

# Current Events IN REVIEW

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## Olympic Games Formally Opened in Berlin

WITH spectacular ceremony the Olympic Games were officially opened in Berlin when a graceful runner bearing the Olympic flame that had been started from Greece dashed into the stadium, lowered the silver torch before Reichsfuehrer Hitler and kindled the sacred fire in a great cresset. Then came the formal parade of the athletes of fifty nations, nattily uniformed and marching with precision while guns boomed and bands blared. Some of the foreign groups gave the Hitler salute as they passed by the chancellor. Others did not. Among the latter were the Americans, who placed their straw hats on their left breasts and marched by with eyes right. Nor was the American flag depicted before the fuhrer, the explanation being that this was done only before the President. The American contingent was greeted by an outburst of whistling which the knowing declared meant "the raspberry." But on the whole the affair was decidedly successful.



Adolf Hitler

In the first day's contests the United States started things with a rush. Jesse Owens, Ohio State's colored star, broke the Olympic and world records in winning his heat in the 100-meter dash; and Johnson, who is from California, set a new Olympic record of 2.03 meters. In some other events the Americans did well, and in yet others they were eliminated. In the 100 meter finals Owens won and Metcalfe of Chicago was second. Helen Stephens of Missouri, in winning two heats of the women's 100 meter event, broke the world record both times. By a vote of 36 to 27 Tokio won the Olympic games for 1940, Finland being the losing bidder. The Americans, South America and the British empire were virtually solid for Japan, which offered a transportation subsidy of about \$485,000 to offset costs of traveling in the Far East. The Finns urged that the games be returned to a Spartan simplicity.

**Lewis and Allies Absent**  
When A. F. of L. Council Meets  
JOHN L. LEWIS, head of the United Mine Workers, and his 11 associates on the Committee for Industrial Organization, made good their promise not to be present when the executive council of the American Federation of Labor met to try them on charges of "insurrection." The council members were plainly angered by this defiance and it was predicted they would proceed to find the defendants guilty "in absentia" and to suspend the unions in the Lewis group. This would be the greatest split in the ranks of American organized labor since the federation was formed fifty years ago. It would mean the loss of about one-third of the federation's membership.

Previous to the meeting of the council President William Green in an impassioned speech accused Lewis and his followers of substituting "jungle law" for democracy in their efforts to organize the steel industry. He said he was prepared to make any personal sacrifice, even to resigning his office, to bring about peace and "bind up the wounds."

**Col. Roosevelt Willing to Run for Governor**  
NEW YORK Republicans are to nominate a candidate for governor at their party convention in September, and Col. Theodore Roosevelt has said in a letter that was made public that he is willing to accept that honor if the party so desires.

Colonel Roosevelt, now forty-eight years old, was the Republican candidate for governor in 1924 and was defeated by Alfred E. Smith. Since then he has been governor of Puerto Rico and governor-general of the Philippines.

**Puerto Rico Nationalists Are Found Guilty**  
PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS, leader of the Puerto Rican Nationalist party, and seven of his associates were found guilty at San Juan of a conspiracy to overthrow the United States government in the island by force and were sentenced by Federal Judge R. A. Cooper to prison terms ranging from two to six years. In the first trial of these men the jury had disagreed. The defense attorneys gave notice of appeal.

The case originated in a clash between Nationalists and police last October in which several persons were slain. Following this, Col. E. Francis Riggs, chief of insular police, was murdered, presumably in revenge for the killing of Nationalists in the October fight.

**New Locarno Pact May Give Europe Security**  
WHILE the nations of Europe were worrying over the Spanish rebellion and the danger that it might bring about open rupture among the Fascist and anti-Fascist governments of the continent, steps were taken to assure peace. Germany and Italy accepted the invitation of Great Britain, France and Belgium to participate in a conference this fall from which it is hoped another and better Locarno pact will emerge.

No date for the conference has been set, but it was expected to be held either just before or soon after the meeting of the league of nations assembly in Geneva in September.

**Zioncheck Does Not Seek Re-election to Congress**  
HEREAFTER Washington will have to get along without the excitement provided by the antics of Marion A. Zioncheck of Seattle, Wash. That eccentric—to put it mildly—gentleman has announced that he is not a candidate for re-election, because of his mother's ill health, and says he wants to be America's forgotten man. Zioncheck has settled down to private law practice.

**Progress of Revolution in Spanish Republic**  
GEN. FRANCISCO FRANCO'S rebel forces in Spain, according to late reports, were pressing the government troops seriously and winning some bloody encounters. This despite the claims of Madrid that the Fascists had been checked. The rebel columns advancing on the capital from the south were reported to be threatening communications between Madrid and the eastern coast at Valencia and Alicante, chief sources of the government's food supplies. Leaders of the insurgents claimed they held Huelva, important seaport, and all the territory between Seville and the Portuguese border.

