

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS UNDER WAY

The French NOC is actively engaged in preparing for the centenary congress which will take place in Paris from 23rd to 26th June 1994. On 9th February last, President Samaranch attended a meeting of the organizing committee held to discuss the programme of cultural and sports activities which will run in conjunction with this event. A major exhibition on the theme "Art and Sport Through the Centuries" will be opened at the Grand Palais or the Musée d'Orsay. Athletics will have pride of place at the sports gala, with the IAAF hav-

ing of the sports world, in which over 2,000 delegates from more than 170 countries are expected to participate.

The IOC President took advantage of his visit to the French capital to attend, in the company of the IAAF President Mr Primo Nebiolo, the international six nations (FRG, ESP, ITA, GDR, URS, FRA) athletics meeting organized by the French Athletics Federation (FFA). This series of events produced some excellent performances by athletes in front of a large and visibly enthusiastic crowd, and President Samaranch later congratulated the FFA President, Mr Robert Bobin, on the high standard of the event.



The President of Mexico (left) being received by Mr Samaranch at Olympic House. In the background, Mr François Carrard and, centre, Mr Pedro Ramirez Vázquez.

ing agreed to stage an international meeting which will take place at the Palais des sports in Paris-Bercy. Other subjects discussed during the meeting included the details of the official ceremonies to mark the opening of this congress, which will be attended by the President of the French Republic. A contract is soon to be signed between the city of Paris, the French State and the IOC in order to set out the obligations of each of the partners in the organization and preparation of this major gather-

THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO IN VIDY...

Mr Carlos Salinas de Gortari, President of Mexico, who visited Switzerland to attend the Economic Symposium in Davos, stopped to visit the headquarters of Olympism. The Mexican Head of State met President Juan Antonio Samaranch accompanied by two IOC members in Mexico, Dr Eduardo Hay and the architect Mr Pedro Ramirez Vázquez. The latter presented the plans of the Olympic Museum which he is the process of carrying out with the Lausanne architect Jean-Pierre Cahen. In Olympic House Mr Salinas also met his compatriot Mr Ruben Acosta, President of the FIVB.

...AND PASQUAL MARAGALL

The construction site of the future Olympic museum in Lausanne received another distinguished visitor on 4th February. After a tour in the open air, the COOB'92 President had discussions with the IOC President on preparations for the Games in the 1992 Olympic City.