

**IN THIS CORNER**



**George Beahon**

When the International League directors stalled on the Designated Hitter, President George Sisler managed to put it back into operation by convincing Dennis McLain it was good for the game, and for the fans. McLain is general manager of the Memphis club, which is a National League affiliate. NL clubs were supposed to vote "no" to the DH in the International. Instead of the 44 deadlock, on American and National League party lines, Memphis voted to bring the DH back to the best triple-A league in the game.

Still, the World Series is played without the DH, although the American League pitchers don't bat all season long. That's because the NL is the older league, and the NL has more clout in the commissioner's office.

Later this month major league operators will meet and consider the DH question again: Either dump it out of the AL, or make the NL join the club.

Bowie Kuhn could break the tie. It says here he will break the tie.

**Life, Liberty and Law**



**Nancy Murphy**

Frederick Engels co-authored the Communist Manifesto in London in 1847. Forty years later in an almost offhand manner he noted that although some practices espoused in the manifesto had become antiquated, the principles were always correct. "The practical application of the principles will depend as the manifesto itself states, everywhere and at all times, on (existing) conditions and for that reason no special stress should be laid on the revolutionary measures proposed at the end of Section II." (The Method and The Call To Action, Engels, London, 1888). Explicit plans or absolutes are meaningless to the communist mind. Tactical deviations are apparent. Experimental programs differ. Varying situations call for varying solutions. But the ultimate goal remains unchanged. The ultimate goal is the domination of a world community.

Religion is of course the major obstacle to communism, especially the Catholic religion, unified under the leadership of the Holy Father. But atheistic communism never gives up.

The Catholic hierarchy in Albania has been either killed or imprisoned; and the Orthodox and Muslim faiths accept dictation from the Communist Party. The Bulgarian Catholic hierarchy has been destroyed; the Jews and Muslims are persecuted and harassed; and the Orthodox must accommodate themselves to the regime. In Czechoslovakia, religious instruction for children has been eliminated by law from the state-controlled schools, and the Catholic Church is continuously

because he is just beginning to feel his muscles, since he waded into the Oakland-Yankee-Red Sox mess and canceled that clearing-house sale.

Kuhn can cite some figures to back up his case for the DH. This despite the fact that all four divisional races in both leagues long ago became runaways.

The Yankees have a new ballpark, so it's no surprise they're up, up and away in the turnstile race. Kansas City is up because it's leading the AL West.

But the rest of the American League, despite the killing, one-sided romps by the Yankees and DC, is proving that fans apparently want the Designated Hitter.

The Oakland A's are a notable exception. They are down because their fans don't dig Charley Finley's act, and his attempted acts. Also, Oakland can't make it while the Giants are across the Bay bridge, and vice versa.

But Texas is way up, and the White Sox are way up. Detroit is way up, and maybe it's Mark (The Bird) Fydrich accounting for that. But why is Cleveland way up? And for all the howling out of Baltimore about unsigned players and the loss of a contender, Oriole attendance is up. Boston fell out of the race early, and it has unsigned stars, and it happens to be about 400,000 ahead of last year's attendance.

Lots of people think the American League and the DH offer a more exciting product. The NL is enjoying a good year, too. But not like the AL with its DH. This is the best reason I can think of why the NL will join the club later this month.

attacked and ridiculed by the government-sponsored Society for the Propagation of Political and Scientific Knowledge. In Estonia the Lutheran Church has been subordinated to the Party; all public worship and church weddings, funerals and baptisms have been replaced with atheistic rites; anti-religious education is openly pushed, and the Churches are heavily taxed.

Hungarian Catholics suffer periodic intensification of anti-religious policies. In 1964 an agreement between Hungary and the Vatican improved the situation somewhat but the following year (as verified by the Vatican paper L'Osservatore Romano): Catholic priests were arrested and imprisoned, some for holding seminars for Hungarian youth. The Catholic, Lutheran and Orthodox churches in Latvia have been destroyed with priests imprisoned and/or serving in labor camps. All religious ceremonies have been replaced with atheistic rites. Officially, the Catholic Church in Lithuania still exists but the government has reduced it to a fraction of its former size and influence. All schools have been taken over by the government.

The Polish Catholic Church is tolerated in a form of co-existence but seminaries were taken over by the regime, and the traditional training of new priests has been systematically hindered. In Rumania all Catholic bishops were purged and replaced by elected popular prelates. The Catholic Church there is effectively paralyzed. In the Ukraine although there are unnumbered Catholics who silently and secretly practice their sacred faith, millions have been imprisoned as religious fanatics or simply liquidated. Of the eleven Catholic bishops arrested in 1946, only one survived. Joseph Slipyi, who was released from prison in 1963 on the intervention of Pope John XXIII and named a cardinal. (Cardinal Slipyi now lives in the Vatican and according to the National Catholic Register is actively involved in bringing knowledge of the Promises of Fatima to the world). The last Catholic seminary in White Russia was closed in 1953, and in 1965 only 150 priests were still registered in that country.

