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Statesmen Could Learn from DiMaggio

Just when you're ready to give up looking for a big story without a Communist hidden somewhere in the pile of type, along comes Joe DiMaggio.

Joe proceeds to carve himself an unforgettable niche in 1949 history, and there's not a thing in the world that Stalin or Vishinsky or any of their comrades can do about it.

Of course, making a splash is nothing new to Joltin' Joe, long a fixed star in the baseball heavens. But this time it's different. The big fellow's been having trouble with a bad heel and a lot of people are starting to wonder if he'll ever play again.

Maybe Joe is worried, too. He decides to force the issue a little. He gets a special shoe made for his troublesome right foot. Thus equipped, he edges his way back into the New York Yankees' lineup and goes up to Boston for a meeting with the hot Boston Red Sox team.

It's a crucial spot for DiMag. He's out of condition from inaction and hasn't seen any fancy pitching for months. And here he is, facing a flashy new Red Sox pitcher.

Joe passes his first test with a ringing single and romps over the plate on a teammate's homer. Next time up he finds a mate on base ahead of him. Now he slams a drive over the left field wall to count two runs and give the Yanks' their margin in a 5 to 4 victory.

The fans and the sportswriters cheer the hero's comeback showing. But it isn't enough for Joe, who wants things a bit more definite.

The second day out, the Red Sox leap into a 7 to 1 lead early and seem sure to win. A confident Boston hurler walks a couple of Yanks in the fifth, and up comes DiMaggio again. He plants a big smash over that left wall for his second homer of the series and his team is back in the game.

Soon after that the Yanks make it a 7-7 tie and Joe has another turn. Result: a screaming drive that clears a 60-foot-high wall and screen and wins the game for New York.

Like the others, the third game is close. Leading 3 to 2 in the seventh inning, the Yanks get two men aboard the bases. Once more Joe steps to the plate, this time against Mel Parnell, Boston ace.

With a count of three balls and two strikes, DiMag crashes a terrific liner to left that smacks an electric light tower for a three-run homer and a third straight Yankee triumph.

That's the story. In three games, Joe hits four home runs, all decisive. He collects five hits altogether and drives home nine runs. Single-handed he lumps a sizzling Boston team on its ear. And remember, he's out of practice and he's got a bad heel.

Joe's success was achieved in the tight little baseball world, where events don't resemble too closely the bigger realm of national and world affairs.

In Joe's world, action is direct and conclusive. Usually when you play nine innings you get a result. It is clear—nobody argues about what nine or seven means. Each day's effort produces decision, neat and complete.

Our statesmen might say that, given some talent, achievements in this compact world of Joe's aren't exactly startling. After all, it's only a game.

But we wouldn't agree. Skill and grace and wit and courage are always a lesson, no matter how small their arena. It might be a healthy thing for some of our timorous statesmen to take a good look at Joltin' Joe, a spunky fellow all the way.

LEGAL BOOM

The anti-trust suit brought by the government against the DuPont industrial empire is expected to last for years. Whatever the outcome, the case ought to take up a good deal of the slack in the legal profession. We shouldn't be hearing about any surplus of lawyers for a while.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By Peter Edson
 NEA WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

Clayton Finds Private Business Dull; PX Probe Worries VA Officials

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Former Undersecretary of State Will Clayton is back in Washington wondering about taking another government job. Clayton had to retire from government service because the strain on him was too great. He was advised to take it easier. He went back to his old Anderson-Clayton office in Texas, but found that in his absence the company had learned to run without him. He had nothing to do. Finding private business too dull, he came back to where all the excitement is. VA is Worried.

Veterans' Administration officials are worried lest congressmen confuse vet hospital canteens with Army post exchange stores, currently under investigation on Capitol Hill. VA officials point out that their canteens are operated strictly for the benefit of their hospital patients. Visitors may buy cigarettes for their own convenience, but that's about the limit. VA canteens won't take special orders, even for veterans. That's one of the worst abuses of Army PX stores and it leads to most

criticism from private merchants. Patrons of the service canteens can order expensive items like air conditioning units, and get them at considerable discount, even though they are not carried as regular PX stock.

Internal Combustion

American Farm Bureau Federation has an inside political fight on its hands. Allan B. Kline, Iowa Republican farmer and banker, was elected A. F. B. president in the expectation that Northern Republicans would be in control in Washington for the next few years. Return of the Truman administration and a Democratic Congress has resulted in a movement to have a Southern Democrat head up the Farm Bureau again. Big and blustery Ed O'Neal, now retired to his cotton plantation, was president of the Farm Bureau all through the Roosevelt administration. Kline got pretty rough treatment recently from the House Agriculture Committee, after his testimony against the Brannan farm plan. That's another issue on which officers and small farmer members of the Farm Bureau are split.

