

Olympics Now Emphasize "Win!"

Baron de Coubertin, who resurrected the Olympic Games of ancient Greece toward the end of the 19th century, applied to them a lofty ideal. "The important thing in the Olympic Games," he said, "is not winning but taking part." And it seemed to him that athletic contests in a world arena exemplified a great principle: "The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well."

Although the first modern Olympics in 1896 bore out Coubertin's views, the intervening decades have brought many changes. The prestige of nations, as well as the prowess of athletes, is to some extent at stake in Rome this summer. Doubtless few of the participants, for all their sportsmanship, are persuaded that winning is not of paramount importance.

PERHAPS IT WAS inevitable that the

Africa Poses Language Problem

Of the 180 million or so who make up the U.S. population, how many have a really thorough knowledge of at least one African language? The estimate of experts in the field is startling: only 10 persons.

As Africa has at least 800 varieties of speech, the task of knowing and influencing the different tribes is overwhelming. Yet Africa is a continent of vast importance both to the Communists and to the free world. Some knowledge of its languages is vital to understanding.

A start is being made under the National Defense Education Act. Georgetown University in the District of Columbia, a pioneer in developing language-teaching techniques, has been awarded a grant for a two-year project in teaching three languages in the Bantu

Olympics would come to have political overtones, and that some nations should see in them an opportunity to vaunt their national pride. With or without this element, it was not to be expected that in our competitive modern world the contestants would retain Coubertin's ideals of rivalry unmarred by any notion that winning was all. The passion to win is a part of that great spectacle, and in some cases that passion is motivated as much by national pride as by the simple desire to excel. There is no escaping these facts.

Yet it is naive to hope that as civilization matures the Olympics will become less a grim patriotic battle and more a striving among individuals? Is it vain to believe that some day Coubertin's spirit will once again pervade the games?

group. Other institutions are to receive similar grants for training in other important African tongues.

THE TASK IS MORE complicated than that of learning a European language. Many dialects have, for instance, a word for "my head," another for "your head," still another for "his head," and so on, but no word for "head" in general. The pronunciation, too, involves many clicks and other sounds which our throats can utter only with great difficulty. Many languages are not written at all, and for them a system of notation must be devised.

The obstacles, in brief, are enormous. But the Russians plan to overcome them, expecting great advantages thereby. We should do no less.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

For many years Uncle Sam was Cuba's "Sugar Daddy." We bought most of her sugar, and at a price higher than other nations ever paid. We paid this premium in order to render extra financial aid to our nearest island neighbor. Now, with Cuba in the hands of communist Fidel Castro, we have adopted different table manners—by cutting down our sugar imports we no longer say: "Please pass the sugar."

While we do not question the inherent sincerity of Hubert H. Humphrey to want to save the world from evil, we are grateful that he was unable to succeed in his efforts to become the Democratic candidate for President of the United States. Had he been successful, he would have reversed the old axiom that "money talks."

In customary genteel fashion, as attends every top U.S. election, opposing candidates will use the nicest patterns of innuendo, insinuation, suggestion, allusion, and downright hint & implication that their opposing candidates are absolutely, completely unfit to win. At such times our nation enters the age of non-reason.

"Dealing with the Russians is in all conscience the most difficult problem a nation has ever faced," recently declared Adlai Stevenson. Right you are, Sir . . . and aren't you glad the job didn't fall to you?

Yes, it's perhaps true. If all the leaders of this earth's nations were required to be the first line of combatants when war begins . . . well, there'd be almost no danger of war. (That's a good idea to place on the UN agenda, eh?)

It is reported from many places that too many workers in the U.S.A. are becoming

shirkers . . . which caused a current wit to say "Some people are inclined to quit looking for work the moment they find a job."

"Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." Already evidence of the fall of Cuba's Castro is seen on the horizon.

"In the good, old days" when a father and son had their picture taken, the photographer would request the son to place his hand on dad's shoulder. "But nowadays," laments the photog, "too often son's hand is in dad's pocket."

So long as inflation dominates the American dollar, just so long will your earnings be worth less and less. Your insurance policies will decrease in value; your pensions will buy less and less. In reality, insofar as the federal government impacts upon the continuance of inflation (and it is plenty) it will be like receiving U.S. dollars worth less than their face value. In a realistic way, it will be as though Uncle Sam actually printed on each dollar: "This is worth less, in the market place, than what it was a year ago. It's worth about half what it was ten years ago. It'll be worth less a year from now—unless you, and millions of other U.S. taxpayers do what is necessary to stop inflation!"

Americans sure like to read their newspapers. It is reported that each day they read over 60 million copies of dailies, and each week over 20 million copies of weeklies.

Current defense costs per American family are estimated to be about \$1,000 per year. That's what it costs you, extra, to live on the same planet with the Soviet tyrants.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

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George Wm. Averill is on vacation. His column, "One Thing or Another", will be resumed on his return.

Is This Trip Necessary?



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Reader Favors Nixon, Lodge To Lead Nation

To The Editor:

Because of the strong convictions I have on the approaching elections, I would like to express my sincere hope that all good Americans vote for Richard M. Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge as President and Vice-President of the United States.

