

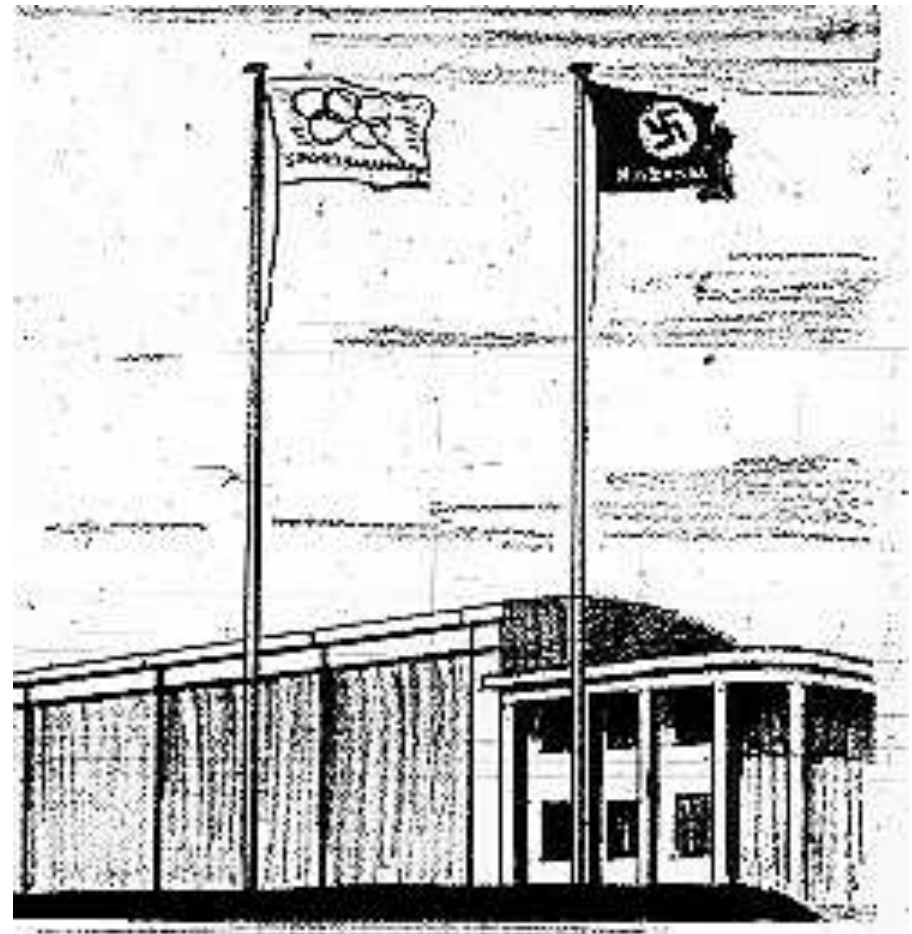
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Jim Crow, the 1936 Berlin Olympics, and Its Aftermath in the US



