



View of Lillehammer and Lake Mjøsa.

creating a real spirit of community, which I believe will help make the 1994 Olympics a sports celebration."

A LITTLE VILLAGE OPEN TO THE WORLD

Enthusiastic words which welcome the sports delegations. Sixty-seven countries are expected to send par-

ticipants to the Games. The Olympic Village (with 2,680 beds), situated within walking distance from the centre of Lillehammer and the Olympic Park, has opened its doors to athletes, trainers and heads of delegations, and five hundred other people are lodged in Hamar.

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These villages, constructed in wood on piles will be dismantled after the Games and sent to the university towns in the North. Another important delegation: the seven thousand journalists and broadcasters. While seventy-two international telephone lines out of the country were set up during the 1952 Winter Games in Oslo, the TV signals alone from Lillehammer will require a capacity equal to 30,000. Up to twenty-four satellite channels are broadcasting pictures and sound will be supplied from the different venues. Added to this, an "Olympic Force" of 8,500 people, mostly volunteers, who will work during the events, supplement-



THE PARALYMPICS IN MARCH

Norway is continuing the tradition and, immediately after the Olympic Games, will host the VI Winter Paralympics, the great sports encounter for disabled athletes, which will this year take place from 8th to 20th March using the Olympic facilities and venues.

WEATHER

"Daytime temperature minus 6 degrees, partial cloud cover, light winds, stable snow conditions' are what the weather conditions should be like during the Games, according to the LOOC meteorologists. They have based their calculations on the averages recorded for February in Lillehammer over the last one hundred years. The lowest temperature (17 degrees) was recorded in 1947. According to the experts, there is only a 2% risk of having an average temperature below -20 degrees!

LOCAL SPONSORS

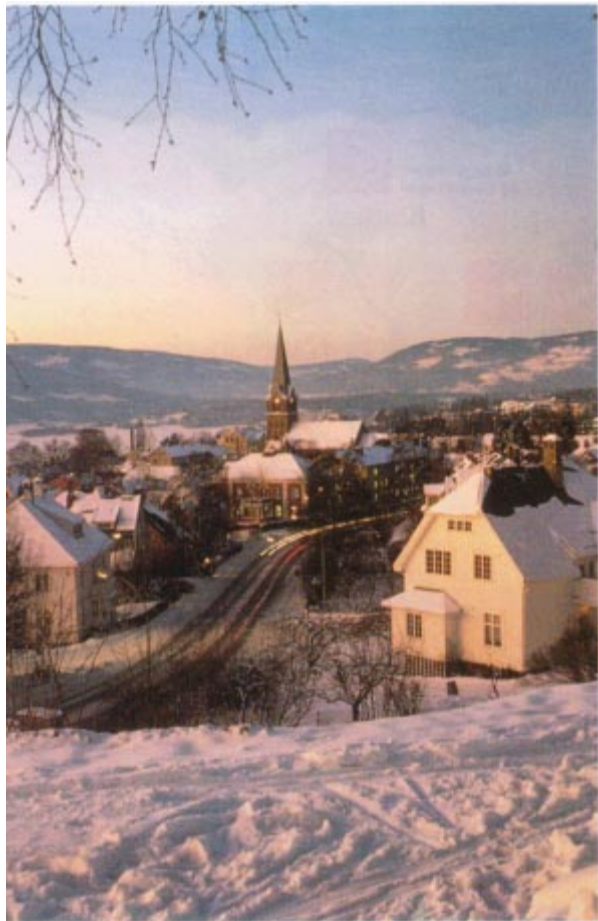
Albertville had its Club Coubertin, Lillehammer has created the Birkebeiner team made up of nine major companies (ABB, IBM, Statoil, Norge

Post Procordia, Sparebanken, TBK, Norge Telecom and Volvo) which have paid the minimum entrance fee of 28 million kroner. In addition to these, a dozen notional firms can use the title of "official supplier to the Games".

