

Avery Brundage and California: An Olympian on the Pacific Coast

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This paper on the West Coast contacts and involvement of Avery Brundage, President of the American Olympic Committee (1929-33) and the international President of the International Olympic Committee (1952-72), will cover his relationships with Californians involved in the 1932 Olympic Games including I.O.C. member William M. Garland. Brundage's A.O.C. presidency during the first successful American Olympics, his business interests in California which led to his move to Santa Barbara in 1946, his hosting of the I.O.C. before the Squaw Valley (1960) and Tokyo (1964) games and his gift of his Oriental art collection to the San Francisco museum (1960). Brundage's California activities played a significant role in his involvement in the internationalization of the Olympic movement by involving Asian and Latin American nations.