"Happy" Chandler Selected Baseball Czar at Meeting Of 16 Major League Moguls

Named Baseball Commissioner

By HAROLD HARRISON

CLEVELAND, O., April 25 (AP) The job of guiding organized baseball through the remainder of the war period and handling the myriad problems expected to pop when the conflict ends has been placed on the shoulders of A. B. (Happy) Chandler, 46-year-old United States senator from Kentucky.

Representatives of the 16 major league teams yesterday chose Chandler high commissioner of the game. His selection, announced as unanimous, ended a five months search for a successor to Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who died last November 25.

Announcement of Chandler's appointment was accompanied by word from the Kentucky senator, once a minor league player, that he would accept and would be "immediately available."

The job pays $50,000 a year and Chandler was named for a seven-year term.

Chandler One of First

Chandler was one of the first to call attention to the many problems he may be called on to face when the war is ended and a host of players return from military service to resume their baseball careers.

In Washington, he expressed belief the game faces "another trying period" after the war and added, "We'll have to keep a close watch to see that nothing goes wrong."

Chandler's appointment generally was considered a personal triumph for Larry MacPhail of the New York Yankees, one of the first to urge selection of the Kentuckian.

Quite an Athlete

Although Chandler never got beyond minor league baseball competition he was quite an athlete in his younger years. He was an all-Kentucky basketball player at Transylvania and a star quarterback in football. Later he coached undefeated basketball teams at Versailles, Ky., high school and Massie, a private school.

Turning to politics in 1929, Chandler progressed from state senator, to lieutenant governor of Kentucky, to governor and then United States senator. His present term would have expired in 1949.

He is married and has four children and one grandchild.

Appointment Announced

Appointment of Chandler was announced by the club representatives after an executive session which lasted approximately four hours.

Leslie O'Connor, Landis' secretary who has been conducting the affairs in the commissioner's office since the judge's death, said the senator was a unanimous choice on the first ballot.

The after-meeting grapevine produced the report, however, that at least four other men were considered in the deliberations. They were President Ford Frick of the National league, Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio, Chairman Robert Hannegan of the democratic national committee, and former Postmaster-General James A. Farley.

Congratulated

Shortly after the 16 owners agreed unanimously on Chandler, they telephoned him and each congratulated the jovial, 46-year-old law-maker.

During the conversations, some of the owners told Chandler that what really put him in the chair left vacant by Landis' death was the conviction that "of all the men considered for the job, we felt sure you loved baseball best."

"There's no doubt about my love for the game," Chandler said. "I've loved it all my life, and this job is the one I've wanted above all others."

At a news conference, the new commissioner said that:

O'Connor to Stay On

Leslie O'Connor, secretary to the commissioner under Landis, will stay on indefinitely;

It has not yet been determined where the commissioner's offices will be located;

His first public appearance will be in St. Louis, May 1, when the American league champions, the Browns, raise their 1944 pennant-winning flag;

He hopes to start a drive for a revival of baseball for kids on the corner lots;

By being "immediately available," he meant in about 30 days, which will be required to clean up his desk at the capitol. He did not specify when he plans to resign.

A. B. "Happy" Chandler, who was appointed czar of baseball to succeed the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis at a meeting of 16 major league representatives in Cleveland, O., yesterday.

Mikulak Resigns Peacetime Position As UO Grid Coach

EUGENE, April 25 (AP)—Major N. M. "Mike" Mikulak, University of Oregon on-leave backfield coach, has resigned his peacetime position, according to a letter of resignation received from the former all-American fullback, by Anson B. Cornell, Oregon athletic manager. The letter was dated April 10, from France.

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From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

Friday's Rassling Card All Set

Promoter Mack Lillard has come up with another sure crowd-pleaser with the crunch card booked for the Klamath arena Friday night.

The headline tiff pits the "Grey Mask" against clever "Sneeze" Achiu, exponent of the famous Chinese sleeper, the semi-windup will see Tony Morelli mix it up with Tony Ross, and the curtain-raiser sends "Blood-and-Guts" Davidson against Gloomy Gust Johnson.

HAINES

Klamath Falls grappling fans have been howling for a tussle between the popular Chinese rassler and the hated Mr. Stoneface for a number of weeks and Lillard has obliged with Friday's headline event.

One thing to consider is the fact that Achiu dare not use his sleeper hold first if he is to be successful in unmasking the hooded hoodlum. None of the maulers have been able to come back for more after one application of the sleeper and it is unlikely that the "Mask" will be any different. Therefore, if "Sneeze" should slap the sleeper on Mr. Stoneface before he has gained the initial fall, the "Mask" would not be required to unveil as he must lose two legitimate falls before he will remove the hood.

