



## The meetings to Los Angeles

*The Executive Board, chaired by H.E. Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch.*

The meetings of the Executive Board of the IOC in Los Angeles in January, involving the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and virtually all the NOCs of the world, were among the most remarkable in the long history of the Olympic Movement.

In terms of organization, administration and the volume of work completed, Los Angeles-83 was a complete success, and the hospitality extended to all delegations by their American hosts was personified by Mr Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, in his specially-prepared, video-taped message of warm welcome to all involved in the meetings. Perhaps the most critical and reassuring statement in his message was to the effect that "The Olympic Charter will be respected by the U.S. in 1984 ». He also gave the assurance that the "Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIII Olympiad at Los Angeles, and the people of Southern California, will do everything to provide their visitors with the best conditions".

The meetings took place in the Biltmore Hotel, which in itself did much to establish the ambiance of the week. It will house the members of the IOC, presidents and secretaries general of IFs and NOCs in July 1984. Built in the early twenties, the Biltmore was no doubt a product of the economic boom which followed the First World War and created the first major expansion in the Los Angeles area. In those days, although Los Angeles was four days and nights by train from the East Coast, the oil industry and the motion-picture industry had begun their massive growths.

More recently the Biltmore and all its eleven floors has been restored to its original grandeur and its large and extensive public rooms and comprehensive services made an ideal

setting for the work to be done by the Executive Board and no fewer than 560 delegates from NOCs.

From preliminary meetings, various IOC Commissions made recommendations to the Executive Board. The Board's decisions, many of them for ratification by the 86th Session of the IOC at New Delhi in April, are listed separately. It is true to say that the Board's discussions, with the LAOOC and also the NOCs, were marked by frankness, firmness and directness on all sides, and also with the one common aim - to establish accords which will ensure the success of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad next summer.

### The installations

All the participants at the meetings in Los Angeles were able to visit the Olympic sites. H.E. Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the IOC, inspected the widespread Los Angeles venues by helicopter, before the Executive Board programme began, and no doubt had a dramatic overview of this vast metropolitan area.

The sites were listed in the Olympic Review No. 172/173 (p. 87-93) last year. Since then some conversions have been finished, others are being completed, notably the extension of the track at the Coliseum to give the required eight lanes. This famous stadium, built for the Games of the Xth Olympiad in 1932, will present the track and field events as well as Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

The final events in fencing will be presented on the stage of the auditorium (3000 seats) in the marvelous Long Beach Convention Centre.



*A view of the meeting of the NOC delegates with the Executive Board.*

As Mrs Jan Romary, participant in fencing in six Olympic Games from 1948 to 1968 and the Fencing Commissioner in 1984, explained "It will be particularly helpful for television transmission, and we hope it will broaden the popularity of the sport in the U.S."

One notable feature of the weightlifting venue, in the Albert Gersten Pavilion of the University of Loyola at Marymont, is the fact that, as

explained by the Rev. Don Moomaw, Commissioner for Weightlifting, the athletes will be able to move directly and immediately from the ten warm-up platforms to the competition platform, which is separated only by a movable partition.

Peter Siracusa, Cycling Commissioner, conducted tours of the new velodrome, completed

*Mr. Peter Ueberroth and the President of the IOC prepare to fly over the sites.*





*The Press Commission visits the Albert Gersten Pavilion.*

at the State University of California at Domingue Hills.

A few months before the Games, an extensive publicity campaign will be launched to persuade spectators to cycle out to Mission Viejo, to watch the road cycling events free of charge.

The El Dorado Park venue for archery requires only rest rooms for athletes, plus protective fencing, to be completed.

### **The Executive Board and the NOCs**

At the opening of the meeting between the Executive Board and the representatives of the NOCs, Mr Mario Vazquez Raña, President of the ANOC, thanked H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch on behalf of all the NOCs, for his tireless devotion to the Olympic Movement, and presented him with the Order of Merit of the Association of National Olympic Committees.

The Executive Board decision to pay expenses of four athletes and two officials per NOC at the Los Angeles Games, and for two athletes and one official at the XIV Winter Games at Sarajevo, demonstrated yet again the IOC's desire to help the NOCs. This assistance, announced in Circular C/6 (see page 132), was proposed by the working party on aid to National Olympic Committees, chaired by H.E. Louis Guirandou N'Diaye.

