rick Vigorously Denies Reports of Pending Talks With Government Officials

o National ague Heads y Plenty

By JOE REICHLER

YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—Ir- by reports that baseball waste little time in hur- to Washington to clarify its status, Ford Frick, presi- of the National league, de- yesterday that any talks planned with War Mobil- Director James F. Byrnes er government officials. ere is absolutely no truth stories," declared Frick ly, "neither will Harridge ent of the American lea- or I have an appointment Mr. Byrnes or any one Washington and we are eking appointments with e, until we know what ns to the pending man- legislation."

k, who was named with ge to represent the major s in Washington, said he go to the capital only if was a reason for doing so. I have said many times, ll has never asked for vors and has no intention g so. We will go to Wash- only when certain de- ments arise which aren't s to how they apply to

k also revealed that the league schedules are in nds of the printers with minor changes from the playing pattern, including being booked for the usual intersectional trips. The for the tardy appearance schedules is due to the of the western club own- selecting their night game

k insisted the rumored al of a regrouping of the leagues on an East-West was never discussed and was no indication the ODT make any such request ing to his recent conver- with Col. J. Monroe John- irector of the transporta- ureau.

le Frick had nothing to reference to the new com- er situation, presidents Stoneham and Branch of the New York Giants Brooklyn Dodgers respec- had plenty to say.

at is the committee do- Stoneham asked. "Those ys (Sam Breadon and Don of St. Louis, Alva Brad- Cleveland and Phil Wrig- Chicago) ought to be able e up their minds by this They've been at it 10

appointed a four-man ttee to expedite matters nothing happens by the this week, I'm going to ck why the delay."

y repeated Stoneham's ents, declaring that he a new commissioner soon."

Alley-Oop

Joltin' Jack Kiser hangs a drop kick on the chin of Pete Belcastro, the Weed assassin, in their bout last week at the Klamath bicep bin which Belcastro won. This Friday night, Tough Tony Ross will crunch craniums for the third successive time with the savage "Grey Mask" in a no time limit headline event. "Blood and Guts" Davidson will butt biceps with Gust Johnson in the semi-windup and the French strongman, Georges Dusette, will tangle with "Silent" Rattan, deaf-mute grappler, in the curtain-raiser. Earl Yoakley from Medford will referee the clambake

"Sugar" Ray Bounces Costner in 1st Heat

By JIMMY JORDAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP)—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, New York welterweight, today was headed further up the trail he hopes will end in a title bout with Champion Freddie (Red) Cochrane, also of New York.

Robinson cleared the hurdle represented by George (Sugar) Costner in Chicago Stadium last night, and it took him only two minutes and 55 seconds to do it.

Costner previously had won 23 straight bouts by knockouts, and, although he was on the short end of 3-1 odds, the somewhat partisan crowd of 20,193 that paid $94,120 to witness the bout, expected him to make a better showing.

But Robinson, the master, kept away from the sleepy-eyed Costner and when the two got into close quarters, ended the fight with such surprising suddenness it took the crowd several minutes to recover.

The victory was the 52nd in 53 professional bouts for Robinson. He lost that one bout to Jake Lamotta, and has a return engagement with the Detroiter in New York February 23.

Robinson used a cautiousness last night in the first two minutes that showed he respected the punching power of the Cincinnati colored boy. The New Yorker landed two left hooks, but neither seemed to do much damage.

Then, as the pair sparred for an opening Robinson came up with two short, pile-driver left hooks to the chin that sent Costner reeling. As Costner started to fall, Robinson landed a short right on the chin.

Costner hit the mat, eyes wide in amazement as the referee tolled off the count. He tried to rise at eight, but was unable to get off his side and elbows.

It was the first time in his career he had been knocked off his feet.

Selkirk Aces Third Hole

Bill Selkirk, assistant pro at Reames Golf and Country club, had that once-in-a-lifetime feeling yesterday afternoon when he poled a No. 2 iron shot straight into the cup for a hole-in-one on the 210 yard third hole at Reames.

Bill was playing in a foursome composed of Martin Swanson, Dr. Charles Rugh and Dr. M. C. Cassel. None of them saw the ball plop into the cup, but during a search for the ball, Swanson looked into the hole—and there it reposed. This was Bill's first hole-in-one. Earl Weimar, another Reames member, aced the same hole several years ago.

Signs 1945 Contract Rainier First Sacker

SEATTLE, Feb. 15 (AP)—George McDonald, first baseman the Rainiers obtained from the San Diego Padres, has sent in his signed contract, Manager Bill Skiff of the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast league said yesterday.

McDonald's signed contract was the eighth received by the Rainier management.

If it's a "frozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

l Flynn Paired h Big Bill Tilden ennis Exhibition

YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)— Flynn of movie fame and red one of Hollywood's tennis players, will be with Big Bill Tilden in a exhibition match against t Richards and John No- at the 17th regiment ar- Saturday night.

es matches are also on ogram, which is for the of the Grossinger Can- Mail, a project which packages to servicemen omen.