In Richard Nixon we have a highly qualified man who would go into the White House able to experience and well-equipped with practical political knowledge to immediately begin the enormous task of carrying out the duties of the President.

He has efficiently handled presidential affairs while Mr. Eisenhower was ill as well as fully acquitting himself with foreign policy during his tenure in office, and we find him a confident and ambitious leader.

In Henry Cabot Lodge we have the most qualified man of our time to deal with our Communist enemies and foreign problems.

As intelligent Americans we will not be swayed by personalities, popularity, charm or wealth, but vote for the two men ideally suited to keep us strong and free and who will vigorously uphold the high ideals of our beloved America.

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Letters from readers always are welcome. But they MUST be signed, although identities will not be divulged if the writer so requests.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO

August 26, 1910

In preparing the fireworks for the coming State Fair, Sept. 19 to 24, the Gregory Fireworks Company of Chicago will present to the public many new features which have never before been attempted in this kind of pyrotechny. Fireworks experts have worked for many months preparing the display.

Patrick H. Kelley has been sailing along on a sure, steady course in his campaign for the Governorship of the state. His speeches have attracted no criticism of any candidates and his campaign program is moving along as previously announced.

30 YEARS AGO

August 28, 1930

September 3 has been set as the

Forest Land In Michigan On Increase

Michigan no longer deserves to be called the "cut-over burned over, devastated forest land state." Dr. Paul A. Herbert, chief of the Michigan economic development department's research division, emphatically points out that this unwarranted reference to Michigan's vast northern areas and the Lip per Peninsula is no longer true.

IN 1956 FOR the first time, Michigan led all other Great Lakes states in the production of pulpwood, according to a report just released by the United States forest service. And even then, Dr. Herbert said, only half of the state's annual production is being cut.

Michigan mills used 699,000 cords of pulpwood in 1959, an increase of 27 percent over 1958. Of this 693,000 cords came from Michigan forests, 86,000 cords from Canada and 10,000 cords came from other states.

The report shows that 51 percent more pulp was cut from Michigan forests than was used or imported by Michigan mills. In 1959 the cut from Michigan was 1,053,000 cords. Of this total 447,000 cords went to Wisconsin.

"EVEN WITH THIS excess of cut from Michigan forests to meet the requirements of Michigan and Wisconsin mills, Michigan forests are now producing twice as much pulpwood annually as is being cut," Dr. Herbert said.

One of the chief reasons for Michigan's bright pulpwood picture is that Aspen, once considered a useless species, is now a desirable pulpwood. More than one-third of the pulpwood now cut in the Great Lakes states is Aspen, and 30 percent is cut in Michigan.

date for a meeting of representatives of Troy, Bloomfield, and Southfield townships to discuss at length the fire problem. The situation centers around the village of Birmingham, furnishing fire protection for the three townships.

"More than 2,500 pupils are expected to be enrolled in the Birmingham public schools during the first week which starts officially Tuesday Sept. 2. Superintendent of Schools Clarence Vilett announced today."

The hearing on the petition of Russell Chapman, proprietor of the Birmingham Bowling Alleys, that he be permitted to operate his establishment on Sundays, has been postponed by the Village Commission until next Tuesday because of the absence of Commissioner Robert R. Allen at the regular meeting Monday night.

15 YEARS AGO

August 23, 1945

A walkout of maintenance workers at the local bus station Wednesday morning caused a tieup of Woodward buses on the Pontiac to Detroit runs. The walkout lasted until about noon, when following a conference between the workers and company officials the workers returned to their jobs.

The question of aiding the returning Birmingham veterans to find a home has been set up for study this week by at least two groups and the city commission and city planning commission are expected to give it additional attention during this week and next.

The annual campaign for funds for the Community War Chest is now being organized in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills with the goal set for \$40,000.

STRICTLY FRESH

Geologists report that a mountain in Colorado is on the move—answering a long-needed development in aeronautics: a mountain that ducks.

Just in case you want to read what you wrote with that underwater pen, they've invented a match that strikes when wet.



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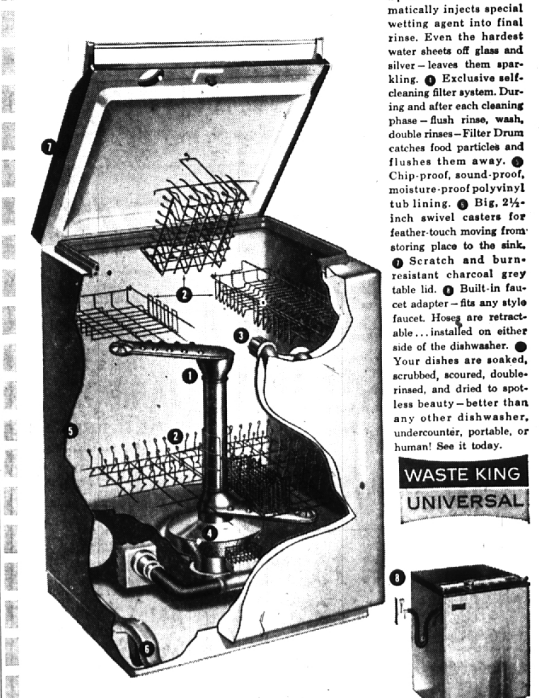
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