

### OLYMPIC EXHIBITION OPENING

*"Sport is the most significant social activity, and Hans Erni is undoubtedly the artist who has best understood its relationship with art..."* It was with these words that the President of the IOC acclaimed the painter from Lucerne on the occasion of the opening of the Olympic exhibition "Olympia, Olympic sports illustrated by Hans Erni". The exhibition will be on view in the Olympic Museum until the 15th January 1985.

In addition to a series of nine lithographs, each one representing a sporting discipline, acquired by the Museum, there are two more on the themes of



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the “Games of the Olympiad” and the “Winter Games”, precursors of a larger work consisting of two frescoes, commissioned to adorn the walls of the main hall of the new IOC headquarters.

The inauguration on the 18th of December at the Sorbonne of the plaque commemorating the 90th anniversary of the founding of the IOC demonstrated once again the strong ties that bind Olympism to France and sport to culture.

This plaque, which is the third to be placed on a wall of the famous Parisian university, was unveiled by the President of the IOC and Mrs. Helene Ahrweiler, Rector of the Paris Academy and Chancellor of the Universities, in the Octave-Gréard hall. (See page 25).

Finally, before flying to Barcelona for the festive season, the President expressed to the members of the Secretariat of the IOC his great satisfaction with the work accomplished in this exceptional year, and extended to them his warmest wishes for the New Year at a delightful gathering in the Chateau de Vidy.

