

TO ALL FRIENDS OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT

The Olympic Games 1948 are ahead of us. Again the youth of the world will meet in friendly contest. Again new bonds of brotherhood and friendship will be formed. They are more needed now than ever, when the world has been shaken by two terrible world's wars and humanity, at the command of its politicians, has tried to destruct itself and our old culture. The future belongs to the youth. It is a coming generation that will have to repair our mistakes.

But in order to do so, it is necessary for the youth to learn to know the world and to be acquainted with the youth of other nations. The possibility to do this is given the young men and women when they meet during the Olympic Games. At these the youth is quartered in the same village where they thus can meet during he free hours and discuss things that interest

them. They also meet at the athletic grounds where the best athlete wins regardless of race, religion or language. And for those who have not won any prize it is a great honour and advantage to have takn part in the games and learnt by experience its lesson.

Therefore I ask all the youth of the world to prepare and train for the participation in the Olympic Games 1948. The Winter Olympic Games at St. Moritz, Switzerland, will take place the 30th of January — 8th of February and the Summer Games at London the 29th of July — 14th of August.

Let us meet at these Games. Let us help to keep the Olympic flame alive!

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