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Denny's Troubles

Denny McLain, the highest paid hurler on the roster of a major league baseball team, the man with the biggest contract in the City of Detroit, the best pitcher in all of major league baseball for the past two years - is in trouble. Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn has ordered the Tiger star suspended indefinitely from organized baseball because of certain "off the field" activities of McLain in 1967.

It is the first major suspension in baseball since Joe Purroy got the ax in 1947, but if allegations in Sports Illustrated and other published and broadcast reports are even partially true, McLain will have made the biggest error in baseball since eight members of the 1919 Chicago White Sox were involved in a "fix" of the World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. That Chicago team has been called "The Black Sox" ever since.

Dennis Dale McLain may go down in history as the major league flyer who took the biggest dive in the history of the game — from 35 victories in two seasons to the permanent benching.

"Sound As A Dollar"

Business Mirror

Consumer Confidence
Has Fallen

By John Cunff

New York (AP) — Throughout the past year, a great deal of public confidence has been given to the various indexes of consumer confidence, the notion being that a consumer who spends, is a spender, a timid one a saver.

Studies suggest that consumer confidence indices might be able to forecast actual retail sales conditions four or five months ahead, thus enabling manufacturers and retailers to prepare their inventories.

Confidence Falling

Confidence has been falling of late. Reported by news about the Vietnam war, inflation, taxes, and even the threat of recession, consumers have had a tendency to withdraw into the security of their shells.

In addition, with inflation eroding the value of spending money, the actual ability to spend has in some instances decreased.

Defends Black Students

Dear Sir:

The disarming example of ignorance and prejudice displayed in the letter to the editor of Feb. 23 has prompted me to write.

The incident of Dec. 17-18 has been blown out of all proportion. Yes, rules were broken and property was damaged, but this has been done time and again by the WHITES youth and never attracted such attention.

Mr. Bergdahl, you condemn the blacks for "screaming about freedom and justice." That's because they don't have freedom or justice. You contrast Dr. Niemii as a "true man" and the blacks as liars. Isn't this to be determined by the courts and not for YOU to say? (Anyways, how could you possibly know who is telling the truth? Were you there?)

And why do you, Mr. McDonnell, complain about the black students who are judged by your "peep"? Are you not judged by your peers in a court of love? Of course, you are! And you say that you have not forgotten the basketball game they were allowed to disrupt. You are certainly very short on compassion and understanding.

Instead of being so quick to condemn, why don't you open your hearts and minds to a group of people who ask only that you give them the chance for justice and freedom that you'd give any other human being.

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