

2nd Olympic Week at Lausanne

Lausanne opened its second Olympic Week on 14th February 1983 with a preview of an exhibition devoted to the 1984 Olympic Games. HE. Juan Antonio Samaranch, accompanied by Mr. Alexandru Siperco, 3rd vice-President of the IOC, presented his guests with a slide show on the sports installations at Los Angeles, and a display laid out in a room at the Casino de Montebenenon illustrating the sites which will welcome the finest athletes in the world at Sarajevo and Los Angeles.

Mr. Rudolf Gnaegi, a former member of the Conseil Federal, Mr. Andre Perey, President of the Grand Conseil, Mr. Jean-Pascal Delamaraz, Senior Member of the Council of State, Mr. Paul-Rene Martin, Syndic of Lausanne, Mr. Raymond Gafner, member of the IOC and President of the Swiss NOC, and Mr. Pierre Chablotz, his Secretary General, together with Mr. Jean Weyman, the former Secretary General of the Swiss NOC, listened with interest to the commentary by the President of the IOC. Many personalities from the world of sport, including Prince Alexandre de Merode, and Mr. Giorgio de Stefani, members of the IOC. Mr. Anselmo Lopez, Honorary Director of Olympic Solidarity, Mr. Edgard Fried, former Secretary of the Austrian Olympic Committee and Director of the Austrian Sports Museum, Mr. David Sequerra, Secretary General of the Portuguese Olympic Committee, Mr. Robert Busnel, Vice-President of the International Amateur Basketball Federation.

Mr. Manuel Benito, Secretary General of the "Mundial 1982" Organizing -Committee, and the Duke de Cadiz, President of the Spanish Ski Federation, were also present at this event, which was staged by M^{me} Monique Berlioux, Director of the IOC.

After a short speech, during which H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch thanked Mr. Paul-Rene Martin and the Municipality of Lausanne for their valuable support in the staging of this second Olympic Week, he announced the unveiling "in the heart of the Olympic Museum, of a bust of Pierre de Coubertin, without whom we would not be here this evening". This

sculpture was presented by the town of Baden-Baden at the request of Mr. Willi Daume, President of the German National Olympic Committee. It was brought to Lausanne for this second Olympic Week by Mr. Joerg Zwosta, Mayor of Baden-Baden.

Mr. Paul Rene Martin then described the work being undertaken by the IOC in conjunction with the Municipality, which is "not yet routine", but "an echo of the image of the Olympic Movement", and "a great moral duty". Before the showing of the film "Jim Thorpe, All American", Mr. Robert Pariente, Editor-in-chief of "L'Equipe" newspaper, made a brilliant speech sketching the life of this great athlete.

Over the next three days, the people of Lausanne were able to listen to the lecture given by Mr. Paolo Cappabianca, President of the International Panathlon, entitled "The position of the IOC in international Sport", and also the speeches made by Donna de Varona (USA) the double Olympic champion, representing the Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad at Los Angeles, and by Vladimir Pajic, Captain and Coach of the Yugoslav bobsleigh team, representing the Organizing Committee for the XIVth Winter Games at Sarajevo.

Sebastian Coe, the Olympic champion and world record holder, made a speech about British sport to introduce the Oscarwinning film, "Chariots of Fire". The world preview of "Mundial 1982", produced by Michael Samuelson, was presented by Mr. Joseph S. Blatter, Secretary General of FIFA.

The showing of the official film of the Games of the XXIst Olympiad at Montreal in 1976, produced by Jean-Claude Labrecque, revived many happy memories for the sportsmen and women present.

A date was fixed in 1984 for the Third Olympic Week.





Above right: (from left to right) Mr. J. P. Delamuraz, the President of the IOC, Mr. P. R. Martin and Mr. A. Perey.

The speakers: Mr. R. Parienté Mr. P. Cappabianca, Mr. S. Coe, Mr. V. Pajic, Mr. S. Blatter and Mrs. Donna de Varona.

Mr. Joerg Zwosta hands over the bust of Pierre de Coubertin to the President of the IOC.