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SPORTS

Baseballers Plan 'Get Tough' Policy

New York — (U.P.) — Major league ball players, tired of rebuffs by the club owners on virtually every request they make, drew up a new set of demands Saturday and promised to "get tough" if these also are turned down.

The player representatives from each club thus set the stage for a showdown here late next month when the club owners convene for joint meetings to consider the latest proposals.

Such labor union words as "arbitration," "negotiations," or "strike" were not mentioned by any of the players but they made it plain that some moves more drastic than those thus far would have to be made "if we're going to get anywhere."

The National League player representatives elected Pitcher Robin Roberts of the Philadelphia Phillies as their chief to replace Ralph Kiner, who went from the Cubs to Cleveland and now is an American Leaguer.

Pitcher Alie Reynolds of the Yankees, the American League representative, said the players were particularly incensed over rejection of a new higher salary minimum.

The players asked for a boost from \$6,000 to \$7,200. The owners flatly rejected it.

Besselink Leads Open

Havana, Cuba — (U.P.) — Al Besselink of Royal Oak, Mich., increased his lead to three strokes Saturday in the \$12,500 Havana Open Golf Tournament by shooting a four-under-par 68 in the third round for a 54-hole total of 202.

Besselink, who held a slim, one-stroke lead at the halfway mark in the 72-hole tournament, went out in 38 and back in 35 to boost his margin. He was 14 strokes under par for the first three rounds at the 6,377-yard Havana Country Club course.

Tommy Bolt of Houston, Tex., and Shelley Mayfield of Chicago, Mass., were closest to the six-foot 3 1/2-inch Michigan professional. They will take 205 in tomorrow's final round. Both shot 70's today.

Then came Walt Burkemo of Franklin, Mich., Ed Furgol, U.S. Open champion from St. Louis and Skip Alexander of Lexington, N. C., with 206's. In the third round, Furgol carded a 69 and Burkemo and Alexander 71's.

Webfoots Leave For Hoop Tussles

Portland — (U.P.) — The University of Oregon basketball team left here by air Saturday for three games in the midwest next week.

The Ducks, idle since beating Seattle last week, play Louisville next Monday, Dayton on Tuesday and Detroit on Wednesday.

All three opponents are strong clubs with Dayton and Louisville ranked among the top teams in the nation.

Sports Bulletin

New York — (U.P.) — Utah bottled up highly-touted Tom Gola in the second half last night and went on to upset LaSalle (Pa.) College, the nation's top-ranked team, 79-69, in the first game of a Madison Square Garden basketball doubleheader.

San Francisco 56, UCLA 44

North Bend Nudges GP

Grants Pass — North Bend cagers emerged 63 to 59 victors over Grants Pass high Friday night in a hard fought struggle here.

Score was tied three times in the concluding period before field goals by Willard Reeve and a free shot by Bert Why gave the Bulldogs a five point advantage. They stalled to the finish.

Grants Pass went into the fourth quarter on top 46 to 44 and was in front briefly 48 to 44. North Bend took a 20 to 11 first quarter stretch. Grants Pass got only three field goals. The Caversen got only three again in the second period held the Bulldogs just two. In the meantime Grants Pass put in 12 free throws while North Bend swished five and at the half the standing was 29-all.

Reeve was leader in the individual tabulations with 18 counters. Raleigh Burr and Jim Reid, Grants Pass, collected 17 each.

LINE-UPS:
North Bend 63
Reeve 18
Rush 3
Wooten 7
Scheepman 13
Substitutions — For North Bend, Hartley 2, Why 3, Shirley 5, Van Leuven 2; for Grants Pass, Erickson 4, A. Drews 2, M. Drews 2, Henderson.

Trentonian Wins Futurity Run

Albany, Calif. — (U.P.) — Trentonian, Calumet Farm's top candidate for the 1955 Kentucky Derby, won the \$24,930 Futurity Saturday at Golden Gate Fields.

With jockey Ralph Nieves in the saddle, Trentonian was close to the pace all the way and got up to the front in the last few strides by half a length over Jean's Joe. Beau Busher, the leader most of the way, was a close third.

