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Montreal prepares for the 1976 Games of the XXI Olympiad

Recent disputes in the construction industry in Montreal, including work interruptions, raised questions about that city's ability to have all facilities for the Olympics completed in time for the Games of the XXI Olympiad, scheduled to begin July 17, 1976.

Jean Drapeau, Mayor of Montreal, and Roger Rousseau, Commissioner General for the 1976 Olympic Games, presented their regular progress report to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) during its plenary session in Lausanne, Switzerland, in May. A much more detailed report had been presented at the October plenary session in Vienna, Austria. Subsequent to the presentation in May the IOC issued a statement unanimously approving the latest report and declared its full support for the work of the Montreal organizing committee.

Olympic sports 1975
The International Competitions Montreal 1975 will bring together this summer

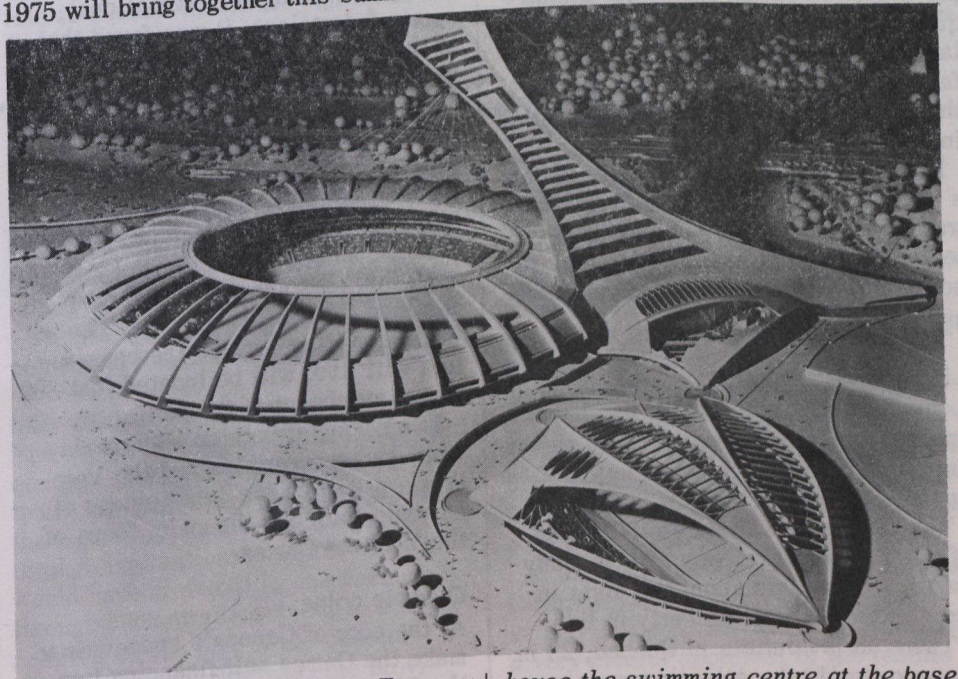
2,500 athletes from 60 countries in 20 of the 21 sports listed on the 1976 program.

Two of the competitions, rowing and modern pentathlon, will be junior world championships. Others will be invitation meets organized by the various national federations. Cycling is not included in this year's program, the international championships having been held in Montreal last year. And, in the swimming category, only water polo is listed for 1975.

The 1975 program will open with equestrian events and volleyball in June, and close with weightlifting in December. Most of the competitions will be held in July and August.

The 1976 Olympic Games
In 1976, from July 17 to August 1, thousands of athletes from more than 130 countries will converge on Canada to compete in the XXI Olympiad.

Initiated in Greece, the first recorded Games were held in 776 B.C. They were



Model of the Olympic Stadium, Tower and Velodrome (forefront), comprising the sports complex in Olympic Park. The Stadium, 320 metres long (984 feet), will seat 70,000 spectators for the '76 Games; the Tower, equivalent in height to a 50-storey building, will

house the swimming centre at the base, restaurants on the two upper floors and training areas.

The Velodrome, which will be used mainly for cycling events, will also accommodate other sports and social and cultural activities.