

Expelled skier urges teammates to stay in Olympics

SAPPORO (AP) — Ski ace Karl Schranz, expelled from the Winter Olympics as a professional, urged his teammates Wednesday to stay and compete — and their official said they would.

Somber and emotional, the 33-year-old former world ski champion told a news conference: "Knowing what it means to participate in the Olympic Games, I would not want to be responsible for seeing Austria, a great skiing nation, deprived of

its opportunity in this event."

He urged the Austrian Ski Federation to rescind its decision to pull all its Alpine and Nordic ski performers in protesting against the decision of the International Olympic Committee to expel him from the games.

Dapper in the brown velvet suit that is the Austrian team uniform, Schranz was flanked by Karl Heinz Klee, president of the Austrian Ski Federation.

When Schranz completed his

statement, Klee announced that the Austrian Ski Federation would stay and take part in the Sapporo Olympics opening Thursday.

The appeal by Schranz appeared to be a face-saving device for the Austrian team that Klee and other top officials had been urging since Tuesday night.

Schranz, who had been in virtual seclusion since his disqualification by the IOC Monday, showed up at the Olympic press

center with a large delegation of Austrians.

"How do you feel?" he was asked.

"Not so good," Schranz replied in English. He was obviously near tears.

The militant Schranz refused to apologize.

"If the reasons for which I was disqualified are just," he said, "then every athlete should be disqualified. They are as guilty as I."

He attacked the Olympic philosophy of Avery Brundage, IOC president just as he had done in an earlier interview with The Associated Press — an interview that reportedly piqued Brundage and some members of the IOC.

"Mr. Brundage must not forget," he said, "that there are many young people who are not in such favorable conditions as Brundage, a millionaire, who should also have a chance to compete in the Olympic Games."

After the Schranz statement, Klee said the Austrian Ski Federation would remain in the Games.

Asked by a television cameraman to rebut Mr. Brundage, Schranz said:

"Mr. Brundage always says I am talking against him. But I only said the things I mean. I am living in a free country."

In his prepared statement, Schranz said he felt that Brundage had used him as a sacrifice

for his own prestige.

"It will not save Mr. Brundage's ideas," he added, indicating that he felt a democratic change must come in the IOC.

Klee told the crowded news conference that all efforts, including some made during the night hours, to have the IOC reverse the disqualification, had failed.

"Schranz was shocked," Klee said.

It was then, Klee disclosed, that Schranz appealed to the Austrian team to remain in the games.

The Austrian skier said he had spent many uncomfortable months under the threat of disqualification for his alleged commercial enterprises.

"I am deeply disappointed," he said. "My ambition always has been to win a gold medal in the Olympics."

He was disqualified for having his picture made for commercial gain and for making remarks which the IOC said were detrimental to the Olympic movement.

He won a silver medal in the giant slalom at Innsbruck in 1964. He had a better time than France's Jean-Claude Killy in 1968 but was disqualified for missing a gate. He contended that a policeman ran across his path.

Senator Byrd opens Forum

U. S. Senate Democratic Majority Whip Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia will lead off spring semester Political Forum presentations at A&M.

Senator Byrd will speak Feb. 10 in the Political Forum major programs series, announced Chairman Paul Turner.

Byrd replaced Senator Edward Kennedy as the assistant majority whip of the Senate early last year. He will speak at noon Thursday on "Political Parties vs. 'The New Politics'."

A veteran of three Senate terms and one in the U.S. House, Senator Byrd is a prominent legislative figure and has held more legislative elective offices than any other individual in the history of West Virginia.

Death

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Northern Ireland's protestants worked as usual, except in those shops shut down after intimidating telephone calls. Life was nearly normal in Belfast in contrast to the dead city of Londonderry.

Provincial Prime Minister Brian Faulkner, in a fighting speech in the Northern Ireland parliament, gave a thinly veiled warning that Protestant patience may be near an end, raising the specter of a backlash of violence against the Catholics.

And, said Faulkner, "The unionist community Protestant in Northern Ireland will not tolerate 'a united Ireland' without our consent."

Another top Protestant politician, former Home Affairs Minister William Craig, suggested in Belfast that Northern Ireland should cede Londonderry's Roman Catholic stronghold to the Irish republic.

In the House of Commons Speaker Selwyn Lloyd warned lawmakers to obey all rules of procedure if they wanted to escape punishment.

He was referring to Monday's violent attack by Miss Devlin against Maudling. She was angered at being denied the opportunity to question him on the Londonderry riot. She returned to the House shortly after being dragged out and was not suspended or censured for her actions. But Conservative Sir Harry Leggenbourke noted she would have been arrested if she had attacked anyone in the same way outside Parliament.

Heath's government found itself assailed in a debate by opposition Laborites who complained that little or nothing was being done by Britain to initiate moves for a political—as distinct from a military—solution.

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