Patriotism part of Lake Placid Winter Olympics

It's been a long time since the American National Anthem has been sung with more fervor and more meaning than Wednesday in the opening ceremony of the 13th Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y.

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Perhaps it was new-found patriotism because of the 50 Americans held hostage in Iran, or because of the 1,800 Marines that were flown to the Persian Gulf early Wednesday morning. Or perhaps it was just the anticipation of a best-ever American finish in the Winter Games.

Whatever the underlying reason, there was no doubt that the crowd in the Olympic Arena felt something as the American contingent passed through the Olympic arches.

New York Governor Hugh L. Carey delivered a message to both athletes and spectators asking them to "take home a light to dispell the hatred which divides the human race."

A New York clergyman asked the world to see that healthy competition and healthy communication go hand

Sports schedule

Friday

Women's Big Eight Track Championships-6:15 p.m. Bob Devaney Sports Center

Men's swimming vs. Kansas-1:30 p.m. Bob Devaney Sports Center

Women's basketball vs. Central Missouri State-7:30 p.m. Bob Devaney Sports Center

Women's Big Eight Track Championships-7 p.m. Bob Devaney Sports Center

Men's track vs. Colorado State University-1:30 p.m. Bob Devaney Sports Center

Men's basketball vs. Colorado-7:35 p.m. Bob Devaney Sports Center

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"Without competition there is complacency. Without communication there is chaos. This is to signal a beginning of a new understanding for the people of the world," he said

And as the countries, the teams, the athletes filed through the silver Olympic arches, any chill they felt from the cold winter air seemed to be melted by the greetings from the crowd in the arena and the world which looked on.

Canada's and the People's Republic of China's contingents were met with boisterous cheers and standing ovations. And even little Costa Rica, represented by only one athlete, an alpine skier who had only started skiing three years ago, received a bright reception.

Many of the ABC announcers were skeptical of the welcome the Soviet Union team would receive, but smiling and waving to the crowd, the Soviets erased all

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doubts of a possible unwanted greeting.

The absence of the team from Taiwan was visible, and sadly so. The International Olympic Committee denied the team permission to march under its own flag. However, the committee had offered the athletes the option of marching under an IOC flag, and the United States asked Taiwan to march with American athletes. Taiwan declined both offers, and will not compete in the

The U.S. contingent was led by little Scott Hamilton, a figure skater from Bowling Green, Ohio who battled and won a personal fight with cystic fibrosis and went on to make the U.S. figure skating team. Hamilton carried the U.S. flag and proudly guided the team into its position on the infield.

IOC President Lord Killanin challenged all of the teams to "find out what is common among us all and not concentrate on our differences."

And, hopefully, any political reference to the games has been spoken and referred to in these opening statements.

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