

# PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

## In Israel

After the excitement of the XIVth Winter Games, continuing his mission of promotion of Olympism, H. E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President, travelled to Israel. He was accompanied by Mr. Alexandru Siperco, IOC Vice-president. Welcomed by the Israeli NOC President Mr. Isaak Ofek and the Secretary General Mr. Itzhak Caspi, the IOC President was introduced to Mr. Haim Herzog, President of the State of Israel and to Prime Minister Mr. Yitzak Shamir during a cordial meeting in the course of which they spoke of the development of sporting activities within the country, and of the coming Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

After laying down a wreath in memory of the eleven Israeli athletes assassinated in Munich during the Games of the XXth Olympiad in 1972, the IOC President awarded Mrs.' Esther Roth-Shachamorov with the Olympic Order, which she received in due recognition of her courage and sporting spirit in 1972, when her coach was among the victims.

President Samaranch was then able to appreciate the quality of sports education in Israel, by following several training sessions at the Wingate Institute for Physical Education where he met the Rumanian national team which was attending a course.

## PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES



*H. E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, escorted by Messrs. Itzhak Caspi, General Secretary of the Israel, NOC and Isaac Ofek, President of the Israeli NOC (left to right), meet Mr. Haim Herzog, President of Israel.*