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The 'New Capitalism'
As Johnston Sees It

ERIC A. JOHNSTON, retiring president of the United States chamber of commerce let loose a veritable atomic bomb in his swansong at the recent annual meeting of the chamber at Atlantic City. He outlined the course he thinks capitalism must follow, if it is to survive in this country.

And today as a result, while thousands of businessmen and farmers and laborers hail his speech as one of the finest expressions of progressive thought of the day . . . others are still holding their heads in utter horror at the blasphemy which dropped from his lips . . . these are the monopolistic standpaters of the NAM, some of the frozen apostles of special privilege in their plush chair club windows . . . some of the fat reactionaries of the house and senate . . . the lobbyists against the peoples' interests and the backward-lookers and normalcy advocates.

Johnston's denunciation of capitalism as we know it in this country was complete and all-inclusive, and his concept of a new capitalism as fresh and revitalizing as a spring shower. And the evidence is all about us that unless and until capitalism pulls itself up into a progressive power it will die in our country as it has died a waning death in Europe. Here are some of Johnston's concepts:

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Portlight
by GRANTLAND RICE

A NUMBER of new arguments and debates have arisen that call for further dissection and discussion before the cases are dismissed.

They might be rated in this order—

No. 1—What effect will the new union have on baseball and what job can it do?

No. 2—What are the prospects ahead for Messrs. Mauriello and Woodcock?

No. 3—How does one account for the Yankee team batting average of .236, on a par with the hitless wonders—the White Sox of 1906—and 32 points below the Phillies of 1946?

Starting with No. 1, there is nothing any union can do about the reserve clause, since baseball is a competitive matter. But for all of that, the reserve clause shouldn't give big-league clubowners the power to keep good ball players over time in minor leagues, which so many of them do. Also a ball player certainly deserves a good section of his purchase price when sold to another club. Also a ball player good enough to be moved up to a major-league job among the 500 major-league survivors deserves a minimum salary not below \$5,000 a year. A holdout also deserves a fairer court than he is getting today. Against this, a badly run union can do more than a slight amount of damage. This is an intricate affair that requires careful consideration.

Moving along to query No. 2, the two main weak spots attached to Bruce Woodcock are inexperience in the way of tough competition and lack of ring aggressiveness. The British champion has his share of courage and boxing skill. He can also punch. But he has spent too much of his time against set-ups who could neither throw a punch or take one. He must learn, against better fighters than he met before Mauriello, how to continue an attack, once started.

The No. 3 Heavyweight

Tami Mauriello is probably the best heavyweight left below Louis and Conn. Soft living and over-eating haven't helped him any. He was equipped to be a far better fighter than he is today. At the age of 22 he could still be a much better fighter by removing surplus suet from his system through the brand of reconditioning that Tunney, Dempsey and Louis brought to the game.

With Tami it is largely a question of how hard he wants to work and train in order to be ready for one of the best openings any 22-year-old ringman ever knew.

This is entirely up to Mauriello—what price he is willing to pay in the way of hard work.

This brings us to the case of the Yankees, one of the season's major mysteries to date.

I saw them at spring training around St. Petersburg. The one worry that Joe McCarthy, Larry MacPhail or anyone else never faced was lack of the punch.

The old ash furniture was all in place. What pitchers were going to curb or suppress a batting order that included Joe DiMaggio, Charlie Keller, Tommy Henrich, Phil Rizzuto, Nick Etten and Johnny Lindell, Joe Gordon, Snuffy Stirnweiss, the A. L. batting champ of 1945? Also Bill Dickey, one of the most dangerous hitters of all time in any clutch.

A Gang of Sluggers

You had to admit this looked to be one of the hardest hitting lineups from top to bottom that baseball has known in many years. Their busy bats wrecked Panama and later on left a debris of battered fences and shattered palms and palmettos through Florida against big-league pitching.

At least five from this group were potential punchers from 300 to 350. The others were above the 290 mark. To find only one 300 hitter in this group—Charlie Keller—must be classed among the major upsets of the year.

One answer—too much spring baseball, causing batting eyes that should be clear and keen in late May to be already stale and jumpy. They'll work out of this later, but so far the Yankees have paid a costly price when it comes to the rather important matter of base hits through the first part of the season.

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SEARCH ME!

BOY—WHAT A SWAT!

LOOK! A HOLE IN ONE!

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ZOOM!

THAT WAS A PECULIAR BIRD—LOOKED A LITTLE LIKE OUR SON—

SILENT SAM
By Jeff Hayes

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