

THE IOC AND THE CONFEDERATION

The visits made to Vidy by Messrs. Pierre Graber and Kurt Furgler, former Presidents of the Swiss Confederation, on 19th and 10th January respectively, demonstrated once again the excellent relations between the Committee and Switzerland. President Samaranch, Mr. Raymond Gafner, Administrateur délégué, Mrs. Françoise Zweifel, Secretary General, Mr. Jean-Claude Rochat, Adviser to the President for Switzerland, and Mr. Paul-René Martin, Mayor of Lausanne, welcomed Mr. Furgler at the threshold of the Olympic House. Following a tour of the new premises, the former President was shown the plans for the future Olympic Museum soon to be constructed in a public park at Ouchy. During a demonstration of the IOC's computerised documentation system, Mr. Furgler subsequently received copies of a number of manuscripts of the Baron Pierre de Coubertin and a reproduction of the letter dated 17th September 1981 and signed by his own hand, announcing to the IOC the Federal decision granting it the status of a non-profit-making non-governmental international organisation. In the context of the same friendly relations, President Samaranch was the guest on 20th January of Yverdon-les-Bains, a small Swiss town to the north of Lausanne. After visiting the town's main sports facil-

ities, the President was received at the Town Hall by the Mayor, Mr. Andre Perret. The evening was devoted to a conference on the Olympic Movement and fair play, given at the invitation of Mr. Jean-François Borno, President of the town's Panathlon Club.

The IOC President's links with the Panathlon are well known, and it was in his capacity as a member of the Club's International section that he agreed with great interest to take part in this public session. At the end of his talk, the President replied to many questions from the participants, to whom he announced his intention of visiting all the cantons of Switzerland.

The IOC President and President Graber are in the centre of the photograph, with Mrs. Zweifel, Mr. Gafner and Mr. Rochat (from left to right).



Finally, on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the World Alpine Ski Championships in Crans-Montana on 25th January 1987, the IOC President had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Pierre Aubert, currently President of the Confederation.