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An invitation from the Ger-

man ministry of culture to represent the United States at the International Dance Festival in Germany to be held in conjunction with the Berlin Olympics has been rejected by Martha Graham, eminent American danseuse, she announced. In a letter to Rudolph von Laban, head of the German Dance Bureau, Miss Graham said:

"I would find it impossible to dance in Germany at the present time. So many artists whom I respect and admire have been persecuted; have been deprived of the right to work for ridiculous and unsatisfactory reasons, that I would consider it impossible to identify myself, by accepting the invitation, with the regime that has made such things possible. In addition, some of my concert group would not be welcomed in Germany."

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