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OLYMPIC GAMES ARE USED AS A POLITICAL TOOL

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ABSTRACT

This article discusses the political role of the Olympic Games and its implications on country's political and social life. Contrary to the belief that the games were created as an event that transcends politics, this study concludes that Olympic Games have been and are used as a political tool for various purposes and specific political circumstances eventually influenced their Sport development as well as national development. Moreover, the findings of this article demonstrate that the Olympic Games served as a catalyst accelerating political ideology worldwide.

INTRODUCTION

The Olympic movement has its roots in ancient Greece and dates back to the ninth century BC when the athletes, artists and their families, as well as pilgrims, could travel in complete safety to participate in or attend the Olympic Games. The modern Olympic Games were revived by Pierre de Coubertin whose ideas and commitment were extraordinary. His main concern was educational reform and, therefore, he frequently traveled to England and the US where he noticed the growing enthusiasm for sports. He envisioned the potential of combining that passion with the spirit of the ancient Greek Olympics. From the beginning, Coubertin stressed how the Olympic Games could bring social reform, mutual understanding and world peace. Emphasis on internationalism rather than cosmopolitanism.

The Olympic Games provide an excellent opportunity for promoting idealistic values as the goal of the Olympic Movement is 'to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating people through sport practiced without discrimination of any kind' (ibid.). Ideally, these games are to be the antithesis of politics, whereby the athletes of the world come together in the Olympic land for those two weeks of the games. However, it is highly arguable whether Olympic Games have stood untainted by politics. The recent history of the Olympic Games has been prolific in athletic achievement, yet richer still in political confrontation and even fatal violence. The following events show the dismal connotations of the Olympic Games: 1968—students repressed in the streets of Mexico City; 1972—the murder of Israeli athletes by Palestinian terrorists in Munich; 1976—20 African nations boycott the games in Montreal; 1980—the US among other Western bloc nations, protesting the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan, boycotts the games in Moscow; 1984—the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc nations boycott the games in Los Angeles (Flanagan 1988a: 89). These examples illustrate the politicization of the Olympic Games and their use as an instrument of foreign policy.

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The modern Olympic Games established with main objectives which are peace & brotherhood. The Olympic officers wished to ward off the very First World War from that Olympic concept. The two Olympic games which 1940 & 1944 could not organized because second world war therefore the Olympic organizer could not sent the Olympic message for world through Olympic playground. Iona sludhaneck was the Olympic champion of 1980 and she said

“in first time of Olympic history the Olympic games were stopped because first world war the another twice stopped because second world war although if start the 3rd world war, the Olympic games will wind up the in permanently. Therefore should tune-up the peace in the world. All of the world wide human beings should dedicate with them skills” she mentions validity of Olympic from this statement.

After the First World War, the American Olympic athletic team came for the Antiwarg Olympic Games in 1920. The athletic team complained & stroked sport event that not satisfaction of accommodation. This was the first strike thunder of Olympic history.

Hitler used the Berlin Olympic game in 1936 as a wafer to promote the Nazism Hitler ordered to Olympic officers that take - off the American represents Athletes marting Glickman & zam stoles in the event. The Olympic officers get not anything apart elimination. in same year, The Fascists News Paper namely VOELKISHER BEOBACTER referred that not ownership participated to Olympic games for Neegrowth “The all Negron blacks should kick out from the Olympic games this was the enormous incident of the Olympic history there for Olympic committee tried to give clean message & mentioned German state that what are the rules and regulations of Olympic enactment.

According Under the 3rd Number in the rules & Regulations chaplet of International Olympic committee Saied According to color, classification, religion, politician should not attention specially. As well as should not discriminate the IOC Strongly mentioned for worldwide sportsmen, starts that all of persons must respect for Olympic enactment.

According to 25th Olympic rule, the Olympic committee needs to avoid from politics, religious and commercial backgrounds. However the committee has no independence to do their own parts because of the money which given by the governments. It will be caused to enter the politics to national and the international Olympic committee. Politics became as a part of an Olympic ceremony. This was said by Richard Espy with some reasons. Because lot of countries getting help from the sports with operating the foreign policies, and the international sports conference is also created with a nationalism foundation which can easily enter the politics”. He explained further more about that.

