

Olympic Solidarity



The President of the IOC
in Rome

On 30th January, following the Tunis Olympic meetings, the President and the Director of the IOC went to Rome where the Co-ordinator of Olympic Solidarity, Mr. Giulio Onesti, was expecting them (see our photo taken in Mr. Onesti's office). A day's meetings enabled them to study the progress of various operations planned in 1978, improve medium and long range projects, and prepare the meeting of the Commission for Olympic Solidarity on 12th and 13th April 1978 in Mexico.

● **The 1978 programme of courses at present includes :**

- *refresher course for 60 to 80 sports leaders from the NOCs of the Mediterranean basin* (12th to 19th March) in Malta on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Maltese NOC ;
- *swimming course in Moscow* (20th May to 19th June) for 30 coaches from developing countries ;
- *course for 30 volleyball coaches* from developing countries, proposed and organised by the NOC of the German Democratic Republic in Leipzig (5th June to 28th July) ;
- *sports administration course* proposed by the British NOC (23rd August to 15th September) for 30 high level leaders nominated by the NOCs. This course will be held in London (23rd-29th August), at Loughborough University (29th August-4th September) and at Sussex University (4th-15th September) in turn ;
- *athletics course* in Bulgaria (between September and October 1978) for coaches of a good national level from developing countries ;

- *boxing course* in Moscow (1st-30th October 1978), proposed and organised by the USSR NOC, for some thirty coaches from developing countries.

The dates of the following courses have not yet been fixed :

- an eight-week *sports medicine course* in India for doctors from the region's NOCs ;
- a *multi-sports course* in Nigeria ;
- a *sports medicine course* in Venezuela ;
- a *gymnastics course* proposed by the

● **In order to participate in the 1978 Session of the International Olympic Academy**, a number of scholarships covering living expenses and half the travel expenses will be available to NOCs of developing countries which submit a request through the IOC.

● **The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon** has approached Olympic Solidarity with a view to future collaboration agreements, with special regard to the development of modern pentathlon and biathlon in countries where these disciplines are still in their initial phases. A meeting is planned for the near future between representatives of the Union and those of Olympic Solidarity.

● During the month of January 1978 **three expert missions** took place in Thailand, organised jointly by Olympic Solidarity, the Olympic Committee of Thailand and the relative International Federations, that is to say fencing (expert : Mr. Gyorgy Palocz, HUN), shooting (expert : Mr. Otto Horber, SUI) and archery (expert : Mr. Gianni Grosoli, ITA). Each mission lasted two weeks and was attended by coaches from both Thailand and neighbouring countries.

