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SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK.—The cloud is not much bigger than a skillet at the moment, but we have a deep down feeling after reading the latest news from Australia that it's touch and go whether the next Olympic Games will be held at Melbourne. The U.S. could get them yet.

There plainly has been a great change since we were in Melbourne just after three weeks ago and had an extended talk with Arthur W. Coles, the industrialist cozened into taking on the enormous task of organizing the 1956 carnival.

Coles, retired and wealthy, accepted the job only because he felt he was needed. In the brief time between his appointment and when we saw him, Coles felt he had made a great deal of progress and was confident he had the thing licked.

The particular apple of his eye was a great new stadium which was to begin rising soon at the old Carlton football ground.

Coles was happy that the men who control a sprawling old cricket ground in the centre of the city had ruled against holding the Olympics on their property. He felt it was better that Melbourne should have a fine new stadium of its own after the games had come and gone.

Now, less than a month later,

we read that, having learned Coles is dead serious about building a stadium, the cricket fathers have decided it would be peachy, after all, to have their ramshackle old plant rebuilt and made pretty for the games.

This presents, incidentally, more of a problem than just erecting a new stand to replace the ancient structures on one side of the field which went up originally during Queen Victoria's reign. The cricket ground isn't anywhere near level. One side of the field is, in fact, 12 feet higher than the other. As Olympic running tracks are level by tradition, this will call for one of the largest shovelling projects since the Panama Canal if the athletes are to be visible at all times during their circuit of the oval.

Coles didn't anticipate any difficulty with the state of Victoria's new Labor government about obtaining promised funds for building the new stadium, but we note that Premier John Cain has ordered work halted pending conferences with the cricket crowd.

Prime Minister Robert Menzies is anxious that his country should hold the 1956 games, and he was reported to have promised Coles his full support. He is attending the present series of conferences in Melbourne.

The only comment reported to have been made by Coles was the cryptic remark that "instead of the games we now have a site argument." That sounds like a man who was getting fairly well filled up. The day Coles decides he's had enough will be a bad one for the Aussies.



FRANK SEDGMAN (left) and Ken McGregor, the Australian professional tennis stars, recently played exhibition matches in Toronto against Jack Kramer and Pancho Segura. Sedgman and McGregor turned professional after leading Australia to the Davis Cup. Then they hit the road with the "tennis circuit" headed by Kramer, one of the world's leading professionals.

Car Driving More Dangerous Than Trip in Train or Plane

BONN, Germany (AP)—West Germany, with one of the deadliest traffic accident rates in the world, proposes to remedy it with more speed.

The federal Parliament has passed a new "traffic safety law" pulling off all speed limits for passenger cars. Previously drivers had been limited to 50 miles an hour on the autobahn-

ten four-lane highways and 25 miles an hour on secondary roads.

Sponsors of the new law described its purpose as "drive faster—drive safer." They claim the driver with a heavy foot on the gas pedal is a safer driver than the cautious fellow who clogs the flow of traffic.

U.S. Army authorities in Germany dispute this. They say the army's experience and statistics show there is a close and constant relationship between speed and accidents.

The new law permits a driver to pick his own speed, but it provides he "must be in control of his vehicle at all times." And it holds him legally accountable for what happens while he is driving.

Just as Parliament junked the speed limits, the federal statistical office reported that the German traffic accident rate is still soaring.

Traffic accidents are now killing 30 persons daily and injuring 600. During a recent three-month period, the country tallied 110,673 traffic accidents in which 80,132 persons were injured. This was 19 per cent above the same period of 1951.

During all of 1951 a total of 320,000 accidents were recorded. The West German Automobile Club says driving a car in Germany "is 20 to 30 times more dangerous than riding a train and three to four times more dangerous than flying."

Aside from lifting speed limits, the new traffic law prescribes jail terms of up to two years for drunk driving and punishment for being drunk in a car, whether driving or not.