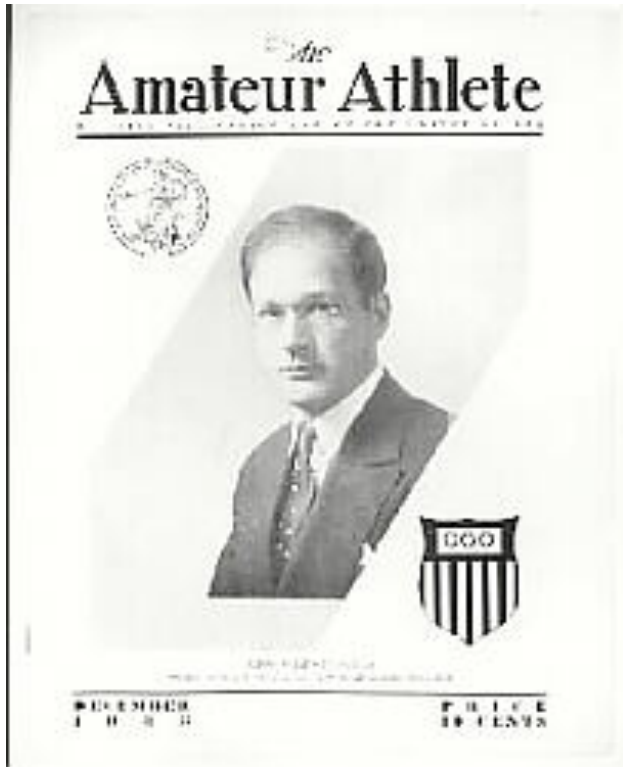
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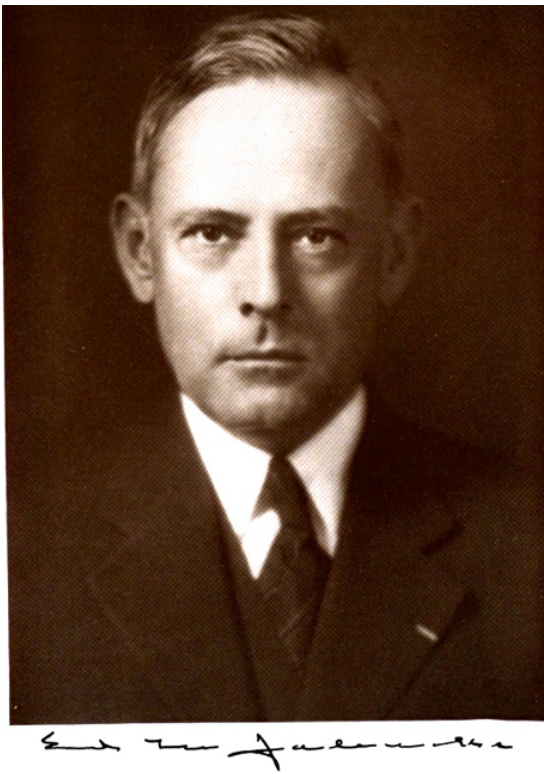
In Favor of Participation

"The Olympic Games belong to the athletes and not to the politicians." - Avery Brundage, President of the American Olympic Committee



Against Participation

“Neither Americans nor the representatives of other countries can take part in the Games in Nazi Germany without at least acquiescing in the contempt of the Nazis for fair play and their sordid exploitation of the Games.” —Ernest Lee Jahncke, American member of the International Olympic Committee, in a letter to Count Henri Baillet-Latour, President IOC, November 25, 1935



Black Voices and the Boycott Debate



THE NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS

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By Powell Savory, Secretary

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Suffering Without Succor

WHEN YOU have toothache, an attack of indigestion, or cut your hand accidentally, you probably dig up some reliable home remedy, call or visit a doctor. That is the normal procedure, provided your ailment does not prompt you to go to one of dozens of hospitals where scientific care and treatment await you.

With all your modern facilities for treatment of the sick and wounded, you probably grow irritated with pain at times and chafe with impatience because a doctor does not hurry to give you relief.

What a contrast with more primitive Ethiopia, where modern physicians and dentists are almost unknown in peace time and where suffering has increased to stupendous proportions because of the war. The war has brought more doctors, nurses and medicine to Ethiopia, but the inhuman policy of Italian legions rendered almost void their effectiveness. The Red Cross emblem has meant no more than a target for the Italian airmen, and they have been deliberate in their efforts to kill every doctor and attaché in the field and to destroy all medical supplies. This we have a people who suffer economically in peace, writhing under pain of bullet wounds, disease, gas and bombs. The wounded are not exempt, for many hospital tents have been destroyed by bombers, with patients being wiped out along with all other persons in the vicinity.

Every person who knows the meaning of pain, every Negro who has been relieved by medicine and all should be moved to provide assistance for the Red Cross of Ethiopia.

If you know the horror of blood, the pain of a simple injury, what of the Ethiopians bring with legs gone or jaws shot away?

