

## SPEECH OF THE IOC PRESIDENT AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE XVth OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

*We were unable to publish, the speech made by H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch at the closing ceremony of the XVth Olympic Winter Games in Calgary, on 28th February, in the last issue of the Olympic Review.*

**I**n the name of the International Olympic Committee and on behalf of the entire Olympic family, I offer my deepest gratitude to the Honourable Helen Hunley, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, the Honourable Don Getty, Premier of Alberta, His Worship Mayor Ralph Klein and authorities of the city of Calgary and Canmore, and to the Organising Committee, OCO'88. In spite of your famous Chinook, you have still managed to produce the best organisation of the Olympic Winter Games ever.

We would like to thank the fifty-seven National Olympic Committees, the International Sports Federations, and especially the finest athletes of the world who have competed against each other with pride and in brotherhood for the glory of sport. We also thank the members of the mass media and you, kind spectators, who have supported these Games with the universal understanding that is so important to the Olympic Movement. I would like to express our gratitude to the thousands of volunteers for all their efforts and dedication. May I express, finally, our greatest appreciation to you Calgarians for the sincere and spontaneous enthusiasm you have demonstrated to the world in the true Olympic spirit of friendship and peace. From your very first "Howdy" to this last farewell, you have graciously met the challenge with your unique western style and hospitality.

On behalf of the International Olympic Committee, I now have the honour to present to Mr. Frank King, Chairman of OCO'88, the Olympic Order in Gold, in recognition of his achievements and the efforts of all those who have contributed greatly to the success of these Games.

I now declare the XVth Olympic Winter Games in Calgary closed, and in accordance with our tradition, I call upon the youth of the world to assemble four years from now at Albertville and Savoy, France, to celebrate with us in 1992 the XVth Olympic Winter Games.

God keep your land glorious and free !