Sarajevo 1984

One of the first day covers.

● **Olympism and Philately** is the title of the next article by Mr. Vidal Torrens which we will publish in our April "Olympic Review", and will provide a complete and well-documented history of the stamps issued on the occasion of previous Olympic Games.

On 8th February 1984 (as announced page 113, "Olympic Review" number 195/6). Yugoslavia issued a third commemorative set of eight stamps depicting the Olympic sports included in the Winter Games programme.

On 8th February in San Marino a serves of three stamps was launched, devoted to the XIVth Winter Games in Sarajevo, showing the portraits of three Presidents of the International Olympic Committee, Demetrius Vkelas, Lord Killanin, and Juan Antonio Samaranch. This set is completed by that Issued in 1949 by San Marino devoted to another four Presidents, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, Count Henri de Ballet-Latour, Sigfrid Edström and Avery Brundage, paying tribute with such stamps to these seven illustrious people.

The "Lausanne, Olympic City" stamp

On 24th February 1984, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee, met with Mr. Paul-Rene Martin, syndic of the City of Lausanne, and Mr. Marc-Andre Marguerat, postal administration director, to present to the Press the "Lausanne, Olympic City" stamp which had been put on sale three days before.

This stamp brings to mind the union between Olympism, represented by the five interlocking rings, and the capital city of the canton of Vaud, where the International Olympic Cornmittee has had its headquarters since 1915.

Although the Swiss Post Office administration was mainly responsible for this issue, the artist Laurent Pizzotti and the Courvoisier printing-house are also to be thanked for the quality of their work. The stamp's dominant colour is blue. This is not only in order to emphasise the lake under a glistening sky, but also to comply with the Universal Postal Union norms which reserve this colour for stamps used on first weight category letters to foreign countries. An eighty centimes stamp, the international calling of the "Lausanne, Olympic City" stamp will therefore be fulfilled. It will transmit the symbol of Olympic ideals and greetings from Lausanne throughout the world.