



## ASP Keeps Luring Suburban Folks

Art Schuett never has enough. He was the strong boy of the scaled-down Olympic Games run by the Cicero Boys Club. Then he took to heaving the shotput for Morton East and the junior college, and collected a share of records.

Now he's an ASP man. It would shock no one if ASP were strange to you. But Schuett and Charley Baley and Tony Leazzo and Jacob VanderMeulen, all of this community, have devoted a great deal of time to it. (Leazzo came to it from black-belt judo circles.)

They're part of an army of some 300 under the tutelage of Dr. Evan Baltazzi down at the West Suburban YMCA in LaGrange.

ASP—or American Self Protection—is supposed to be more effective than judo, simpler to learn, and the coming thing in self-defense, if you heed the Baltazzi dictum.

He's no ordinary man going around teaching ways to maul down an intruder. Not Baltazzi. He's a doctor, an engineer, an intellectual. And what does he do in spare time? Why, teach ways to maul down an intruder.

There are a thousand tricks at his disposal, and he thinks any resident, or almost anyone, can learn them.

Suburban folks have been rushing for lessons, whether or not they feel in danger.

The debonair Baltazzi, who resides in Brookfield, can fool you on appearances.

All his life he has been studying methods of protection. He is a fifth degree black-belt man, and taught and still teaches some judo at the Y, but he's easing students toward ASP which is easier to learn.

ONCE THEY learn it, there won't be anything to stop them, says the doctor. Neither a thief nor masher nor bully.

Is it a way to make the suburbs safer, or build sturdier citizens? The doctor says, "If they never face an attack, at least they are ready to meet any danger."

The doctor grew up in France, studying at the Sorbonne where he was a fencing champ. He took to judo and at Oxford, helped to develop the game as a school endeavor.

He owns degrees in science and philosophy, including a doctorate and masters.

Yes, he can fool you.

Dare act rough with the fellow, and he is apt to demonstrate an ASP trick which will plant you on the good earth with a flick of the wrist.

But you'd get some academic education too, because the doctor can quote out of Aristotle in the process.



DR. BALTAZZI

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