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Are you a football fan? If so here's big news:-
The two platoon system has been outlawed! Tonight this ruling was made by the National Collegiate Athletic Association Rules Committee.

Meeting at St. Petersburg, Florida, the Rules Committee has just changed the "free substitution rule", and adopted a series of regulations, restricting the substitution of players during a football game. All-designed to stop the practice of having what amounts to two teams, offensive and defensive.

The Rules Committee also outlawed what is called the "sucker shift", by changing the rules governing play on the field.

All of which is in the realm of lively controversy - particularly concerning the two-platoon system. Which now is outlawed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, - and we'll see what happens.

TRUMAN-ECONOMIC

President Truman's economic report predicts ~~that~~ the present prosperity is assured for most of Nineteen Fifty-three. Reporting to Congress, he says the only weak spot, right now, is farm prices - which may decline still further. But, otherwise, the present state of good business and full employment will continue.

All this ^{is} based on the opinion of the Presidential economic advisers. Who, however, disagree on whether "pump priming" will be needed after this year. In the three-man group, two think the government might have to take steps to forestall a recession in the next three years. But the other member says that plans already in operation should be enough to keep our economy going.

SENATE APPROVAL

The Senate Post Office committee okays Arthur Summerfield, as Postmaster General. He appeared before the Committee today, and answered questions. He said he is not financially interested in railroads, airlines, steamship companies, doing business with the Post Office. He is connected with automobile agencies in Michigan, and said he'd give up his position as Director in these. But he ^{would} retain his financial interest. All of which was -- acceptable to the committee.

Other incoming cabinet members will appear before Senate Committees tomorrow and Friday, going through the usual preliminaries -- so that the whole cabinet can be confirmed by the Senate on Inauguration Day.

The C I O issues a statement - that it is "not interested in patronage" from the Eisenhower Administration. Which is taken to mean that the C I O is angry, and would not accept a post in the labor department of the new administration.

The Secretary of Labor, is, of course, Martin Durkin of the plumbers union in the A F of L. When he was named, Walter Reuther, President of the C I O wrote to the President-elect, praising the nomination.

Soon afterward, an Under-Secretary was named - an A F of L man. That's what seems to have irked the leaders of the C I O. There are still posts which they might get. But now they say they^are "not interested in patronage."

NEW JERSEY

Governor Driscoll of New Jersey will not seek a third term. At Trenton, today, he said: "I reached my decision a long, long time ago. I'm not a candidate for -reelection, and I will not be a candidate."

New Jersey law restricts the number of terms a Governor can serve - but, legally, Driscoll could be elected to another. However, he declares himself out.

TITO

In the Yugoslav parliament - there's a hero. Today, the Communist government elected a President - and who do you think it was? Marshall Tito, the Communist, though anti-Stalinist, dictator, When he was proposed in Parliament, the formal question was asked -- were there any other nominations? That was greeted by a laugh.

Then the balloting. The vote - five hundred and sixty-eight to one. So who is that one? We don't know. It was a secret ballot, and all we can say is - there was one hero!

SOVIET-JERUSALEM

There was a scene of tense drama in Jerusalem today - a great crowd walking slowly through the streets in dead silence. No violent, shouting demonstration could have been half as expressive. No protest of shouts and outcries could have been as eloquent and emotional - as the quiet of the marchers, without a word, without a sound.

This followed the death in Jerusalem last night, of the former Chief Rabbi of Russia - while listening to the radio. From Nineteen Twenty-four to Nineteen thirty-three, Rabbi Jacob Kleiman was the head of the Jewish communities in the land of the Soviets. Retiring, he went to Palestine - to end his days in Jerusalem.

He was listening to radio news of the confessions of the nine eminent doctors in Moscow, six of them Jewish. Charged - with ~~xxx~~ fantastic murders, treason, Jewish nationalism, Zionism. A broadcast in Israel, telling of this latest fantasy of anti-semitism behind the Iron Curtain.

The former Chief Rabbi of Russia had a son and daughter, both in Russia - both physicians. The son - on the medical faculty of Moscow University. The daughter - practicing physician in Moscow.

The seventy-three year old patriarch couldn't endure it. As he listened to the account of Soviet anti-semitism, the confessions of the nine doctors - his heart gave way. He slumped in his chair - lifeless.

His funeral was held today, in Jerusalem, and that's why thousands marched in silence. Following the bier of the former chief Rabbi of Russia.

FRANCE

The New Premier of France is going to Washington. Rene Mayer says he'll arrive soon after the inauguration -- to confer with President Eisenhower and the new administration. Sounds like something of a parade -- British Prime Minister Winston Churchill is also due in Washington after the inauguration.

There is plenty concern about promises the French Premier had to make in taking office - promises that he would seek a modification of arrangements for West European defense.

France - worried about the possibility of a German military revival. But today Rene Mayer said that, in Washington, he will give General Eisenhower a pledge - that France will do everything possible to establish that international Army under the North Atlantic treaty.

KOREA

A big air battle in Korea, when enemy jets came swarming down from the Manchurian sanctuary - trying to stop an all-out assault on the Sinanju bottleneck in North Korea. For the sixth straight day, fleets of U.S. planes blasted the vital transport line.

Trying to stop this, the MIGS got into a tangle with American sabre-jets, and lost heavily. The U.S. planes won as many as Nineteen victories today. Eight MIGS shot down for sure - others probably ~~shot down~~^{shot down}, and still others damaged.

VIRUS

The mid-west reports an epidemic of virus influenza - and other diseases of respiration. Nothing serious - the maladies are mild. But ~~thousands~~ ^{tens} of thousands are hit, all the way from Texas to Illinois. Schools closed far and wide. Factories reporting - half the workers absent. Hospitals - crowded. The virus epidemic began in southern Colorado at Christmas time - now sweeping through the middlewest. Few deaths - but plenty of people are laid up.

