

PRESIDENT BRUNDAGE

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/E/ We publish below the report, which General SEN YANG very kindly sent to us, of President BRUNDAGE's visit to the Republic of China Olympic Committee:

"Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE, President of the International Olympic Committee, having travelled directly from Bangkok, where he attended the VIth Asian Games, arrived at Taipei Airport on December 19th at 9.05 p.m. He was met by Dr. C.K. CHUNG, Minister of Education, General S. YANG, President of the National Olympic Committee, Dr. S.L. CHIEN, President of the Academia Sinica, and Mr. Henry HSU, I.O.C. Member for R.O.C.



Mr. Henry HSU welcoming Mr. Avery BRUNDAGE

"His main purpose for visiting Taipei was to observe the progress of sports on the island, but he was also very eager to visit the National Palace Museum. Therefore, he spent a whole day studying the exhibits which contain the finest collection of ancient Chinese treasures in the world. After spending a whole day in the museum, Mr. BRUNDAGE said, *'The National Palace Museum should belong to the whole world'*.

When he was looking out of the window in the lobby of the museum, he saw a lot of children playing baseball, volleyball and football on the grass in front of the main gate. That brought a smile to his face.

"In the evening a dinner in his honour was given by Dr. CHUNG in appreciation of the contribution made by Mr. BRUNDAGE to the world of sports in the last twenty years.

"His interest in antiques was further expressed in visits to the Chinese Art Treasure Exhibition in the morning and to the National Museum of History in the afternoon of December 21. President CHIANG KAI-SHEK received Mr. BRUNDAGE who was accompanied by Mr. Henry HSU, member of the I.O.C. for R.O.C., at the Presidential Office at 3.00 p.m. on the same day.

"That evening, after a dinner party given by General YANG, he viewed slide projections on ancient Chinese sports and recreation programmes, provided by Dr. WU WEN-CHUNG, Professor and Director of the Research Institute of Physical Education, National Taiwan Normal University. Dr. WU is a well-known scholar in the field of the history of Chinese physical education.

"On December 22nd and 23rd, Mr. BRUNDAGE, accompanied by his old friend Dr. George YEH, former Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador to the U.S.A., travelled through the southern part of Taiwan, visiting the scenic spots of Taloca Gorge and Cheng Ching Lake. He also visited places of historic interest such as the Koxinga Shrine, the Chik Kan Tower and An-Ping Fort.

"He left for Chicago early Christmas morning." 