissioned the American sculptor Robert Graham, who is known for his figurative work, to design a monument to be erected at the Coliseum. This sculpture will serve as an archway for the standard-bearers of the 151 participating delegations and for the athletes during the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1984 Games.

Cast in bronze, and measuring 7.60 m. in height, this monument will consist of two columns supporting a lintel, at each end of which are two naked torsos, one of a man and one of a woman. The lintel and the base of the columns will be decorated with reliefs representing silhouettes in movement.

• 20th Century-Fox to Produce Official 1984 Olympic Film

20th Century-Fox Film Corporation, a major force in the entertainment industry, has been selected to produce and distribute throughout the world the Official Film of the 1984 Olympic Games.

"The Official Olympic Film will reveal the drama of the 1984 Olympic Games through the medium for which Los Angeles and Hollywood are famous around the world. 20th Century-Fox will produce for posterity a film that will capture the successes and failures, the joy and sorrow of the athletes and fans, re-emphasising the goals of the Olympic Movement", Mr. Peter Ueberroth, President of the LAOOC, said at a news conference held at the 20th Century-Fox studios.

20th Century-Fox, an acknowledged leader and innovator in the entertainment industry, will immediately develop plans to produce its first Olympic film. As the Official Film Producer of the 1984 Olympic Games, 20th Century-Fox joins the limited group of major corporations that have, in partnership with the LAOOC, committed themselves to providing financial support for staging the 1984 Games at no cost to the taxpayers of Los Angeles.

The contract between the LAOOC and 20th Century-Fox provides that the LAOOC will give access and accreditations to the Fox staff and production personnel and that the LAOOC will protect the exclusivity of the film by not granting any other Official Olympic Film Rights. The LAOOC reserves the right to make arrangements for an animated film about the Games.

• Olympic coins

Shortly before attending a fund-raising dinner in St-Louis, which produced \$100 000 for USOC funds, President Reagan signed into law the Olympic Coin Act, which will provide for the minting and sale of commemorative coins of the country which will provide needed funds for the United States Olympic Committee and the future of America's amateur athletes. The coins, which will be minted and marketed by the Treasury of the United States, will be on

sale in the near future providing funds for the USOC and the Los Angeles Olympic Committee.

• Publication

Following "Our First 1,000 Days" and "Olympic Countdown : 819 Days to Go", the LAOOC has issued a follow-up-booklet suitably entitled "Olympic Countdown : 667 Days to Go". The aim of the booklet is to provide a compact summary of the activities of the Organising Committee from its founding in March 1979 until September 1982. Written for the most part by LAOOC Assistant Vice-President Richard B. Perelman, this "media guide" contains not only precise and up-to-date information about the work of the LAOOC and the preparation of the Olympic facilities, but also a good deal of background material on the International Olympic Committee and its affiliated bodies, and on the history of the Olympic Games and Olympic sports. Any further information about the 1984 Games and their organisation can be obtained from the LAOOC Press Secretary, Amy Lynn Collis, Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee, Los Angeles, California 90084, USA.

• More than 20,000 young people aged between 7 and 19 years took part this summer alone in the youth sports programmes co-sponsored by the LAOOC. Programmes in eights sports - archery, basketball, football, gymnastics, sailing, swimming, synchronised swimming and track and field, brought together thousands of volunteer coaches and other officials who helped to teach these young people how to improve or in some cases even begin their chosen sport.

The LAOOC's Youth Activities Department, under the leadership of Assistant Vice-President Dan Cruz, has also launched a series of cultural and educational programmes for youth, including several competitions and publications, and a Olympic Youth Liaison Council.

