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Shea insisted the new league was "holding no club" over organized baseball but Edwin C. Johnson, three times governor of Colorado who delivered an impassioned plea Monday, sounded a warning that obviously is a key factor in the circuit's formation.

"I believe that the major leagues are sincere in their expressed wishes to help in the expansion of their game," said Johnson, who served as president of the Western League for seven years. "But I also know major league baseball fears two things—the courts and the Congress. We do not want to start a war but we are not afraid of one."

Shea argued that organized baseball "must accept us" because we are offering them "the greatest deal in their history."
"It can't cost them a thing," he said. "It creates vast new areas of interest and income with no risk on their part. On what grounds would they object to a deal like that?"

Shea said the new league planned to begin its first 154-game schedule in 1961 with a minimum of eight clubs and added that it might be included in the World Series by 1963 or 1964. In addition of the founding cities, he listed Buffalo, Montreal, Atlanta, New Orleans, Portland, San Diego, Miami, Indianapolis, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Seattle and

PCL Official Critical of New League

Seattle—(UPI)—An official of the Pacific Coast league said Monday he believes the new third major baseball league cannot succeed because "they're building the new league on quicksand."

Dewey Soriano, executive vice president of the Coast league and general manager of the Seattle Rainiers, said cost factors probably will prevent the new league from ever getting off the ground.

"The cost is prohibitive," he declared. "New York can finance a team, but how many other cities can pay 10- or 15-million dollars for a new ball park? This is the initial investment. Add a couple more million for players in each city, operating expenses for several seasons and you can see the terrific cost."

Soriano said if the proposed third major league operates, it will put eastern AA leagues out of business. He said the new league would not hurt the Pacific Coast league, but he was critical of big league management in general and Commissioner Ford Frick in particular "for their neglect of the minor circuits."

Emil Sick, owner of the Seattle Rainiers, said he cannot take the new league seriously until he sees some money behind the proposal.

Seattle has been mentioned as one of several cities which may be included in the new league formed in New York. Cities so far represented include New York, Houston, Denver, Toronto and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

"Actually, I can't take this story too seriously," Sick said. "I'd first have to see some money behind these statements. Furthermore, many of the cities mentioned, including Seattle, don't have ball park facilities which could accommodate major league baseball. And it takes money to get those facilities."

Sick's Seattle stadium has a capacity of approximately 12,000. A league rule requires a minimum seating capacity of 35,000.

The Oregon state game commission has issued a warning against dumping of rubbish in the Rogue valley game management area along Rogue river in the Camp White district.

Charles Shepard, game commission field agent, said that his department is having trouble with persons dumping trash on management land.

Such dumping is prohibited, he said. He pointed out that all persons caught are being prosecuted.

Richard Taylor, son of President Zachary Taylor, was a Confederate general in the Civil War.

Portland Interested In Continental Team

Portland—(UPI)—A spokesman for the Portland baseball club of the Pacific Coast league said yesterday Portland already has asked the baseball commissioner's office for consideration as a future major league site.

Formation of a third major league to be known as the Continental Baseball League

was announced in New York yesterday. The league plans to start in 1961.

Portland was listed as one of 10 cities interested in the league. The five founding cities were listed as New York, Houston, Denver, Toronto and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Certainly Want It
Don Walker, attorney for the Portland club, said "the desire of the officials of the Portland baseball club is to continue to bring the best baseball possible. If there is going to be any extension of major league ball we certainly want to be in it and should be in it."

He said Multnomah stadium, which seats 28,500 at present, could be enlarged to seat 35,000.

Asked if Portland could have a major league team by 1961, Walker said "nothing's impossible." He said it depends on fan reaction. "If the fans really want it and demonstrate their interest by coming tonight and by supporting our team this season then we'll know they want us to go full speed ahead," he said.

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Leaders Hail News

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Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) led congressional sources in hailing the announcement of a third major league today, but organized baseball generally adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

This announcement spells the advent of a new day in the historic American pastime," said Sen. Johnson after it was announced in New York that the Continental league was being formed with five founding cities. "Fresh horizons of recreation and business opportunity lie ahead for the citizens of the cities forming this new league."

A few light years less enthusiastic was Joe Cronin, president of the American league who commented, "just branding a league 'major' doesn't make it one. They have to come up with major league talent."

Cronin, Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, and President Warren Giles of the National league agreed they'd have more to say after they meet with Continental league backers next month.

But other officials in Congress, some of whom were starting today to study anti-trust legislation that organized baseball considers vital to its existence, weren't waiting that long to let it be known how they felt.

"This is a great forward step and will go a long way toward returning baseball to the American people where it has always belonged," said Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), chairman of the Senate subcommittee which is holding hearings on the sports bills, one of which he introduced.

Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.), who introduced the other sports bill being considered, warned Congress should "do nothing in the way of legislation that will interfere with establishment of a third major league."

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) went a step further and said that Congress would be "duty bound" to render any help it could with problems the new league might encounter.

Also enthusiastic were the comments of city officials in cities either included among the five founding clubs in the league or being considered for franchises.

