

organiser of the canoeing events at the Rome Games and at numerous championships. The President stressed Mr. Orsi's qualities as a conscientious leader devoted to young people, someone who respects nature and whose sport is an expression of the search for well-being through a battle against the elements of nature. The other was Mr. Marcel A. Pasche, Director/Editor-in-Chief of the largest press concern in French-speaking Switzerland. A keen sportsman,



The IOC President with Messrs. Orsi (on the left) and Pasche.

Mr. Pasche opted for sport very early on and started his fight for the development of sports information when he was 15 by creating the Vaudois Association of the Sporting Press. Having subsequently become an important newspaper boss, he now gives sport an important place in his publications. Mr. Raymond Gafner, Administrateur Délégué, who was praising the achievements of Mr. Pasche, concluded with these words: "You know that the Olympic ideal is essential to young people, and that spreading the tenets of Olympism is inseparable from the enthusiasm of journalism".

During the ceremony a sculpture was unveiled. The work of Hrahima Mbaye, a Senegalese interior designer and son of Mr. Keba Mbaye, a Member of the Executive Board, this bronze statue entitled "Olympafrica" portraying two boxers is intended as a contribution to the development of the Olympic movement in the life of cities and countryside, through traditional and modern practices.

DECORATIONS AND A WORK OF ART

During this Executive Board meeting, two people received the Olympic Order. One was Mr. Sergio Orsi, President of the International Canoeing Federation for the last six years and the brilliant