



Sarajevo 1984

In order to assist the Organising committee of the XIVth Winter Games, the Director of the IOC, M^{me} Monique Berlioux, accompanied by two members of the IOC secretariat, went to Sarajevo on 4th and 5th February. Among the many people who were met, let us note in particular Mr. Boris Bakrac, IOC member in Yugoslavia, Mr. Branko Mikulic, president of the Organising committee, Mr Djordje Peklic, president of the Yugoslavian NOC, Mr. Anton Susic, president of the executive committee, and Mr. Ahmed Karabegovic, secretary general of the Organising committee.

Before the working meetings, which were held at the headquarters of the Organising committee, the Director inspected the following sites :

1. the National Theatre, the venue proposed by the OCOG for the solemn opening of the 87th Session of the IOC ;
2. the Parliament of Bosnia-Herzegovina, a possible location for the meetings of the IOC ;
3. the Zetra sports complex, which will include :
 - the Kosevo open-air stadium (50,000 spectators), proposed as the venue for the opening ceremony of the XIVth Winter Games,
 - an icerink (8,500 seats) where the hockey and figure skating events could be held, as well as the closing ceremony of the XIVth Winter Games,
 - a speed ring (12,000 spectators) ;
4. the Skenderija complex for the press centre ;
5. the future Olympic village, where two buildings are already in existence, and a third is soon to be begun ;
6. the Broadcasting Centre where, at the time of the Games, 35,000 sq. m. will be available for television and radio.

The meetings with those in charge of the organising committee made it possible to obtain an overall view of the work already carried out and the tasks which are still out-

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standing. The main subjects discussed concerned the organisation of the IOC meetings, lodging and accreditation of the Olympic family, the conditions offered to the press, transportation, the protocol ceremonies, the Olympic flame, negotiations with television companies, publications by the Organising committee, security, the Olympic film, medical services, etc.

Regarding the calendar of events, the OCOG informed the Director that five international federations out of six have already given their agreement, either definitively or provisionally, to the proposed timetable. It should be possible to submit the final programme for approval at the 84th Session of the IOC in Baden-Baden.

Finally, the Director took the opportunity while she was in Sarajevo to prepare the organisation of the next meeting of the Press Commission of the IOC, Wednesday 29th April being the date definitively decided on.

Among the information passed on to us by Mr. Pavle Lukac, director of the press department of the Organising committee, let us note the following items :

- *Distinguished visitors in Sarajevo*

Among an important number of official visitors to the Organising Committee were two distinguished guests : Mr. Lazar Moisev, President of the Yugoslav Communist League, and Mr. Veselin Djuranovic, the President of the Federal Government.

- *Climatic conditions favourable*

According to the figures provided by the local weather experts, the region of Sarajevo has been experiencing a period of winters with abundant snow. This is the second year, that in the beginning of January the Olympic venues have been covered with over 150 cm of snow. Thanks to the good snow machines and other modern equipment, all skiing slopes have been well prepared.

- *Publicity*

The Sarajevo Organising Committee is very active in providing this year a notably large amount of publicity materials in order to support the promotion of the Games all over the world.