

# SPORT

By A. M. P.

## LLOYD LABEACH FIRST-YEAR SENSATION IN U. S.

Panama's great sprinter, Lloyd LaBeach arrived on the Isthmus Sunday on his way to represent the Republic at the Fifth Central American Olympics scheduled for Barranquilla.

LaBeach was the outstanding first-year sprinter in the United States during the last track season. He brought glory to his country and to the University of Wisconsin, at which he is enrolled, in the most important inter-collegiate meets of the year.

Herb McKenley took the measure of LaBeach in two 220-yard dashes in the United States but was trounced by the Panamanian comet in a recent international meet held in Kings ton.

Below is a record of La-Beach's performances in the United States for this year:

N.C.A.A. Meet: won 100 yards in 9.6 and 220 in 21 seconds.

A.A.U. Meet: won junior 100 meters in 10.5 and junior 200 meters in 21.6. Second in senior 220 meters.

Big Ten Conference: won

100 yards in 9.5 Second to McKenley in 220 yards in 20.6 on straightaway.

I.C.A.A.A.: defeated Barney Ewell in 100 and won 220 yards in 21.1.

Central Collegiate Meet: High-point scorer. Won 100 yards and placed behind McKenley in 220 yards in 21.2.

Wisconsin-U.C.L.A. Meet: won 100 yards, 220 yards, and broad jump.

Wisconsin-Marquette Meet: won 100 in 9.7 seconds; won 220 in 21 seconds; won broad jump with 23 ft. 11½ inches. Broke all Marquett records of the great Ralph Metcalfe.

Wisconsin-Notre Dame-Iowa Triangular Met: won 100 in 9.5 won 220 in 21.2.

Wisconsin-Minnesota Meet: won 100 in 9.5 and 220 in 21.1. Won broad jump with 24 ft. 2½ inches.

LaBeach avenged his two defeats in the 220 yards by Herb McKenley by trouncing the crack from the University of Illinois at an international meet held in Kingston, Jamaica. La-Beach won two 220-yard dashes in 20.9 and 21.0 seconds.

## JUNIOR CIO.....

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whites. The remainder consists of Negroes.

The directors refuse to have the Negroes play leading roles with the white actresses. When ever a story is filmed and needs people with dark skins for the leading roles, they have white actors put on dark make-up instead of using Negroes.

Governor Hastie of the Virgin Islands, the FIRST Negro

governor in America, is said to have never ducked the problem of discrimination, but battled it with his head on. His earlier years were spent in Knoxville, Tenn. While he resided there his parents bought a coach and a bicycle for transportation in order to avoid using Jim-Crow street-cars and busses. He wrote a message to all Negroes in an issue of "Ebony." It read:

"Sooner or later you're en-

gulfed in the maelstrom of social conflict — unless you have the skin of a rhinoceros."

Here on the Canal Zone we have discrimination all around us. According to Hastie, we have to get a rhinoceros skin. The only way we can do so is by paying your dues in the C. I. O. promptly.

Let's all follow Governor Hastie's suggestion and it will bring success.

## BY MILITANT.....

of the constitution committee. Needless to tell you, heated discussions took place over this matter. But, in most cases, nearly every article that was discussed up to the point of adjourning for supper, was adopted by the convention with few amendments. Pretty fast work, wasn't it? It was then agreed by majority vote that on returning from supper, election of officers for the local executive board be dealt with.

When we returned, we immediately began the nomination and election of officers

The result, dear members, I am happy to say could not have been better at this stage of our organization. Nearly every chapter boasts an officer on the new executive board. But, I must also tell you that during the elections, factionalism was at its height among the delegates of the Balboa Chapter. This, I think, and gortunately, was the reason for such a true state of representation for every chapter on the executive board. The other chapters, although voting solidly, displayed a more tolerant and liberal attitude than did our beloved Balboa Chapter.

I do not think that I should

take up much more of your time. Other matters dealt with at the convention will be told at regular Stewards' Council meetings. But, I do ask that all members exert every effort possible to see to it that our new executive board does not ignore, as was done in the past, the fact that an organization of this nature cannot be run by a few, regardless of who they are. I also urge the membership to call upon the executive board to put into effect as quickly as possible a "conscious educational program" for the benefit of the stewards, who in turn will then educate the members.

