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 Chadwick the director of the local Y.M.C.A. declared that the game of basketball would not be played there because he believed that the game should be enjoyed by more than just ten players. He believed that a sport should be for the masses rather than just five or ten players. So the local youths went down to the empty warehouse and rented it. They started playing the game here and slowly it became an attraction. In order to help pay the rent they charged admission and this is the first instance of making this a professional sport.

Dr. Naismith spoke before the 21 teams that represented their various nations in the '36 Olympics. He said that only two of the teams were able to understand him. The importance that he saw in basketball in the Olympic was the fact that here were the Chinese and the Japs playing together; the English and the Arabians. He told them that they were assembled to see which one was the best. Only one could take away the recognition as the best but the cementing of good fellowship was the important factor in this sport. He said that he was greatly ~~xxxxxxx~~ inspired in the friendly attitude that existed between the various players. This is the idea which he would like to have enlarged. The game that started to keep a few roudy gym students in place becomes a factor in promulgating good will between the various nations of the world.

Minor notes- **Dr.** Naismith has never played an official game of basketball in his life. He did not envision the game that is being played today. His idea was to give the players a chance to play. The game has reached a specialization that he never foresaw due to its popularity with spectators. Since the