



The IOC President congratulates Mr Jordi Pujol.



Mr Marc Hodler presents the Order to Mr Jan Steler.



The President and Mrs Petrovic. Right: Drazen Petrovic.

Olympic Order

The list of recipients of the Olympic Order, awarded by the 101st Session in Monaco, which appeared in our last issue was incomplete and should include the name of **Mr Jean-Pierre Cahen** (SUI) one of the architects of the Olympic Museum in Lausanne.

During a ceremony at the seat of the Generalitat in Barcelona, the IOC President presented the Olympic Order in gold to **Mr Jordi Pujol**, head of the Catalan regional government. One year after the Games, this gesture was to recall Mr Pujol's immense personal contribution throughout the Olympic and post-Olympic period that Catalonia has just experienced.



During his trip to Croatia, the IOC President took time to visit the tomb of **Drazen Petrovic** and award him the Olympic Order posthumously. The young basketball champion, one of the best, if not the best, European players, won the silver medal with the Croatian team in Barcelona and with the Yugoslav team in Seoul. A national star and hero among the young people of his country, he died suddenly in a car accident at the age of 28.

On 30th October during the USOC Congress in New York, President Samaranch presented the Olympic Order to Messrs **Baaron Pittenger**, former USOC executive director; **Dick Ebersol**, president of NBC Sports; and **Ted Stevens**. Senator Stevens is the first member of the American Congress to receive the Olympic Order. "His energy and interest in our athletes helped secure the passage of the Amateur Sports Act in 1978, thereby guaranteeing the future of the USOC and the success of the Olympic family in our country", declared the USOC President, Mr LeRoy Walker, during the award ceremony.

In Innsbruck, **Mr Jan Steler**, Secretary General of the FIL, received the Olympic Order from Mr Marc Hodler. In his speech, Mr Hodler recalled the major stages in the career of Mr Steler. This former luge and bob champion from Poland, while unable to take part in the 1956 Games, competed in the world championships the following year. His meeting with the FIL President Bert Isatitch, and responsibilities as FIL technical delegate and then secretary general in 1972 led to his attending all the subsequent Winter Games. A founder member of the GAISF and much-appreciated member of the Association of International Winter Sports Federations, he has long demonstrated his constant defence of the Olympic ideals.