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

Resources and Approaches from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
The Debate to Boycott 1936 Olympics
"The Olympic Games belong to the athletes and not to the politicians." - Avery Brundage, President of the American Olympic Committee
“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
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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