

AWARD OF THE "CRAVATE DE COMMANDEUR DE LA
LEGION D'HONNEUR" TO MR. A. BRUNDAGE

Before going to preside over the Closing Ceremony of the Xth Winter Games at the Ice Stadium of Grenoble, Mr. A. Brundage President of the IOC, accompanied by the Count Jean de Beaumont, President of the French Olympic Committee, went to the Prefecture where he was to be awarded the "Cravate de Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur" by Mr. Pompidou, Premier Ministre of the French Republic.

Mr. Pompidou declared, before he passed the red ribbon around Mr. Brundage's neck :-

"In honouring you today, we honour the institution at the head of which you have been for the past fifteen years. In you we also honour the complete athlete you once were, and the example you set".

Mr. Avery Brundage answered in the following terms, and began his speech in French :-

"I am deeply touched by your friendly gesture towards the IOC and myself. This decoration takes the significance of a token, the token of the friendship between our two Republics, a friendship existing since LaFayette; and particularly for me, as I come from an area in the United States which once was explored by such great Frenchmen as Marquette and the Knight of La Salle. Thank you. Thank you very much".

This provides Mr. Brundage with a new medal which he will add to an already quite impressive collection, the like of which very few of his contemporaries can boast of.

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