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C/S - BRUNDAGE DECLARES OLYMPICS MUST GO ON

CHICAGO AUG 24 (UPI)--AVERY BRUNDAGE, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, DECLARED TODAY THAT NO POLITICAL UPHEAVALS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO UPSET THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HE SAID, "IF PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS 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 MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT THE OLYMPIC GAMES. ONE OF THE MOST PRICELESS AND POWERFUL INSTRUMENTS OF OUR PRESENT CIVILIZATION, AND TRY TO EXPAND THE FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP OF THE ATHLETIC FIELD INTO OTHER AREAS?"

"THE WORLD IS FULL OF INJUSTICE, AGGRESSION, VIOLENCE AND WARFARE AGAINST WHICH ALL CIVILIZED PERSONS REBEL," HE SAID IN A PREPARED STATEMENT. "BUT THIS IS NO REASON TO DESTROY THE NUCLEUS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND GOODWILL WE HAVE IN THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT.

"THESE GAMES ARE CONTESTS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND NOT BETWEEN NATIONS. WE INVITE THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD, WHO ARE CERTAINLY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS EVILS, TO ACCEPT OUR REGULATIONS AND TO PARTICIPATE AND WE HOPE THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD WILL ACCEPT."

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