

C/S - NORWAY MAY QUIT OLYMPICS OVER SOVIET INVASION

OSLO, AUG. 25 REUTER - MR TORFINN BERNTZEN, PRESIDENT OF THE NORWEGIAN ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION, SAID LAST NIGHT HE FAVOURED NORWAY WITHDRAWING FROM THE MEXICO CITY OLYMPIC GAMES.

HE ALSO SAID A JOINT MEETING OF THE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATIONS OF THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES WOULD TAKE PLACE EARLY NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF BOYCOTTING THE GAMES IF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES IN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

HE SAID A FINAL DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN ON MONDAY AT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION CONCERNING NORWAYS BOYCOTT ACTION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOUR OF BREAKING ALL SPORT CONTACTS WITH THE INVASION POWERS.

(UPI)- PEDRO RAMIREZ VAZQUEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE OLYMPICS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, SAID IN MEXICO CITY YESTERDAY MEXICO "WOULD PROFOUNDLY REGRET IF ANY OF THE COUNTRIES ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR THE 1968 OLYMPIC GAMES DOES NOT COME."

THE OLYMPICS CHIEF WAS REFERRING TO SPECULATION ABOUT SOME ABSENCES AS A RESULT OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

WITH REGARD TO REPORTS THAT SOME COUNTRIES MAY ASK THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES BE BARRED FROM THE GAMES, RARMIREZ VAZQUEZ SAID THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CANNOT INTERVENE OR TAKE ANY DECISION ON SUCH REQUESTS.

"THIS DECISION ONLY CAN BE TAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC), WHICH IS THE MAXIMUM WORLD SPORTS AUTHORITY," HE SAID.