Empire Games Fund Passes Halfway Mark

VANCOUVER (CP)—The British Empire Games fund has passed the half-way mark but officials were warned that raising the balance will be a tough problem.

Finance chairman W. H. Raikes said he is assured of \$1,350,000 but still requires another \$1,000,000. He said his committee proposes to raise the balance like this: \$500,000 in a special-name drive; \$250,000 from special events and public canvass; and \$350,000 in gate receipts and concessions.

However, Mayor Fred Hume said the main source of supply for funds had been "milked." He said acquisition of adequate funds for the staging of the games here in 1954 was still a problem.

WELLAND, Ont. (CP)—Unusually mild weather in January forced many early spring bulbs into bloom in the Niagara district. Hyacinths were seen in bloom in the garden here of Mrs. D. Morden.

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Newcomers To U.S. Learn Americanese

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP)—A new series of textbooks is teaching newcomers to the United States everyday Americanese such as "I'm gonna have a cuppa coffee, but I useta drink tea."

Linguists at Cornell University have completed the first volume of a series to teach foreigners everyday English as it's spoken in the U.S.

Old stand-by lesson phrases like "where is the cat?" and "my pen is on the table in the house of my father" are conspicuously absent. Instead, sample dialogues are spiced with chatty information and such useful phrases as "is this my day?" or "the taxi is faster but the bus costs less."

The project is under the direction of the American Council of Learned Societies, which is doing the work for the state department.

In translating "cuppa" "gonna" and "useta" for its readers, the text explains that some consider such constructions inelegant, "but almost everyone uses one of them just the same."

Recovers Keepsake

REGINA (CP)—Ten years ago some thief took from Al Pickard, prominent hockey executive, a wristwatch Regina Aces had presented to him when he was their coach in 1929-30. The keepsake has just been returned to him by a girl who found it on a dance floor.

SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST By Hal Sharp BEAR HOUND PACKS



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The filming of M-G-M's big Technicolor production, "Plymouth Adventure," opening at the Totem Theatre tomorrow called for tireless research by studio experts. One of the most important phases of the production was the re-creation of the Mayflower, which brought our forefathers from England in 1620. (The word "pilgrim" was not in common usage until 1840).

The Mayflower was an 180-ton vessel, 90-feet from stem to stern and with a beam of 25-feet. She was a three-master, her foremast and mainmast carrying square sails, and her mizzen, a lateen or fore-and-aft sail. She was commanded by Christopher Jones and was manned by a crew of 30 seamen. She carried 102 passengers from England to America.

The Mayflower first sailed from Southampton on August 5, 1620, accompanied by the pinnace, Speedwell. The latter ship sprung a leak and both ships turned back into Dartmouth. On August 18, the ships again set sail and again, distress signals flew from the Speedwell's masthead. Both ships now put into Plymouth where the passengers from the Speedwell were transferred to the Mayflower. The Mayflower set sail on September 6 and sighted land (Cape Cod) on November 30, 1620.

In "Plymouth Adventure" all 102 passengers are accounted for aboard the Mayflower, including the ship's crew. The picture stars Spencer Tracy as Captain Christopher Jones, Gene Tierney as Dorothy Bradford, Van Johnson as John Alden and Leo Genn as William Bradford, with Dawn Addams as Priscilla Mullins and Lloyd Bridges as Coppins. It was directed by Clarence Brown, produced by Dore Schary.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sabu, the movies' one-time elephant boy, has been accused by a second insurance company of causing a fire in his own home two years ago.

A suit filed by the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company asks recovery of \$9,692.94 paid Nov. 25, 1951, under a policy that insured the actor's personal effects. Last Aug. 25, the complaint said, the company learned Sabu had "maliciously" caused the fire to be started.

Previously the Northwestern Mutual Fire Insurance Association sued to recover \$19,388.68 paid for damage to the home.

Sabu, 28, whose full name is Sabu Dastagir, is reported travelling in Europe with a circus.

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