

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Has any one told you about the national baseball school located in Los Angeles? It is a school where the young idea is taught how to smack the apple and carry the mail around the sacks.

They say it is the only one of its kind in the country. In one respect it certainly is because I note that Mr. Babe Herman of Brooklyn is a member of the faculty.

Now Mr. Herman is all right in his way and one of the instructors against him is that he generally is in his way, especially when he gets into a base. But somehow it is not easy to envision Mr. Herman as a professor in a baseball school, not even with the ranking of D. B. in academic circles is known as a doctor of base.

Mr. Herman is of course an individualist. Conventions have never meant anything to him. Once the Godfellow of Cowan in the Southern League, Mr. Herman came along, baseball was a stentorian routine, a daily repetition of the Civil War pattern. There had been no Marx, Groucho or Chico after that radical revolution. The game remained where it was, in the same, contented hands of the old guard.

It was Mr. Herman who introduced the three base or triple out to baseball, easily the most outstanding contribution to the game. The art has known in more than eight years. There are some who say that the triple out is a new thing, but that is only because the professor is ahead of the times.

The three base or triple out consists of retiring the side on a base hit. Obviously it is effective only when the bases are full, nobody is out and the batter hits a triple.

It can be expected only with a complete detachment of mind and an absolute cessation of thinking. Preferably the batter, in such circumstances, should imagine himself to be in a row boat at sea playing a mandolin.

It is a tribute to Mr. Herman's inventive genius that up to now he is the only major leaguer who has thoroughly mastered the play, although there have been many who have tried with great earnestness.

As Mr. Wilbert Robinson used to say, "There is only one Babe Herman." Old timers used to say that about Pop Anson, and later about Ty Cobb.

Mr. Herman is also known as the author of the skill known as the "Babe Herman" which many critics believe is too fantastic to be a part of the game. I advise these critics not to be too dogmatic. The skill known as the "Babe Herman" is a great number of years.

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Now what is going to be the result of Mr. Herman's work among the youngsters who want to learn how to play big league baseball? Once graduated, what kind of baseball will Mr. Herman's pupils play? The answer seems obvious: They will play Herman baseball.

I think this is something to look forward to with keen interest. Baseball has become too stiff and too formal. There is a need for contrasting and competitive systems, something paralleling the approach forcing versus the mollycoddle. There is no set style of play in football. Some teams play the "H" system, others the "T" system, and others the "I" system. In baseball, the "Babe Herman" system is the only one.

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BY LEFTY LEE

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BABE RUTH INDICATES HE'LL TAKE SALARY SLASH

Star Sure of Playing

Yankee Slugger Works Out: Plans Trip to Florida.

BY JACK CUDDY

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Babe Ruth said today he was sure he would be out in right field for the New York Yankees when Colonel Jake Ruppert's team opens against the Athletics at Philadelphia on April 12.

"Do you think I'd be eating two meals a day and going without pie, if I wasn't sure I'd be playing with the Yankees?" the sultan of swat demanded, wiping a stream of perspiration from his forehead.

The interview started while the big Bam was in the middle of his third mile on the stationary bicycle at Artie McGovern's gymnasium and Babe was in an uncertain mood because he had two and one-half more miles to pump.

Might Take Cut His comparatively skinny, pink legs were going up and down like pistons, his pug-nosed face was flushed from exertion, and his heavy white sweater was wringing wet.

"But what about your salary?" the reporter asked, getting right down to business.

"Aw—nertz!" ejaculated the Babe. Then the well-known face melted into a smile. The big fellow said he was sorry and explained that "this velocity" got on his nerves some times. He assured that he was confident his salary dispute with Owner Ruppert would be ironed out all right.

"As a last resort, to get the matter settled, would you take a salary slash?" the scribe inquired.

The Babe pedaled a moment in silence, then countered with: "Well, I'm not saying I wouldn't."

Leaving for Florida America's diamond hero recently mailed back to the Yankees his unsigned \$130,000 contract, which contained a \$100,000 cut from his 1931 pay roll of \$80,000. When he mailed back the contract, Babe said he would not take \$70,000 on a one-year contract. He said he might take that sum on a two-year contract. The Yankee offer had been for one season.

The reporter asked Babe if his salary slash statement today referred to a one-year contract.

"Oh, well—I guess so," he responded.

During the last mile, the Babe explained he was leaving Monday for St. Petersburg, Fla., to play golf and lounge around until training season started, about Feb. 24.

Cann Named N. Y. U. Pilot

BY UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Howard G. (Jack) Cann is New York University's new head football coach.

He succeeds John (Chick) Mehan, who resigned several months ago following a change in N. Y. U.'s athletic policy.

Cann, a member of the 1920 class and former Varsity varsity gridman, also was varsity basketball coach at N. Y. U. John J. Weinheimer, Albert Dimrolo, Arthur Roberts and Leo Collins, members of Mehan's 1931 staff, were retained as assistants.

Drives, resulted in triple wins for Operator No. 1, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000.

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On next Sunday afternoon the Indianapolis team will clash with the fast New Era aggregation of Cincinnati, one of the top clubs in the Southwestern Ohio League. The contest will be staged here on the field at Twenty-first and Olney streets.

Indianapolis Club pastimes downed South Side Turners last Sunday, 2 to 1. Attendance is growing at local soccer tilts, the mild weather proving a big help to the sport.

He already has won nine titles and a 50 to 30 victory scored over Allen Hall