

We have received copy of

Following Circular-Letter from the International Council of Sport and Physical Education

which we publish with pleasure as much as we approve it.

UNESCO
YOUTH INSTITUTE

Gauting-München, November 9th 1962.

Dear Sir,

The Government of the Philippines has refused entrance visas to the team of Yugoslavia qualified to attend the Fourth World

Basketball Championship to be held at Manila in December 1962. It has also refused entrance visas to members of the Central Board of the International Amateur Basketball Federation coming from Communist countries. The international status of the International Amateur Basketball Federation and of the International Council of Sport and Physical Education being exactly

the same, a similar measure of political discrimination could be expected against some of the participants to the International Conference, sponsored by UNESCO, on *The cultural values of sport in the Orient and the Occident*, also scheduled to be held at Manila in December 1962.

The Executive Board of the International Council of Sport and Physical Education, meeting in Berlin in March 1962, approved a declaration condemning all political interference and all forms of discrimination in sports. On the basis of the principles contained in that declaration, therefore,

- (a) the International Conference on *The cultural values of sport in the Orient and the Occident*,
- (b) the Fifth Session of the Executive Board of I.C.S.P.E.,

- (c) the Second General Assembly of I.C.S.P.E., scheduled to be held at Manila from December 16th to 22nd, 1962,

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and will be organized in 1963, in another Asian country.

We will keep you informed regarding further developments. We are very sorry indeed that such an incident has occurred, but the International Council could not remain indifferent in the face of such an unacceptable act of discrimination.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain,
Yours sincerely,

R. William Jones
Hon. Secretary General.