

Olympic Meetings



Left to right, Messrs. C. Lance S. Cross, Masaji Kiyokawa, Major Sylvio de Magalhães Padilha, Mme Monique Berlioux, Lord Killanin, Messrs. Mohamed Mzali, Vitaly Smirnov and Arpad Csanadi.

Executive Board in Lausanne

The work of the IOC Executive Board, which met on 29th and 30th January at the Château de Vidy, involved three major topics, for two of which no immediate solutions could be found.

At his closing press conference, Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, who was accompanied by Vice-Presidents Sylvio de Magalhães Padilha, Mohamed Mzali and Vitaly Smirnov, members Messrs. Arpad Csanadi, Masaji Kiyokawa and C. Lance S. Cross—Comte Jean de Beaumont and Mr. Louis Guirandou N'Diaye having been excused—and the Director, Mme Monique Berlioux, stressed that the China issue was extremely important and that the necessary time had to be allocated to it. *"We shall be discussing it at the March meeting of the Executive Board in Lausanne,"* indicated the President.

In other matters, a disagreement arose between the United States Olympic Committee and the City of Los Angeles concerning the composition and the jurisdiction of the future Organising Committee for the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984. Messrs. Bob Kane and Dan Miller, President and Secretary General respectively of the USOC, requested a postponement in the signing of the second contract,

scheduled for 28th January in Lausanne and which was to bind the three parties concerned. The Executive Board has set 1st March as the final deadline for completing this operation. *"Should this deadline not be respected, the IOC will be placed in the position of having to seek new candidatures,"* stipulated the President, Lord Killanin.

The third important point on the agenda : the problem posed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association, whose Congress in Buenos Aires had decided to disqualify from the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow players from South America and Europe having taken part in the 1978 World Cup. This decision has proven to be in violation of not only the Olympic administration Rule, but also the principles of non-discrimination. Its back to the wall, the Executive Board, not wishing to prejudice in any way the interests of either the athletes or the Moscow organisers, was reluctantly obliged to accept the FIFA decision (see the accompanying press release issued on 30th January).

"At the heart of this disagreement, which we have discussed at length with Messrs. Havelange, President of the FIFA and Käser, Secretary General of the federation, was a clear lack of communication. This will

be among the topics of the conversations we shall be having on 11th and 12th March with the International Federations," stated Lord Killanin, adding, "The rules of the federations concerning the Olympic Games must be submitted to the IOC for approval."

At the close of the conference, the President provided further details regarding the work of the Executive Board, which :

- took note of the IOC's satisfactory financial position,
- examined the "Olympic level" of eligibility for the Games, a topic which is to be debated in March with the International Federations,

- was informed of the national press quotas for Moscow and Lake Placid, to be transmitted shortly to the National Olympic Committees,
- studied the question of aid, both desired and desirable, for those Olympic delegations from poorer countries,
- was also concerned by a convention on apartheid proposed by a United Nations ad hoc commission.

Lord Killanin is to discuss the matter with Mr. Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the UN, at a meeting to be held soon.

