

GEORGE BEAHON  
**"In This  
 Corner"**



Banquet Circuit Confidential: In a no-apology criticism of coach George Allen's Super Bowl tactics, running back Larry Brown says, "Things might have been different (for the Redskins) if Allen hadn't insisted on giving me the ball so often. If Haraway ran it a few more times, maybe they might not have keyed on me." . . . It didn't matter whether Brown or Jack Nicklaus won the Mark IV at the Rochester Press-Radio bash. Either way, it meant conflict. Brown gets a new Eldorado Cadillac every year; Nicklaus has five Pontiacs in his driveway . . . Nicklaus didn't hesitate to accept the Dunlop Award in Buffalo, even though his affiliation in golf is with another company. Super emcee Jerry Flynn, who worked both the Rochester and Buffalo eating and oratorical contests, has joined the personal contract stable operated by Mark McCormick, who launched his special agent's career way back then with both Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer . . . Tidal waves of pre-Super Bowl publicity included reams of copy about opposing running backs

Brown and Mercury Morris growing up together in the Pittsburgh ghetto and competing in high school. "I guess we were neighbors of some sort," reveals Brown, "but I never met the man (Morris) in my life until Super Seven in Los Angeles."

Leroy Jackson is a former Job Corps counselor who now serves as business advisor to new world heavyweight champ George Foreman. Says Jackson: "George doesn't drink, doesn't smoke, doesn't cheat. They don't make his kind any more." Ex-welter and middleweight champ Carmen Basilio's post-mortem analysis on Smokin' Joe Frazier's upset defeat: "He blew it in a real hurry when he decided to mix it up at the opening bell. The first two rounds are the most dangerous of any fight. You got to get your body warmed up. Frazier should have taken back when Foreman came out winging. Instead, he took a tough shot to the gut, and was out of it before he could make his fight." Foreman, incidentally, has stopped his last six in two . . . Veterans of the rubber chicken circuit calling Bishop Hogan's invocation at the Rochester affair the best in 23 years of the bash. His tribute to Roberto Clemente, who graced the same dais a year earlier, was super, but still didn't cast any pall on the program . . . Charley Hustle, known also as Pete Rose of Cincinnati, has eight consecutive years of 300-plus hitting. Next summer he'll be working toward his 3,000 base hit, which means he's a virtual cinch to make the Hall of Fame.

Baldish Gaylord Perry, hustling the banquet league after winning the Cy Young Award, estimates the rewards could run anywhere from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Meanwhile, he won't get a raise for his 24 wins for Cleveland. Because he signed last winter for two years at \$2 G's each . . . Edith Hinsley Masters, the girl jockey who made it first at Finger Lakes, meeting the stars at the Rochester dinner. Real reason for her

visit, however, was an invitation to tell a grand jury about alleged attempts to fix Exaeta and Superfecta races at Finger Lakes last season. . . . Abe Lemons, Oklahoma City basketball coach, broke up an audience with his line about staying up to date in coaching. "When they ruled that we could hire two additional assistant coaches, we hired a psychiatrist and a hairdresser."

Designated Hitter deal the talk of all the banquets. Texas League president Bobby Bragan is all for it. "They're spending \$4 million for a scoreboard in New Orleans. The only thing that lights up the scoreboard is offense, which should tell you something. I don't know anybody who'd pay a quarter to see a pitcher hit. It's the best thing since indoor restrooms." Baltimore manager Earl Weaver isn't knocking the DH, but he worries that when the starting pitcher gets ripped early, it will create more lopsided ball-games. . . . Weaver points out the rising cost of baseball in Japan. The Orioles received \$50,000 for 34-year-old Don Buford's contract, and paid Buford \$80,000 for 1973. Dodger utilityman Jim Lefevre goes to Japan, too. The Dodgers got \$100,000 for his contract, and Lefevre signed a three-year, no-cut deal for \$300,000 plus bonuses . . . Pittsburgh manager Bill Virdon flew to Puerto Rico for Clemente rites. Says the world never will know how much Clemente did for his club off the field. "One of his hidden assets," reports Virdon, "was creating great rapport among blacks, Latins and whites. If you didn't know our guys, you'd think some of the things you hear in our clubhouse had racist tones. Actually, Clemente made our group beautiful harmony." Virdon reports a real shocker. "Clemente had a beautiful home in Puerto Rico. Custom there, during a wake, is to admit friends, neighbors, visitors, on an open house basis. Mrs. Clemente was forced to close up the home because of looting."



**Let Us Pray**

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan gives invocation at the annual Rochester Press-Radio Club banquet. At far right is network sportscaster Curt Gowdy, at his right, Larry Brown, star running back of the Washington Redskins football team, named athlete of the year.

FR. LOUIS HOHMAN

**The Open Window**



Q. You state that just about everyone has made his or her decision relating to the problem of birth control. You seem to forget that there are young people coming into awareness of these problems each day, who need to be instructed, guided, warned — and they are not receiving this guidance. Materialism is flung at them from every movie, advertisement, and periodical. Their sense of values is being distorted at every turn. Even if their parents attempt to instruct them in sound morality, there is rarely a sermon from the pulpit to back them up. All the priests these days seem bent on being social workers — or anti-war activists.

