

A FEMALE OATH

ON 26 JANUARY 1956, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

GIOVANNI GRONCHI, OFFICIALLY OPENED THE VII WINTER OLYMPICS.

HUNDREDS OF DOVES WERE RELEASED INTO THE AIR AS A

SIGN OF GOODWILL AND PEACE AMONG PEOPLES.

THE OLYMPIC OATH WAS PRONOUNCED FOR THE FIRST TIME

BY A WOMAN: SKIER GIULIANA CHENAL MINUZZO,

BRONZE MEDALLIST IN THE DOWNHILL EVENT AT THE 1952

OSLO OLYMPICS. THIS MARKED A GENDER MILESTONE IN

THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY. ANOTHER NEW FEATURE WAS THE

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC TIMING IN THE RACES.