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Coach Don J. Odle,

Athletic Director at Taylor University, has been invited by His Highness, The Prince Aly Khan and Colonel Edward P. F. Eagan to attend a dinner at the Grand Ballroom of the Astor Hotel, New York City, on September 30, to be sponsored by the Council on Islamic Affairs and the People-to-People Sports Committee.

Coach Odle has been named a member of the People-to-People Sports Committee.

The People-to-People program was established three years ago by President Eisenhower for the purpose of sending American representatives in Art, Entertainment, Business and Sports to various countries of the world.

Master of Ceremonies for the dinner will be Lowell Thomas, famous news commentator. A few of the celebrities attending the affair will be Jack Dempsey, Ford Frick, James A. Farley, Edward Rickenbacker, General Carl Spaatz, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Jacqueline Cochran, Bruce Barton and General Albert C. Wedemeyer.

Guests of honor will include Their Excellencies, the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of the Islamic Nations attending the United Nations General Assembly.

Colonel Eagan is chairman of the Sports Committee.

Odle's efforts toward international good will were brought to the attention of government and sports officials through his Venture for Victory basketball teams which made six summer tours through the Orient and one in South America.

The Venture for Victory teams, which combined athletics with a Christian emphasis, received a Freedom Foundation Award, and were cited in Congress for their unique contribution to international friendship.