May Try Brannan Plan

Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan's farm plan may not be as dead as generally believed. House Agriculture Committee is considering a bill to try out the Brannan plan next year on four perishables—eggs, milk, pork and potatoes. This would be an extension of the Department of Agriculture's original proposal to try out the Brannan plan on pork. Including potatoes would definitely put the Department of Agriculture on the spot, as keeping up potato price levels is already the most costly support operation in the present government program.

"On Reliable Authority"

"Democratic Digest" now quotes Earl Bunting of National Association of Manufacturers as an authority on the effectiveness of some New Deal legislation. A 1947 speech of Bunting's, predicting that there would be no serious depression, has been dug up by the Democrats to prove their point. It quotes the N. A. M. executive as having approved such things as Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Social Security and the economic stabilization program in general. Here are sample quotes: "Stocks are not rocketing past the moon as they did in 1929. Our banks are as liquid today as they were frozen in 1929. . . . We have \$7,000,000,000 in unemployment funds to cushion against and halt any plunge like 1929. . . . We are armed with better weapons which were not available in 1929."

Still No Trouble

Big question insiders were asking when strong man Louis Johnson became Secretary of Defense was whether he could muzzle Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington. Under Forrestal, Symington took the case of his glamorous Air Force direct to Congress, the press and the public. So far, there has been no indication that Symington would go over Johnson's head to get what he wants, and the two are on good terms.

No Joking Matter

Citizens Committee for Reorganization of the Government plans an all-out campaign to educate the man in the street on the importance of this subject. A recent poll showed that only a small percentage of the people had ever heard of ex-President Hoover's Commission on Reorganization, or knew what it had recommended to save the government several billions of dollars a year. To get the idea across, Citizens' Committee is even considering trying to plant gags about it with radio comedians and in the comic strips.

Hickenlooper on Atomic Weapons—4 subhd. . . . In view of Iowa Republican Sen. Bourke Hickenlooper's charges of "mismanagement" against Atomic Energy Commission Chairman David E. Lilienthal, this United Press dispatch of six months ago is revealing:

Hickenlooper on Atomic Weapons
 BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 6—(UP)—The United States is "strongly situated" in the development of atomic weapons, Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa, outgoing chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, said today. "We have not been asleep at the switch in our program of developing atomic weapons," he added.

Sales Campaign

Democratic Party's mid-western conference at Des Moines, June 12-14, was principally an effort to sell the Brannan farm program to political leaders. Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington prepared a special booklet to help explain and sell the idea. Conference was so political that Secretary Brannan said he was going to pay his own way to Des Moines. Even if Congress does not act on the plan this year, it therefore seems destined to become a political issue in 1950 campaign.

Initiative Needed

Businessmen who complain about lack of investment capital have been given an eye-opener by Scott Paper Co., of Camden, N. J. This company has just registered with S. E. C. a \$2,000,000 preferred stock issue bearing only 3.4 per cent interest—almost a record low. The moral is that there are plenty of savins and there is plenty of risk capital available if business and investment houses would get busy and start selling, instead of waiting for customers to come to them.

The general designs of autos are expected to remain the same for several years—if you're careful how you drive.

Market experts say food prices still are too high. Keeping the figure around keeps most of us flat.

The world would be a heap better off if fewer people made a success of being a failure.

People who have a good mind to do things wrong haven't a good mind.

Six tons of frog legs were shipped to U.S. by Japan. The only way they'll ever get the jump on us!

One of the most expensive things in the world is having a lot of close friends.

Sometimes a girl will let a fellow pull the wool over her eyes if he pulls the mink over her shoulders.

A judge in Nebraska committed a woman to jail for refusing to talk. What's wrong with this item?

Some gas bags can be punctured by a pointed remark.

Fingernail tints harmonize with costumes this summer. Maybe father should buy a black suit.

When you see a man looking for trouble it's almost a sure bet that he is single.

If fisherman must tell tall tales they at least should keep 'em short.

The male mosquito is said to be harmless—the lady doing the buzzing and biting. We learn valuable lessons from studying insects.

With so many labor-saving devices to keep going, woman's work is never done.

Nothing Like a Moon for Starting a Romance



Editor's Mailbag—

AGIN' IT

EUGENE—(To the Editor)—In a recent issue of your paper I noted that the golfing members of the Chamber of Commerce and other pencil pushers and counter jumpers were in favor of adopting the daylight saving (DST) time schedule. Well, if I adopted it will surely work a hardship on we late sleeping Whigs, who depend on that extra hour of sleep and a few vitamin pills to keep up our daily morale.

The working men and women, who earn their daily bread by the sweat of their brow are not organized sufficiently to express their wishes and desires as a body or organization, yet I find that it isn't always the pig who squeals the loudest that gets the swill.

