



Sarajevo 1984



*The Olympic Village under construction.*

As the photographs in our December 1982 issue showed, the construction of the sites for the XIVth Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo is well under way, and during the last six months especially remarkable progress has been made in the preparation of the various venues and facilities. One of the first things a visitor returning to the Olympic sites would notice would be the new road leading from the town centre and airport out to the various stadia - a journey lasting about thirty minutes. Driving up to an altitude of about 1200 m one arrives at the site of the "B" Village, which is now in the preliminary stages of construction. Joined to the cross-country stadium by a 700 m ski track, the village, when completed, will comprise a hotel of 570 beds, a restaurant, recreational rooms and a press centre.

The cross-country stadium itself is situated in an open valley, providing an excellent setting

for the starting and finishing tracks. Nearby are several easily accessible waxing huts for the competitors. Following the 15 km loop of the cross-country track, which combines a variety of ascents and descents through wooded areas, one can see that many improvements have been made in readiness for the approaching season of pre-Olympic competitions.

In the Igman jumping stadium, too, much of the major work has already been accomplished, including the building of the in-run towers of the two hills; a service centre, the judges' stand and various facilities for the jumpers and trainers. Work on the interior of these constructions is continuing according to schedule.

The OCOG can be sure that they will be ready to welcome the participants in the international competitions which will continue throughout the next three months.