



# SPORT RAYS

By HAL STRAIGHT

**E**VER since the time King Nebuchadnezzar II deported the Jews to Babylon, I think it was about 587 B.C., this race has been sort of booted around and about so that even now they are still a racial football.

At random I recall from my school days fetchin' up that the Spanish, during the middle ages, would have none of these keen business men; then the Plantagenet Kings tried to throw them out of England but when they up and took all their cash with them England was so poor they allowed them to come back again.

Before the war the Russians wouldn't allow the Jews even a job as a Volga boatman or sulphur digger in Siberia and now, after all these years of persecution, Germany takes a crack at this scattered but sensational race and hangs a smallpox sign on all of them.

This is not an excuse to prove that those long hours after school to eradicate undone homework for Historian R. R. Kersey really brought results. It is an entree to the Olympic Games question where Germany has decided all Jews are on a blacklist and won't be tolerated.

Shylock wanted a pound of flesh and now in a day, of what is supposed to be advanced civilization, Germany wants a whole race of it.

It has come to pass that the Jew has been accepted in most all countries, particularly English speaking countries. They are firmly established.

very firmly. They vote, and generally they are quite ordinary citizens.

Their cliques no doubt are resultant of years of persecution and disrespect, but that is neither here nor there.

## Americans Naturally Hollering Loud

Neither is it here nor there that you may or may not care for this race. The point is they have been accepted in our affairs and in the United States, where you have a mixed sort, their prominence has entered into sport so that a great part of the Yankee Olympic games' attack will be Jewish.

So naturally the American are making an awful holler about Germany's threat to blacklist the Jews from the games. This holler has been going on in the press for some time. Up till now this department has heeded the Jewish question not, because big sport affairs nowadays have a hab't of stirring up controversy for publicity reasons and the past has proven that neither feelings nor race is spared.

However, it appears Herr Hitler is not fooling when he says the Jews must stay away from his door. In addition all the controversy in the States regarding boycott by them of the Olympic games, both pro and con, is serious.



Herr Hitler

## The Olympics Don't Belong to Hitler

Personally, now, I think it is a serious affair myself. No doubt you do, too. A game is a game, no matter the color or creed. All men are equal at the start of a game, and have always been considered so in the Olympics.

In addition, the first purpose of the Olympic games—now rather obsolete it seems, as it is only an excuse for international advertising—was to further athletics. The Olympics were supposed to supply incentive to young blood streams and thus induce more to take part in health giving exercises.

So for this reason alone there should be no exclusion of the Jews at the Olympics in Germany next year. Primarily they are as good as their athletic ability.

Then, too, we have accepted the Jews in everyday life. If they fit in with our scheme of things, no matter what is their status in Germany, who is Herr Hitler to say they should be excluded from the games? The Olympics do not belong to Hitler, nor Germany. They belong to the world and are just being staged in Germany at that country's request because it brings great beneficial returns. Hitler is being done a favor.

## Beautiful Tradition Calls for Boycott

So in conclus'on of this subject, which I dislike dealing with, I suggest all the flags be put together, made into a nice bright blanket and wrapped around Herr Hitler's head, thus boycotting his athletic plans and waiting for the Olympic games until another year.

Nobody has the right to interfere with such a beautiful tradition as the Olympics.

**A. C. H.—Did Frank Boucher ever play professional hockey in Vancouver?**

Boucher played for Frank Patrick's Vancouver team until they were all sold to the East and has been with the Rangers ever since.

**E. J. J.—Is Arnold Henderson, former Varsity basketballer, coach of Edmonton Grads?**

Henderson at present is assistant coach of the Grads. He will help Percy Paige until after the Olympic games when Paige will quit. He just wants another trip. Incidentally, Henderson is doing okay with Paige.