

## Baseball Seeks Direct Reply To the Big League Question, Play This Year or Drop Plans'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (U. P.)—Professional baseball today sought a direct answer from the government whether it should play ball this year or drop all such plans.

It was represented by Ford Frick and Will Harridge, respective presidents of the National and American leagues. Frick, speaking for both, wouldn't put it quite so bluntly but that was what is boiled down to.

"We're here mostly for information so we'll know where we stand and what we can do," he told reporters.

Frick said he and Harridge thus far had only one appointment, for late in the afternoon. He refused to say who it was with, but said he would discuss its results with reporters at 7 p. m. (eastern war time) in his hotel room. He added that he and Harridge expected to be here tomorrow, too.

### Manpower Discussed

Manpower undoubtedly was the major topic they planned to discuss, although they would like to know also whether professional baseball will be allowed to play<sup>up</sup> under lights this year. Recent restrictions on use of electricity have thrown some doubt on the matter.

But the most urgent question mark involved manpower. The big leagues had hoped to fill their rosters largely from 4-F's and over-or-under-age men. Recent orders of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes designed to siphon all available men into war industries have dimmed this prospect, however. And enactment of the "work-or-else" bill might prove to be the clincher which would make it impossible.

### Paschal Is Due For 2d Physical

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 20 (U. P.)—Bill Paschal of the New York Giants, the National Professional Football league's top ground gainer for two straight seasons, will report shortly for his army physical examination at Ft. McPherson, Ga., he said today.

Paschal, who is married and has two children, until recently was in the U. S. maritime service at Sheepshead Bay in New York.

It will be the second army physical for Paschal. Previously, he was rejected because of a football knee and flat feet.

### 6 Grapplers on Weekly Program

Six outstanding junior heavy-weight matmen are awaiting the starting bell at the Armory tonight when the Hercules Athletic club will stage a two-tilt wrestling card featuring by Australian tag-team action.

Martino Angelo, Akron, O., and Maurice Les Chappell of Quebec, will take on a duo composed of Gil Lacross, Boston, and All Ali, Turkey, in the tag-team event which is billed for two falls out of three, or 90 minutes.

The supporting bout will offer Reine LaBelle, speedy Toronto grappler, against Monty LaDue of Manchester, Mass., for one fall, with a time limit of 30 minutes. The lifter is to start at 8:30 o'clock.

### Tennis Development Committee Named

George Newton, president of the Central Indiana Tennis Association, has selected the junior development committee for the coming season. Eddie Toombs is the chairman and he will be assisted by Julius Sagalowich, K. Mark Cowen, city recreation director, and Mrs. Louise Murphy.

The committee has decided not only to hold clinics for promising boy and junior players but also for girls.

### Ex-Muhlenberg Net Pastimer Dies

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### Gumbert Inducted

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 20 (U. P.)—Harry Gumbert, right-hander for the Cincinnati Reds last year, has been accepted for army service and is awaiting call, he said today. Gumbert, 31, is married and the father of two children.

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### He Brought Home the Pins



### Red Killefer's Son Decorated

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Lt. Tom Killefer, son of Wade (Red) Killefer, former major leaguer and former manager of the Indianapolis club, has been awarded the air medal for meritorious achievement while fighting the Japs in the Solomon Islands area, Oct. 27.

The engagement took place over Empress Augusta bay, Bougainville. Young Killefer, a graduate of Stanford university, was a Rhodes scholarship winner and was enrolled at Harvard at the time of the Japs' sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

### Connors at Front

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 20.—Merry Connors, former Milwaukee American association first baseman, is a paratrooper in Europe.

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