**Concelebrants Named for Auburn Mass**

Auburn — Father Elmer Heindl, Cayuga-Seneca regional coordinator, has announced that joining him as main concelebrants at the Eucharistic Celebration, Sunday, Aug. 8, at 3 p.m. at Casey Park in Auburn will be Father Leo Lynch, associate coordinator and pastor of St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls, and Father Michael Conboy, representing Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

Priests of the region have been invited to concelebrate the Mass with them. Father Albert Shannon, pastor of St. Mary's in Waterloo will give the homily on the Seven Hungers, the theme of the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia.

**Ecumenical Seminar Set**

Graymoor, N.Y. — A two-day seminar on "The Small Parish: Opportunities for Ecumenical Mission" will be conducted here Aug. 24 and 25 under the auspices of the Ecumenical Clergy Association.

Leadership will be provided by Dr. Arleon Kelley, associate executive director of the Commission on Regional and Local Ecumenism, National Council of Churches, New York City, and Rev. Robert Poandl, second vice president of the Glenmary Home Missioners, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Registration for the two-day seminar is \$30 and includes overnight accommodations and meals. Further information can be had from Father Arthur F. Gouthro, SA, Director, Ecumenical Clergy Association, Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y. 10524.

**Bloodmobile Slated At Blessed Trinity**

Auburn — "We Can Make It Happen" is the call to service being issued by Auburn parishes in support of the Red Cross Bloodmobile from 1 to 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12 at Blessed Trinity School.

The citywide campaign is the second annual cooperative effort in its kind for the Auburn parishes.

At a meeting with Red Cross officials, parish representatives were advised that a great deal of blood is needed during July and August. More than 200 pints are being sought. Coordination is under the supervision of Theresa Bigley of St. Mary's Parish.

**FIRST FRIDAY**

First Friday Devotions at Sacred Heart Cathedral Aug. 6 will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between the noon and 5:20 p.m. Masses. Benediction will precede the latter. The Legion of Mary asks all who are able to come in during the afternoon to spend a half hour in adoration.

**Deaths**

**Teresa Koskie**

Homell — Miss Teresa Koskie died July 19, 1976, after a long illness. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Ann's Church and burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery.

Miss Koskie's survivors are her sister Mrs. Sophie Schott of Homell and two brothers, Karl, North Homell, and Joseph, Painted Post. Miss Koskie was a member of Homell Zonta Club, Ladies of Columbus, American Legion Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters of America, Court of St. Ann.

Friends may contribute to the St. Ann School Library Fund in memory of Miss Koskie.

**AS I SEE IT**



**Pat Costa**

How do you turn a non-sports fan into a buff? Turn him (or her) onto the Olympics, of course. It is difficult to imagine anyone able to resist the spectacle of superbly trained bodies, self-disciplined minds accomplishing what seems to be, from this vantage point, superhuman feats.

As I began to write this, my first thought was of "lithe, graceful, young" bodies. Well not all of them have been that young and certainly not all of them have been lithe. And it would be most difficult to characterize some of the weightlifters we watched as graceful. Nadia they were not. But stunning, sensational and super strong. Nearly every event has captured our attention with the gymnasts and the platform divers getting this viewer's top votes.

ABC has turned in its usual fine job with Jim McKay anchoring the job and assorted former winners working with Chris Schenkel. Mark Spitz did tend to forget that he wasn't swimming. Micki King was a little too partisan and Cathy Rigby given to superlatives, but who wouldn't have watching those gymnasts. On the whole they added an interesting dimension to the proceedings, ranging from helpful to somewhat confusing.

ABC did a somewhat better job this time in letting the viewers

know which events were live and which had been videotaped although McKay's alleged excitement over a race whose outcome he already knew lent a mildly fraudulent tone to the telecast.

The vignettes showing the Olympians in home settings is one of the very best things about watching the show. By the time all eyes are on the performer those of us who are not devoted sports page readers have an inkling of what the particular event is about as well as insight into the competitor's personality. I must confess, however, I did not get particularly choked up at the sight of Princess Anne mucking out her own horse's stall. She may clean up after her own animal but you can bet she's never wielded a Johnny Mop.

If there was a distressing aspect to the show it must have been the fickleness of the medium over a has been. Four years ago the announcers (and sports writers) could not say enough about the charms of Olga Korbut — in addition to gushing over her prowess as an athlete. This time they never missed an opportunity to cut her down a little more as if she weren't having problems enough. Pointed remarks were made about the looks on the young woman's face describing her as envious, unhappy, tearful. Hopefully the Olympics new darling, Comaneci, will not fall for the patter.

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