

Mr. Avery Brundage's releases

„Every civilized person recoils in horror at the savage slaughter in Hungary, but that is no reason for destroying the nucleus of international cooperation and good will

we have in the Olympic Movement. The Olympic Games are contests between individuals and not between nations.

We hope that those who have withdrawn

from the Melbourne Games will reconsider. Spain reconsiders. In an imperfect world, if participation in sport is to be stopped every time the politicians violate the laws of humanity, there will never be any international contests. Is it not better to try to expand the sportsmanship of the athletic field into other areas ?”

WORLD PEACE

The 52nd Congress of the International Olympic Committee at its first session in Melbourne, November 1956, points out that for almost 1200 years Ekeheria (World peace) was proclaimed during the

Olympic Games in Ancient Greece. The promotion of this ideal is still one of our objectives, and the International Olympic Committee, on behalf of the tens of millions of supporters of the Olympic Movement throughout its 89 member countries, wishes to draw world ‘attention to this fact, and also to the friendly atmosphere of goodwill which prevailed among athletes, officials and spectators from more than three score different nations who observed the amateur sport rules of fair play in Australia during the Games of the XVIth Olympiad in Melbourne.

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