

hope therefore that you will confirm, Mr. President, that it is not necessary to build an artificial ice-arena.

Meteorological observations through many years show that we have ideal weather, at least 9 out of 10 days at that time of the year, when the games will be held.

BOBSLEIGH

The bobsleigh run will be constructed either in the Frognerster-hill or at Lillehammer. Swiss experts will be consulted and engaged to assist in the construction, and norwegian technical experts are just now visiting Saint-Moritz and Davos in this matter.

HOUSING

I don't know whether you have read Mr. Otto Mayer's report from his recent visit to Oslo. If so — you will have seen that he has taken a rather pessimistic view of our housing possibilities, but I dare say, too pessimistic, Mr. O. Mayer.

I just got the housing situation outlined from our housing committee the day before I left Oslo, and they made the following statement :

The City has at its disposal today about 4000 beds in the existing hotels. It has been decided to build 3 new hotels and a student town at Sogn with a total of 1800 beds. Further we are going to build three new houses with a total capacity of 320 beds. In addition to this the housing committee is working on a plan of building a new group of buildings situated at Valle Hovin in the outskirts of Oslo, consisting of 500 small flats with a total of 2000 rooms. This group of buildings which is a part of the ordinary plan to solve the housing problem of the City, could be used as accommodation for visitors to the games before the future lodgers move in.

The committee is further working on a plan to use the hotels in Drammen, a town situated only 45 minutes by car away from Oslo and this would mean another 3 to 4 hundred beds. We are also planning to get one of our big passenger ships stationed in Oslo harbour during the games. And if we get the newbuilding Oslofjord, this ship as a capacity of 500 beds.

The housing committee also intends to try to persuade some of the nations to use some

of their own suitable ships. We have a wonderful harbour with plenty of spaces.

At last I will mention that our housing committee has under consideration to use some of our schools for quartering. The City has 67 schools, many of them very suitable for this purpose, and situated in the best part of the City.

To sum it up, the housing committee feels confident that they will be able to take well care of about 8000 visitors including the competitors. I hope that this committee will find our efforts to solve the housing problem for the visitors satisfactory.

Regarding the accommodations for the competitors taking part in the games and all the officials, I am convinced that we shall be able to arrange that to their entire satisfaction, and that is after all, by far, the most important.

I will conclude my orientation by saying a few words about the organisation :

First we have the organising committee consisting of 4 members pointed out by the Norwegian Olympic Committee, and 4 members pointed out by the City of Oslo's municipality. These 8 members have appointed me as chairman of this committee. A great honour, but I am sure a very doubtful pleasure.

Then we have 13 subcommittees, the members of these being the best qualified (press, housing, transport. etc.) we can find in Oslo. For all the projects the technical preparations are now very nearly finished. The financial basis is definitely secured, the City of Oslo having set aside sufficient sums for their completion. It is agreed between the organising committee and the City of Oslo that any profit of the Winter Games will be placed at the disposal of The Norwegian Olympic Committee.

I think, Mr. President and gentlemen, that this is all I can say about our preparations for the 1952 Winter Games in Oslo, today.

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AVIS AUX NOUVEAUX MEMBRES DU C.I.O.

MM. les nouveaux membres qui sont entrés au C. I. O. dans les années 1948 et 1949, et dont le « curriculum vitæ sportivæ » n'a pas encore paru, sont priés de bien vouloir le faire parvenir à la chancellerie. Il en est de même pour MM. les membres qui ne nous auraient pas encore communiqué le leur.