

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

awarded the Olympic Order to Mrs. Cagigal while Mr. Javier Solana, Spanish Minister for Culture and Sport, presented her with the bronze medal of the Royal Order for sporting merit.

In Barcelona

Before taking up his position as leader of the Olympic movement. H. E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch had been the 1973 President of the "Deputation" of Barcelona (ESP) (the city from which he comes) and he therefore made a friendly visit to his current successor, Mr. Antonio Dalmau. The latter, of course, did not fail to mention the important plans Barcelona is making in the sporting field : the capital city of Catalonia is bidding for the Games of the XXVth Olympiad in 1992. Mr. Dalmau presented the plans for the new sports palace, seventy-five percent of which should be financed by the "Deputacidsn".

This trip to Spain was also made in commemoration of *José María Cagigal*, who died tragically at the end of last year. In the presence of the most important Spanish sporting plenipotentiaries, the IOC President