The victory was the third in a row for the bay son of Bull Lea and it was his fifth win in eleven starts as a two-year-old. The triumph was worth \$25,095 to the Calumet Stable and brought Trentonian's earnings to \$60,070.

Santa Sends Kip Television Set

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Santa Claus came early to Kip Taylor's house.

A 21-inch console model television set was delivered free of charge to Taylor's house here Friday. Later in the day came a registered letter, with a Portland postmark, which contained \$50 to cover installation costs.

The letter said the TV set was a gift from Portland friends of the football coach. It expressed appreciation for Taylor's fine service to OSC, and wished him continued success in life.

Sends Message
Taylor was unsuccessful in attempting to find out who sent the gift, but sent this message.

"Dear Santa: The true spirit of Christmas was never more vividly portrayed to me and my family than during the last few days. Your wonderful gift was one of the great thrills of a lifetime. To you, and my many fine friends in Portland, may I send my heartfelt thanks and God bless you all with a Merry Christmas."

OWLS BEATEN
Bremerton, Wash. — (U.P.) — Olympic Junior College's strong basketball team humbled Oregon Tech 74-49 here Friday night. Bob Miller of the winners scored 29 points while Gordy Fahren had 17 for OTL.

Vic Seixas Rated No. 1

New York — (U.P.) — Vic Seixas of Philadelphia, 31-year-old former Air Force pilot who won the U. S. tennis championship on his 14th try, was named the nation's No. 1 player by the second time Saturday by the ranking committee of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association.

Vic's Davis Cup teammates—Tony Trabert of Cincinnati and Hamilton Richardson of Baton Rouge, La.—followed in order behind him in the recommendations of the committee which were expected to be approved without a fuss at the U.S.L.T.A.'s annual meeting on Jan. 22.

It marked the seventh time Seixas had been ranked in the first 10 and the second time at No. 1. He made the top in 1951 when he advanced farther than any American in the U. S. championship, losing in the final to Frank Sedgman of Australia.

Seixas and Trabert also were ranked as the No. 1 doubles team with Trabert and Billy Talbert of New York rated No. 2.

The top 10 in singles: 1—Seixas; 2—Trabert; 3—Richardson; 4—Art Larsen, San Francisco, Calif.; 5—Gardner Mulloy, Miami; 6—Tom Brown Jr., San Francisco; 7—Eddie Moylan, New York; 8—Bernard Bartenzen, San Angelo, Tex.; 9—Talbert; 10—Herbie Flam, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Lions-Browns Slate Preview

Cleveland — (U.P.) — An estimated 40,000 football fans are expected to brave snow and cold today to see the Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions in a preview of the National Football League's championship game one week hence.

This game means nothing. The next one means everything.

The Browns are host to the Lions at Cleveland Municipal Stadium, a vast horseshoe that can hold 80,000. The combination of inclement weather and lack of meaning today probably will halve the size of the crowd that could sit in on the proceedings.

The Browns, perennial powerhouse of the pros, are four-point favorites to beat the Lions today despite the fact they never have beaten them before in championship competition. Their only meeting with the Lions this year, in an exhibition game, resulted in a 56-31 defeat.

Detroit and Cleveland will meet in the championship game for the third straight year the day after Christmas. The Lions won 17-7 in 1952, and last year the margin was shaved to 17-16.

Tampa's Spartans Win 21-0 in Cigar Bowl

Tampa, Fla. — (U.P.) — Three lightning-like thrusts in as many minutes enabled Tampa's Spartans to reign as Cigar Bowl champions and spoil Morris Harvey's once-perfect record in post-season bowl games.

Taking advantage of a short punt and two fumbles, the Spartans defeated Morris Harvey, 21-0, before a crowd of 7,000 Friday night.

Sing Sing was once known as Mount Pleasant prison.

Los Angeles Daily News Suspending Publication

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Publisher Clinton McKinnin announced Saturday the Los Angeles Daily News is suspending publication, effective immediately.

He said that the name of the newspaper, its circulation list and "certain features" have been sold to the Times-Mirror company.

McKinnin said the News employed "about 450 persons," all of whom would lose their jobs. "This action is taken most reluctantly and only after I have exhausted every effort to secure additional finances to underwrite the losses," he said in a printed announcement to employees.

