

Reds Claim U.K. Football Players Are Only Slaves

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (AP) — Britons may never be slaves, but the magazine Soviet Sport says British football players are.

U. S. Cost of Living Reaches New High

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (CP) — The cost of living in the United States rose to another new high during November, chiefly as the result of higher prices for fresh fruits and vegetables and miscellaneous goods and services.

RANGOON, Dec. 21 (Reuters) — Communist guerrillas today paralyzed rail communications between Rangoon and Mandalay, Central Burma, by blowing up four bridges simultaneously, it was reported here.

Expect Strong Teams In Olympic Hockey Play

(By Alan Harvey) LONDON, Dec. 21 (CP) — Edmonton Mercurys can count on a run for their money in next year's Olympic hockey tournament. Tough competition is expected from Switzerland, Sweden, the USSR and Czechoslovakia.

Word from the continent is that Czechoslovakia, Canada's sharpest rival in post-war competitions, will be "stronger than ever" on their return to the international ice lanes.

The Czechs won the world title at Stockholm in 1949. Then the Iron Curtain lightened and they stayed home in 1950 and 1951. Next year Czechoslovakia will be back, bringing with them a reputation inflated by recent exhibition victories in Sweden.

Hudson Makes Statement On Hawks' Crisis

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 21 (CP) — Moncton Hawks, beset with money troubles and shadowed with threats of heavy fines and being disbanded, were permitted to play Glace Bay Miners in their regular Maritime Major Hockey League game here tonight.

League President J. Elliott Hudson said permission was granted to "give the city of Moncton an opportunity of keeping its entry in the league."

The permission was granted despite the fact that Hawks did not play a scheduled game in Halifax last night and did not notify St. Mary's of their inability to perform there due to lack of finances until yesterday afternoon, the president said.

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even partially so, the birds can look out for themselves. Pheasants have one advantage over the Huns when the going gets tough. They can alight in trees and eat the leaf buds. Huns have no hind toe for gripping a limb and are thus grounded.

The same may be said in the animal world. The skunks and raccoons have it over the foxes when deep snows blanket the countryside and blizzard winds howl through the darkened woods. Skunks sleep it out in some warm underground den or under a barn or haystack. Coons often use a den vacated by a skunk or fox but prefer a hollow tree or log for their winter siesta.

Brer fox has to stick it out no difference what the weather is like. A fox doesn't seem to mind the cold. I have surprised them in sub zero weather curled up in the snow with their nose and face protected by their heavy brush.

I don't think that the creatures of the wild as a whole will dine nearly so well as we will on Christmas day. The odd fox, horned owl or Goshawk will, in all probability feast to repletion on a meaty rabbit, plump pheasant or partridge on Xmas day but the rank and file of Nature's children will have to be content with a bit here and a nibble there. I trust that none of the readers of this column will have to leave the Christmas table without that comfortable feeling that comes from a full stomach so with this happy thought in mind I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Mr. R. Dwight Mitten, in offering to organize a new club if the present one went into liquidation, deserves the commendation of Moncton and Maritime fandom. Since his offer was turned down, the league and City of Moncton and its lovers of hockey can expect that the present owners will keep the club in operation, or if they cannot do so that they will let the league and the city and citizens of Moncton know their plight in ample time to permit something to be worked out. Certainly another failure to appear because of lack of funds cannot be tolerated.

"The Moncton Hawks Club must be severely censured for their non-appearance in Halifax two days after Halifax had played in Moncton. If it had informed Halifax of its penniless condition in time I am certain that their travelling expenses would have been advanced by Halifax and deducted from the 10 cents per paid admission which they would have received after last night's game if it had been played. This would have assured them of tonight's game being played. By doing so the Hawks would have kept faith with Halifax St. Mary's, the league, and the city and fans of Moncton."

able should be given a place in the Western European defence armies, thereby releasing Western Europeans for work in factories, or on farms.