The LAOOC delegation, led by its President, Mr Peter V. Ueberroth, presented a detailed report to the meeting, and listened attentively

to the views of the NOC representatives from around the world, all seeking to provide the best possible conditions for delegations and athletes in accommodation, training and competition facilities.

Perhaps the most important point was the agreement reached between the Executive Board and the LAOOC on the daily cost for accommodation at the Olympic Villages during the coming Games. The cost has been fixed at \$35. per day for those with an "F" accredita-



*Mr. Mario Vazquez-Raña, President of the ANOC, presents the ANOC order of merit to the President of the IOC.*

tion (ie competitors and team officials). This agreement, and the undertaking by the IOC to pay expenses for six persons per NOC, has led to the following arrangements :

- 1) By 1 st March 1984, the IOC will lodge with the LAOOC a deposit of \$ 4,200 for delegations with more than 51 members who request assistance. NOCs which do



*The President of the ANOC, Mr. Mario Vazquez-Raria, surrounded by members of the ANOC Bureau.*

not ask the IOC for financial aid, and those whose delegations number fewer than 51 members, will deposit \$35 per delegate to the account of the LAOOC on the basis of a 20 day stay. Accredited days not used will be re-imbursed.

- 2) NOCs will inform the IOC and the LAOOC of the maximum number of members in their delegations (with the exception of team sports), by March 1 st, 1984.
- 3) The IOC will give a guarantee to the LAOOC for possible damage caused by delegates to the rooms occupied in the Olympic Villages.

Two other decisions were of major importance a) the assurance that, in compliance with the Olympic Charter, the identity card will serve as an entry visa for the United States, and b) that delegation doctors will be authorized to give medical attention to the athletes in their care.

### **The Sports Programme**

In boxing, the superheavyweight category has been included in the events for the 1984 programme. The number of boxers, to be chosen by the AIBA, has been limited to 12.

With regard to shooting, the conversion of the site planned at Coal Canyon will not be ready by July 1984. Numerous difficulties raised by ecologists have considerably hampered this work. The LAOOC is now looking at alternative possibilities and their findings will be submitted to the Executive Board in New Delhi, since the site proposed at Las Vegas was not approved by the IOC.

### **The Commissions**

Several Commissions also met. The first was the Television Commission, chaired by Mr

Lance Cross. The members inspected the broadcasting centre, its studios, the systems and the equipment planned for the television technicians transmitting the Games.

The Press Commission was concerned with the sub-centres and working areas reserved for the journalists. It also studied closely the national accreditation requirements. These will be established finally in New Delhi. Once the quotas are adopted, accreditation forms will be sent to the NOCs nine months before the Games, and must be returned to the IOC six months before the Games at the latest. Association Press will co-ordinate the "International Olympic Photographers Pool" (IOPP).

The Commission for the Olympic Movement, chaired by H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, set the date of December 31, 1984 for the deposit of candidate files for the Organization of the Olympic Congress of 1990. The host city will be selected in 1985 during the 89th Session of the IOC in Berlin (GDR).

### **Demonstration Sports**

The members of the Executive Board and the 560 delegates present in Los Angeles were greeted by a colourful fanfare when they arrived in the auditorium at Beverly Hills High School, for demonstrations of rhythmic gymnastics and synchronized swimming. The presentation began with the junior rhythmic gymnastic teams from Cuba and the United States, who matched each other in skill and dexterity in handling balls, hoops, ribbons and clubs. Then to the astonishment and great delight of the audience, the shining floor slid back and disappeared under the seats to reveal the blue waters of a swimming pool. There, after an excellent performance of synchronized swimming by the U.S. team, the Canadian team, world champions at Guayaquil in 1982, performed the dazzling ballet which won them the gold medal then.

All other events arranged for outside the conference rooms were directly related, of



*Mr. Wham Simon, President of the USOC, and Mr. Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles, with the LAOOC delegation.*

course, to the 1984 Games or the Olympic Movement. A private showing of the film "Sharing The Dream" was given for IOC President HE. Juan Antonio Samaranch and Mme Samaranch. and Mme Monique Berlioux. Director of the IOC. Mr Peter V: Ueberroth, President of the LAOOC and other selected guests attended.

