

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS GOING ON FOR ANOTHER OLYMPIAD

Unavoidably and with the deepest regrets, we decided to cancel the XIIth Olympiad. However, the City of Tokyo does not abandon the firm purpose to invite another Olympiad in a near future when present obstacles have been removed. Therefore, we intend to carry on the original plans with the least possible change.

The rowing course is now half done and the rest of the work will be carried out according to the original plan. When it is completed shortly it will be 2400 meters in length, 70 meters wide and 3 meters deep. Boat houses of the Japan Amateur Rowing Association and of more than thirty schools and colleges will be erected along the side of the course. It is anticipated to be the center of attraction for oarsmen and their activities.

A good start was made on the cycling course with the help of volunteer student labour, as was previously reported in the Olympic News. The course itself will be concrete as designed in the original plan, but, because of the great demand for steel in the present situation, the stadium itself will be of simpler construction, when completed will accommodate about ten thousand people.

Unfortunately it seems impossible at this time to construct the grand stand of the Komazawa Main Stadium as well as other accommodations. However, a permanent foundation will be laid so as to have what will ultimately be an ideal track and field and a swimming pool. The ground for the Olympic Gymnasium, with a central sportsman's building attached, is already in our hands, and it will, therefore, be easy to realize the original plan, once normal conditions are restored and invite the Games to Tokyo in the not distant future.

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*We herewith close the preparation work for the
XIIth Olympiad Tokyo 1940,
with hearty wishes for a great success of the Games of the
XIIth Olympiad Helsinki 1940.*