SONG

The theme song of the Games was revealed for the first time during a grand New Year's celebration broadcast on television. Entitled *La Ilden lyse* ("Let the Flame Burn"), the words and music were composed by two Norwegians, Jon V. Johannessen and Svein Gundersen. It was chosen from 28 entries and is sung in Norwegian and English by one of Norway's great singing stars, Sissel Kyrkjebø.

The snow is here - and we're ready!



Europe, they will elicit a unique involvement and tremendous enthusiasm.



more demanding trails than those at the Birkebeineren Ski Stadium. And, at Gjøvik, 6,000 spectators will watch ice hockey being played deep inside a

mountain. Another first for the Lillehammer Games!

The XVII Olympic Winter Games Arts Festival is well under way. Before the Games are over, 10,000 performers will have participated in several hundred events abroad and across the

Therefore, we already now know that the sixteen days of the Games will truly be a sports, cultural and folk festival of unimaginable proportions!

We will have a combined Christmas and May 17th (Norwegian constitution day) celebration every day!

Since the venues were completed a year ago, they have been tested by athletes, the public and the press. A few changes and adjustments have been made. Now we know that the venues work. Six world records have already been set at the Hamar Olympic all. The alpine skiers describe the downhill course at Kvitfjell as one of the best and most difficult in the world. The cross-country skiers tell us that they have never skied on better or

whole of Norway.

Since 27th November last year, the national Torch Relay has journeyed triumphantly several thousand kilometres up and down the country. On 16th January, the Olympic Flame was lit in Greece. Now it is travelling, accompanied by a large-scale Norwegian cultural exhibition, through several German towns and the major Nordic cities.

When the Olympic Flame arrives in Lillehammer on 12th February, it-and the world at large - will meet an organization and a people who are looking forward to and are well prepared for sixteen unforgettable days of sports festivities and a cultural folk festival. We are excited and bid the world welcome!

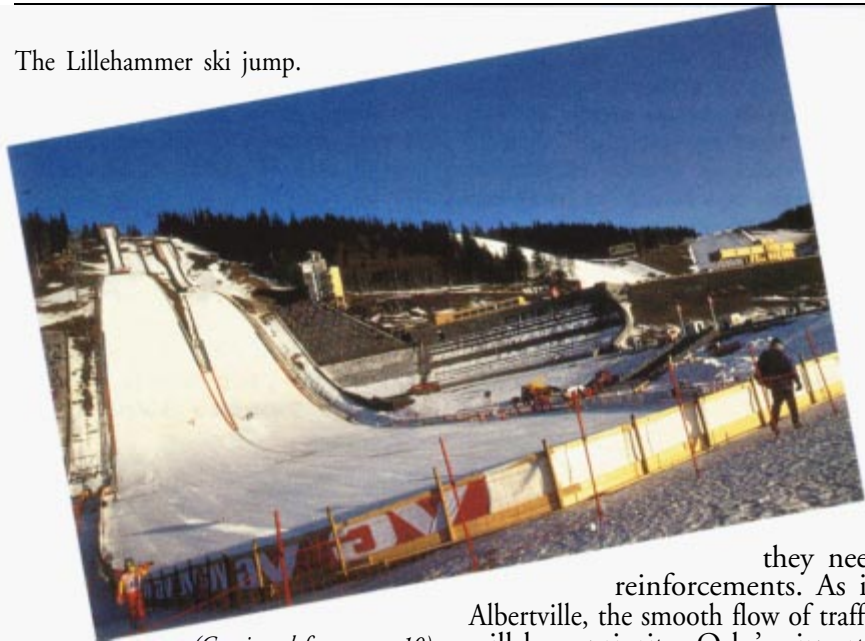
GERHARD HEISERG

President, LOOC

"We can't remember ever having had such excellent snow conditions!" say local residents. And, with the snow, the last piece of the puzzle which Team '94 has been putting together for more than five years has also fallen into place. In other words: we're ready!

That is also true of the Norwegian people, who have an inborn and natural relationship to winter sports in general and to Olympic Winter Games in particular. When, for the second time in history, the Games visit this small country on the outer reaches of

The Lillehammer ski jump.



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mented by some 2,500 police for security, keeping order and traffic control.