Russian touchiness about such escapees is an old story. After the Second World War Russian delegates to the U. N. relief and rehabilitation meeting tried to prevent full-scale aid to any Ukrainians caught in Europe. Since then the Russians have tried to deny Ukrainians the right to live in international refugee camps. Moscow wanted them all sent home.

Most of the Ukrainians told International Relief Organization officials that they had no wish to live again under Communism. And one of the Russian delegates to the 1947 U. N. Assembly told this reporter that they wanted the Ukrainians home in the Soviet Union because they had fought with the Germans during the Second World War. He unwittingly revealed that some Ukrainians, at least, had given concrete proof that they didn't like Moscow's rule.

Now a new stream of refugees is finding its way out of the Soviet orbit. The West can't ignore them. Vishinsky wants the U. N. to censure the U. S. for voting the first large sum to care for them.

He performed a nice job for the West in doing it. He again threw the world spot light on how unsavory Communism can be to the people caught under it.

TOTTENHAM, England (CP) — Mrs. Eliza Smith, 92, claims the largest family in her borough with 17 descendants. The family includes 11 children, 44 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Back Stretch

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nia pacer owned by Sol Camp of Shafter, lowered six of the all-time marks and Sampson Hanover and Tar Heel accounted for five others.

Among the drivers, Frank Ervin of Sedalia, Mo., took down second place with seven new records to his credit. Wilbur Beattie, Prince Jay's driver, ranked third with six. The most important record broken during the campaign was the all-time mark over a half mile track. This fell to Sampson Hanover who went in 1:59 3-5 at Delaware, O., in September and thus became the first horse ever to race in better than two minutes over a minor course.

We had a telephone chat with Harry Hirsch, Sydney, Wednesday afternoon and learned that his free-for-aller, Super Hal 2014 has arrived and is stabled with 24 other horses owned by various parties at the Sports Centre in Sydney. Harry had an excellent season last year with his stable, full particulars of which will appear in our Review last week. We also had a phone conversation with Nig MacDougall of New Glasgow, N.S. who with Bert Cruikshank, owner of Brewer's Gallon 2:00 4-5, spent a couple of weeks in California where they witnessed the racing which ended on Saturday, Dec. 1st. They left that evening at eleven o'clock and were in Halifax the next morning at ten minutes to nine. Most enjoyed their visit immensely and were very pleased with the success which Joe O'Brien had with his stable, his 18 wings making him top driver in that respect.

Among the horsemen Nig talked with was W. C. Crummer, who raced horses in Ontario for many years and was here for our Exhibition meet in 1934. Mr. Crummer brought the rood pacer Guy the Tramp 2:02 in a trailer and we may remark that in that trailer Guy travelled some 10,000 miles, eventually landing in California where he remained until his death and incidentally was one of the actors in a movie which had a wide distribution. Mr. Crummer asked about Tom Holmes, Professor Rockford, the writer and others. He won two races during the meet with the pacer Swindle Sheet 2:03.

Now getting back to Charlottetown and its 1934 race meet we may say that a widely advertised free for all trot and pace with six star performers was scheduled for Friday afternoon. There was an unfortunate happening the night before the race, fire breaking out in the centre section of the stables and before it could be controlled 30 stalls were destroyed. Some horses ran about the premises loose but they were soon rounded up. All the gear was saved and in a couple of hours the horses had been placed in the stalls used by the Charlottetown Riding Club.

Through the co-operation of Simon Paoli, posts and lumber were delivered at the track before six o'clock a.m. and Tom Harper hired a bunch of workers. At twelve o'clock a fence ten feet high and 300 feet long filled the vacant spot and all the debris had been cleared away. There was a tremendous attendance that afternoon, largely because of the high calibre of the pacers in the Free For All and the great publicity given to the visit of Toll Gate 2:00 1/2. This horse had been used in a light delivery wagon until he was about six years of age. One day he took fright and tore away on the pace so fast that his driver talked about it and the result was that he was put in training. In a couple of years he was cleaning up at various race meets in Ontario and then staked heavily on the Grand Circuit where he won repeatedly and took his record.