Two tough hombres are slated to go to it in the semi-final with Morelli getting a slight edge over Ross due to his win over Gust Johnson last week and his weight advantage. Morelli is about as thoroughly unlikable as one man can possibly be and the crowd will be with Ross to a man when he matches holds with the Bronx bomber.

In the opener, "Blood-and-Guts" will make his return to the ring wars, but figures to have his hands full with Johnson who is still smarting from last week's defeat by Morelli.

Davidson might possibly turn the trick, but it is doubtful if he can stand up under the punishment Gloomy Gust will mete out.

This bill should be one of the best of the year and the winner of the Morelli-Ross tiff may quite possibly get a shot at the "Grey Mask" next week if the hooded heel can sneak by "Sneeze" and his sleeper.

Longworth Wins Oregon PGA Crown

PORTLAND, April 25 (AP) — Ted Longworth, Waverley Country club pro, is still Oregon professional golfers association champion.

Longworth finished a 36-hole tourney with 145, a stroke ahead of Joe Mozel, Portland, runner-up for the title in four different years. Longworth carded 76 yesterday—two above Mozel; but his 69 of a week ago still gave him the lowest total.

Best card yesterday was turned in by Harold West, a 73. His 36-hole score was 150.

Cooper Catches Last Ball Game For Cardinals

ST. LOUIS, April 25 (AP)—Catcher Walker Cooper has caught his last game for the St. Louis Cardinals before his scheduled induction into military service next Monday at Jefferson barracks.

Cooper said today he will not make the trip with the team to Cincinnati for the series there Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Ken O'Dea will take over the catching assignment. Cooper caught four of the Redbirds' five games this season.

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Giants Edge Out Phillies

Rookie Pitcher Handcuffs Philly Club to Win, 5-2

By JACK HAND

Everytime Mel Ott opens his locker it's a new record in the National league. So you can't blame the 36-year-old New York Giants manager for being more excited today about a five-hitter thrown by a rookie pitcher than about his first two home runs of the season.

Pitching was the big question mark in the Giants' hopes for a first division berth. So the neat job done against the Phillies yesterday by 20-year-old Andy (Swede) Hansen was encouraging to Ott.

Two years ago Hansen was pitching for a high school nine at Lake Worth, Fla. Now he ranks right behind Bill Voiselle and Van Mungo in the Giants' plans with two straight victories to his credit. His 5-2 decision over the Phils tabbed him as one to watch.

Ott's two round trippers off Ken Raffensberger, each with a man on, accounted for all but one of the New York scores and were the 490th and 491st of his 20-year career. Next mark ahead of the popular little fellow is Lou Gehrig's 494. Ott holds the National league record but has no chance of matching Babe Ruth's all-time total of 714. It was the 49th time he had hit two in the same game.

Although only two of the six scheduled games were played due to bad weather, the circuit clout was the story in each.

Braves Sink Dodgers, 8-6

Elmer (Butch) Nieman, who seems to have acquired an exciting habit of hitting home runs in the ninth inning, broke up another game as the Boston Braves sank Brooklyn, 8-6.

Nieman's clout came with two on and one out in the last of the ninth after the Braves had scored once to cut the Brooks' margin to 6-5.

Jim Tobin was lifted for a pinch hitter but got credit for his second 1945 victory. Hal Gregg suffered his first setback.

The entire American league slate was washed out. The only news was the transfer by the Yankees of a June 13 home game with Washington to April 29, making a Sunday doubleheader.

Cage Season Not Over Yet

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 25 (AP)—No, by gosh, it's not over yet.

Vancouver Lauries laid claim to the western Canada senior men's basketball championship today by virtue of a 57-40 victory over Raymond Union Jacks last night.

The triumph qualified the Lauries to meet St. Catharines, Ont., Merritton-Hayes, the Canadian champions, here early in May in the best-of-seven Dominion finals.

Beavers Increase PCL Lead

Portland Club Scores Six Runs In First Two Innings

By The Associated Press

Portland's bustling Beavers increased their Pacific coast league lead to a game and a half last night as the runnerup Seattle Rainiers were idle due to wet grounds.

The Beavers crushed Oakland 7-1, jumping on Pitcher Jack Lotz for six runs in the first two innings. Don Pulford, right-hander, marked up his fifth straight victory to keep his season's hurling record spotless.

Barton Hurt

Portland's first baseman, Larry Barton, pulled a muscle during the game that will keep him out of the lineup for several days.

San Diego moved into firm possession of third place with a 7-3 win over San Francisco at the Seals stadium.

Vollie Eaves, 32-year-old Cherokee Indian, held the Seals to seven hits as he recorded his second straight victory over the Bay City team. Eaves beat San Francisco 2-0 in his first encounter with them three weeks ago. The Padres took a 3-1 lead in the sixth inning and were never headed.

