



From left to right : Messrs. Bergelin, Paillou, Barnier and Dujol.

THE OCOG TAKES SHAPE

Mr. Michel Barnier, 35 years old, has been elected President of the "Organising Committee for the Olympic Winter Games of Albertville and the Savoy" during a session of the French National Olympic Committee (CNOSF), on 24th February 1987. The former President of the candidature committee is thus becoming head of the three-tier organisation made up of a general assembly, a board of directors and a general directorate. The post of Director General remains vacant after the resignation of Mr. Jean-Claude Killy. The former Olympic skiing champion had agreed in January to take on the directorship of the OCOG, only to resign two weeks later on the grounds that he did not wish to lead the preparations for the Games without the unanimous support of the local population for his plans. The post will be entrusted to a management expert who will assume the responsibility for the operation side of the Games' organisation with a large degree of autonomy as regards his work and scope for initiative. The personality occupying the post will be supported by a team of specialists, to be set up definitively on 15th May 1987.

The general assembly, which has a membership of thirty-two, is made up of four groups of eight in accordance with the principles of the "Olympic Charter". The first group represents the French sports movement. Its members are the IOC members in France, Count Jean de Beaumont and Mr. Maurice Herzog, Messrs. Nelson

Paillou, President of the CNOSF, Claude Cartier, Secretary General, Philippe Chatrier, Vice-President, whose position at the head of the International Tennis Federation gives the assembly a dimension going beyond winter sports, and representatives of the winter sports federations, Messrs. Jean Barthalais (skiing), Jean Ferrand (ice

sports) and Jean Brunier (regional ski committee). The second group of eight represents the local communities. It is made up of local elected representatives, mayors of winter sports resorts, members of parliament, etc.; this group includes Mr. Henry Dujol, Mayor of Albertville, and Mr. Michel Barnier, MP for the Savoy. The State is present in the third group of eight, which is led by the Minister for Youth and Sports, Mr. Christian Bergelin. Finally, the fourth eight has been co-opted from a variety of backgrounds. It includes the private secretaries of the President of the Republic, Mr. Jean Glavany and the Prime Minister (the latter, Mr. Emmanuel Rodocanachi, is also a fencing champion), representatives of industry, the Chairman of the Commission of the European Economic Community, Mr. Jacques Delors, former world skiing champion Perrine Pelen and an actor who hails from the Savoy. It is an assembly which demonstrates the national support enjoyed by the new Olympic city.

THE EXECUTIVE

The Organising Committee, constituted in accordance with the French Law of associations, is administrated by a board of directors elected from among its members by the general assembly. This board is made up of the President, Mr. Barnier, three Vice Presidents : Messrs. Bergelin, Paillou and Dujol, the IOC members, the Secretary General of the CNOSF, the Presidents of the skiing and skating federations, the Prefect of the Savoy, a representative of the Ministry of Finance and two members of the group of co-opted personalities.

PRIORITIES

The issue of bringing the competition venues closer together having been a factor in the resignation of Jean-Claude Killy, the OCOG considers that broad discussions should be entered into with local elected representatives and the sports federations in order to decide on a general plan of operation for the Games before the summer. Similarly, the budget needs to be re-examined. The general communications plan will be defined with State support and the hospitality programme for the young athletes from all over the world who will be gathering here in 1992 will be prepared in liaison with the Secretariat for Youth and Sport. Technical Commissions will be set up and a schedule of Olympic Movement event involving OCOG participation established.

The "Olympic machinery" of Albertville is getting into gear. In spite of Jean-Claude Killy's withdrawal, which came as a hard blow, the tone is one of calm determination. *We shall fulfil the undertakings we entered into towards the International Olympic Committees and the promise made to the athletes and the young people of France*, said Mr. Barnier. *The Olympic Games will take place in five years' time... each one of us, whatever may be the nature of his responsibilities, his experience and or his sensibilities, will have to prepare this event but also to prove worthy of this opportunity... Thus, the Olympic Games of 1992 will be those of fraternity, quality and standards.*

