

ROTATE THE CENTER JUMP

In a world monopolized by jeep drivers, machine gunners, parachute ~~squadrons~~ <sup>battalions</sup>

and bomb throwers one might seem a bit picayunish in opening a provocative

discussion of a <sup>rule-change</sup> ~~rule change~~ in the competitive sport of basketball ~~and~~ were it

not that the permanent health of our great army of young basketball players is

<sup>at stake.</sup> ~~being endangered.~~ Recent research studies made in various parts of the United

<sup>I</sup> ~~under the present center jumpless game of basketball,~~  
States indicate that there is serious physical injury being done to adolescents.

~~under the present center-jumpless game of basketball.~~ In view of the fact that

there are millions of participants in this game these findings are alarming. <sup>More</sup>  
<sup>youth are playing basket ball today than any other game.</sup>  
18,000,000 people all over the world were playing the ~~game of basketball~~ before

the somnambulistic New Yorkers were awakened to the ~~fact~~ fact by Ned Irish's Madi-

son Square Garden giant double-headers.

Multitudes of physicians and health officers are protesting against ~~killer-~~

basketball. By eliminating the center jump the game has been speeded up from

20 to 30%. These able men contend that the game was already fast enough for the

<sup>II</sup> physical welfare of the participants; and further, that no matter how carefully

checked these boys are there will be some whose hearts will not stand the

present strain. They go further and say that the <sup>damaging</sup> ~~untoward~~ effects of present-