



A plaque to commemorate the President's visit to Beirut, unveiled by him in the presence of Mr Tony Khouri, NOC president.

CROATIAN AND SLOVENIAN TEAMS AT THE GAMES

The President and the four Vice-Presidents of the IOC, mandated by the Executive Board, have decided to accord provisional recognition to the NOCs of Croatia and Slovenia, which should be ratified by the IOC members during the 98th Session. This can become full recognition once the two NOCs have definitively completed the structures of their organization, in conformity with the provisions of the Olympic Charter. This recognition comes with an invitation to the XVI Olympic Winter Games, to which the two NOCs are already preparing to send their delegations. It also comes in time to allow athletes of both the Republics, which have just been recognized at international level

and notably by the European Community, to prepare for the Summer Games in Barcelona.

1992, OLYMPIC ARCHITECTURE YEAR

The IOC is a promoter of architecture, through the Games but also through several projects already completed, such as its headquarters, or those in the process of being built, such as the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. The Olympic Pavilion at the Expo 92 in Seville will also be exemplary in this respect. In this vein, the IOC proposes that the trophy it sends every year to each NOC be awarded in 1992 to the architect whose work has made the greatest contribution to promoting Olympism and



Countess Bonacossa with the IOC President and Mr Jean-François Pahud, Director of the Olympic Museum, who received her collection.

sport. The "Olympic Review" will publish the reports of these annual prize-givings, which can be accompanied by photographs of the architect's work.

TWO NEW DIRECTORS IN THE IOC SECRETARIAT

During the end-of-year cocktail at Olympic House, a friendly annual occasion at which the members of the IOC Secretariat, the directors, the President and IOC members visiting Lausanne get together and exchange the traditional greetings, Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch warmly thanked every one working for the IOC and reminded them of what it means to be working for the Olympic Movement, particularly in the year of the Games. Mr François Carrard, who paid tribute to Mrs Zweifel, IOC Secretary General, then emphasized the great responsibility ahead for staff in this Olympic Year, declaring himself sure of the determination of everyone, each in their own field, to make the Games another suc-

cess. Mr Carrard then announced that Messrs José Sotelo, head of the press department for the president's office, and Alexandre Fellrath, head of the IOC computer services department, had become directors.

THE BONACOSSA DONATION

Countess Alberta Bonacossa, the daughter of Count Alberto Bonacossa, IOC member in Italy from 1925 to 1953, has donated to the IOC a collection of objects that belonged to her father. The items retrace the sports career of a outstanding figure who was a national figure skating champion in individual and, with his wife, in pairs events, as well as a tennis champion and then an international judge in both sports. The Countess, the proprietor of the famous Milanese sports daily "La Gazzetta dello Sport", which was awarded the Olympic Cup 1990 on the occasion of its centenary, presented the collection to President Samaranch during a visit to Olympic House at the end of last year.