

## Closing Ceremony



*The olympic flag is handed over to the Mayor of Seoul*

To all the Olympians who have participated here. Please accept our gratitude and heartfelt thanks. At the Opening Ceremony we said that you were the finest group of athletes ever assembled and you proved that to be true before the eyes of the world.

More people around the world watched your efforts and your struggles than any event in the history of mankind.

We thank you for the opportunity to host you and to be the stagehands supporting your efforts.

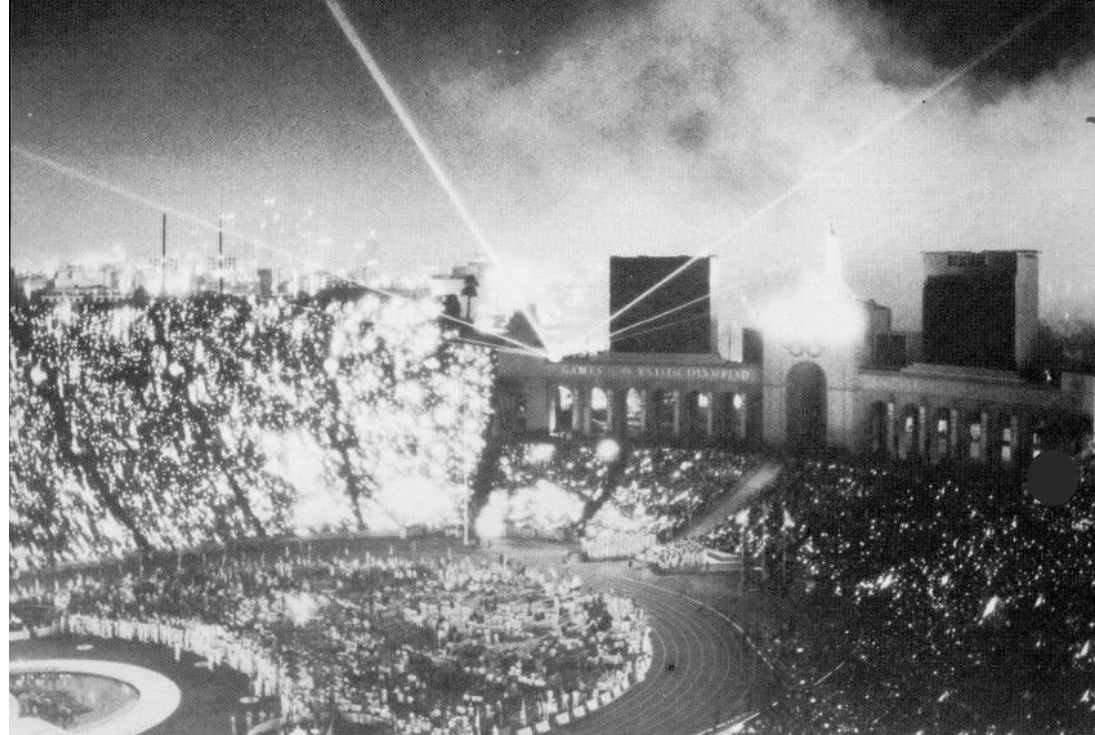
On behalf of all Southern California, staff, volunteers, law enforcement officers, government employees, who devoted themselves to these Olympic Games - thank you.

On behalf of the millions of Americans who stood by the roadside and watched the torch, and on behalf of a world record number of the finest and most gracious sports fans from around the world who watched these Games in person, thank you for the chance to serve you and to offer friendship and hospitality.

Our hope for the future is that all the athletes who have competed here will maintain their new friendships and, as your true victory lap of these Olympic Games, go forth as ambassadors of peace and goodwill throughout the world.

If somehow we have brought the world just a little bit closer together, then we have, indeed, staged a successful Olympic Games. And, in a small way, perhaps we have secured a better future for all the children of the world.

*Peter V. Ueberroth*



In the name of the International Olympic Committee I should like to extend our deepest gratitude to President Ronald Reagan, the people of the United States of America, the State of California, the Friendly City of Los Angeles and especially to its Mayor, Tom Bradley.

May I express our greatest appreciation to the tens of thousands of volunteers whose contribution has permitted the perfect staging of these Games.

Our most special thanks go to the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, chaired by Paul Ziffren and presided by Peter Ueberroth. Their constant efforts, dedication and wisdom have enabled all of us to experience sixteen wonderful days of sport, peace and friendship under the Olympic flame. We also extend our thanks to the twenty-three International Olympic Sports Federations and the one hundred and forty National Olympic Committees for their unfailing support in the Los Angeles Games.

We thank all the sports officials, the members of the mass media, the enthusiastic spectators and most of all, you, the athletes, who have competed against each other with pride and brotherhood for the glory of sport.

On behalf of the International Olympic Committee, I am very honored to present to President Ueberroth the Olympic Order In Gold as an expression of gratitude of the entire Olympic Movement.

I now declare the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad in Los Angeles closed and in accordance with our tradition, I call upon the youth of the world to assemble in four years from now in Seoul, Republic of Korea, in order to celebrate with us the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad.

J.A. Samaranch