REDUCED PRICE FOR CHILDREN

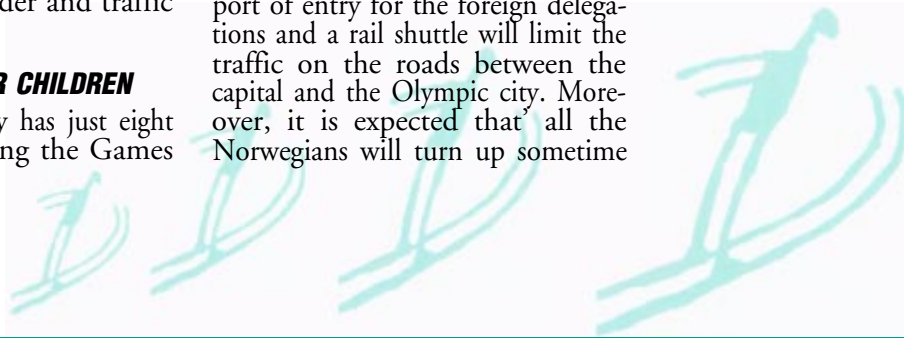
Lillehammer normally has just eight policemen but during the Games

they need reinforcements. As in Albertville, the smooth flow of traffic will be a priority. Oslo's airports, two and a half hours' drive from Lillehammer, will be almost the only port of entry for the foreign delegations and a rail shuttle will limit the traffic on the roads between the capital and the Olympic city. Moreover, it is expected that all the Norwegians will turn up sometime

during the fortnight to encourage the participants. You're either a sports fan or you're not!

For the finals, almost a hundred thousand spectators are expected, with school buses acting as shuttles between the car parks and sites as the schools will be closed. "Public satisfaction is of major importance to us, because what would the Games be without enthusiastic spectators?" says Petter Roenningen. The average price of a ticket is around 150 crowns, their price varying between 50 and 825 crowns. Nearly a million and a half were put up for sale and the Games will be almost sold out. A novelty: children are entitled to reduced prices for the first time at the Games.

100 Norwegian crowns is equivalent to approximately US \$15.



PODIUMS

For the medal ceremonies, the Olympic podiums will be sculpted out of blocks of ice. Some 20 tons of ice, hewn from enormous blocks of glacier ice several centuries old at Sogn, in western Norway, have already been transported to Lillehammer where they are stored. Norway has some 1,700 glaciers, including the largest in Europe, the Jostedalsgreen.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Olympic Games are also an important cultural encounter. Without waiting for the athletes to give the best of themselves, artists, musicians, sculptors and actors, over 8,600 people in all, have already started showing off their own know-how in the framework of the 350 cultural events of the Olympic festival. This festival offers to its international audience a huge programme of

exhibitions on the ancient Lapp culture in particular, Norwegian design and handicrafts, art displays, operatic performances, ballets, folk dances, plays and concerts. It has already been flying the Norwegian flag abroad and has opened Norway to the world.

DATA-PROCESSING

By taking and adapting the information system used in Albertville, LOOC estimates that it has knocked a third off the cost of developing its own data-processing system. The software produced by Andersen Consulting will offer information in English, French and Norwegian to journalists, participants and volunteers as well as managing the logistical administration, transport and security of the 50,000 accreditation holders. It will be accessible through 2,000 terminals and can even be used wearing ski gloves. (AFP)

FLAME

The Olympic Flame, which was lit at Olympia on 16th January, will reach Lillehammer on 12th February. After several stops in Germany, it will arrive in Scandinavia on 29th January at Copenhagen, before going on to Helsinki and Stockholm. On 5th February in Oslo, it will meet the Norwegian flame in the presence of Mrs Aase Kleveland, Norwegian Minister of Culture, and Messrs Lambis W. Nikolaou, IOC member in Greece, and Gerhard Heiberg, President of LOOC. After being lit in Morgedal, in the province of Telemark where legend has it that skiing was born, the Norwegian flame will end its journey through Norway after having passed through Tromsø, high above the Arctic Circle.