



Moscow 1980

*Sports installations**

Athletics

The Central Lenin Stadium, built in 1956, will be able to hold over 110,000 spectators. Considerable renovations will be undertaken—a new athletics track, rebuilding the grandstands, improving the lighting, and the installation under the grandstands of a press centre on the west side and locker rooms, shower rooms and a medical complex on the east side. Two track and field areas not far from the major arena will be used for the competitors' training and warming up.

Rowing and canoe

The Krylatskoe basin, inaugurated in 1973 at the time of the European rowing championships, will undergo some improvements. The development plan, already approved by the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron, provides for the construction of slipways for 600 boats, repair workshops, recreation rooms for the athletes, a press centre and meeting hall. The grandstands will seat about 21,000 spectators.

Basketball and boxing

An indoor stadium with a seating capacity for 45,000 spectators will be built. The design being studied envisages the possibility of

transforming the arena into two rooms, each one being able to accommodate 20,000 spectators, so that competitions in two sports at the same time can be organised. Basketball matches will also be held in the Sports Palace of the Soviet Army Central Sports Club, which will be modernised and will seat 3000 spectators.

Cycling

Preparatory work on a 6000 seat velodrome for the track events began last August. The track will be 9 metres wide and 333.33 metres long, the incline of the banking turn 42° with a radius of 33 metres. The straight stretch will be 37 metres long with a slope of 11°. The individual road race will be held on a ring cycling route of 13.5 kilometres. Grandstands for 4000 spectators will be set up at the start and the finish.

Equestrian

Riders will meet at the future equestrian centre upon which work recently began at the Bitsevskii Park. The stables will be able to accommodate 450 horses.

Fencing

The fencing bouts will be held in a hall (126 x 84 metres) of the Central Sports Club of the Soviet Army, the construction of which began in 1976. It will contain 17 pistes and grandstands for 17,000 spectators.

Football

The final will be held in the main Olympic stadium, the Central Lenin Stadium **. The other matches will take place at the Dynamo Stadium in Moscow (50,000 seats) and at stadia in Leningrad (80,000 seats), Kiev (104,000 seats) and Minsk (40,000 seats).

Gymnastics

Inaugurated 20 years ago, the Sports Palace of the Central Lenin Stadium will house the gymnastics competitions, which 14,000 spectators will be able to attend. A warming up hall, 42 x 18 metres in size, will be available and the rooms under the grandstands will be renovated.

Handball

The Sokolniki Sports Palace is planned to be renovated—8000 spectators will be able

* Study drawn up from the Organising Committee's report presented at the Olympic meetings in Barcelona.

** see athletics

to watch the matches in a hall measuring 30 x 60 x 16 metres. Two training halls, 20 x 42 x 8 metres, will be added. The plan of the multi-purpose Dynamo Sports Hall envisages an arena measuring 46 x 24 x 15 metres, grandstands for 5000 spectators, and two gyms for warming up and training measuring 42 x 24 x 8 metres. Construction began in 1976.

Hockey

Three hockey stadia are planned: the stadium of the Central Sports Club of the Soviet Army, built in 1961, with a seating capacity of 10,000 spectators; the minor arena of the Dynamo complex, of which the modernisation work already underway will provide seating for 10,000 spectators; the Young Pioneers Stadium, built in 1952, with grandstands seating 5000 people.

Judo

14,000 spectators will be able to attend the judo bouts in the Sports Palace of the Central Lenin Stadium.

Wrestling

The wrestlers will compete in front of 5000 spectators in the indoor stadium of the Central Sports Club of the Army at present under construction. The hall, measuring 126 x 84 metres, will have ten mats (4 for the competitions and 6 for warming up).

Swimming

A new centre will be built. The design envisages grandstands for 10,000 spectators, one pool for competitions and one for warming up, and a diving pool. The water polo tournament will be held in the renovated open-air pool of the Central Lenin Stadium. There too 10,000 spectators will be able to attend. A new pool for warming up will be built.

Modern Pentathlon

The five disciplines will be held at: the equestrian complex in the Bitsevskii Park, the fencing stadium of the Central Sports Club of the Army, the Dynamo and Locomotive shooting ranges, the new Olympic pool to be built, and the Lenin Hills or the Bitsevskii Park for the cross-country.