In the spring of 1934 he was bought by Heber Sweeney, Bridge-water, N. S., and proved a great investment. There was considerable betting on the race and it was almost entirely between the backers of Toll Gate and Guy the Tramp. Toll Gate drew the pole and was never headed in the three heats. Guy the Tramp made his bid mostly at the three-quarter pole but although he got to Toll Gate's snuff that was the best he could do.

The summary was: Toll Gate 2:00 1/2 (Sweeney) 1-1-1; Guy the Tramp 2:02 (Crummer) 2-2-2; Sampson Hal 2:02 1/2 (Holmes) 3-4-6; Hunter Hedgewood 2:04 (Purvis) 5-3-4; Calumet Brownie 2:01 1/2 (Hood) 5-6-3; Darky Grattan 2:02 1/2 (Conroy) 4-5-5. Time: 2:06 1/2, 2:05 1/2, 2:06 1/2. All three heats were better than the previous track record of 2:07 1/2. Toll Gate's 2:05 1/2 remained on the record board at Charlottetown track until August 20, 1938, when Bud Wenger 2:05 1/2 lowered it to 2:05 1/2.

Practically the same field of pacers took part in the Free For All pace at Halifax the following week. Toll Gate won in straight heats, Guy the Tramp 3-2-2, Calumet Brownie 2-3-3, Hunter Hedgewood 5-4-4 and Sampson Hal 4-5-5. Time: 2:07, 2:07 1/2, 2:07 1/2. All three heats were new track records for Halifax Raceway. Toll Gate also won the Free For All at Fredericton, Sept. 12, with a summary of 1-2-1, Billy Strathmore (Clukey) 2-1-4, Marjorie M. (Jabalee) 4-3-2, Calumet Brownie (Hood) 3-4-3. Time: 2:06, 2:06, 2:06 1/2. The same afternoon the Maritime trotting record of 2:09 1/2 was broken three times at Fredericton by Peter Pokey a son of Captain Aubrey 2:07 1/2, owned by J. Howard Randall of Harrison, Me. He was in with such good pacers as Star G, King Spruce, Duke McKlyo, Patrick Direct and Klatta Direct. The time was 2:07, 2:09, 2:08 1/2. Peter Pokey's record made that day was broken by Watchin, Aug. 25, 1944, at St. Stephen, N.B. His time was 2:06 1/2 and he was driven by Billy Hood, and owned by Alderman Frank Adams, Halifax. It remains the fastest trotting performance in the Maritimes.

Chicago Releases Catcher To Mexico

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP) — Chicago Cubs today unconditionally released catcher Mickey Owen. He was the first important major league player to desert organized baseball to join the Mexican League. He was reinstated by A. G. Chandler, then commissioner, in 1949.

Owen, 35, batted .184 in 54 games for the Cubs last season, his second year with the Cubs. Owen played with Brooklyn in the 1941 World Series and also in the all-star games in 1941-42.

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The daily double at Hurst Park race track today paid off at odds of 1-348 to one. Three 10 shilling (\$1.40) tickets were sold on the winning combination of Pearly Prince and Clay Pit. Each winner collected a Christmas present of \$1,887.20.

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Betrays Soviet Worries Over Escapees To West. By Sigrid Arne. Associate Press News Analyst (For J. M. Roberts, Jr.) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky has betrayed again the Kremlin's worries about anyone who escapes into the free world. He has asked the Paris meeting of the United Nations to censure the U. S. for setting aside a fund of \$100,000,000 to take care of Soviet escapees. This fund is part of the mutual aid program voted last fall for U. S. help to Western Europe and other Allies. Reports to the U. S. Displaced Persons Commission say that about 150,000 people beat their way every year from Communist-dominated Eastern Germany to Western Europe. Another 500 a month escape from Communist-run Middle European nations, and the Soviet Union itself. It seemed sensible to the U. S. to provide that those willing and

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