

ANNIVERSARY IN SARAJEVO

The first anniversary of the XIVth Winter Games provided the town of Sarajevo with the opportunity to thank once more all those who contributed to their success. It was also a testimony to the risk that paid off: by organising the Winter Games, the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovenia made itself into a popular sports and tourist resort. Several sports and



cultural events were planned, which the IOC President was pleased to attend.

Before going to Sarajevo, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch made a stop in Belgrade to present the insignia of the Olympic Order to Mr. Milan Ercegan, President of the International Amateur Wrestling Federation (FILA) and Mr. Miroslav Cerar, member of the board of the Yugoslavian Olympic Committee. This decoration had been awarded to them by the 88th Session in Los Angeles.

President Samaranch, who was met by Mr. Bogdan Bogdanovic, President of the Assembly of the City of Belgrade, Mr. Zdravko Mutin, President of the YOC, Mr. Daut Jasanica, President of the Yugoslavian Federation of physical culture associations, was received upon his arrival by Mr. Branko Mikulic, member of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and former President of the Organising Committee of the XIVth Winter Games.

At a reception in the City Hall, Mr. Bogdanovic revealed to the President of the IOC the plans made by the Yugoslavian capital with a view to bidding for the organisation of the Games of the XXVth Olympiad in 1992. The President examined with great interest these plans and the sports facilities he visited the following day. After a meeting with Mr. Dusan Krcobic, President of the Presidency of the

Socialist Republic of Serbia, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch attended a ceremonial session of the Yugoslavian Olympic Committee.

Sarajevo, in festive mood and under snow, gave the IOC President a particularly warm welcome. Numerous personalities, friends of the President came to meet him at the airport, among them Mr. Anton Susic, former President of the Executive Board of the Organising Committee for the XIVth Winter Games, Mr. Ugljesa Uzelac, Mayor of Sarajevo, Mr. Ahmed Karabegovic, former Secretary General of the Organising Committee and currently President of the "ZOI '84" (Winter Olympics '84) Society.

This body, successor to the Organising Committee, is in charge of managing the Olympic sports facilities and letting them for sports and cultural events. The President noted with satisfaction that sportsmen of all ages have access, at a nominal cost, to the speed-skating track after the hours set aside for specialists. Sports teams from all regions of the country and from abroad, train throughout the season on the bob and luge tracks, and a "leisure bob", a sleigh which holds five people, called "Vuschko" after the mascot of the Winter Games, has been made available to the public at large. The nordic and alpine skiing areas are also very popular.

Igman, venue for the ski-jump and biathlon, has become a sports and health centre. The slopes

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

At the inauguration of the Yugoslavian Olympic Academy during the speech of President Samaranch. In the first row are, from left to right, Messrs. Daut Jasanica, Branka Mikulic Anton Sucic and Ugljesa Uzelac.

While in Sarajevo, the President paid a visit to painter and lithographer Mersad Berber in his studio (From left to right : Messrs. Mersad Berber, Ahmed Karabegovic and President Samaranch).



of Bjelacnica, specially prepared for the Games, are today covered with skiers, who find there the charms of a hospitable winter resort.