



## The President of the IOC goes to Africa soon

In July 1978 the President of the IOC, Lord Killanin, declared to African sports officials gathered in Algiers on the occasion of the 3rd African Games that he would soon travel to several African countries in order to strengthen the ties between that continent and the Olympic movement. An ambitious programme was drawn up in close collaboration with the SCSA and it was decided that those countries which Lord Killanin could not visit personally would receive visits from other IOC members.

Thus, on 10th February the President of the IOC will leave for Kinshasa in Zaire and will then visit the NOCs of the Congo, Cameroon, Gabon, Benin, Togo and lastly Ghana from where he will depart for London on 1st March. At the same time Mr. Raymond Gafner and Mr. Cornelis Kerdel, IOC members in Switzerland and the

Netherlands respectively, will travel successively to Mauritania, Guinea, Mali and then Niger. Subsequent visits to other African countries are planned.

Messrs. Abraham Ordia and Jean-Claude Ganga, President and Secretary General respectively of the SCSA, are to accompany the President on this journey to be effected under the auspices of Olympic Solidarity. This project will undoubtedly enable the IOC to gain a better understanding of African reality and, as a result, to provide more efficient assistance to the continent.

We shall deal at greater length with the results of this trip in our next issue.

