



The IOC Executive Board at the Château de Vidy.

In preparation for the Session

After the meeting in Paris of the Finance Commission, under the chairmanship of Count Jean de Beaumont, for several days, from 7th to 11th March, Lausanne was the centre of particularly lively Olympic activity. On Wednesday, the Programme Commission, chaired by Mr. Arpad Csanadi, gathered in the Château de Vidy's conference room, which was turned-over on Thursday to the Press Commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch.

On Friday, it was the Executive Board's turn to be seated around the large oval table. At the head of the table, the Board's President, Lord Killanin, directed the meeting's debates, sustaining a steady pace in order to be able to devote all of Saturday to studying the issue of the People's Republic of China's application for Olympic recognition. In that regard, the Executive Board received, Saturday at noon, Mr. Song Zhong, Secretary General of the Sports Federation of the People's Republic of China, who was accompanied by some of his assistants.

The China question is to be examined from 4th to 8th April in Montevideo by the Session, together with the other points on the agendas of the Executive Board's meetings.

The completion of two days of meetings did not signal the end of the Executive Board's work, as on Sunday 11th March the Board met once again at the Palais de Beaulieu with the delegates from the twenty-six International Federations whose sports are included on the Olympic programme. Here again, Lord Killanin imposed an accelerated tempo for the discussions which were concluded amid an excellent atmosphere late Sunday afternoon.

Another factor was instrumental in enabling those present to deal rapidly with a heavy agenda—the fact that the International Federations had spent the entire previous day, Saturday, preparing for this final meeting. Among the decisions taken, worthy of mention were the approval of both the timetable of sports events for the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad and the national quotas of journalists to be accredited for Moscow; the Moscow OCOG is to inform journalists of the approval of their accreditations three months in advance: a number of amendments to the Rules were carried; the International Federations recognised by the IOC but whose sports are not included on the programme at the Olympic Games will be able to attend the meetings with the Executive Board with observer status.

The IOC Executive Board and the delegates of the IFs.

