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SPORTS &c

by A SIXBIT CRITIC

Baseball is one sport that has always had more than its share of clowns and screwballs. Some of them—like Nick Altrock, "Goofy" Gomez and Al Schacht—were actually very smart characters, putting on the laugh-getting stuff deliberately and keeping many's the customer from falling sound asleep during one of those "pitcher's battles" which sound so thrilling in print, and are so dreary to watch nine times out of ten.

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Dizzy Dean was another of this type. He popped off in print and acted the buffoon on the field in such a manner that many considered him just a trifle nutty, to put it extra politely. But the same Mr. Dean knew what the score was at all times, in addition to serving up some of the smartest pitching the game ever knew.

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Then there's the other kind of clown—lads with natural ball-playing ability but whose mental reflexes are somewhat slower than their physical ones. They are the sort who cause managers' hair to grow prematurely gray, like the character they tell about who came up in the clutch with the bases loaded, and his team seven runs behind in the score.

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Naturally, in such a situation there was only one thing for the player—a really good long-distance hitter—to do. That is try and wallop the ball out of the park. But when he went into the batter's box he kept glancing at his manager who was coaching at third. The manager paid no attention to him being engaged in trying to rouse the crowd's enthusiasm and start a rally.

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Finally before the first ball was pitched to him, the batter called "Time" and walked down the third base line. Bending to whisper into the manager's ear he said, "What do you want me to do here?" The manager looked at him in mingled amazement and disgust."What do I want you to do?" he said sarcastically. "Why—strike out, of course." So the character strode back to the plate and swung wildly at the first three pitches, missing every one of them for a foot or so.

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This "Yogi" Berra—who operates for the New York Yankees and who many will recall, from last year's World's Series, as the catcher who almost let the Brooklyn Dodgers steal the championship—appears to have the makings of a real screwball. He really can powder that horsehide, however, which is doubtless why so many of his catching mistakes, both mechanical and mental, are overlooked.

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There was a time, according to Eddie Froelich, former trainer with the Yankees, when Berra got the idea that it was his duty to drive in all the New York runs. He was swinging at anything and everything until finally Manager Bocky Harris said to him, "Wait until the ball comes over the plate. Take a base on balls once in a while. When you get up into that batter's box, start thinking!"

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So the very next time Berra went to bat and let three strikes go past him, right down the middle. Then he came storming back to the bench and broke his bat on the bat rack. "What happened?" asked one of his team mates, sitting in the dugout. "What happened?" Yogi screamed. "How can they expect anybody to think and hit at the same time!"

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And while we're on the subject of baseball, a word of explanation and apology. Some weeks ago this column had something to say about Babe Ruth's book "My Hits and My Errors" written in collaboration with Bob Considine. For the most part we praised the book as a really interesting addition to the sports shelf — which it really is.

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But in the course of our "review" we did — or attempted to do — a bit of mild kidding about the way co-authors had ended their tale, holding it up as a glittering example of the tendency of athletes, and sports writers, to slop over from sentiment into sentimentality. The whole trouble was that, in some mysterious manner, our quotation of the final sentence in the Ruth opus failed to appear in print, which must have caused some of our readers to wonder what we were trying to get at—if anything.

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WHAT GOES ON IN THE WORLD

by Norman Blair

France

In regard to what is to happen to Western Germany, there seems to be a basic disagreement with France on one side, Britain and the United States on the other. In Washington and in London they think that Europe as a whole needs German production—and that to get Germany back into production is the best way to help all Europe and to cut down the heavy costs of occupation.

To this view the French have consistently made the answer that they must put their own security ahead of all other considerations—and when one thinks of what the German menace has meant to France in the past, they can hardly be blamed.

From the French viewpoint, the most important issue of all is the Ruhr. France has long battled for complete allied control of that great industrial basin, because she sought to obtain thereby the coal she needs for her steel industry and because she thinks control of the Ruhr would be the best guarantee against Germany's rebuilding a war machine. In the accord reached at London an international commission—on which France would be represented but not Russia—would control the operation of the Ruhr and supervise the allocation of its coal, coke, and steel. In such an allocation France would be generously treated.

