

# Sports Blackout Given Backing of Touchdown Club

**By Ernest Barcella**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, Jan. 10 (AP)—A spokesman for the collegiate sports world today challenged President Roosevelt and war mobilization Director James F. Byrnes to "get tougher" with the home front—to wipe out athletics for the duration if that is necessary to speed victory.

The call for sterner action was sounded by Dr. H. C. (Curley) Byrd, president and former football coach of the University of Maryland, last night at the annual banquet of the Washington touchdown club which endorsed Byrnes' recent crackdown on sports.

Among his 1200 listeners were top-ranking military, sports and government figures, including economic stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson. After his "get tough" appeal, Byrd turned to Vinson and said:

**Gets Instruction**  
"Take that message back to the president."  
Byrd renewed his plea that the nation start training boys at the age of 16. He said one way of doing this would be to draft 16-year-olds with a proviso that they could not be sent into combat until they became 18.

"It is suicide to send an 18-year-old boy into battle with only a few months of training," he said, pointing out that their German and Japanese adversaries have been in training for war since they were 14.

"In a grim prediction that the war could last another seven years, he said "we're not going to win" the way things are being done now and under present conditions.

Byrd called upon the nation to practice greater self-denial, and said: "When athletics interfere with building the armed forces we don't want athletics—tear down the athletic system if that is what we need to do."

**No Patience**  
He said he had no patience with a system under which a man is medically discharged from the armed forces and then is able to play a full season at fullback on a football team.

Donald H. Adams, president of the Touchdown club, said the organization was "100 per cent for Byrnes' manpower program" and that it would support a complete blackout of sports if such drastic action was needed to guarantee speedy victory.

Four of the nation's foremost football players were given trophies at the dinner.

Glenn Davis, brilliant Army back and top collegiate touchdown-scorer of 1944, was awarded the Walter Camp Memorial trophy as the outstanding All-American football player of the year.

**Given Trophy**  
Navy tackle Don Whitmire was given the Knute Rockne Memorial trophy as the outstanding All-American lineman.

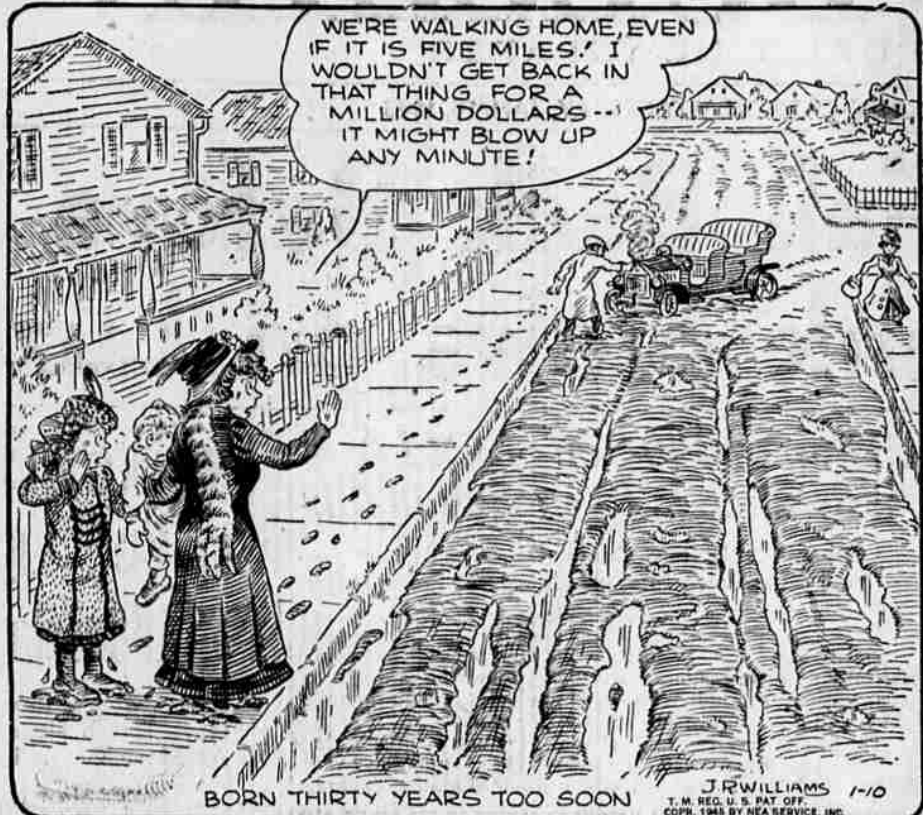
Randolph Field's Lt. Bill Dudley won the Lt. Robert Smith Memorial trophy as the outstanding service player, and Roy Zimmerman of the Philadelphia Eagles was awarded the Touchdown cup as the No. 1 professional football player of the year.