# C E R T A I N D I S A S T E R

It has been reliably reported that a plan has been agreed upon by the team owners of the Panama Professional League to reduce the salaries of the majority of the ballplayers to a very low standard. It is understood that the motive for this reduction of salary is that the price of admission to the bleachers is now set at twenty-five cents instead of last season's fifty cents.

Looking at this superficially, anyone would be inclined to agree with the team owners, because the fifty percent cut of the bleachers fare should normally be interpreted to mean that the gross gate receipts for this season would be only one-half as much as last season's.

However, this problem is not one to be looked at slightly. This problem could well be the forerunner of a financially successful or financially unsuccessful professional baseball season. So it is to the team owners' advantage that they conceive of a more equitable plan whereby both themselves and the ballplayers would be able to come to terms.

First of all it was necessary for us to delve into the whole thing in order to get a better than fair idea of whatever other events that might have caused the team owners to initiate this low salary plan, but our findings still do not justify their attitude.

Last season with the bleacher seats selling for fifty cents there were many games at which the attendance was relatively low. The chief cause of such low attendance may be attributed to two factors namely, the weakness of the Chesterfield team and the high price of fifty cents. However, this season, with the price slashed by one-half, and even last season's tail enders, Chesterfield, securing the services of what seems to be good talent there should be no fear of a recurrence of last year's financial failure.

It is more than obvious that the attendance this season will be greater because of the cut in prices. This season there will be fewer games of low attendance than they were last season, and, if at the close of the coming season a survey is

made it will be seen that the attendance per game as compared to last season's is greater. Moreover, if the team owners are of the belief that the coming season will not yield a profit, then they should offer, their franchises for sale to others who are much more willing to undertake the gamble. After all why should the team owners seek to immunize themselves against any possible financial loss at the expense of the ball players. Why can't these owners be more willing to risk their investment especially knowing that they, more than the ballplayers, are in a better position to suffer a loss.

How do we ever expect to improve our brand of ball if we offer \$185 per month to ballplayers that are worth \$400, and \$275 to those that are worth \$450?

The team owners should be thankful to be able to have to have secured the services of the many outstanding ballplayers of last season at such moderate prices. To attempt to pay these same players the same salaries or anything else that does not represent a substantial increase is absurd. All of these professional ball players have a certain financial value in accordance with their ability, and their salaries should be as near to that value as possible.

To insist on paying low salaries would inevitable mean that the standard of ball would also be low. because this writer is of the opinion that there is a considerable amount of difference between a well paid Austin, Scantlebury, or Clauzel and a low paid Austin Scantlebury, or Clauzel. Just where does the real interest of the team owners lie? Are they only interested in their gains regardless of the standard of ball, or are they also interested in the standard of ball?

## SPORTS CHATTER

The brilliant performances of Herb McKenley, Jamaica, and Lloyd LaBeach, Panamanian, have sent scouts to Barranquilla.

The Panama professional baseball league swings into action this week. Fans are in for some air-tight pitching because of the famous hurlers slated to the mound in the local circuit... G. E. seems geared to to repeat this season, but will find no push over in the other teams which have many new imported players on the line-up... Cragwell and Gordon have secured the concession for selling sodas at the Olympic Stadium during the baseball season.

The Panamanian athletes now tuning up in Barranquilla complain of mosquitoes and flies. The water has slightly affected some... Jamaica is sending a powerful team to the Olympiad. McKenley is slated to compete in the 220 and 400 meters. The giant Witn. 1938 1500-meter run champion will participate in the 400 and 1500. Jamaica has a girl jumper clearing the bar at 4 ft. 11½ inches... Trinidad will be represented in the sprints... Cuba fears only Mexico in the Olympiad... Jaen reports that the track at Barranquilla is slow and may not produce new records in the sprints... Unlike the team of 1938, the Cuban delegation in Barranquilla has many Negro competitors.

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