The government, now a red dictatorship, has taken possession of all church property and assumed control of all industry and agriculture. It also has confiscated the merchant marine to form a defense fleet. The loyalists were encouraged by victories in and around San Sebastian.

Fascist Italy has been accused of aiding the Spanish rebels, and it is asserted a number of Italian bombing planes were sent to them in Morocco. The leftist French government naturally is in sympathy with the Madrid government and Frenchmen, unarmed, have been given permission to cross the border to aid in putting down the rebellion. German and Russian sympathies, also, are ranged on opposite sides, and all this caused fears that a general war might result. France called on all other nations to preserve neutrality, and Spain warned Italy and Germany to keep hands off.

Day by day the struggle in Spain became bloodier and more ruthless. Summary executions of prisoners were common on both sides and these deaths were probably as numerous as those in battle. The government planes showered bombs on the rebel strongholds, virtually destroying many towns; and the Fascist bombers engaged in desperate fights with loyal warships.

**President Roosevelt's Vacation Is Ended**  
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ended his 437 mile cruise when his yacht docked at Campobello island, New Brunswick, where he has a summer home.

Mr. Roosevelt remained at Campobello only two days and then took a special train to Quebec, where he visited with Lord Tweedsmuir, governor general of Canada. Immediately after this meeting, Mr. Roosevelt took train for his summer residence in Hyde Park, N. Y., and there began mapping the plans for his campaign for re-election. Half a dozen leaders of the Democratic party, including National Chairman James A. Farley, were summoned into conference with their chief. The President also obtained from Secretary Wallace and Chester Davis a report on drought conditions and relief needs.

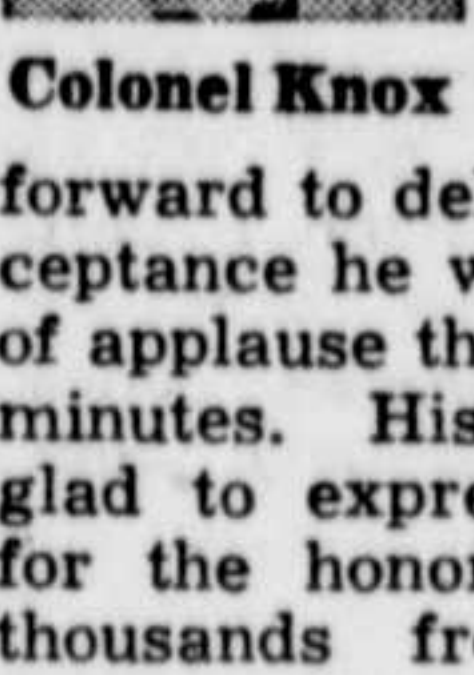
## Smaller Scale Projects in New PWA Program

EMPHASIS is placed on smaller scale projects to be completed speedily, in the third building program of the public works administration, which was opened by the allotment of \$22,742,034 by President Roosevelt. It includes 352 projects in 37 states, and the largest of these is a courthouse for New York city to cost the government \$4,835,000. The average allotment is only \$64,323.

Secretary Ickes, PWA administrator, said that, in addition to 45 per cent donation, PWA will lend \$2,142,000 to help communities defray their 55 per cent share of the cost. President Roosevelt has ordered that all projects "be commenced by October 1, 1936, reach a peak by the end of the year and be completed by October 1, 1937."

## Frank Knox Notified of His Nomination

FACING an enthusiastic crowd completely filled the big Chicago stadium, Col. Frank Knox received from Senator Steiwer of Oregon the official notification of his nomination for the vice presidency by the Republican party. National Chairman John Hamilton introduced the senator, who spoke briefly but forcefully and with his customary eloquence. As Colonel Knox stepped forward to deliver his speech of acceptance he was greeted by a roar of applause that continued for many minutes. His fellow citizens were glad to express their gratification for the honor done him, and the thousands from outside Chicago were no less warm in their appreciation of the candidate.



Colonel Knox

In the streets surrounding the stadium was another vast throng of people who, unable to get into the building, listened to the proceedings as broadcast by a loud-speaker system.

Unlike Governor Landon, Colonel Knox devoted much of his address to the alleged failures of the Roosevelt administration which, he said, had the most glorious opportunity in the history of the nation but ignored its responsibility, failed in its job and defaulted in its obligations.