# Rangers Advance In League Play

(By United Press)  
The New York Rangers, pressing for fourth place in the national hockey league and the automatic berth in the Stanley cup playoffs that goes with that berth, drew within two points of the currently fourth place Boston Bruins last night by defeating the Toronto Maple Leafs 5 to 4.

The Ranger victory, an uphill battle all the way, was their first of the season over Toronto and was sparked by diminutive Ab Demareo, New York wing who scored two unassisted goals and assisted on two others.

# Out Our Way



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

By J. R. Williams

# Today's Sport Parade

**By Jack Cuddy**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
New York, Jan. 10 (AP)—Major league baseball clubs will begin mulling out 1945 contracts this week. Players receiving those documents will be confronted with the biggest problem of their careers: should they sign for war plants and on farms?

This is a delicate question, in view of the sober war situation and its attendant ramifications on the home front. However, spring training will start in a little more than two months—if it starts—and the players must make up their minds soon.

Trying to make up their minds under current conditions, the athletes must find themselves in a welter of uncertainty. Their employers, the club owners, and the major league officials apparently intend to continue the game, since the governmental red light has been raised against it. But war mobilization Director Byrnes and President Roosevelt are urging that every available man either work or fight, although no congressional act has made this mandatory as yet.

The majority of major leaguers are 4-F's or service discharges who have been tabbed physically unfit by examining physicians. At Byrnes' request, most of them will be re-examined. Doubtless, most of these men feel that they have as much right to return to their baseball jobs, as any other citizen has a right to return to his job after being declared unfit for military service. Baseball is their business—their means of livelihood. Most of them plugged away in the minors for several years before reaching the big time. Because of the proficiency they have attained in their profession, they naturally make more money and can maintain their families at a better standard of living—than if they depended upon wages in war plants or on farms. In this respect, they are no different from singers, musicians, actors, etc.

But from another angle, there is a big difference. The 4-F's and discharges of the diamond make their living in a calling where widespread publicity is given their physical prowess. As the war tension tightens, it becomes more and more difficult for uninformed skeptics to reconcile their prowess afield with their apparent inability to get into the fight—their inability to join the less-athletic ribbon clerks, office workers, bartenders, etc., who are at the front.

"Thus far, neither service men nor civilians have 'gone to work' on the ball players—have subjected them to much criticism. But it must be remembered that the European war fronts were far less fluid during the 1944 baseball season than they have become since. Every intelligent player appreciates this fact; also the accompanying manpower situation at home. And he wonders, probably, if the alleged morale value of the game will continue to prevent criticism by public and friends should he play ball this season, instead of doing war work."

Hank Borowy, Yankee pitcher, disclosed today that he intends remaining in the war plant in Bloomfield, N. J., where he has been employed during the off-season—"unless Washington gives a definite okay to baseball." He was originally 3-A in the draft because of family responsibilities. His draft board has given no indication of preventing his return to baseball.

We wonder how many other Hank Borowys the contracts will find when the postman delivers them.

# Oregon Hoopmen Defeat Cougars

Pullman, Wash., Jan. 10 (AP)—The University of Oregon, smarting from an earlier defeat by the Cougars, rallied for a decisive 47-34 victory over Washington State college last night in a northern division hoop conference game.

The badly beaten Cougars slipped to third place in the conference, leaving Oregon second only to the University of Washington.

It was Oregon's game most of the way, the Ducks grabbing the lead after four minutes of play and paced by Jim Bartlett's perfect one-handed shots.

WSC failed to threaten during the rest of the one-sided contest. Bartlett with 14 and Hansen of WSC with nine were high point men.

# War Briefs - - -

**Western Front**—Germans flee east from end of Ardennes pocket to escape entrapment by American forces crushing in waist of salient.

**Pacific**—American invasion force captures several towns on Luzon's Lingayen gulf and heads for Manila, less than 100 miles away, as B-29's drop fire bombs on Tokyo.

**Eastern Front**—Fresh German panzer divisions beat back Russian siege lines to within 15 miles of Budapest.

**Italy**—Severe weather holds activity to patrolling.

**'RICKS' SHARK AWAY**  
Dallas, Tex. (AP)—This is Lt. William R. McClendon's comment on the 45 hours he spent in the Pacific ocean after his ship went down: "A shark brushed me once, but I kicked as hard as I could, and he let me be."

