

Olympic Solidarity

● *Mr. Marcello Garroni*, Attache to the Co-ordinator for Olympic Solidarity, visited the Chateau de Vidy on 9th December to examine Olympic Solidarity's plan of activity up until 1980 with the IOC Director. This programme will be reviewed by the IOC Solidarity Commission, to be far-vised over by Lord Killanin in Mexico in April, and then submitted for final approval to the IOC members at the Athens Session in May.

● **Thirteen projects are being prepared for 1978 :**

1. Sports administration course in Great Britain.
2. Volleyball course in the German Democratic Republic.
3. Basketball course in Spain.
4. Sports medicine course in India.
5. Gymnastics course in the USSR.



These participants in the closing ceremony of the Olympic Solidarity courses in cycling, basketball and volleyball, organised in Rome on 15th November, represent 34 National Olympic Committees.



47 basketball coaches from six South American countries (ARG, BOL, CHI, EQU, PAR and PER) took part in a refresher course organised by the Olympic Committee of Paraguay (COP) from 7th November to 3rd December 1977 in Asunción.

Dr. Domingo A. Inchausti, President of the COP, who administered this course, emphasised in his report the success of the opening ceremony in which 500 people participated, including Dr. Raul Peña, Minister for Education, and Dr. Adán Godoy Jimenez, Minister for Public Health and Social Welfare.

The difficulties caused on the first day by the lecturer's absence were rapidly resolved, thanks to the intervention of Mr. Mario Vazquez Raña, President of the Mexican Olympic Committee and the PASO, who immediately appointed Professor Constancio Córdoba Alvarez. The latter put forth so much energy and devotion that all the problems created by his colleague's non-appearance were quickly forgotten.

Our photograph was taken during a spontaneous visit to the course by Mr. Adán Godoy Jimenez (1), Minister for Public Health. On his right is Professor Constancio Córdoba Alvarez (2). In the background, on the right, is Dr. Domingo A. Inchausti (3) and Mr. Adriano Jara Carmona (4), President and Secretary General of the COP respectively.

6. Swimming course in the USSR.
7. Various courses in Nigeria.
8. Athletics course in Bulgaria.
9. Sports medicine course in Venezuela.
10. Boxing course in Ghana.
11. Sports leaders seminar in Malta.
12. Drafting of two brochures.
13. Translations and publications.

● The experts' reports

At the end of the training course he had organised in Dar-es-Salaam (TAN) from 29th October to 22nd November 1977, Mr. Franco Falcinelli (ITA) declared in particular :

"... The participants, many of them very young, others with sound experience as coaches, followed the course with great interest. The results of the lessons concerning the general and specific theory of boxing training are very interesting, and

this is a positive factor because it shows that the technical level of boxing trainers is improving and that these sportsmen are no longer ex-boxers who were taught to throw blows and fight in the ring but teachers who know the correct way to prepare an athlete physiologically and psychologically for hard sports competition. All participants at the end of the course took an examination showing that they had reached a good degree of preparation.

The organisation was perfect. Mr. Nkongo of the Tanzanian Sports Department, Mr. Zambi of the NOC of Tanzania and Prof. Tarimo of the Tanzanian Boxing Federation showed high organisational capacities. On our side we tried to do our best in the spirit of Olympic Solidarity. We hope we were successful."