I'd like to see Eugene go on record as one city not influenced or coerced by Portland. We kept California from taking the Columbia river from Portland. We have forgiven Portland for her many sins and mistakes, then why let her shear our luxuriant locks of this one hour. No! No! Deborah, a thousand times No! We Whigs are agin' it.

We Whigs never learned to count above ten in the fourth grade, but we have tried to keep this under 300 words and trust you will find time and place to publish our view of the matter. One hour, sixty minutes; 3600 seconds, isn't much and if adopted we will probably get over it, but will never again look the same. We do however want to go on record as 'agin' it.

BRET LANE.

OCE Sponsors Four Forums

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Monmouth—Graduate students attending summer session at Oregon College of Education will sponsor a series of four discussion forums to consider top educational problems. Dr. William Ragan, of University of Oklahoma, Professor of Graduate Studies at OCE's summer term, outlined the program as follows: July 13—"Balance Between Extremes in Education." July 20—"Why College Freshmen Fail"—based on a series of Sunday-magazine articles in a Portland paper. July 27—"Education for All American Children"—a film strip. August 3—"What Should Our Schools Do?"—based on a survey of public opinion on the school program, developed by Dr. Paul R. Mort, of Teachers College, Columbia University. Purpose of the sessions, scheduled to meet in OCE's student union, Maple Hall, at 4:30 p.m., is to bring to bear all shades of opinion on these educational topics, in true democratic fashion.

Alaska Power Dam Viewed

WASHINGTON—(UP)—The House Public Lands Committee has approved legislation to build a \$21,580,000 Eklutna dam power project near Anchorage, Alaska. If approved by Congress, beginning of actual construction will hinge on when and if the necessary appropriation is voted. Alaskan Delegate E. L. Bartlett said only the planning phase has been completed now. The bill also would authorize the Secretary of Interior to conduct investigations throughout Alaska to determine what other public works, primarily power, are needed to economic development of the territory and for national defense. The Eklutna project would consist of a low dam on Lake Eklutna, a 30,000-kilowatt power plant, and transmission lines to Anchorage.

Labor Disputes Hit Sand Plants

CORVALLIS—(UP)—Plants producing sand and gravel and concrete products over most of the mid-Willamette Valley were shut down Monday in a dispute with the Teamsters Union over wages of truck drivers.

Affected were firms in Corvallis, Albany, Lebanon and Sweet Home. Salem plants have been shut down for a week.

Spokesmen for the employers here said the wage controversy had been going on since January, with the companies offering a 10 cent per hour wage increase and the union asking 12½ cents retroactive to the first of the year. Negotiations with the union are under way in Salem.

Within a few days the shut down is expected to halt most

building operations using the affected materials.

Fred Lowe, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 87 in Eugene, said Monday there was no prospect of similar shut downs in Eugene this summer. Sand and gravel drivers in Eugene are working under a contract which lasts until Jan. 1, 1950.

Hein Joins Local Bonneville Staff

Lester Hein has joined the district office of the Bonneville Power Administration here as junior engineer, according to William E. Trommershausen, district manager.

The new engineer, who comes to Eugene from Spokane, received his training at Washington State College and is one of 20 recent graduates from Western colleges who have joined the Bonneville staff this year.

Home Nursing Awards Issued

Home nursing certificates were issued to any Lane County women and men in June, the Red Cross chapter in Eugene announced. A class taught by Mrs. Corinne Jones, R. N., graduated the following:

Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, Norma G. Miller, Elsie Teague, G. C. Smith, Gladys Noble, Mrs. O. A. Atwood, Iva Weldon, Montie Smith, Mrs. G. E. McCabe, Mrs. Elma Williams, Gail Coven, Gladys Runyan, Mrs. Rollin A. Moore, Mrs. F. T. Findtner, Elise Birdelund, Mrs. Al Bozich, Mrs. Evelyn Nickson, Catherine B. Smith, Gene L. Erwin, Howard Erwin, Margaret Erwin, Lila Carner, Mrs. Betty Carpenter, Mrs. Margaret Granlund, Mrs. Marie E. Johnson, Mrs. Joyce S. Zerangue.

Mrs. Frances H. Clark, Mrs. Margaret H. Berge, Mrs. Mabel Decker, Mrs. Anna Mae Jones, Mrs. Theima Holt, Mrs. Ruth Westover, Mrs. Lillian Lynch, R. N., a class and graduated the following: Yolande Dedard, Betty B. mer, Joan Gustafson, Doris E. bard, Ramona Huling, Pat Corley, Ardyce Karles, Charlene Corlene Warren, Gay Wright.

The Elite Cafe, 2100 Sixth St. W., under the new management of William Estinosa, has signed union agreement with the Culinary Alliance Local 40 was announced Monday.

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