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# Dragons, Bears To Play in Bend

The Hood River high school basketball team, one of the strongest in its area last year, will open its Central Oregon schedule tomorrow night with a game against the Prineville Cowboys, and then will shift to Bend for the annual week-end series between the Bears and Dragons. Games will be played on the Bend court Friday and Saturday nights, with the main contests set for 8 o'clock.

Last year at Hood River, it will be recalled locally, the Columbia basin team drubbed the Bears 37 to 21 and 34 to 18. Favored to cop the district No. 8 crown, the Blue Dragons again faced the Lava Bears when Oregon teams were battling for the right to enter the state tournament, and the Bears won in a great 26 to 22 upset.

So far as known here, the only regular returning from last year's great Dragon quintet is Bud Biggs, six feet two inches tall and 195 pounds in weight. Biggs plays center, and he was the outstanding star in all the Bend-Hood River games of last season. Incidentally, Biggs will be recalled by gridiron fans as the pass snatching end on the Dragon football club of last fall. Biggs snared 18 of the 22 passes completed by his club against the Bears.

Not too much is known about the Dragons' strength this year. Most recent wins were a 27-24 victory over Hermiston in a district No. 2 clash, with Biggs pitching in 15 points for high honors, and a 39 to 18 triumph over Parkdale, a strong mid-Columbia "B" school.

The popular junior high Cubs of Bend will clash with Gilchrist in the Friday night preliminary. Last week, the two clubs put on a thriller, with the Cubs emerging on the long end of a 33 to 32 count.

# Globe Trotters Suffer Defeat

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 10 (AP)—The confident, flashy Harlem globe trotters suffered the first defeat of their season last night at the hands of a hot Fircrest Dairy quintet, 36-30.

The winners were paced by fast-stepping Gayle Bishop, former Washington State college star who took high scoring honors with 16 points.

**Team Named**  
This was the first year since 1935 that a New York Yankee player did not place on the all-star team.

The complete team is as follows:

**Outfielders, Musial; Cardinals; Dick Wakefield, Tigers, and Fred Walker, Dodgers; Ray Sanders, Cardinals, first base; Robert Doerr, Red Sox, second base; Martin Marion, Cardinals, shortstop; Robert Elliott, Pirates, third base; Walker Cooper, Cardinals, catcher; Hal Newhouser, Tigers, Morton Cooper, Cardinals, and Paul Trout, Tigers, pitchers.**

**FIGHT RESULTS**  
(By United Press)  
New York (Broadway arena)—Maxie Berger, 148, Montreal, decisively Solomon Stewart, 143, Providence, R. I. (10).

Jersey City, N. J.—Don Amoroso, 135, Jersey City, decisively Joey Perallo, 136, Tamaqua, Pa. (10).

White Plains, N. Y.—Vic Pignataro, 140 3-4, New York, decisively Benny Cartagena, 139 3-4, New York (8).

New Bedford, Mass.—Jerry Zullo, 138, Chelsea, technically knocked out Norman See, 133, Quebec (3).

Hartford, Conn.—Jimmy Hatcher, 138, Salt City, N. Y., technically knocked out Genaro Rojo, 142, Hartford (5).

Miami, Fla.—Jack Larrimore, 140, Miami Beach, Fla., knocked out Frankie Contie, 140, Haverhill, Mass. (6).

Los Angeles—Joe Blair, 145, Los Angeles, drew Joe Reyes, 149, Houston, Texas (6).

**GROUP MEETINGS SET**  
Group meetings of the Women's council of the Christian church will be held Thursday at 2 p.m., with group No. 1 to meet with Mrs. George St. Ouge, 1160 Union, Mrs. Ollie Reinhardt to be the leader, and group No. 2 will meet with Mrs. Charles Hawkman, 65 Lafayette, with Mrs. Nellie Johnson as the leader.

# Bend Sergeants Meet on Leyte

Thousands of miles from home, two young Bend sergeants, Vernon Manny and Wayne Ernst, met by chance on Leyte island on Christmas eve, spent several hours together and talked about home, it has been learned here. Sgt. Manny, son of Mrs. Doris F. Manny, and Sgt. Ernst, son of Mrs. W. H. Ernst, both of Bend are stationed on Leyte at points only 20 miles apart and are looking forward to other reunions.

