

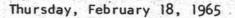
Scribe Dodges Bullet

FOLLOWING a recent trip to Los Angeles, a sports-minded news-side columnist on a local daily "revealed" that UCLA had been considering Tommy Prothro as a successor to ousted football coach Bill Barnes but had decided to forget about the Oregon State mentor following Michigan's one-sided victory over the Beavers in the Rose Bowl. Instead, our distinguished colleague inferred, the UCLA job might well go to Bud Wilkinson, the former Oklahoma gridiron genius who proved something less than a ball-of-fire when he entered the political arena.

The ink was barely dry on this "scoop" when UCLA announced it had, indeed, hired Prothro to guide the Bruin football fortunes!

Under normal circumstances, our good friend on the local sheet would have been faced by an embarrassing situation all columnists dread. His big "scoop" had back-fired. Ordinarily, it would have been necessary for him to do some tall explaining to many of his readers. Particularly those sports fans who delight in catching a writer "off base", so to speak. But all this was unnecessary.

It so happens that the compositor in the backshop who was making up the editorial page for the day this particular column appeared grabbed the wrong column-head and slapped it on the local writer's stuff. The misleading information appeared in print under the name (and somewhat



puzzled visage?) of a nationally syndicated labor analyst! Some guys get all the breaks!

The King Steals Home

NATHANIEL ADAMS COLES, the Alabama boy who aspired to be a major league baseball player, but who grew up to be a big-leaguer in another area of entertainment--and as a human being--is now singing with the angels. Nat King Cole, as he was known to millions

Nat King Cole, as he was known to millions of admirers throughout the world, will be sadly missed by his many friends here in the Entertainment Capital of the World. The King's untimely passing at the age of 45 leaves a void that will never be filled for his Las Vegas associates of more than a decade. His 19th engagement at the Sands Hotel since 1952 had been scheduled for next month.

Sands maestro Antonio Morelli said it best, perhaps, when he described Nat Cole as "the tenderest, most considerate person in the business. There was never a moment when he found it necessary to be temperamental or discourteous."

Nat was accorded many honors in his distinguished career as a pianist-vocalist, but none gave him greater pleasure than the one accorded him only three days before his demise. He was named "Manager of the Year" by the Los Angeles chapter of the Baseball Writers of America in recognition of his work with a baseball team composed of Hollywood stars who performed at charity events.

So long, young fellow. You will always be truly "Unforgettable."



SECOND SECTION

EFFORTS RECOGNIZED--Kermit Booker Sr. (right), polemarch of local alumni chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi, presents plaques to fraternity members Marques Haynes (left) and Josh Grider of Harlem Magicians basketball team during half-time ceremony at recent Magicians-Los Angeles Rams game at Convention Center here. Haynes, brother of local Kappa official Joe Haynes, West Las Vegas recreation director, and Grider were honored for their efforts in obtaining college scholarships for Negro athletes throughout country and outstanding performance in field of sport.



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