
which has only been in existence for ten years or so. Governed by precise rules, it is all set to enter the next Olympic Games as a demonstration sport and it already enjoys great popularity. In fact, no less than a hundred and fifty journalists had travelled to the scene to cover the event, which was given extensive television coverage, both live and prerecorded. *"If all goes well in Calgary"*, said President Samaranch as he congratulated the winners, *"and if acrobatic skiing has the success I think it will have, it will be ready to enter the great Olympic family for the Games in 1992"*.

ARTISTIC AND ACROBATIC SKIING IN TIGNES (FRA)

The IOC President visited France for a few days at the end of January ; first stop Paris, where he was received by the President of the French Republic, Mr. François Mitterrand. The IOC President was accompanied on this occasion by the IOC members in France, Count Jean de Beaumont and Mr. Maurice Herzog, and the members of the Executive Council of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), who were meeting in the French capital on 30th and 31st January for important working sessions dealing with the operation of the Association and its objectives with a view to the preparation of the ANOC plenary assembly to be held in Seoul in April. The future of Olympism and the struggle against the boycotting of the Games were among the subjects raised in the course of this friendly and informal audience. Mr. François Mitterrand showed his awareness of the problems of international sport and his concern to see sport serve as a means of encounter and dialogue for the promotion of peace. He also reiterated his support for the two French candidate cities for the 1992 Olympic Winter and Summer Games.

In Tignes in the Alps, President Samaranch attended the first artistic and acrobatic skiing World Championships. He was able to observe the well-structured organisation of this discipline,

