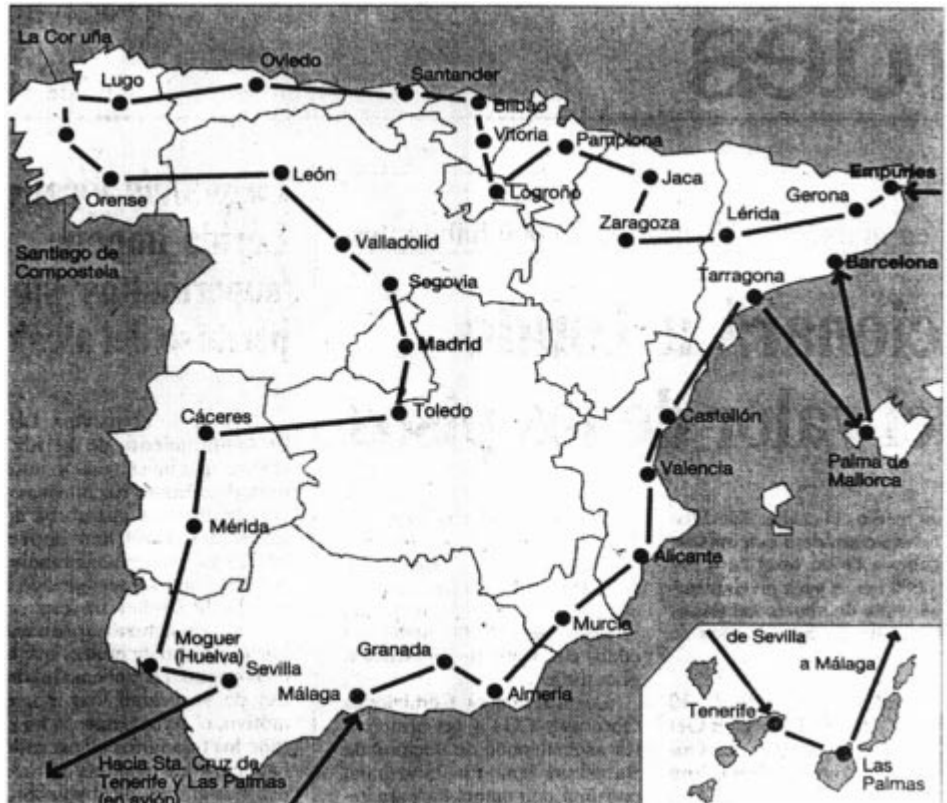


# THE OLYMPIC TORCH 4,758 KM JOURNEY ACROSS SPAIN



*The Olympic Torch will journey throughout Spain.*

The model of the torch which will be used to bring the Olympic flame from Olympia to Barcelona has just been officially presented. "It's a fine object, original, respectfully contemporary and inspired by Barcelona", says its creator, the designer André Ricard, who had already created for COOB'92 the wooden chest of many drawers containing the official candidature dossier.

Lightweight and safe for the bearer, the Olympic torch will be lit in the ancient sanctuary in Olympia, Greece. It will cross the Mediterranean by boat before touching

down on Iberian soil at the old port of Empuries, north of Gerona, on 23rd June 1992. For the next thirty two days, carried by five to ten thousand athletes, covering about five hundred to a thousand metres each, it will cross 4,758 kilometres from Gerona to the Costa Brava, through the seventeen autonomous regions of Spain, and will finish its journey by doing the tour of the towns and villages around Barcelona which will host Olympic competitions. On 24th July, the torch will enter the Olympic city ready for the opening of the Games the following day.

