

Calgary 1988



Calgary, "Saddledome", Olympic skating-rink.

On the 24th January 1984 in Lausanne, the International Olympic Committee and the Calgary Organisation Committee ("OCO'88") proceeded with the allocation of the television broadcasting rights for the area of the United States of America for the XVth Winter Games in Calgary in 1988.

"American Broadcasting Companies" (ABC) were granted these exclusive broadcasting rights for the sum of US dollars 309 million.

The contract was signed on 25th January 1984 at the Chateau de Vidy, IOC headquarters, by the representatives of the three parties involved : for the IOC : H. E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President, Mr. Richard Pound, IOC member for Canada, and Madame Monique Berlioux, Director, for the Calgary Organisation Committee : Mr. Frank King, Chairman, and Mr. William Pratt, President, for ABC : Mr. Roone Arledge, President, and Mr. Jim Spence, first Vice-President.

A delegation from the XVth Olympic Winter Games OCOG, led by its President Mr. Frank King, travelled to Sarajevo to present its report to the 87th Session. The IOC members were provided with accurate information concerning the Olympic venues currently under construc-

tion thanks to an audio-visual presentation entitled "Coming Together in Calgary", a sequel to the film which was shown in Baden-Baden en 1981.

Mr. King put forward to the Executive Board a number of suggestions with regard to the length of the Games and the organization of new events. As indicated by the decisions taken during the Session (page 161), some of these were accepted. This account, which gave rise to the IOC President's congratulations in the name of the Session, announced the imminent publication of a report containing further technical details concerning the competition venues and the organisation of the welcoming staff. This information will enable IOC members to constantly follow the preparation of the next Winter Games.

The mascots for the XVth Olympic Winter Games at Calgary in 1988 have been approved by the 87th IOC Session held in Sarajevo from 4th to 8th February 1984.

Hidy and Howdy, the two polar bear cubs, were presented by Frank King and Bill Pratt, President and Directeur General of the Organising Committee for the XVth Olympic Winter Games.