

A proposed cover for the stadium will not be ready for the opening of the games. Story and photos by Annette Snowden-Beeton.

Stadium not what it's cracked up to be

There is one question uppermost in the minds of the onlookers at the corner of Pie IX Boulevard and Sherbrooke Street in Montreal these days, and that question is, "Will it be finished?"

The question refers to the Olympic site, and the latest questions have been in the negative.

The tubular skeleton of the Olympic stadium, designed by Roger Taillibert, comprises 34 pre-stressed panels consisting of 1,500 entirely pre-fabricated parts. But pre-stressed or not, large cracks have recently appeared in the structures and have been filled with glue.

An 18-storey mast at the north-east end of the stadium was to have housed sports facilities, dressing rooms and a panoramic restaurant. It was also to have been the means by which the membrane cover was to have been raised and lowered over the stadium, an area of 18,000 square meters.

The mast, however, will not be finished when the games open on July 17. The athletes

will have their dressing rooms in trailers on the site and the stadium will be without a cover. (It is a stipulation of the Olympic Committee that the site has an open-air stadium.)

The velodrome, which will house the cycling and indoor games events, is almost finished, although it has been discovered that the roof is of a flammable material.

The Olympic Village, which houses the athletes, designed by Montreal architect Roger d'Astous and Luc Durand, is completely finished. Construc-

tion costs originally estimated at \$33 million have now risen to \$80 million.

The total costs for the Olympic Games will be at least \$1.5 billion, well over Mayor Jean Drapeau's estimated \$120 million.

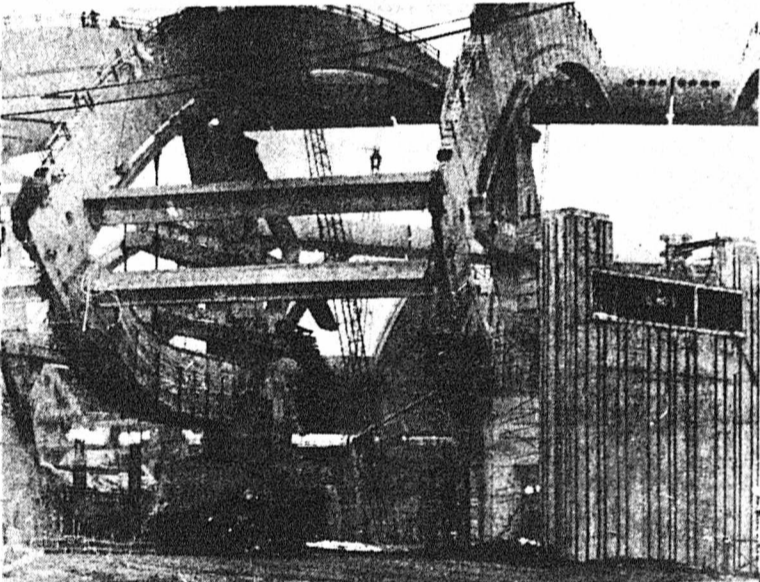
A look at Canada's application for the 21st Olympiad to be held in Montreal is at once hilarious and pathetic.

A questionnaire, that all applicants must reply to, asks for a list of all Olympic facilities, available or planned. The Canadian application states, "A large

press, radio and television centre will be constructed, close to the Olympic Village with accommodation for 4,000 representatives of the news media." The latest news on the press centre is that there won't be one.

But the saddest excerpts from Canada's application are those that state platitudes such

as, "We are fully conscious of the high ideals and dignity of an Olympiad... we are also confident that Montreal will do honor to the International Olympic Committee and to the amateur athletes of the world by giving a distinctly human dimension to this great festival where the amateur spirit counters that of materialism."



Large cracks appeared in the structures of the stadium recently.

Montreal forum

Faced with an enormous Olympic deficit of over \$600 million and still unsure whether the Games can actually start on time this summer, Montreal's woes have been broadcast widely. Now they are about to be reiterated here on the U of A campus.

On Thursday, March 18, at 8:00 p.m. the University of Alberta Students' Union will sponsor a forum on the topic,

"Montreal at the Crossroads: From Autocracy to Democracy," with guest speaker Robert Keaton, Montreal City Councillor and Professor of Urban Politics at Dawson College in Montreal.

The forum is to be held in Room TL-11 of the Henry Marshall Tory Lecture Theatre Annex, 112 street and Saskatchewan Drive, and is open to the public.

B. of G. bites dogs

Campus security's responsibilities will increase this week with the addition of a new duty: that of impounding dogs.

The Board of Governors decided Friday to officially ban dogs from all campus buildings, and from campus itself if not held by a leash. It is now illegal as well to tie your dog and leave him outside a building unattended.

The new regulations do not apply to seeing eye dogs.

It is not known yet if campus security will be provided with nets to capture banned animals, or if they'll just place a ticket on them and call someone else to pick them up.

Similar regulations have not been considered yet for cats, hamsters, budgies, etc., those creatures not having been seen as campus problems yet, although board members asked if the new regulations would apply to these.

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