Seattle will open against Hollywood today. Los Angeles and Sacramento, unscheduled last night, will play a doubleheader with the first game scheduled at 12:30 this afternoon.

Fungi are plants devoid of green coloring matter.

Harris Gains Nod Over Brown

Proctor Scores TKO Over Gates; Durst Tops Perez

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25 (AP)—Johnny Suarez, 141-pound Portlander, scored an easy 10-round decision over Irish Johnny Taylor, 147½, Huntington Park, Calif., last night as Tuesday night boxing made its debut in the Rose City.

Taylor won only one round.

Harris Wins Decision

In preliminary bouts, Powder Proctor, 161, Portland, scored a technical knockout over Johnny Gates, 168, Klamath Falls, in the fifth round; Charlie Harris, 161, Klamath Falls Marine Barracks, decisioned Jerry Brown, 159, Denver, in six rounds; Kelly Jackson, 145, Portland, T.K.o'd Johnny Pancho, 139, Longview, in five rounds, and Leroy Durst, 147, Longview, won a four round nod over Lito Perez, 144, Klamath Falls Marine Barracks.

Washington-bred Race Horse Sold

SEATTLE, April 25 (AP)—Sirde, Washington-bred horse which ran under the colors of Allen Drumheller, has been sold to an undisclosed Chicago grain broker, the Post-Intelligencer said today.

The four-year-old brought $35,000, topping the $15,000 paid for the Oregon-bred Mioland, previous top for a northwest horse.

Drumheller still has two standout horses in his stables—Georgie Drum and Gold Bolt.

Southern League Ball Games Must End by Midnight

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 25 (AP) President Billy Evans of the southern association says all games in the league must end before midnight to conform with the midnight curfew.

As an encouragement for faster play, $100 war bonds will be awarded the two umpires having the best record for speedy games at the end of the season.

Mexico Loses Only Boxing Champion

LOS ANGELES, April 25 (AP) Mexico lost its first internationally recognized boxing champion last week when Juan Zurita dropped the lightweight crown to Philadelphia Ike Williams, but dejected fight fans below the border may take heart in a promise that they'll soon have another champ.

Shrewd George Parnassus, the manager who steered Zurita to the NBA title long after Juan's best days were over—a feat Parnassus pulled previously with ancient Middleweight Ceferino Garcia—had this word today for Mexico's champ worshippers:

"I'll guarantee that I have another Mexican boy, Enrique Bolanos, who will win either the world featherweight or lightweight titles within the next year."

Bolanos has lost but one fight since Parnassus got him, to undisputed Bantamweight King Manuel Ortiz. He can punch and take a punch, box, and is a crowd pleaser, Parnassus declared.

Tennis Tournament Will Be Held Soon On Wimbledon Courts

LONDON, April 25 (AP)—The first major international tennis tournament of the war will be held soon at Wimbledon. The army newspaper Stars and Stripes said the U. S. army's United Kingdom base athletic office is planning championship matches between six-man teams representing America and Britain. Among those ready to appear are Sgt. Frankie Parker, U. S. national champion, George Lott, Tom Falkenburg and S/Sgt. Charles Hare.

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HOW THEY STAND

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L
New York	4	1
Chicago	3	1
St. Louis	3	1
Cincinnati	3	1
Boston	2	1
Brooklyn	2	2
Philadelphia	1	3
Pittsburgh	1	3

GAMES YESTERDAY
New York 3, Philadelphia 1
Boston 8, Brooklyn 6
Others postponed.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
All games postponed, rain.
Standings unchanged.

TODAY'S BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York at Philadelphia
Boston at Washington
Detroit at Chicago
St. Louis at Cleveland (2)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia at New York
Brooklyn at Boston
Chicago at Cincinnati
Only games scheduled.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Teams	W	L
Portland	5	1
Seattle	4	2
San Diego	3	3
Oakland	3	3
Sacramento	3	3
San Francisco	3	3
Los Angeles	2	4
Hollywood	2	4

TUESDAY NIGHT RESULTS
Portland 7, Oakland 1.
San Diego 7, San Francisco 3.
(Only games scheduled.)
Hollywood at Seattle, postponed wet grounds; Sacramento at Los Angeles, traveling to Los Angeles.

GAMES TODAY:
Sacramento at Los Angeles, doubleheader 12:30 p. m.
Hollywood at Seattle, double 8 p. m.
San Diego at San Francisco
Oakland at Portland 8:30 p. m.

Novikoff Hitting .385 For Angels

LOS ANGELES, April Lou Novikoff, former leaguer now cavorting in Angeles outfield, batting mark 41 points to a healthy .385, second Pacific coast league

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