The USA request for strike in Moscow has disqualified by the international Olympic committee meeting at Lake Plesid. In this moment the Ice Hockey match was won by the American team defeating the Russia. Because of that, the American president Jim Karter invited the winning team to celebrate it. But it was caused to take offend at the American national Olympic committee.

American president Jim Karter got support from a Negroid, famous boxing player, Kesiyaskley alias Mohamad Ali. The attempt to create strike in African countries by using him was also unsuccessful. The president of Tanzania disfavored even the discussion with Ali, also it was caused to damage his goodwill and only he could win the Kenya in this visit.

Nigerian sports minister Silvanus Williams said the sports and the politics cannot mix. So he rejected the American invitation. Australian national Olympic committee sent a conformation letter to America. It was an own decision of Australian Prime Minister Malcom Presser. International Olympic committee Executive director MonicuBurliaks said, “America has forgotten their history. In 1970, when it was stumbled with the Vietnam, let the permission to hold the winter Olympic Games in 1980. And also in 1958 the time which took the war ships to Lebanon, they gave the permission to hold the chilly zone Olympic Games in 1960, even this any incident not came up the strikes and it was only a political condition”.

In 1980, before the Olympic Games started the world was divided in to two parts as biased and unbiased. In 1980 March, the non-aligned nation’s summit was held by participating 92 countries. The suggestion to get avoided the Soviet soldiers from the Afghanistan was accepted in that conference. At least 62 countries were rejected the Moscow Olympic ceremony and 81 countries were participated.

There was an attack by 1980 Moscow Olympic ceremony, after the new Olympic ceremony started in 1896. “This ceremony was ruined by the international politicians. When I was working as the president of international Olympic committee in 1972 – 1980, 96% problems were depended on the international politics. Who won from the Moscow strike? Nobody won. The disadvantages were happened to the players more powerful. Because of they couldn’t participate to the best sports ceremony in the world. But the government who takes the decisions of in many countries. The Moscow Olympic ceremony was the first ceremony that filled with lot of political reporters than sports reporters. I am not agreed with the politicians create this situation”. Kilani Sami said this at the end of his saying. After his 8 years working at the international Olympic committee, he resigned from that duty because of the interferences of the politics to the Olympic ceremony.

The Olympic ceremony committee president Peter Uberoth said, the Soviet Russia and the east countries are going to defect the 1984 Los Angelis Olympic ceremony, because the defection of the 1980 Moscow Olympic ceremony by America and the other European countries. Soviet Russia leaves allegation that America is violating the noble ambitions of the Olympic campaign by creating a situation which disturbs Soviet sportsmen to stay in Los Angeles, USA.

Because of the Soviet Russian preparative campaign, some countries sent out deprecate against to America. “The Olympic ceremony is not only the biggest ceremony but also it typify the peace, companionship and the understandability each other. Although the Mongolian ‘SloudeenUnen’ daily newspaper said, the American attempt to achieving the political purposes from the Olympic Ceremony is disgusting. United States started a debased propagative campaign to stop participating the soviet countries. Iran said in the meeting held at Teheran, they are not going to participate to this Olympic ceremony because of the American retroaction to Iran people by getting help from Israel and the invasion countries like Grenada.

Cooperating to the boycotting Los Angeles Olympic ceremony, the head of Indian Olympic campaign and the vice-chairman of international Olympic committee Aswin Kumar said, “the complain of the Olympic charter is dishonors and breaches by America is reasonable. I participated to every Olympic ceremony after the Second World War. But I have never seen like Los Angelis Olympic ceremony which breaches the Olympic traditions broadly. Aswini Kumar went to the Los Angelis for visit the current situation as a request of the international Olympic ceremony president Juan Antonio Samaranchi. Then he said after his visit, the whole city is getting ready with weapons for an attack to the Soviet countries. And also finally he said, the Olympic ceremony without participating of the Soviet countries is dead and repulsion”.

