

Brundage retires as United States Olympic Association's president

Avery Brundage, who stepped down as U. S. Olympic Association and Committee president at its recent quadrennial meeting after 25 years of leadership, leaves behind an illustrious record of service with that organization. His retirement from this high post will give him more time to devote to the tasks placed on his shoulders by his elevation to the high post of President of the International Olympic Association.

Brundage's sports career started as a competitor for the University of Illinois and the Chicago Athletic Association where he excelled in track and field as a three time National A. A. U. All-round champion. He was a place winner in the decathlon and pentathlon

at the 1912 Olympic Games in Sweden. He showed his versatility even further by winning the Jr. Nat. A. A. U. Handball crown and was ranked as one of the top ten handball players of the nation.

After serving several years on the National A. A. U. Board of Governors, Brundage was elected vice-president. In 1928 he was elevated to the Presidency of the National A. A. U. and served continuously through 1934. In 1936 he again became President following the controversy about sending the U. S. team to the Olympics in Berlin. This gave him the distinction of occupying that chair for seven years, the longest of any President in A. A. U.'s history.

In 1929 he was elected as President of the U. S. Olympic Association. For many years a member of the International Olympic Committee, he was named president of that body in Helsinki in 1952.

He is a former vice-president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation and for years a member of its council. He was once President of the Big Ten Conference where his successor as U. S. O. A. head,

Kenneth L. "Tug" Wilson, now is commissioner.

Brundage's life has been devoted to preserving amateur sport for amateurs. He has been America's leader in the fight for good sportsmanship and clean sport. Those seeking to further Olympic ideals can feel secure in the knowledge that the President of the International Olympic Committee is one of the most ardent advocate of that philosophy.
