



The Calgary Fiddlers in action.

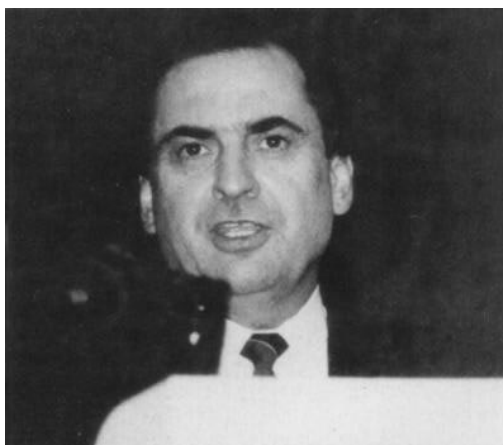
MOBILIZATION AGAINST DOPING

It was an uncompromising declaration against doping, addressed to all those involved with the smooth running of the world sporting movement from competitors to governments, which dominated the message from IOC President H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch at the solemn opening of the 93rd IOC Session in Calgary.

On Saturday 6th January, the superb Jack Singer Concert Hall, home of the city's symphony orchestra, welcomed the high society of world sport with an Olympic fanfare specially written for the occasion by the Canadian composer Howard Cable and played by four horns. Amongst the guests could be seen, apart from the IOC members and their wives, the presidents of the International Winter Sports Federations, Mr. Primo Nebiolo, President of the ASOIF, the Presidents and General Secretaries of the National Olympic Committees present at the Games, Messrs. Donald Mazankowski, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, Don Getty, Prime Minister of Alberta, Otto Jelinek, Minister of State for Physical Education and Amateur Sport and the members of OCO'88 led by Mr. Frank King, Chairman, and Mr. Bill Pratt, President. Mr. Jackson, President of the Canadian Olympic Association (NOC), gave the traditional speech of welcome, stressing the considerable amount of work carried out since Calgary had become an Olympic city in 1981. After warmly thanking the Canadian people for the efforts made in a spirit of enthusiasm in preparing for these Games, President Samaranch, who spoke after Mr. Jackson, launched an unusually strong double appeal to the athletes to renounce doping and to governments to let their athletes take part in the Games. *"I am addressing you, the athletes of the world... who demonstrate the power of heart and mind over matter"*, declared the President inviting them to join with the IOC and the International

Federations in rejecting *"these attempts to cheat which endanger the very lives of those involved"*. Mr. Samaranch went on to express regret that the athletes from Cuba, Ethiopia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were being barred from the Games. The IOC will not slacken in its efforts, during the time left before the Opening Ceremony in Seoul, to find a solution which will enable the athletes to avoid becoming, once again, the victims of politics. The prospect of record participation, both in Calgary and Seoul, gave full force to the speech, which is reproduced in the following pages.

In an atmosphere of local folk customs, the audience was transported into a world of vibrant country music, played jauntily by fifteen young violinists complete with large Stetsons and equally large smiles.



Mr. Mazankowski making his speech.

The Honourable Donald Mazankowski, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, then proceeded to the official opening of the 93rd IOC Session with a speech in which he reminded the audience of the support from the Federal government, particularly regarding the construction of the sports venues.