I cannot help but feel that too many of you are abdicating your priestly responsibilities. We could use a few "fire and brimstone" sermons now and then to counteract all this dreadful permissiveness. And most important of all — you should certainly back the Holy Father.

A. I feel a great urge to address myself to your last statement first, because this is coming up more and more frequently. First of all, I do feel that I am trying to be loyal to the Holy Father. He is, I believe the great sign of our unity in Christ, I believe he is head of the Church as the first and foremost servant of the servants of God. I believe that he is successor to the Rock.

But there is and must be a distinction between loyalty and "backing him up". The latter implies unquestioning and uncritical acceptance of everything he says or does. And while I would be a fool not to recognize that he is much more brilliant, very probably much more holy, and unquestionably in a better position to know facts, I, as well as many priests and laymen are acutely aware that he can make mistakes and it is the duty of the entire Christian community to help with reverence and respect to give as many honest insights into each problem as possible.

We were brought up in an atmosphere that made the questioning of those in authority a sin of disobedience or pride or temerity. The Pope was always right and our country was always right. But anyone who has observed the scene has found out that the Pope was not always right nor was the president of our country always right.

Now to go back to the beginning of your letter: The statement — "just about everyone has made his or her decision relating to the problem of birth control" — is simply that — a statement of a fact confirmed by many authoritative surveys, the latest of which was recognized as a fact by high officials in the United States Catholic Conference. If the implication is that people like myself brought that about, I think you are being flattering — the roots of those attitudes go back a long way.

As far as our young people are concerned, I was not aware of any gross neglect of their moral training. Priests and teachers are human, after all, and obviously do not do as good a job as conceivably could be done. But I do not see them as failures either. Certainly we have a formidable opponent in the materialism of the media; They have a lot going for them in terms of knowledge and expertise in communicating and motivating. We have neither their training nor resources but we do, I believe, have the Good News and the Holy Spirit. How many sermons are preached from the pulpit on sound morality in any given church I do not know. But when you say "all priests these days seem bent on being social workers — or anti-war activists" I wonder if you realize that social justice, war and peace are among the most important moral issues of our time. Or are you thinking of the strictly personal morality which is made up of about 75 per cent sex, with a nod to lying, stealing, disobedience, etc. Morality is a total package of concern for the rights and dignity of self and others under God.

"Fire and brimstone sermons" — ah yes. Nostalgia. We found long ago that they were quite good at scaring the hell out of people or scaring people out of hell — but not very good at producing loving, Christ-like people. I guess they could still be rated very good for kids under seven years old.

JOHN DOSER  
**Scholastic  
 Notebook**



It's about time that public school athletic directors be absolved of some of the blame they are pinned with regarding the question of sectional tournaments and parochial schools.

Some athletic directors in Monroe County, for example, are privately in favor of permitting parochial schools to compete in sectional tournaments, but admit that they don't cast the vote — their school superintendents do.

And what many superintendents do is vote no, if they don't appreciate the background of the problem.

It's like an old slogan a former military man used to see on his commanding officer's desk — "If you don't understand it, oppose it."

THAT SECRET vote which let the parochial schools in Rochester know where they stand last year, wasn't really all that secret.

**Herder Firm**

New York (RNS) — Negotiations have been completed here for Herder and Herder, the former independent Catholic publisher, to become part of Seabury Press, an agency of the Episcopal Church.  
 Courier-Journal

It's just that in the past the individual voting was never released and sectional officials don't see any reason to release it now.

"I'm sure Senator Laverne would like to know names and addresses of people who didn't vote for him," one sectional official explained, "but he isn't going to find out, is he?"

Section 5 President Carl Palumbo of Victor Central, who incidentally is in favor of parochial and private school participation in sectional tournaments, said superintendents vote by mail ballot, confidentially, on all questions.

"Besides the parochial school question, the superintendents also voted confidentially on the ninth football game and the question of officials' salaries," Palumbo said.

Of the 111 member schools in Section 5, the vote on the parochial question last year was 51-29, against.

Ironically, the section's executive council (which includes league presidents, sports chairman and executive committee) voted about 25-4 in favor.

The council's vote preceded the entire section member vote.

A COMMITTEE for private and parochial school participa-

tion in the sectionals was named by Palumbo after the initial parochial vote went down the drain last year.

Chairman of the committee is Pittsford High superintendent of schools Herbert Bettinger.

Other committee members include Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of Rochester diocesan schools, Father Eugene Zimpher of McQuaid, Hugh Hiney (Hammondsport), Paul Fauth (Greece Arcadia), Ted Bondi (Geneseo), Tony Alvaro (Romulus), Ted Woods (North Rose-Walcott), Keith Buttles (Pavilion), and Lewis Obourn (East Rochester).

Palumbo said the next move on the question of another vote is up to the parochial schools. He said as far as he knows, the committee on the problem has yet to hold a first meeting.

"The real problem is getting those in favor of it to sell it to the leagues. And, I will name the leagues which need the selling if our committee people want to know," Palumbo said.

"I am in favor of it both as a principal and as section president. I voted yes and that's for the record," Palumbo added.

If the parochial schools do remain on the outside, it won't be because the section's president is opposed.