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Along the Sports Horizon

Should America withdraw from the 1936 Olympics? That's the question facing across the mid-summer sports ...

The 1936 Olympic games, as you know, are scheduled in Berlin and the Nazi religious drive has created an extremely awkward situation ...

Undoubtedly the American Olympic team will be comprised of a certain number of Catholics and Jews. The proponents of the withdrawal at once point out that we can't consistently send these Catholic and Jewish athletes into a country in which the activities of their religion brethren are not tolerated.

A compelling factor in their stand is the recent Nazi order dissolving the Catholic youth movement, a nation-wide German organization devoted solely to athletics.

It is definitely known already that there will be no Jews on the German team. Government officials declared that they haven't qualified in the preliminaries run off for places on the team, American sports writers are finding it extremely difficult to swallow that official explanation.

Some of our leading Catholic periodicals including the Commonweal have come out for outright withdrawal. German officials are so insistent on this that the entire country will have to take cognizance of it.

It stands to reason that the AAU may encounter difficulty in getting financial support under these circumstances. While heavy action in this matter seems to be inadvisable, the AAU certainly should take cognizance of the German religious situation and attempt to arrange to play the games with a question mark fully as big and as bold as the Nazi swastika itself.

A smiling fat man batted phosphorescent balls into the darkened waters at Jones Beach until his performance took on the appearance of a one-man Fourth of July celebration.

The jammed stands shook with applause. Hero-worshipping kids jumped into the water, retrieved the balls and begged for the fat man's autograph. And he obliged.

Yes, you've guessed it. The fat man was none other than George Herman Ruth, late of the New York Yankees and Boston Braves. Out of baseball for several months, the Bambino is still as much of a hero as ever - still the baseball idol whose feat will never cease to play in the impressionable minds of America's youngsters.

They say that Ruth has outlived his usefulness on the baseball diamond. Probably the spindled legs are tottering under the weight of years. Maybe his eyes are glazed by the curtain of time. But certainly his popularity still shines forth mightily in the baseball skies.

I don't think Ruth has outlived his usefulness. Not that I dispute the facts that he's not the Babe of yesterday - sure, he's a different ball player in the lineup of a major league team. But he could be carried very profitably by some team as a sort of home run hitter.

92 BOYS ENJOY, WITH ZEST, LIFE AT CONESUS DIOCESAN BOYS' CAMP

Ninety-two boys are enrolled in Encampment "C" at Camp Stella Maris, diocesan boys' camp on Conesus Lake which will end Sunday. These boys come from various parts of the diocese and even outside the diocese to participate in the varied activities properly supervised at the camp.

They have been enjoying hiking, swimming, baseball, the new toboggan slide and have been participating in the religious exercises all included in the well-rounded camp program.

Encampment "C" included these boys: Gerald Dorsey, Jack Cahill, Richard Whalen, Robert F. Belet, Ernest O'Neill, Jr., Howard Watson, William Watson, Tom McLean, Jerry McLean, William F. Meier, Paul Kaminski, Charles F. Mallick, William E. Kober, 3rd, Frank W. Cullen, Ralph J. Cullen, Michael Voelkl, Joseph Voelkl, Carlton Servas, Nicholas Alletto, Frank Marassa.

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They tell them about the current heresies, materialism, socialism and communism. And by telling it is not enough to merely mention doctrines or abstract theories, produce books written by these people, read from their writings, quote them directly. This is a good antidote. The Evidence Guild impersonates the enemy and the speaker heckles the class with the arguments used by the enemy. This gives confidence to the pupils for they realize then that the Church is unafraid of objections and always has an answer.

Appropos of this subject we have heard much praise for the apologetics course given at the Aquinas Institute. And this praise is from the pupils and not the teachers. It gives the boys confidence to know what they will meet in a few years and it allows the professor to answer questions of the more precocious. This is not tempting pupils; they will meet the objections anyway and meet them in a way that is one-sided. Here they are forewarned and forearmed. To put blinders on a mind does not solve the problem; it makes the crisis more acute.

CAMP STELLA MARIS: What game is played most at Camp? King of the Hill. The table is in use from morning until night. Yet for a few dollars and a little work any boy can make a good table. Doubly wood is needed as the table must stand on one section. The table board can be laid over any dining room table and the arena is set. To test our new arena we had a fire drill at 1 a. m. A fire smudge made everyone cough and choke. Even some of the counselors did not know that it was only a drill. Everyone was out of the house within two minutes. But how they jump when that siren goes! Some boys were out of the house before they knew that they were awake. One camper was quite disappointed when he learned that it was only a drill. He wanted to see the boys out of the house. It is going better than ever this year under the expert supervision of Ray Wahl. In the first three weeks over 100 of raw material was sold in the Lake. Besides this purchased material, many projects are made with free material such as wood, etc. - The Camp acted as host last Thursday to Archbishop Forman and his entourage. Father Casey. We have several boys from Buffalo, one from Williamsport, Pa., one from New York. - The difficulty with having twins at Camp is that you cannot tell them apart. The boys and the Flanagan family resemble each other very closely. One of the counselors suggested that we have them photographed. Our official will be held this year during the last week in August. It will be on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon.

It is foolish to educate our young people in the Faith and neglect to carry them out in the most earnest games although he has William and Barnes ready for action. Loss of Jack Kramble, a rugged second sacker is a serious blow at this juncture and a distinct disadvantage. Much depends on the pitchers. Larry Healey and Hughie Marks. Hitting just about the best in the league. Only weakness seems to be a lack of a pitcher but even smart pitchers must have support.

Donating of a star-studded lineup, the boys just don't seem to be any means out of the ordinary battle and a dangerous opponent for every championship aspirant.

O. L. P. H. - Even with two wins and as many losses in the first month of the second half. Failure of Bert Morgan's comeback attempt hurt the team. Ernie Rehnberg of a star pitcher but even smart pitchers must have support.

From now to the end of the season the game will be a crucial one on almost every pitch. They have been destined for a great finale in a great season in the field. The most important position of present-day baseball is the pitcher. The League makes it extremely difficult to analyze the present situation of the pitcher because he is being over-

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