

publicly owned and operated. Elaborate club houses and expensive courses are not required. The game may be enjoyed when holes are laid out over the natural contour of the land. Nine holes, or even six holes, would be enough to start the game in many communities here and in foreign lands.

Up until this date no effort of any consequence has been made to convert the world to golf. Only in America and Britain has golf begun to develop into a people's game. The little golf played in other countries has been confined to a few private clubs, far too expensive for the people. These clubs have been located only in large foreign cities and were patronized by British and American diplomats and a handful of the wealthy people among the citizens.

Your correspondent has never heard of any attempt whatever to introduce golf to the people of a foreign land.

Russia, with its vast space, should present an especially attractive field for the development of golf in a big way. The Russians, along with their tremendous war effort, gave considerable time to sports, and mountain climbing, skiing and some other popular forms of sport were encouraged by the government and were enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of the members of the Soviet Republic.

Golfers could make a great gesture following this war if they organized and sent a commission of golfers, with an architect, professionals and equipment, to introduce the game in Russia. The Golfer's Handbook, published in Edinburgh, Scotland, which lists the golf courses of the world,

does not show a single golf course in all of Russia. This is a real challenge to American golf.

As for our own country. The pattern of past-war golf has already started to shape itself. Before the war golf was gaining ground as a people's game. There is every reason to anticipate that this movement will carry on at a vastly accelerated pace during peace. America, like Russia, is a land of great open spaces. The land is available and the people's appetite is whetted.

Our amateur and professional teams have only begun the series of International matches which in a post-war world can contribute to peace on earth. It should be noted that America and Great Britain have engaged in more International sporting competitions than any other nations; and that in the last two great conflicts, these two nations have been allies. It is not beyond reason to consider that our mutual love of sport has contributed to our friendship when the world has gone to war. It is unthinkable that America and Great Britain could be anything but friends. Sport has contributed to the state of mind which exists between the two powerful nations.

We must give sport to the whole world, and no game presents a better opportunity for such a purpose than golf.

Let us not dwell too often on the physical benefits of golf to a nation. Let us think of the spiritual benefits of a game which can aid in teaching the world sportsmanship and companionship, both of which are anti-war.



## SUNSHINE, FRESH AIR, RELAXATION—LET-DOWN THAT BUILDS 'EM UP

Bigger galleries followed the tournament rounds this year. Below: McSpaden awaits his turn to putt in Chicago's Victory Open at Edgewater GC.