"From the day that it took office," he declared, "it embarked on a series of hysterical experiments on the economic life of a burdened people. At a time when universal co-operation was a necessity it embarked on a campaign of abuse and vilification of business men. At a time when the credit of the country should have been strengthened it inaugurated a policy of credit adulteration and currency experiment that demoralized foreign trade and frightened domestic finance. It set up a system of regimentation of industry that reduced production and prevented re-employment. By coercion of congress it forced the passage of reform measures so recklessly drawn that they hamstrung the revival of enterprise and paralyzed the renewal of investment. It installed a regimentation of agriculture that destroyed food and reduced foreign markets and increased the cost of living and multiplied the expense of relief."

"At a time when private industry was struggling desperately for a new start it set up governmental enterprise to compete with private business. At a time when the burden of taxation was already hard to bear it embarked on a policy of squandering public funds and increasing the weight of taxes. At a time when united effort and mutual good-will would have completed recovery it promoted sectional hatred and class strife. At a time when returning business confidence was ending depression it began a campaign to terrorize business and subjugate the banks. At a time when confidence in the character of government was vital it established a spoils system."

"No one can define the New Deal or even describe it. But we know what it means. It means federal control over local business, over local bank credit, over local wages, over local conditions of work. It leads to federal regimentation of the labor, the business, and the home of every American citizen. It leads to price-fixing and production control by federal authority. It leads inevitably to the extinction of the small business man, to the end of free enterprise in America."

**Government Crop Report Shows Drought Damage**  
THE WEEKLY crop report and a weather summary of the Department of Agriculture revealed that the drought and high temperature were playing havoc with the corn crop in most of the leading producing states. In some sections there will not even be fodder and over a much larger area no grain will be obtained this year. There were good rains, however, in parts of the central and eastern areas and improvement was noted there in both corn and pasturage.

The present drought in Iowa, the department said, has caused greater damage to corn than that of 1934. The summary reported almost complete destruction of the crop in two southern and two western tiers of counties.



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## Memory of McGraw and Earlier Days Crowds Out Present

WHEN memories stiek with you while you should be doing something else, there is only one solution. So you are stuck with them today.

The time when Benny Leonard, who must have weighed 160 pounds, was obtaining publicity for his vaudeville tour by letting it be known that he might soon defend his lightweight title. His very proper indignation when I suggested that my customers might be easier to convince if he would stand on the scales and indicate which leg he was willing to have cut off so that he could reduce to the 135-pound limit.

There was the year when I was a very young and wise apprentice reporter in Baltimore. Then I thought that all New York sports writers must be phonies. That was because of a firm belief that such names as Damon Runyon, Bozeman Bulger, Hype Igoe could not possibly be real.

There was the time when I first met John McGraw. A ninth-inning decision had cost the Giants a ball game while they were batting for a pennant late in the season. Naturally I expected to hear numerous inside facts concerning baseball and umpires. Instead he took me to dinner and devoted two hours to talking about the high cost of steam yachts and the pleasure that might be obtained by owning one. Not once during the evening did he refer to the ball game or the decision that had meant its loss to the Giants.



John McGraw

The time when, after a very delightful evening with Jim Thorpe, I shook hands with him at 5 A. M. and solemnly promised that his football career would be crowned by an opportunity to play against Bradley in the professional contest that afternoon. The memory that Jim, although already somewhat old and rather fat, played a swell game. I forget the rest.

The baseball club which was somewhat annoyed at the way a star was conducting his spring training. The daily search that was made of his room while he was at the ball park and the private detective who trailed him until he went to the room at nights. The wondering as to why the star always appeared so shaky the next morning. The night I looked out the window and saw the very obscure rookie who roomed directly above the star dangling a quart bottle on the end of a rope.

That year in Baltimore when I inaugurated the city amateur boxing championship tournament which has been copied so profitably elsewhere since then. The bootlegger who withdrew his son from the finals because he became angry at the army captain who was representing the A. A. U. as master of ceremonies. The Police department team which went on a sympathetic strike along with the gentlemen who sold very good stuff at 50 cents a shot.

That year when there was so much talk about the International league being a one-man enterprise and Judge Landis' official pronouncement that such tales were all the bunk. The great self-strait I used in not revealing that a few days previously I had been in the same room while Jack Dunn, officially the Baltimore owner, had issued orders which fired an umpire, two Jersey City ball players and one from Newark. The fact that I spent two hours in persuading Dunnie, who was a wee bit excitable at times, that he should not also fire the president.

That evening when Wladek Zbyszko threw Renato Gardini at me because somehow I became so suspicious as to hint that all wrestling matches are not made in heaven.

The time when the very agreeable Bradley agreed to box a four-round exhibition for charity and discovered, too late, that the setup was Kid Williams, who was just getting over being bantamweight champion of the world.

## NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

THE weaker clubs will make a determined fight for a share of the wealth plan when the major leagues meet next winter. They claim that they provide half the show even when they visit Yankee stadium. So, they argue, visiting clubs should get a better break than the 20 cents on each paid admission arrangement which has been in effect since the 1890's. Sam McQuade, who now makes matches at the Garden, once was an altar boy. . . . Uncle Sam's roving politos have definitely decided not to enter a team in the Olympics, but the British, seeking consolation for their Westchester Cup defeat, will send the same 32-goal side to Berlin. . . . Pete Gilhooly, Scotland's celebrated all-around athlete, now trains the Flushing Juniors, runners-up in the Empire State Junior (soccer) league.

Don Petrin, the light-heavyweight, wants the world to know that he now is the daddy of a nine-pound boy. Also that, because he needs more dough than can be had in his father-in-law's bakery, he would like to receive some fight offers. It costs \$3,000 a night to stage those midget auto races in the Garden bowl. . . . International league writers and managers put on even better scraps than the ball clubs. Right now Pilot Vitt of Newark is being panned because he is too hard boiled, while Guy Sturdy of the Orioles gets a blast for being too easy going. . . . Al Lane, star Hill school fullback and brother of the former Princeton football captain, has just failed to receive the proper nod from the entrance committee at Old Nassau. He still has a chance to make the grade in the fall.

Dr. Bier, the Pompton Lakes health farmer, claims a record at which all other fight camp proprietors can aim. During the sixteen years he has been conducting the place, no referee ever has counted ten over a main bout performer who trained there. . . . One of the more vigorous fight squabbles now concerns the Braddock-Schmeling picture rights. . . . If the Garden gets the show Harry Voiler probably will get the call. If it is under Hearst A. C. auspices the break will go to the justly celebrated Bill Duffy. . . . Possible successors to the late Charley Knapp as president of the International league are either Secretary Willie Manley or Umpire in Chief Bill Carpenter.

## Ruppert Has Heaviest Insurance on Stadium

Colonel Ruppert carries more insurance (a bigger sum and more different varieties) on Yankee stadium than does any other big-time club owner. . . . When Charlotte Epstein skipped the Olympic trials she set some kind of a record. It was the first major swimming meet in these parts that the very capable coach has missed in years. . . . In Detroit they whisper that Mickey Cochrane and Schoolboy Rowe are so far apart temperamentally, that, for the good of all concerned, the potentially great pitcher will be traded this winter. . . . Jimmy Calleran of the Bushwicks soon will dangle a little second-sacker on his knee. . . . Although he is not quite so brash when speaking for publication, Coach Al Ulbrickson confides to friends that Washington's Olympic crew will crack the record set by the 1928 California boat.



Colonel Ruppert

The biggest better at metropolitan tracks is a young man who once seemed to be headed toward golfing stardom. He plops down as much as 50 C's on a race. . . . Aside from the fact that the best Cards' farm outfielder is a Joe Medwick type of kid named Lou Scoffie, the Dodgers gave away a lot of weight when they traded the giant Earnshaw. Eddie Morgan, who eventually will arrive at Brooklyn as part of that deal, is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds. It is because they are overstocked with one-base-hitting guys of that size that the Dodgers are in the cellar now. . . . In addition to being a distinguished surgeon, Dr. G. Randolph Manning is one of the grand old men of soccer. He was the first president of the U. S. F. A.

At dinner recently when a group of very well-informed baseball men were discussing the merits of the two major leagues this proposition was set forth: "The Cubs won the pennant last year while the Yankees finished second in their own loop. Suppose you owned the Yankees and, during the winter, you were told that you could have the pick of the Cubs to strengthen your club. Leave pitchers and Di Maggio out of it. This is a deal where you would have to swap a regular for a regular." The unanimous answer to that was that the difference between their ages might make a Billy Herman-Tony Lazzeri deal very attractive. Otherwise the American leaguers could not improve themselves.

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## Memorial to Crusoe

The government of Chile has decided to make a national park of Robinson Crusoe's island in the Pacific, Juan Fernandez. The cave where lived Alexander Selkirk, the original of Robinson Crusoe, the lookout from which he watched for passing ships, and his other associations will now be in the care of keepers, and guides will be available for visitors to the island. Alexander Selkirk, the son of a Scots shoemaker, ran away to sea and rose to be sailing master in one of Captain Dampier's privateers in the South Seas. In September, 1704, he quarreled with his captain and had himself landed with his effects on the uninhabited island of Juan Fernandez. He lived there till January, 1709, when Captain Wodes Rogers took him on board. Captain Rogers told his story in a book three years later, and it was mostly from this account that Defoe built up his immortal story for boys.

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