

* The National Olympic Committee of the USSR made an all-round analysis of the situation around the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles and studied the question of the participation of the Soviet sports delegation in the Games.

As is known, in its statement of April 10, 1984, the USSR National Olympic Committee voiced serious concern over the gross violations of the Rules of the Olympic Charter by the organizers of the Games and the anti-Soviet campaign launched by reactionary circles in the United States with the connivance of the authorities, and asked the International Olympic Committee to study the situation.

At its meeting on April 24, 1984, the IOC found the stand of the USSR National Olympic Committee to be just and substantiated.

However, disregarding the opinion of the IOC the US authorities continue rudely to interfere into affairs which are exclusively within the competence of the LAOOC. It is known that from the very first days of preparations for the Games the American Administration has set course at using the Games for its political aims. Chauvinistic sentiments and an anti-Soviet hysteria are being whipped up in the country.

Extremist organizations and groupings of all sorts, openly aiming to create "unbearable conditions" for the stay of the Soviet delegation and performance by Soviet athletes, have sharply stepped up their activity with direct connivance of the American authorities. Political demonstrations hostile to the USSR are being prepared, undisguised threats of acts of violence are made to the NOC of the USSR, Soviet athletes and officials. Heads of anti-Soviet, anti-socialist organizations are received by US Administration officials, their activity is widely publicized by the mass media. To justify this campaign, the US authorities and Olympic Games organizers constantly refer to legislative acts of all kinds.

Washington has recently made assurances of its readiness to observe the rules of the Olympic Charter. The practical deeds by the American side, however, show that it does not intend to ensure the security of all athletes, respect their rights and human dignity, and create normal conditions for the Games.

The arbitrary treatment by the US authorities of the Olympic Charter, the gross flouting of the ideals and traditions of the Olympic movement are aimed directly at undermining it. This line that was manifested clearly earlier is being adhered to now as well.

In these conditions the USSR National Olympic

Committee is compelled to declare that participation of Soviet athletes in the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles is impossible. To act differently would be equivalent to approving the anti-Olympic actions of the US authorities and organizers of the Games.

While adopting this decision we have not the slightest wish to cast aspersions on the American public, to cloud the good feelings linking the athletes of our countries.

The USSR National Olympic Committee, the sports organizations of our country will further support the efforts of the International Olympic Committee, the Association of National Olympic Committees, international sports federations and the International Sports Press Association directed at strengthening the international Olympic movement and promoting the struggle for the preservation of its purity and unity.

* XXIII OLYMPIAD AT LOS ANGELES - SOVIET DECISION

A plenary meeting of the USSR National Olympic Committee was held in Moscow, on May 8, to discuss the question of the participation of Soviet athletes in the 23rd Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The Committee unanimously voted for non-participation in the forthcoming Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and adopted a statement to this effect. The text of that decision was supplied by the Soviet Embassy, Canberra.