Martha Graham Won't Dance in Germany

An invitation from Germany to represent the United States at the International Dance Fesitval to be held at Berlin next summer in connection with the Olympic games has been declined by Martha Graham, American dancer. In her refusal Miss Graham said that "so many artists whom I respect and admire have been persecuted and have been deprived of the right to work for unsatisfactory reasons, that I should consider it impossible to identfy myself, by accepting the invitation with the regime that has made such things possible."

The invitation came from the dance division of the German Ministry of Culture and it was signed by Rudolf von Laban, president of the "Deutsche Tanzbuehne;" by the president of the organization of the eleventh Olympic games and the Reichminister of "Volk-saufklarung und Propaganda."

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