Produced by the LAOOC and ABC Sports, a division of the American television company Host Broadcaster to the Games in Los Angeles, the film will be widely shown to promote the Games.

This dramatic and imaginative work, following a short opening which shows Los Angeles awakening to another day of work and play, outlines all the Olympic Games since their revival in 1896, a section which contains some remarkable and virtually previously unseen footage of, for example, Dorando Pietri, the Italian, struggling manfully to complete the marathon in London, 1908. The second half of the film returns to Los Angeles in the present, and looks at some of the young athletes in training for 1984, all "Sharing The Dream" of just being there.

The film is produced by Eleanor Sanger Ringer, directed by Cary Brown, and narrated by Charlton Heston. the well-known actor.

At an historic ceremony in the Biltmore Hotel, H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the IOC presented the two 1912 Olympic Gold Medals of Jim Thorpe to his children Mrs Gael and William Thorpe. Mr Julian K. Roosevelt, IOC member in the U.S.. introduced the President, who made a short speech outlining the history of "Jim Thorpe, Olympian". Following his presentation of the medals, each member of the Executive Board in turn presented souvenir medals to the other Thorpe

family members in attendance. It was an occasion which attracted immense media interest in the U.S., and the ceremony was widely covered by national radio, television and the written Press.

One of the most imaginative and wholly successful ideas from the LAOOC was their "Hospitality at Home", evening, when LAOOC committee members invited their opposite numbers from the delegations - with whom they will be directly and closely involved for the next year - to their own homes. The LAOOC staff operating in the Biltmore during the week numbered 150, so that it will be seen that this meant a major effort of organization, but it was considered a total success by everyone, and should be reflected by even greater cooperation from everyone in the months ahead.

This week of intensive meetings and work was brought to a close with a reception given by the IOC to the NOCs, the LAOOC and all concerned. H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch in a brief speech thanked all the participants for their excellent work, and expressed his gratitude to Mr Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles, for the keen interest he has shown in the Olympic Movement.

## Other decisions

The following were among other decisions taken by the Executive Board at their meetings in Los Angeles in January, some of which are to be ratified by the 86th Session of the IOC in New Delhi in-March :

LAOOC to ensure the maximum amount of live television coverage possible for all football competitions.

LAOOC to ask ABC to reduce to a minimum technical costs.

IOC will cover medical insurance premiums for the IOC, for IF and NOC Presidents and secretaries general, and for the IF judges and referees.



*Jim Thorpe's children receive his medals from the President of the IOC.*

LAOOC to send a newsletter to all the Olympic Family twice a month as from February 1983.

LAOOC to find a location in Los Angeles or its surroundings to stage shooting - the possibility of holding the different events separately to be envisaged.

LAOOC to report on this matter to the IOC in March 1983 in New Delhi. Should a tournament for 32 players for both men and women be required for the tennis demonstration. ITF to submit written request to the LAOOC. Clarification on the eligibility of players to be requested from the IF. Only players under 20 years of age will be admitted.

LAOOC to reply on the possibility of organising a baseball tournament for six teams.

Final timetable of competitions to be submitted to the IOC before 1st March 1983.

Eight diplomas to be distributed to the first eight athletes.

IFs to provide all members of the Executive Board with texts of their eligibility rules, for closer study.

Journalists to pay a deposit of one week's accommodation six months before the Games, with the balance to be paid on arrival. LAOOC to consider the proposal to accept 300 local Press accreditations as "partial", accreditations and for 100 extra accreditations to be granted for the specialised Press. A final decision to be taken in New Delhi in March.

LAOOC to forward official invitations to all recognised NOCs - and not through diplomatic channels - by July 1, 1983.

LAOOC to request in writing to the IOC the possibility of having an exhibition of boardsailing with the "Windsurfer" board, after the Olympic regatta. Should no agreement be

reached concerning the two boards, boardsailing to be deleted from the 1984 programme.

The choice of host city for the Games of the XXV Olympiad will be taken at the IOC Session in 1986.

The deadline for the deposit of candidatures for the Games of the XXV Olympiad will be 31 st December 1985.