STRIKE

Philadelphia was in a tangle today - with an all-around strike of transportation workers, bus, trolley car, subway. Violence broke out - vandals raided stations of the elevated system, ripping out vending machines, breaking into lockers and cashiers' booths. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ New York ~~is~~ having a bus strike - all rather quiet; ~~which is~~ much in contrast with events in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia
The walkout followed an agreement between the union and the city. A contract negotiated by Michael Quill, head of the transport workers organization - who also directs the union in the New York bus strike -- the Philadelphia settlement had to be ratified by a meeting of the transport workers - at which only about a quarter showed up. In a stormy session the agreement was rejected. So the strike was on - stranding a million people who depend on buses, trolley cars, subway.

Union President Quill declares the rejection of the contract was the doing of a violent minority -

howling down the union leaders. Quill states: "This is not trade unionism. This is anarchy." It's also a calamity - for Philadelphia.

CADET

Today was an anniversary at West Point. But the only commemoration was - a continued sense of wonder and mystery. Just three years ago, tonight, Cadet Richard Cox vanished, and was never seen again. The case - one of the strangest puzzles of recent years.

Today the perplexing details were rehearsed all over again - how the handsome, twenty-two year old cadet put on his dress uniform, and went out for a dinner appointment with a man named George. About whom - nothing more is known.

Earlier a telephone call had come for Richard Cox, a fellow cadet taking a message for him. Tell Dick that George called, said a man's voice. "Tell him I want to buy an old friend a dinner. We knew each other in Germany."

It turned out that Richard Cox had been in the army in Germany, serving with a constabulary unit. But a check of all his known associates over there - revealed not a thing.

His dinner engagement was with that mysterious George. It seems impossible, investigators declare, that anybody in so resplendent a costume, could vanish -- simply drop out of sight. The dress uniform at West Point -- epaulettes, brass buttons, tail coat and all. But that's what happened.

At Mansfield, Ohio, today, the mother of the missing cadet would not give up hope. "Dick is still alive and will be found," she said.

But his fiance did give up hope. She was sure he would never be found alive - and, on Christmas, married another man.

BOY

At South Bend, Indiana, today, the Judge ruled that nine year old Charley Joe Tipp is really Ronnie Thompson - kidnapped from his parents as an infant. The boy was reared by Robert Tipp - who apparently, believed him to be his own son. According to the ruling of the court, the weird story is as follows:

Robert Tipp's wife kidnapped the infant from ~~his home~~ ^{the Thompsons} in Dayton - and represented to her husband that she had given birth to the child while on a journey from home. Later she was committed to a mental institution ~~in~~ in Florida.

Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thompson never stopped searching for their kidnapped son - and finally located him. Robert Tipp insisted the boy was his own, and the case went to court - where the proceedings were tensely emotional. Climaxing today - when the judge ruled that the ~~xxxx~~ lad called Charley Joe Tipp was really Ronnie Thompson.

BRIDGE

At Decatur, Nebraska, the local folks wish the government would hurry up and do something - to put the river under the bridge. They're being kidded about it. Their Town - the butt of a joke. ~~Decatur being at the Western end of a two million dollar span, intended to bridge the Missouri from Iowa to Nebraska. But the river - is someplace else. So the structure with great arches, roadway and all - extends over dry land.~~

It all came about ~~then~~ through a mix-up - between army engineers, Congress, and what not. The engineers, building the bridges three years ago - intended to divert the river to flow under it. But ^{Congress failed} ~~there was a miscalculation~~ ^{to put up enough money.} ~~miscalculation about the difficulty of making the Missouri move over. More money was needed, and Congress never put it up.~~

The Truman budget calls for two and a half million dollars to start the job. About eight million in all will be needed. But the new Republican Congress is talking economy, ~~and the incoming Eisenhower administration is in a mood to cut the Truman budget.~~

Two local Congressmen, ~~Ben~~ Jensen of Iowa, and ~~R.D.~~ Harrison of Nebraska, are Republicans - ~~as~~ economy-minded ~~as any~~, but they ^{too} are all for putting ^a up the money to bring the river and the bridge together.

~~Right now, the stately span across dry land is used mostly by young couples out for a stroll. Something romantic about it, apparently - to saunter over to the East end, and take a look at the Missouri River, two hundred yards away. Rather a mocking sight. Curiosity seekers come from far and wide - and an occasional automobile drives across, going nowhere.~~

But don't think that no water has ever flowed under that bridge. It did - last spring. The Missouri had a big flood - and today Mayor Charles Rogers of Decatur said: "You bet the bridge had water under it then. The river was seventeen miles wide."

But, when the deluge was over, the Missouri moved out from under, and went right back to its old channel. Leaving the problem - marrying the river to the bridge. Quite a wedding.

EISENHOWER-HAT

Last night we have a fashion note on Mrs. Eisenhower at the inauguration- and it sure was esoteric and feminine, with complicated ~~ix~~ frills. Tonight we hear what the President-elect will wear. Or rather - what he won't wear.

What kind of hat? No, not ~~be~~ a topper! The President-elect will stick to his black homburg, of course, his usual headgear; during his long ~~xxx~~ career, was an army cap. So he never got used to wearing a plug hat.

We hear that the question had been a burning issue at the Eisenhower headquarters -- topper versus homburg. ~~xxx~~ The question was put up to the President-elect himself, and he decided, for the inaugural ball, he'll put on white tie and tails. But - no

that day! ~~will Nelson~~
silk hat, ~~maybe~~ Maybe he'd look funny in one. *You*
Nelson, look fine in a top hat!