Mental Hospital Set Near Stanford U.

Washington — (U.P.) — The Veterans Administration overrode community objections Saturday and announced plans to build a \$22,000,000 neuropsychiatric hospital on the Stanford University campus.

Administrator H. V. Higley, who conferred earlier in the week with university officials, said condemnation proceedings to acquire the 115-acre site on the southwest side of the campus would begin immediately.

Final approval had been delayed six months when professors and Palo Alto residents declared that mental patients should not be treated near the school.

Twenty Stanford professors signed a petition last May telling the VA it "would be shortsighted to have such an institution so close to so many girl students."

CATS LICK LOGGERS

Salem — (U.P.) — Willamette made it two straight over College of Puget Sound here Friday night with a 70-55 basketball victory. Jerry McCallister with 18 and Neil Causbie with 17 led the Willamette team.

OHIO STATE ARRIVES

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The Ohio State football team arrived here Saturday for its Rose Bowl game with Southern California and Buckeye Coach Woody Hayes immediately said his club should not be favored for the New Year's Day clash.

OPEN PRACTICE

Miami — (U.P.) — Football stars from over the nation opened practice today for the annual All-Star game Christmas night in the Orange bowl. Andy Gustafson of the University of Miami and Jim Tatum of Maryland will coach the South team for the charity classic, while Ivy Williamson of Wisconsin and Bernie Crimmins of Indiana will direct the North squad.

MISSOULA EYES FRANCHISE

Missoula, Mont. — (U.P.) — A Missoula group is seeking a franchise in the new class B Northwest Baseball league and hopes to learn this weekend whether a Missoula club will be accepted, Nick Mariana said. Mariana, former general manager of the Great Falls, Mont., Electric of the Pioneer league, heads the group seeking the franchise.

Lewis G. Pickell Services Planned Monday Morning

Services for Lewis G. Pickell, veteran Medford real estate broker, who died Thursday near Tule Lake, Calif., will be held in Conger-Morris chapel Monday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial park.

Mr. Pickell was born in Kansas, and had lived in Oregon for many years, operating a real estate agency in Medford since 1929. On Aug. 4, 1919, at Dillon, Mont., he married Lena Wilma Gehrke, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Douglas, Medford; daughter, Verna Emerson, The Dalles, Ore.; son, Melvin, Willows, Calif.; brother, William, Medford; and niece, Mrs. Claude Haggard, Medford.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Warren Haggard, O. V. Myers, Leslie Kellow, Clarence Pierce, Mr. Dudley, H. F. Barrett and John Smith. Active bearers will be: Claude Haggard, Lee Skaggs, Clyde Sturgill, Roy LeVander, Earl Heft and Bob Church.

Private Reprimanded For Failure to Salute

Edgewood, Md. — (U.P.) — An Army private at first threatened with court-martial for failing to salute the American flag has been severely reprimanded instead.

Brig. Gen. John H. Burns, commandant of the Army chemical center here, administered the reprimand Friday after finding "absolutely no evidence of disloyalty" involved.

Resignation Forced By GOP, Demo Says

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. John J. Sparkman accused the Eisenhower administration Saturday of forcing the resignation of a housing agency official "to make room for a Republican."

The Alabama Democrat commented after it became known that Berchmans T. Fitzpatrick, who resigned Friday as general counsel for the Housing and Home Finance Agency, did so to make room for a political appointment.

One government source said Fitzpatrick's probable successor is former Rep. Oakley Hunter (R-Calif.). Hunter was defeated for re-election last month by Congressman-elect B. F. Fisk (D).

The same source stressed that Housing and Home Finance Administrator Albert M. Cole, who praised Fitzpatrick's service when the resignation was announced, did not cause it. The order was said to have come from "higher up" in GOP councils.

As general counsel, Fitzpatrick held a so-called "Schedule C" position. Such jobs, involving policy-making duties, have been opened to political appointment.

Watkins Says Reds Not Ready for War

Oak Ridge, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah) believes the only reason world-wide Communism has not launched World War III is the Reds' fear that they are "not quite ready."

Watkins, here for a visit, told a newsman that this "fear" of the Communists is "the greatest deterrent to war."