Shooting

The Dynamo shooting range, built in 1925, will be modernised and the grandstands will be able to hold 2000 persons. The shooting galleries will be equipped with bullet intercepting devices, upholstery that prevents ricocheting, underground passages to targets and transporters for setting up targets. A second shooting range at the Locomotive centre will be built in the town of Balashikha and will comprise a 25 metre shooting range ("silhouette"), a 50 metre shooting range (running game target), four traps and four skeets. The spectator stands will seat 1200 people.

Archery

The development of an archery field with 92 targets and stands for 3000 spectators is being studied.

Volleyball

The minor sports arena of the Central Lenin Stadium (12,000 spectators) will be completely renovated and will be roofed in order to provide better playing conditions. Two 30 x 18 metre halls will be used for the players to warm up. Work on a new sports hall has begun on the territory of the Central Lenin Stadium and will include a ground 42 x 42 x 15 metres, grandstands for 3000 spectators and 4 training halls 18 x 36 metres in size.

Weightlifting

The weightlifters will compete in the multi-purpose sports hall at the Central Physical Education Institute at Izmailovo upon which work began at the end of October. The grandstands will seat 5000 spectators, and can easily be dismantled except for the permanent stands with 1000 seats. The dismantled stands will make room for two ice hockey training halls and one for choreographic study in figure skating. The adjacent hall will house an artificial skating rink.

Yachting

The new yachting centre will be situated at Tallinn (Republic of Estonia) at the mouth of the Pirita River. Work on the harbour, the yachting club, the wharf for sports boats and the engineering communication lines is underway, and the banks of the bay are being reinforced. A hotel to accommodate 800 people is being built.

*“Technology in the service of the Olympic Games” exhibition**

An exhibition entitled “Technology in the service of the Olympic Games” was held in Moscow from 8th to 20th September with the chief aim of displaying the most modern apparatus with which the organisers of the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad could equip themselves. The plan was to collect together and put on show the most recent equipment to enable specialists of the Organising Committee “Olympiad-80” and the representatives of other bodies responsible for the organisation of the 1980 Olympic Games to study the latest developments. Over 300 for-

eign groups, companies and firms from Europe, America and Asia took part.

The exhibition covered a surface area of some 25,000 square metres, and displayed: data processing equipment for all stages of the organisation of multi-sports competitions, including electronic computers, telecommunication equipment, measuring and refereeing devices, various electronic scoreboards, tele-radio equipment, picture and sound recording instruments, cine-cameras and cameras including slide projectors, lighting equipment for sports installations, furniture for the Olympic village, medico-biological equipment, installations for the press centres, acoustic devices, various materials for constructing the Olympic works, hotel equipment, sports devices, etc.

* We should like to thank the Organising Committee for the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad for sending us this text.

The large number of foreign companies taking part in the exhibition shows the interest of businessmen from all over the world in

Mr. Ignati T. Novikov, President of the Organising Committee of the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad, visits the “Technology in the service of the Olympic Games” exhibition.



the progress of the Olympic movement, the ideas and aims of which are permeated with the desire for lasting peace. It is also a sign of the particular attention which world opinion shows to the next celebration of the Olympiad in Moscow.

Basically the presentation of this exhibition represents one of the first steps in the organisation of the 1980 Olympic Games although the real kick-off took place on 1st August 1976 when Moscow, the capital of the Soviet Union, took over from Montreal as organiser of the Games of the XXIIInd Olympiad.

This exhibition ended in unquestionable success (some 250,000 visitors) and allowed specialists from the Organising Committee, the Ministries and other organisations concerned to take part in over 250 discussions with representatives of foreign companies and to sign various co-operation documents following these discussions. Three foreign firms, Elektroimpex and Tungsram of Hungary and Adidas of France, have been awarded the first "official supplier of the 1980 Olympic Games at Moscow" diplomas.

Another more specialised exhibition is planned for the second half of 1978.

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- *The VII Summer Spartakiad of the Peoples of the USSR*, to be held in July-August 1979, will be attended by many Soviet and foreign athletes, constituting a dress rehearsal for the organisers of the 1980 Olympic Games and enabling them to perfect their preparations.

- *A nationwide "Olympic Arbiter" contest* will allow the Soviet body of referees to be selected and specially trained. The contest will be conducted in stages and will be completed in 1979.

- *The reception of tourists*: a 24-storey hotel is under construction between Kratchenko Street and Udaltsova Street.

