size, accommodating 6 000 athletes at a time. Iceland is running an Olympic fever as hot as the climate is cold.

The world's largest sports arena ? It isn't Chicago's Soldier's Field or the Los Angeles Coliseum. In Rio de Janeiro there's a stadium holding 210 000 spectators !

Domestically, with each Olympic Games comes the problem of selecting the U. S. team. Other countries can hand-pick their squad from a few stars, but we have so many candidates that the only fair approach is a series of exhausting qualifying tests. Only three men can be named in each event, and any committee which arbitrarily selected three out of the eligible thousands would be howled out of the country. More than once, potential Olympic victors have had to be left behind.

RUSSIA'S SIGNED UP

It is vital that they performed especially well at Helsinki. Russia came out from behind the Iron Curtain, the first display of Russian sport strength in the Games since 1912.

True, both spectators and sports officials have objected strenuously to dictator-nation participation. Delagates from various sections of the world have spoken out with heat against meeting any oppressors in friendly competition.

In all cases, they were voted down. We — the rest of the world — *can* meet on the field of sport, where fair play must prevail, with men of any political philosophy. Perhaps the results will reach even inside the walls of the Kremlin. For by taking part, the U. S. S. R., with the other nations, have accepted the Olympian creed, the very core of which is expressed in these words :

May we display cheerfulness and concord that the Olympic torch may be carried on with ever greater eagerness, courage and honor for the good of humanity through the ages.

A propos de l'Olympiade de la musique

Après un échange de correspondance qui a duré quatre ans entre cette organisation et le C. I. O., nous sommes heureux d'informer nos lecteurs qu'une entente est intervenue entre les deus parties et que l'engagement d'une part et l'accord de l'autre ont été signés à Lausanne en décembre dernier à la chancellerie du C. I. O. — Le titre de cette organisation sera désormais :

JEUX *DELPHIQUES*
INTERNATIONAUX

Fête mondiale de la musique
(An X de la Xe Olympiade)

About Music Olympiad

After an exchange of correspondance which has lasted four years between above mentionned Organisation and the I. O. C., we are glad to inform our readers that an agreement has been signed between both parties in December last at the Chancellery at Lausanne. The title of this Organisation will be in future as follow :

INTERNATIONAL *DELPHIC* GAMES

World Music Festival

(Year X of the Xth. Olympiad)

CORRESPONDANCE

M. J.-Sigfrid Edström, en sa qualité de président honoraire du C. I. O. et agissant au nom du président et des membres du comité, a adressé en novembre dernier ses félicitations à S. M. le roi de Suède à l'occasion de ses soixante-dis ans. Voici la lettre que nous adresse M. Edström en réponse à ces vœux :

Stockholm, le 27 novembre 1952.

du Comité international olympique,
Lausanne.

Messieurs,

Sa Majesté le roi de Suède me charge de transmettre au président ainsi qu'aux membres du C. I. O. ses vifs remerciements pour les aimables vœux qu'ils ont bien voulu lui transmettre à l'occasion de son anniversaire. Sa Majesté a particulièrement apprécié la pensée qui lui a été adressée à cette occasion.

Veuillez agréer, etc.

(Sign.) J.-S. Edström.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. J. Sigfrid Edström, in his capacity of Honorary President of the I. O. C. and acting on behalf of the President and the Members of the Committee has presented, in November last, his congratulations to His Majesty the King of Sweden on the occasion of His 70th. birthday. Hereby we publish the letter received from Mr. Edström :

Stockholm, November 27th. 1952.

To the International Olympic Committee,
Lausanne.

Dear Sirs,

I wish to let you know that His Royal Majesty the King of Sweden has asked me to convey to the President and the members of the I. O. C. His heartfelt thanks for the friendly congratulations on His Birthday. His Majesty has much valued the thoughts and memories which have been expressed in our greeting to him.

Yours sincerely,

(Sign.) J. S. Edström.