The attempt to stop the boycotting Los Angelis Olympic ceremony by Juan Antonio Samaranchi was unsuccessful. 141 countries participated for this ceremony and 14 Soviet Countries boycotted this ceremony. Therefore Soviet Russia organized a national sports ceremony in Russia in 1984 with other communist countries.

1988 Olympic ceremony was held in sole city, South Korea. The North Korea was fight to the same ownership of the Olympic ceremony. In that case the international Olympic committee could concurrence the strife.

We can see the conflict of two major countries in the world from the 1980- 1984 Olympic ceremonies when entered the Soviet Russia to this Olympic ceremony. The American Olympic football champion and the new Persian republican partisan Bill Bradly shown “political interferences to the Olympic ceremony is a pitiable situation. And also he proposed to hold this Olympic Games in Greece without any political interference”. The premier of Greece also declares his displeasure about that and he said, “The world greatest sport ceremony is Olympic. That is hold not for to form problems but also to keep peace and increase the solidarity communal. If cannot operate this great idea, he requested from the International Olympic Committee to hold it in Greece.

This political interference is a turning point to get the decision of the game where it is going to hold in future.

World powerful countries thought about getting achievements from Olympic is as a value increment. Also this competition for medals was sharp the political conflict. There is a new proem for this entering politics to the Olympics. “This is a newly entered game for the Olympic ceremony and so many countries participating for this. But it has no national anthem, no awarding medals and also no regulations. However the world Medias give the propagation to this game. This is the political game”.

According to the Richard Espy, Olympic glade turn to a stage for fulfill political needs. They think showing power on this stage is as a showing political domination. And also it can use to show their strong in internationally.

Again international politics’ conflicts are bulged in 1948 Olympic Games. The winners of Second World War (Germen Italy and Japan) were prohibited to participate for Olympic Games by host country and many countries supported for the host country. But ownership on decision making had the International Olympic Committee. But in this situation, ownership of decision making had the host country. This incident was the one black mark of the Olympic history.

With born in new government of Israel was recognized by the IOC. But Arabic country was not given to permission to the Israel for recondition because Israel and Arabic countries where very animosity as result IOC was with healed the membership of Israel.

Divers views and decisions where transfer among the member of IOC about entry to Olympic Sport event of soviet Russia at that duration the America always tried to distribute own power from international mega sport even and Olympic festival. They considerate always winner by sport event was same to political winner. The USA planed and implemented to establish hugs sport club for vanquish eruptions after Parise Olympic games in 1900. In these sessions all of countries involve for sport with recreation. But USA wanted distribute to power by sport. We can understand it below statements.

“Athletics are not only improve the health and recreation but also should be improve our pride”

Since 1950 several countries used the sport mega event as an objective of the political. Since 1952 USA has been know about thunder from Russia. Therefore USA tried to growth them sport industry earliest. USA senate members and USA newspapers mentioned information all along about that.

According to David B Kanin he Saied the American had strong sport and political international relation between other countries. They tried to relate with other countries with sport background. This feathers are very same the Russian. Therefore many times both countries had many dispute in this field. The political commenter’s called that situation that “Cool War”.

There were lot of tries to use the sport for achieve political objectives in USA. American sport authority always tried to input that attitude for national athletes’ entire mind. We can understand that of Bob Mattinances’ word. (He was the champion of decathlon in Helsinky Olympic Game in 1952).

“Practices of American athletes were very strongest than earlier because Russian athletes entry the Olympic Ground. Lets’ we considerate as spite and we must practice strongly. My dear fraternal you must defeat them. Don’t defeat like our friend Australian it’s defeated abrasively.

CONCLUSION

The modern Olympic Games established with main objectives which are peace and brotherhood. Although Olympic Games could not sent inspective message of Olympism through the Olympic play ground because denominator of Olympism is eradicated by international political ideology. Father of contemporary Olympic Games Pierre da Coubertin wished to get supreme circumstances by that mega event. But his followers could not accomplish his great idea. The political ideology was could forceful than that great presumption. We cannot identify without politics of any mega sport event in the world in present and there is an indivisibility relationship between of Olympic Games and Political.



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