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The Central Lenin Stadium in Moscow, 1980.

The Summer Olympic Games were officially opened in Moscow 33 years ago today, on July 19, 1980. The games were controversially boycotted by a number of teams, including the U.S. and West Germany, in response to the Soviet Union's occupation of Afghanistan.P { margin-bottom: 0.08in; }

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