Both young sergeants are serving with medical units. Both boys were former members of The Bulletin force. Vernon was a carrier and Wayne was carrier and later office boy.

# Cruiser Crosses U. S. in 6 Hours

Washington, Jan. 10 (AP)—The nation's transcontinental speed record was down to six hours and nine minutes today after an army Boeing Stratocruiser raced the 2,340 airline miles from Seattle, Wash., to Washington, D. C., at an average speed of 380 miles per hour.

The Stratocruiser is the transport counterpart of the B-29 Superfortress. The record-shattering plane, flown by Boeing test pilot Dick Merrill and carrying army and Boeing officials, took off from Seattle yesterday at 2:38 p.m. EWT landed here at 8:45 p.m. EWT.

The previous record, six hours and 57 minutes, was established last April by the Transcontinental-Western Airlines Constellation which was flown from Burbank, Calif., to Washington by film magnate Howard Hughes and TWA president Jack Frye at an average speed of about 334 miles per hour.

# HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

(By United Press)  
Lincoln 31, Grant 22.  
Washington 71, Sabin 27.  
Roosevelt 25, Commerce 22 (overtime).  
Jefferson 41, Franklin 35.  
Albany 22, Salem 20.  
Columbia Prep 44, Hill Military 15.  
Central Catholic 45, Estacada 26.  
Gresham 27, Sandy 16.  
Oregon City 56, Corvallis 22.  
Woodburn 27, Molalla 18.  
Grant Union (John Day) 49, Prairie City 12.

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# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

- 5:00—Sam Hayes
- 5:15—Central Oregon News
- 5:20—Musical Interlude
- 5:25—Sport Yarns
- 5:30—Tom Mix
- 5:45—Night News Wire
- 6:00—Gabriel Heater
- 6:15—Real Life Stories
- 6:30—Cisco Kid
- 7:00—Merle Pitt's Orchestra
- 7:15—Lowell Thomas
- 7:30—Lone Ranger
- 8:00—Sonny Dunham's Orchestra
- 8:30—Bulldog Drummond
- 9:00—Glenn Hardy News
- 9:15—Cecil Brown
- 9:30—Northwest Neighbors
- 10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.
- 10:15—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra

# THURSDAY, JAN. 11

- 7:00—News
- 7:15—Homespun Trio
- 7:30—Baker's Best Buys
- 7:45—Morning Melodies
- 7:55—News
- 8:00—Swing Orchestra
- 8:15—Shady Valley Folks
- 8:30—News
- 8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
- 8:50—Organ Treasures
- 8:55—Glenn Miller
- 9:00—William Lang & News
- 9:15—Rationing News
- 9:20—Old Family Almanac
- 9:45—Shep Fields
- 10:00—Glenn Hardy News
- 10:15—Terry's House Party
- 10:30—Paula Stone and Phil Britto
- 10:45—Redmond Victory March
- 11:35—Lady About Town
- 11:40—News
- 11:45—Joe Reichman's Orchestra
- 12:00—Lum 'n Abner
- 12:15—Bert Hirsch
- 12:30—News
- 12:45—Farmer's Hour
- 1:00—Assembly of God Church
- 1:30—Headlines in Harmony
- 2:00—Handy Man
- 2:15—Music
- 2:45—Back to the Bible
- 3:00—Griffin Reporting
- 3:15—Service Unlimited
- 3:30—Musical Matinee
- 3:45—Johnson Family
- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 4:15—Cunt Basie's Orchestra
- 4:30—Mutual Musical
- 4:45—Conroy Story Teller
- 4:50—Eaton Boys
- 5:00—Sam Hayes
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6:00—Gabriel Heater  
6:15—Real Life Stories  
6:30—Treasure Hour of Song  
7:00—Speak Up For Democracy  
7:15—Lowell Thomas  
7:30—Red Ryder  
8:00—The Grange Reporter  
8:15—Something for the Girls  
8:30—True Detective Mysteries  
9:00—Glenn Hardy News  
9:15—Rex Miller  
9:30—Wings Over the Nation  
10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.  
10:15—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra

**X-RAY CHECKS GRENADES**  
Independence, Mo. (AP)—The thousands of hand grenades used by U. S. invasion forces in the bitter house-to-house fighting in France under X-ray examination in this country before shipment overseas. Officials at the Lake City ordnance plant near here described an automatic X-ray machine which was used for an accurate check of the proper amount of powder in hand grenade fuses. The machine examines fuses at the rate of 4,000 an hour.



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