

FLASHES FROM EVERYWHERE

Austria, home of local traditional dress, held a costume festival near Salzburg; ~~a sign that the country is shaking off the effects of the war.~~ A thousand competitors came ~~to the town~~ from all parts. ~~Most of the costumes have been in the same families for generations.~~

In the Volksgarten they held a display of old-time dancing. Evidently the old-timers didn't care how they looked so long as they enjoyed themselves.

(crowd) It was a glimpse back at the old carefree days when the world knew how to make merry.

Now for wrestling. The occupation army in Tokyo saw Jap heavyweights demonstrate the national sport, Sumo, which was thought to please the Gods centuries ago and has been known in Japan since before Christ. Here's what happens when beef meets beef.

The main bout. The <sup>upstarts</sup> ~~protagonists~~ are on the heavy side, but mere shadows compared with what they were before the war rationed their nourishment. Tough customers if they once get hold of you.

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1. TITLE: 2021st SEASON OF JAPANESE WRESTLING!
2. In Tokyo our GIs take a gander at SUMO - Japanese wrestling that is - performed by ponderous 300-pounders. Sumo is an ancient and traditional Japanese sport - dating back to 73 BC, and full of strange ceremonial gestures with religious overtones.
7. These grotesque calisthenics are supposed to please the heavenly spirits.
9. Now, a little preliminary mugging -(psychological warfare)- and the battle is on! These are wrestlers of championship class. That's what those grass stems at their waists mean. There are 48 well-defined ways for one Fatso to give the other the business.
12. The main bout! The big problem in Tokyo sporting circles is how to keep their wrestlers' weight up, on a pint-a-day ration of rice! Solution? Admiring fans boluntarily share their rice to maintain these heroic waistlines!
16. Now! That's more like the grunt-and-groan boys here at home! Hooray! And Banzai! But who the heck WON?