HALE MAKES STOP . . . Chicago Black Hawk goalie Glen Hall goes down on his knees to stop a hard shot during Saturday's National Hockey League game at Toronto. Waiting for the rebound are Dave Keon (right) and Billie Harris of Toronto Maple Leafs. Leafs defeated Chicago 5-2. — CP Photo

Kefauver calls for Congress action to rescue boxing from racketeers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Estes Kefauver has called for swift action by Congress to rescue professional boxing in the United States from the strangling control of racketeers. Adjourning Senate investigation hearings until some time next month, Kefauver said Wednesday a federal boxing commission is urgently needed to sweep hoodlums out of boxing.

He ordered his staff to start drafting proposed legislation at once. He told his Senate anti-trust and monopoly subcommittee that if Congress does not act speedily "the sport might very well pass from the American scene."

Kefauver proposed that the commission stay in existence for only three years and licence everyone who participates in interstate matches. He said this would include boxers, managers, promoters and even men in television who engage in boxing promotions.

Anyone participating in such a match without a licence, in undercover deals or otherwise, would be subject to criminal penalties.

The hearings featured testimony of behind-the-scenes control of boxing by gangsters. Kefauver called it a story that showed monopolistic control by the underworld of nearly all major bouts.

Kefauver said in an interview that he probably will call as witnesses next month the managers of world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and Sonny Liston, top challenger for the title.

Patterson's manager is Cus d'Amato of New York. Liston's is Joseph P. (Pep) Barone of Allentown, Pa.

D'Amato's New York licence has been revoked. He has been convicted of failing to respond to a subpoena issued in a New York investigation of alleged underworld shenanigans in the promotion of the Patterson - Ingemar Johansson title bout in June last year.

Hoop player dies

SHALLOW WATER, Kan. (AP)—Lou Ann Wheeler, 17-year-old captain of the Shallow Water High School girls' basketball team, collapsed and died Tuesday night during a game against Utica. The cause of death was not known.

English soccer players plan to form own teams

LONDON (AP)— England's professional soccer stars, poised to strike for higher wages, formed plans today to keep the game going by forming their own teams and running their own leagues.

They have earmarked at least a dozen unaffiliated stadiums where the teams of famous league clubs could play under thinly disguised names without interference from the Football Association or the English League.

They mean to sell the match rights to soccer pool firms and to television companies.

Players from clubs in southern England said Tuesday they would strike on January 14. Today players from other regions will meet in Manchester, and others will meet in Birmingham Thursday.

The new Professional Footballers' Association which is calling the strike has no money to issue strike pay.

Meanwhile the emergency committee of the Football Association is reported ready to abandon the English League and Cup competitions for this season if the strike materializes.

The footballers are demanding the removal of a £20 ($56) weekly wage ceiling.

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AL teams investigate trades after $4,000,000 transaction

BOSTON (AP)— The new Washington and Los Angeles American League teams today investigated baseball's trading market after completing their first major task, selection of players in an unprecedented draft.

Both general managers, Fred Haney of Los Angeles Angels and Ed Doherty of Washington Senators, said they are eagerly seeking trades to strengthen the squads which, for the most part, were chosen at Wednesday's historic session in American League headquarters.

Doherty said he was "tremendously happy with what we have," but added that he plans to talk with several clubs today in an effort to acquire another starting pitcher and an infielder.

The Angels and Senators each plucked 28 players off the rosters of the other eight American League teams, paying $75,000 for each man. Los Angeles also picked up two minor leaguers and Washington three at a cost of $25,000 each.

61 MEN INVOLVED

Baseball's biggest player transaction involved 61 players and $4,325,000.

League President Joe Cronin said: "It wasn't a bad lot of players. They should be able to give somebody trouble. They'll be in the fight for eighth, maybe seventh, place."

Haney and Doherty said the biggest problem appears to be among the pitchers. None of those chosen won more than seven games in the majors last year.

In all, Los Angeles picked 12 pitchers, four catchers, eight infielders and four outfielders.

Washington's list showed 11 pitchers, three catchers, eight infielders and six outfielders.

Among the players chosen by Washington were Bobby Shantz, Gene Woodling, Dick Donovan, Willie Tasby and Dale Long.

Los Angeles selections included Ted Kluszewski, Ned Garver, Bob Cerv, Eddie Yost and Ken Aspromonte.

Edmonton shows profit

EDMONTON (CP) — Edmonton Eskimos Football Club finished the 1960 season with an estimated $1,586 net profit on operations, it was announced Wednesday night at the club's annual meeting.

The increase in net profit on all operations during 1960 amounted to $23,513, since the club reported a net loss on all operations in 1959 of $21,927.

President Gordon Wynn said at a meeting: "We're going to pull out all stops next year in an attempt to sell 10,000 season tickets."

This year, 8,763 season tickets were sold.

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PCL buys Solons' franchise

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Pacific Coast League bought the 57-year-old Sacramento baseball franchise Wednesday night. League directors fly to Honolulu today in hopes of selling it.

Dewey Soriano, league president, said the PCL paid $55,000 to the owners of Sacramento Solons. Most of the money will be used to pay off the Solons' debts.

"We have no doubts that Honolulu is in," Soriano said, "but there is some question about specifically who will operate the team there.

Soriano said the eight - team league will play a 154 - game schedule next season, with each of the mainland clubs making two trips to Hawaii. One would be for a four-game set and the other for a seven-game series.

Giants slim park to help hitters

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco Giants plan to slim down their outfield acreage at Candlestick baseball park to make the windy stadium a bit easier for long-ball hitters.

The National League club said today it will tighten up from left centre to right centre, leaving the foul-line distances at 335 feet. Only 77 homers were hit in the park last season.

The new distances are 365 feet in left centre (32 feet shorter), 410 feet at centre (10 feet shorter) and right centre 375 feet (22 feet shorter).

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