In the rowing programme for Seoul 1988, women's quadruple sculls will replace the four oars.

In tennis and table tennis, 64 men and 32 women will take part in the singles, and 32 men and 16 women in the doubles. No mixed doubles, or doubles formed of athletes of different nationalities. will be allowed.

## The Olympic Order

ON 21st January 1983, during one of its meetings, the Executive Board ratified the recommendations of the Council for the Olympic Order and awarded this distinction to the following eight persons :

### Olympic Order gold medal

Mrs. Indira Gandhi (IND), Prime Minister of India. has always been committed to the development and protection of the sports movement in her country. In 1951 at the first Asian Games inaugurated in New Delhi, in the presence of her father Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru she was extremely attentive to public reaction and to the quality of the athletes. Thirty-one years later, in her capacity as Prime Minister, she presided over the opening of the IXth Asian Games at New Delhi. Upon that occasion she was able to evaluate the results of her efforts in the domain of physical education.



*Before the delegates from 144 NOCs assembled in Los Angeles on 20th January 1983, the IOC President handed over the medals of the Olympic Order to (from left to right) Mr. Jaime Muñoz Campozaño (ECU), Mr. Clarence Johnson (USA), Mr. Arnaldo de O. Sales (HKG), Mr. Albert Riethausen (FRG) and Mr. Robert Kane (USA).*

### Silver medal

Sir Gerald Cash, KCMG, KCVO (BAH), Governor General of the Bahamas, has devoted a large part of his life to the development of sport and the Olympic ideal. General Secretary of the Bahamas Olympic Association from 1952 to 1955, and Vice-President from 1955 to 1977, he also acted as Chef de Mission at the Games of the XIXth and XXth Olympiads in Mexico and in Munich. Knighted twice by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, he is a fine example of unselfish devotion to a cause.

"Citius, Altius, Fortius" could be the motto characterizing the distinguished life of Mr. Jean Drapeau (CAN). Tireless and loyal friend of Olympism, President of the Organizing Committee of the Games of the XXist Olympiad in 1976 at Montreal, he was one of the principals involved in the success of those Games. He has been the mayor of Montreal for twenty-eight years and was elected to yet another four-year term in late 1982. He maintains and encourages the Olympic tradition by organizing or assisting in any event that may enhance that tradition.

The Lieutenant-General Marin Dragnea (ROM) has been President of the Romanian Olympic Committee for the last ten years. In whatever he has done, he has firmly-upheld the action of the IOC in favour of the development of Olympic sport. He was "Chef de Mission" at the Olympic Games in Montreal and Moscow and was in charge of the organization of the 1981 Summer University Games in Bucharest.

He is also President of the National Council for Physical Education and Sport.

Mr. Roger Menard (FRA). President of the Racing-Club de France, oldest and most important French clubs (20000 members), is one of the great architects of sports development. On the occasion of the centenary of the Racing Club de France in 1982, Mr. Roger Menard had the opportunity to show in magnificent style the vitality of the club by organising a series of brilliant sports events including a swimming 1000 x 100 m in which several generations of national champions took part.

Mr. Javier Ostos (MEX) personally supervised the smooth running of the Games of the XIXth Olympiad in 1968 at Mexico as a member of the Organizing Committee. His qualities as a coordinator and his devotion to sport and to Olympism have qualified him naturally to assume other important responsibilities. In addition, he was elected as resident of the International Amateur Swimming Federation from 1968 to 1972, and from 1976 to 1980. He is the first *Mexican* to be president of an International Federation.

Mr. Berge Philips (AUS) has devoted his life to the development and maintenance of the Olympic tradition in Australia, one of the few nations to have sent athletes to every Olympic Games since 1896. President of the International Amateur Swimming Federation from 1964 to 1968, he is one of the "masters" who contributed to the supremacy of the Australian swimming school. For many years he was also a very active member of the Australian Olympic Association.

Born in 1911, Mr. Katsuji Shibata (JPN) has all his life been a sports devotee and an enthusiast of the Olympic ideal. Mr. Shibata served as Secretary General of the Japanese Olympic Committee from 1977 to 1982. He supervises closely the development of youth sports. He has been vice-president of the International Amateur Boxing Association since 1975.