Rainier Catcher Will Report for Spring Training

SEATTLE, Feb. 15 (AP)—Bob Finley, new catcher for the Seattle Rainiers received from the Philadelphia National league team in part payment for Hal Spindel, has changed his mind and will report for spring training, Manager Bill Skiff announced Tuesday. Training starts at San Fernando, Calif., 13 days hence.

Skiff talked by telephone with Finley in Texas last night. Manual Vias, an outfielder with Sacramento last year and a free agent, has also been signed, Skiff said.

Four other players sent in signed contracts yesterday, among them pitchers Carl Fischer, club veteran, and Gene Holt, Bremerton. Two men had previously initialed their contracts.

from MIDFIELD

By PAUL HAINES

HERE WE GO

We have made no basketball predictions all season for the simple fact that a basketball game is about as predictable as the weather. But we are going to climb way, way out on the limb now and pick Medford to cop the state basketball championship!

HAINES

Our friend, Marble Cook, sort of likes Washington of Portland, but somehow we can't quite see it that way. Baker, over in the Blue Mountain league, has a tough ball club, but we still feel when the chips are down the Black Tornado will sweep all aside and take the pot.

We wanted Medford to win the football championship. We don't want them to take the basketball title. Our main reason for this is the sportsmanship, or lack of it, of the Medford club and the rough type of ball they play. We witnessed a disgraceful exhibition here when Medford played the Pelicans and Riggs stalked out on the floor after the game with the express purpose of throwing a punch at Bob Perkins.

That kind of thing is not tolerated in the Southern Oregon conference and Riggs was not alone in his flagrant fouling, as Watson got in his share of dirty licks, too. Between the two of them, they about pulverized the smaller Klamath lads.

We have nothing against good, hard basketball. That's the way the game should be played. But when the fouling is deliberate and for no good reason, we draw the line and so does everyone else that wants and enjoys athletics.

So we will be very happy, indeed, if some obliging five, preferably the Pelicans, annihilates the Medford troup in the district or state tournament.

KUHS Grid Star Joins Uncle Sam

Jack Smith, former KUHS footballer and son of Leo Smith, long-time Klamath football fan, has left for Fort Lewis and a job with Uncle Sam. He will go to Amarillo, Tex., for air combat crew training.

The Smiths now live in Eureka, but were many years residents of Klamath Falls.

Sgt. Fred Smith, Jack's brother, is with a 12th air force B-25 bomber squadron, and is based in Corsica. Sgt. Smith attended gunnery school at Fort Meyers, Fla., and went overseas in November, 1944.

A Mittful

In fact, Giurgorio Macabasag, 2½-year-old Filipino, has a couple of mittfuls as he dons his first pair of boxing gloves to begin workout for GI's on Leyte Island, who are teaching young Filipinos boxing and baseball, and finding them enthusiastic pupils.

Delivery Five, Trotters Cop Victory League Tilts

Jerry's Delivery emerged top dog in the American loop in two Victory league games played Wednesday night on the KUHS hardwood by nosing out a game De Molay five, 29 to 28. In the second tussle, the Herald and News Trotters romped over Murphy's barber shop quintet, 59 to 22.

Neck and neck at the end of the first canto, the special delivery kids pulled up to a 17-11 lead at halftime. They maintained their lead throughout the third stanza, but in the fourth frame the determined De Molay outfit passed their rivals and took the lead. With one minute remaining, Jerry's sank a charity toss and looped in a doubledecker to win the thrilling tussle, 29-28.

Morris collected nine counters for the delivery five, followed by Perkins and Boyd with six apiece. Abbey accounted for eight points and Howard seven to pace the De Molay attack.

In the second clash, Murphy's jumped off to an early lead, but the Trotters turned on the heat to win the game going away. Berry, Stone and Case garnered 12, 11 and 10 points, respectively, to take high scoring honors for the evening. Yerkovich and Rose sank seven each for Murphy's.

Tonight the Academy will collide with Hardy's Man store in the opener at 7 p. m. and Red Shield will tangle with the Army-Navy store at 8 p. m.

Leathernecks Collide With Redmond "5"

Tonight at 8 o'clock, at the post gymnasium, the highly-rated marine hoopsters will take the court against Redmond army air base in a tussle that should provide plenty of excitement.

In their last meeting, Redmond was on the losing end of a 57-43 score but since that time they have picked up a few players through transfers from the powerful Portland army air base team and should present a tougher combination to crack.

The boys from the Barracks have had a 10-day rest since their victorious encounters with Fee's Music Makers, independent club from Portland, and will be in fine condition.

Lewis and Nyra, forwards for the soldiers, both scored 15 points against the Leathernecks in their last meeting in Redmond and will probably make the trip this time.

The marines have won 15 games out of 20 this season and will be out to boost their percentage standings above the .750 mark.

The public is invited to this game, and may pass through the gates unescorted.

