

WINTER OLYMPICS AT OSLO

At Oslo the Winter Games of the Vith Olympics open in the huge Bislet Stadium as the Olympic torch arrives from Mergedal, cradle of modern skiing, to light the Olympic flame which will burn whilst the games are on. The torch is handed to a great-nephew of Dr. Nansen (the famous Norwegian polar explorer) who lights the flame. Thirty nations are engaged in the games.

Oslo has spared no trouble to make the winter games a success. On the giant ski-jump course records are confidently expected. In the two-man bobs, the American No. 1 team set a cracking good time.

They're up against the German No. 1 team; Switzerland are third and fourth.

And the Germans win by just under two-and-a-half seconds!

On the Norefjell course it's the Men's Downhill ski-race, with a drop of 2,400 feet in the mile-and-a-half speed-burst. There's a field of 85 taking off at short intervals and they're hitting speeds of over 70 miles an hour.

In a spectacular finish, World champion Cole of Italy wins easily, equalling the course record.