"Great news," said Mayor P. Kenneth Peterson of Minneapolis, one of the founding cities. "We certainly want to be in it," said attorney Don Walker of the Portland, Ore., Beavers. A new major league "certainly can't by-pass Buffalo," declared John Stigmaier, owner of the Buffalo, N.Y., Bisons.

Commissioner Frick said the new loop seems to be operating "in an orderly fashion" and George Trautman, president of the minor leagues observed, "they have certainly named some very fine major league cities."

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Branch Rickey Is The Likely Choice To Head League

New York—(UPI)—Branch Rickey, 78-year-old elder statesman of baseball, will be offered the job as first president of the newly-formed Continental major league, it was learned today by United Press International.

"Branch Rickey is the most logical choice for the position, a source close to the

situation told UPI. "I don't know whether he will accept the job but I am sure that he will be offered it."

William A. Shea, the New York attorney who led the drive to create the new league, emphatically eliminated himself as a candidate.

"I cannot and will not take the job if it is offered to me," he said. "When the third major league goes into operation in 1961, I will not be an official. I will not have one single cent invested in the league and I will return to being just a lawyer—like I ought to be."

Rickey's name rarely is mentioned publicly by Continental league officials but it is known the man who created baseball's farm system and broke its color line, has been a key advisor behind the scenes.

"There are other candidates, of course," UPI's informant said. "But Mr. Rickey undoubtedly will be offered the job first. He has been the most far-sighted individual connected with baseball during this entire operation. The new league could not have been formed without his counsel."

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Miss Rawls, 31, who graduated from the University of Texas before she took up golf for a living, added \$6,500 to her earlier winnings Monday when she came home in front in the \$20,000 Mount Prospect women's open tournament, the biggest single payoff of the tour. It was her seventh tourney win this year.

She wound up with a 291 card, five strokes under par, with a final round of 72, two under par, to stand off the challenge of Mickey Wright, Fay Crocker and Beverly Hanson and take the award. Her total earnings now compare to the ladies' record earnings for one year of \$20,235 by Marlene Hagge in 1956.

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STANDINGS

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Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	55	43	56 1/2	
Milwaukee	52	43	54 1/2	1 1/2
Los Angeles	55	46	54 1/2	1 1/2
Chicago	49	48	50 4/5	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	49	50	49 2/5	6 1/2
St. Louis	47	51	48 0	8
Cincinnati	44	54	44 1/2	11
Philadelphia	40	56	41 1/4	14

Monday's Results
Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 3 (night)
Only games scheduled.

Tuesday's Probable Pitchers
Philadelphia at San Francisco, night—Owens (6-8) vs. S. Jones (14-10), at Antonelli (14-5).
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, night—Daniels (5-6) vs. Sherry (1-2).
Chicago at Milwaukee, night—Hobble (10-8) vs. Pizarro (3-1).
Broglie (0-5) vs. Hook (1-1).

Wednesday's Games
St. Louis at Cincinnati (night)
Chicago at Milwaukee, night
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, night
Philadelphia at San Francisco

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	56	40	58 3/4	
Chicago	49	48	50 4/5	7 1/2
Baltimore	50	49	50 5/5	7 1/2
New York	48	49	49 5/5	8 1/2
Kansas City	48	49	49 5/5	8 1/2
Detroit	48	52	48 10/10	10 1/2
Washington	43	55	43 9/14	14
Boston	41	55	42 7/15	15

Monday's Games
St. Louis at Cincinnati (night)
Boston 4, Cleveland 0, night
Kansas City 7, Wash. 6, night
Only games scheduled.

Tuesday's Probable Pitchers
New York at Chicago, night—Terry (3-7) vs. Pierce (11-11) or Dalton (7-5).
Washington at Kansas City, night—Woodchick (0-2) vs. Kucks (4-6).
Baltimore at Detroit, night—Wilhelm (10-6) vs. Moss (8-4).
Boston at Cleveland, 2 games, twilight—Monbouquette (2-3) and Sullivan (6-6) vs. Bell (0-9) and Ferrarese (5-3).

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Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Sacramento	55	48	53 1/4	
Vancouver	56	49	53 1/4	
Portland	51	48	51 3/4	2
Salt Lake	54	51	51 3/4	2
Phoenix	53	52	50 5/8	3
Spokane	51	55	48 1/2	5 1/2
San Diego	49	56	46 7/10	8 1/2
Seattle	47	57	45 2/5	9 1/2

Monday's Results
Salt Lake 2, Vancouver 1 (1st)
Vancouver 9, Salt Lake 1 (2nd—10 innings)
Phoenix 5, Spokane 4 (1st)
Spokane 7, Phoenix 5 (2nd)

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Spokane at Salt Lake City—Churn (9-2) vs. Perez (6-5).
Portland at Sacramento—K. Johnson (11-5) vs. Brown (9-10).
Seattle at San Diego—Rudolph (1-0) vs. Werle (2-5).
Vancouver at Phoenix—Bamberger (6-4) vs. Barclay (6-9).

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