NEW YORK — Sonja Henie's Hollywood Ice Revue's Sunday matinee was scheduled for 3 o'clock instead of 2:30 because of the tremendous task of transforming Madison Square Garden into a skating arena following the Millrose Games of the night before. The time schedule charted the job in 14½ hours, but an hour's leeway was allowed because of the possibility of delay in erecting the elaborate set with the novel revolving stage for Miss Henie's production. The Garden was to hum with activ ity from the moment the track meet ended at 11:30 p. m. until 2 p. m. the following afternoon.

Hammerin' Henry Drops Unpopular Nod to Slider

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 15 (AP) Hammering Henry Armstrong, the former triple champ, lost a 10-round decision last night to Chester Slider of Fresno, but the fans thought he should have won.

The 32-year-old veteran from Los Angeles was the aggressor, and delivered the harder punches in toe-to-toe exchanges from start to finish. In the third round he dropped Slider with a right to the jaw, though the Fresnan came back to his feet without a count.

The Associated Press score sheet gave Armstrong 56½ points, Slider 53½. But Referee Bill Burke gave Slider the decision. When the two fought here last month the referee called it a draw, though the fans and the AP scoresheet that time picked Slider.

Gate receipts last night were $21,000. Armstrong weighed 141, Slider 147.

Athletes Axed Again By Navy Restriction

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Tightened navy restrictions affecting the discharge of nationally prominent athletes and actors from the services added new manpower worries for professional sports today.

Latest clamp-down on sports is an order from Secretary Forrestal directing that three top naval leaders henceforth shall review all cases involving "nationally prominent persons such as athletes, stage, screen, radio stars, etc."

Admittedly issued because release of "certain nationally prominent persons from the military services has caused adverse public reaction and criticism," the order is in line with similar regulations which the army put into effect last November.

All such cases "which might occasion criticism of the Navy Department" now will be referred to the chief of naval personnel or the commandants of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard for review and final determination, under Forrestal's order.

Forrestal explained that "the discharge of a well known professional football player for physical disability followed immediately by successful participation by that individual in professional games is obviously subject to widespread public disapproval." He did not name the athlete to whom he was referring.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, 147, New York, knocked out George Costner, 147, Cincinnati, (1).

ELIZABETH, N. J. — Clint Miller, 126, Elizabeth, knocked out Jimmy Allen, 127½, Philadelphia (5).

New York Hits .283 At Night

CHICAGO, Feb. 15 (AP)—Joe McCarthy's Yankees have a team plate mark of .283 to win the 1944 night batting championship of the American league.

Figures released today by the American League Service bureau show that the Yankees, who hit 19 points better at night than they did in all games, played 18 after-dark contests, winning 12 and losing six for a .667 percentage mark. In the 18 games, the Yanks went to bat 583 times and banged out 165 hits, eight of them home runs.

The Philadelphia Athletics, who won 14 night tilts and dropped 19, batted .281 under the lights—24 points better than they garnered for the 1944 season average. The A's went to bat 1009 times and made 284 hits.

Finishing third in arc-light hitting, the championship St. Louis Browns wound up with a .269 mark, 22 points over their final season average. The Sewell club won 30 after-dark clashes and dropped 18.

BALTIMORE — Johnny Greco, Montreal welterweight who became ill in his dressing room after losing to Bobby Ruffin in New York, was ordered on a special diet and ordered to take six weeks' rest by Dr. Ernest H. Gaither because of abnormal acid condition.

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ward Hobson to Make Tour f Mediterranean Theater

YORK, Feb. 15 (AP) — d Hobson, University of basketball mentor now e of absence, is going to the cage sport to army officers in the Mediter- war theater.

n is one of eight na- -known sports men se- to conduct coaching in the Mediterranean

Isbell, football coach at and former National will demonstrate the gridiron tricks to the of- who will relay their dge to the servicemen at mps and other bases.

am J. (Billy) Cavanaugh t Point, will teach box- d H. William (Bald Bill) formerly of Kansas uni- will dispense track and formation.

Others in the troupe are Seward Charles Staley, director of physical education at the University of Illinois; Dean Nesmith, Kansas university trainer, and George White of New Haven, Conn., a top-flight eastern intercollegiate official.

Maj. Fran G. Welch, peacetime football coach at Emporia, Kas., State Teachers, will be the military officer in charge of the eight civilians, whose tour is expected to last 60 days.

The group is the second sent out by the athletic branch of the army's service forces of which Col. Henry W. (Eskie) Clark of Lafayette, is chief.

Red Wolfe of Yale; Charles Berry, American league umpire, and Leo Hauck of Penn State, are among the members of that unit, which was sent to Greenland and Iceland.

Clark, who recently returned from a visit to the war fronts, said that at numerous stops he saw troops returning from a long stay at the front, turn immediately to a sports contest for relaxation.

"I figured that if they got that much good out of sports, they are entitled to the best instructions available," he said in explaining the reason for the coaching clinics.

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