General De Gaulle, has stated flatly that he is willing to assume supreme power in France—but it is doubtful if he, as head of the Government, would obtain any more pledges of British and American aid to France, in case of war, than have already been given. What the French really want are definite and categoric military pacts to protect her if she is attacked—but, as things are now, it is extremely doubtful if she will get them.

Meanwhile, the De Gaullists and the Communists have joined in opposing Foreign Minister Bidault's proposal for National Assembly approval of the London agreement—surely as queer a combination as you could hope to find anywhere in this haywire world.

Australia

Australians view with certain misgivings the United States attitude toward Japan, and there has been considerable criticism in the Press regarding General McArthur and his views. These critics think they can notice a growing tendency on the part of America to go ahead with plans for Japan's recovery without consulting the Allies—and are not a bit enthusiastic about the idea of building up a former enemy into a "bulwark" against Russian Communism or anything else. Such bulwarks, they think, are very likely to go striking out on a line of their own sooner or later.

American emphasis is all on the restoration of Japanese industry — and of recent months the United States Army and State Deparement appears to have lost interest in an early peace treaty, and to be settling down for an indefinite stay in Japan. Six great airfields which the Americans are constructing—airfields capable of accomodating the latest type of long-range bomber and going far beyond what is required for normal occupation purposes—certainly are not any indication that General MacArthur and his forces have much idea of leaving Nippon at any early date.

Some of the things which the United States Army has done in Japan, and which have caused real concern in Australia, are permitting the Japanese to arm certain vessels for coastal protection without either consulting or informing the Allies, also, in sptie of repeated objections by Great Britain and Australia, allowing the Nipponese whaling fleets to sail into the Antarctic. For Australians are not so naive as to believe that the Japs have had any real change of heart since the end of the war.

Czechoslovakia

Since the Communist coup last February, things have been moving fast in Czechoslovakia. Dr. Benes reluctantly agreed to a Red-dominated Cabinet, probably because he saw civil war as the only alternative, but it is reported that he privately told friends that the situation could "only have evil results."

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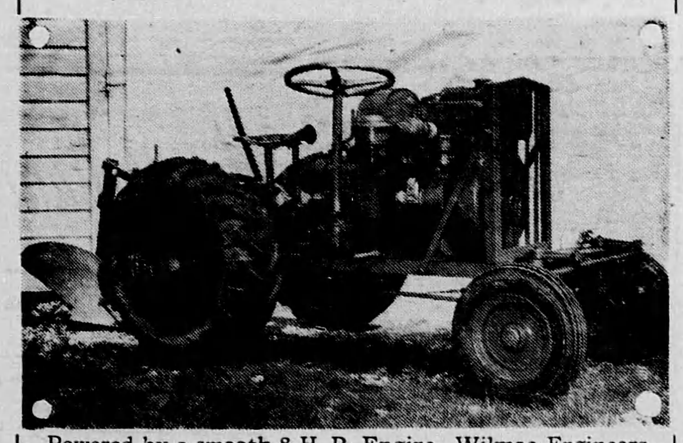

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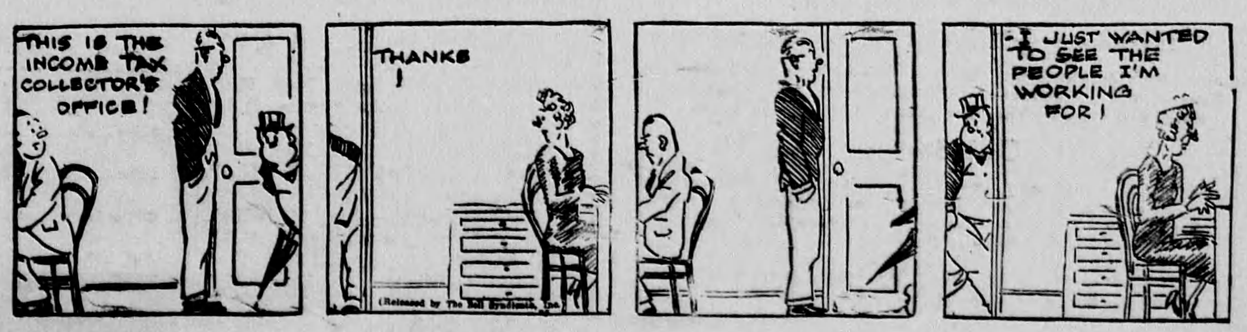
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