

## WHERE WILL THEY ALL STAY ?

As the venues are widely scattered, especially precise organization will be needed well in advance. "These difficulties are not new to us II, said the IOC President. "We have been aware of them ever since we first examined the candidature files. We chose Albertville and now we have to do all we can to respond to this challenge". As a result, it is planned to construct several different Olympic Villages in order to keep travelling between venues by athletes to a minimum and to avoid too many changes in altitude. The Alpine skiers will be housed at Val-d'Isère, close to the slopes, and the hockey players will stay at Méribel where they will play their matches.

Similarly, the medal ceremonies will be held in several different locations, as happened in Calgary. This dispersal, while perhaps somewhat detrimental to Olympic unity, should nonetheless reduce the amount of traffic on the roads.

The International Broadcasting Centre, to be constructed in the town of Moûtiers, halfway between Albertville and the ski resorts, will be provided with sophisticated equipment for use mainly by the audio-visual press. At the same time, the written press will be based in the Main Press Centre at La Léchère. This separation simply serves to highlight the use of specific technology by the different media and will, according to Organizing Committee Co-President Mr. Michel Barnier, enable better conditions of accommodation to be offered to journalists covering the Games, some of whom have less than happy memories of their accommodation in Calgary last year. Moreover, thanks to advances in modern technology, it has become quite normal in the profession to hold press conferences between studios in different locations.