

# YANKEE TEAM IN BERLIN MIGHT SHAME NAZIS, SAYS JOE

## U. S. Withdrawal From Games Fighting Hate With Hate, Williams Asserts

The Colonel Discusses Frankly Sane Social Behaviorism, Urges Gen. Sherrill Be Silenced as Spokesman; New Angles Are Brought Up.

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—On the broad theory, perhaps, that my incisive impersonation of Burns and Allen is something that should not be missed, I have been invited to address the Associated Workers' Clubs, the Youth Division of the American Jewish Congress and the Brooklyn Educators on whether or not America should participate in the Olympic games.

It is with keen regret that I am compelled to forgo these invitations because I have improved the act considerably, what with the addition of barnyard imitations and a Shirley Temple parody. I mean to say the skit is really terrific now, but I have my doubts that it would click in the more serious audiences of the drama.

Seriously, I don't believe I could contribute a anything to these discussions. I really don't know whether America should send a team to Berlin or not.

I am not yet convinced that a boycott is the proper weapon to use in a fight for a vital social reform. It seems to me that this is fighting hate with hate and that the ultimate result can only be compound bitterness.

As I have written before the simple and convenient approach to the problem would be to keep our athletes at home. The implied rebuke to Nazi Germany would be obvious and as many earnest citizens insist, it might be tremendously effective. On the other hand it might intensify an already dangerous and desperate situation. Plainly there is an element of theory in both viewpoints.

### No Fixed Opinion

I do not exactly drool with idealism, but I think it is possible our athletes could perform just as signal a service through their sportsmanship on the field and democracy of fraternalism off the field as if they stayed away in mute, regimented protest.

It is simply a question of which is the better way to shame a barbarian into the decencies of civilization, and, to repeat, I have no fixed opinion as to the correct procedure.

It is obvious, however, that up to now the anti-participants have had the better spokesmen and have fought the better fight. This again may be due to the fact that they have a greater store of natural ammunition.

### Now, Now, General

And yet I doubt that such spokesmen as Brig. Gen. Charles H. Sherrill of the pro-participants could argue convincingly in favor of the superior virtues of the electric light over the kerosene lamp of the '80s. Every time the military gentleman attempts to defend the cause of the Olympics he makes out a fine case for the worst in Hitlerism.

His implied threat that unless agitation against sending our athletes to Berlin is dropped a wave of anti-Jewry will follow in this country is shocking in its revelation of the gentleman's peculiar comprehension of the problems involved. One begins to fear his association with the German officials has had a contagious effect.

In the interest of democracy of athletics in general I firmly suggest he be silenced as the spokesman of the American Olympic Committee. There is every reason to fear that before long he may propose the elimination of all Jews from the American team in order to avoid any possible embarrassment to the Nazis. Such an attitude would not be at variance with his astonishing logic.

The military gentleman also

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