You can help by sending your contribution—money, old linen and sterilized cotton—to United Aid for Ethiopia, 2388 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

Visit Us More Often

CONVOCAION of the church's quadrennial conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church here should prove interesting and of mutual benefit to both delegates and citizens of the city, which will play the role of host. The A. M. E. Church is probably our oldest American Negro institution, and its first seed was sown in 1787, when the Free African Society was organized. This group, of course, resolved into St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, but Richard Allen, one of the leaders and father of Negro Methodism, turned to the church he liked most and eventually Church in Philadelphia in 1816.

The A. M. E. Church has had no general conference here since 1921, when emancipation in forward New York State had been an accomplished fact for only five years. Millions groined under the lash of servitude in the South.

Today the church is a mighty institution, with 850,000 members in 1,000 congregations. Its influence extends throughout the nation and into a half-dozen

The Soapbox

Stupidity of Nazism
Germany's New Barbarism
Only Church Fights Grip
Sold Out by Athletes

BY A. CLAYTON FOWLER, JR.

IT IS STRICTLY prohibited to make cars which were directly or indirectly bought from Jews in the village hall. Other cars from stables occupied by Jews' cattle must be observed for one year.

This is just another example of the Nazi selfishness. Unfortunately, the story is not always one of humor. Its plot runs deeper into the core of human liberties and life itself. It not only cuts into the very heart of Jewish in Germany, but also threatens many another point with its bloody shadow. It is an assault on civilization.

Nazism destroys political equality, suppresses religious freedom, perverts education, degrades culture, persecutes Jews, Christians, Negroes, pacifists and liberalists alike, threatens world peace, endures labor, debases women, disfranchises minorities, and is invading the world through its Brown International. This reversion to barbarism is a distinct challenge to the thinking world. The persecution of the Jew alone should be sufficient to demand the fullest support of every individual not living under the Swastika, but Nazi barbarism strikes at others, too.

NEGROES are not allowed to broadcast from any radio station; musicians and performers are banned from the Third Reich, and accommodations are difficult to obtain for Negro tourists. The mass sterilization in Cologne of Negro children is one of the latest atrocities committed in the name of the western culture.

Recently a new term has been coined—"Judenrein"—Jew-free! The origin of this renouncing from the Nazi Propaganda Ministry is in the hands of the Committee Against Jewish Emigration in the 1936 Olympics. It was published in a recent pamphlet of this committee which said that it was a member.

It is imperative that the 12,000,000 Negroes of America and the hundreds of millions of the darker people of the world should be organized into a half-dozen

Congress: Please Note

By CHASE

Watchtower

Leadership of Church
Depressing Social Order
Reigning Great Blindness
What of Revolution

By DR. WILFRED BAKER

WITH THIS article, I initiate a series calculated to discuss the place of the Christian Church among Negroes in America. Conviction and constructive help are the aim.

For some time past, the entire world has been faced to face with a supreme crisis. Everywhere, men are crying out for reconstruction—reconstruction along economic, political, social, moral and religious lines. Among these almost values may be heard those of Negroes—some vibrant with hope, others chilled with despair. Europe is looking for guidance in the difficult situations confronting us on every hand. Amid all this unrest, what part is being played by the Church among Negroes?

It needs but little argument to support the view that Negroes are justified in looking to the Church for leadership in this crisis. Since the early days of emancipation from slavery in this land, the Church has taken an almost central place in the lives of Negroes. For weel or woe, they have in general clung to it with a holding in unity of purpose. But has it in these many years, been fully up to its opportunity?

TRUE, IT has been filled with enthusiasm; it has prayed; it has supported the needy; it has even had startling good intentions. At times, we are even a magnified as to believe that, one possessing these intentions, we are relieved of the need of thinking. It remains a fact, however, that the intentions can in no wise be made a substitute for action.

What the Negro Church (and, for that matter, the Church Universal) needs at this hour, what it has long needed, is a body of level-headed leaders, who shall devote themselves to sane, solid and sustained thinking on the numerous political, social, economic and moral problems of our day.

These problems have long been crying out for solutions. But in

Jewish American Athletes



Should America refuse to participate in the Olympic games which are to be held in Germany this coming year?

YES

43%

NO

57%

(Source: AIPO; March 23, 1935)

Black Athletes at the Olympics



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