

THE SPIRIT OF SPORTS

Americans are sports - loving people. They enjoy the spirit of keen competition, whether participating or sitting in the grandstand. The sight of thousands of cheering enthusiasts jumping to their feet to view a spectacular play is thrilling.

Even when the American spirit of competition was moved to the war fronts, the desire for clean sport clung to Uncle Sam's fighting men.

Ranking officers of the various services have cooperated in treating the servicemen and war workers in Hawaii to fine athletic contests. Top-notch performers in baseball, football, tennis and swimming have been presented to the fans and the sports programs here have been as attractive as anywhere in the world.

The American boys have demonstrated their spirit on the battle fronts—they have not been found wanting. Yet, there is something about the American youth's desire for competition. He likes it clean, played by the rules of the game and when everything is over—a good handshake with his opponent. That is the American spirit that must prevail for all time.