"It is my opinion that war against the United States is a vital part of their plans," Watkins said, but he believes the United States can stave off war indefinitely by maintaining a strong defense.

Watkins and his wife are visiting their daughter and son-in-

law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scott. They will return to Washington Tuesday. Watkins was chairman of the select committee which recommended censure of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

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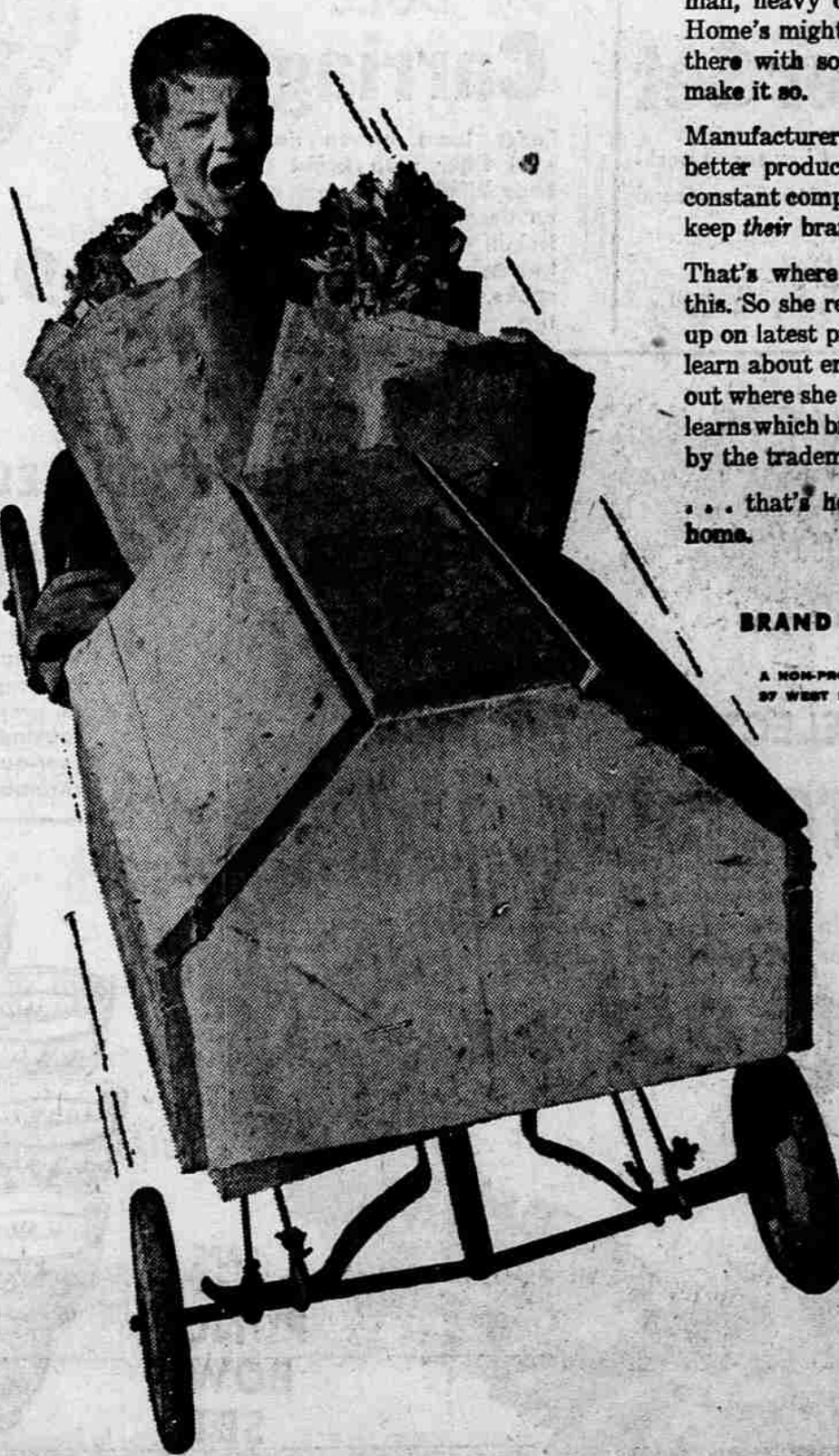
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