

GATEWAY GAZETTE

MASS HYSTERIA AT BALLGAME

By Jack Kemp

The Sunset City Seals' game against the Gotham City Angels was briefly delayed due to an unexplained case of mass hysteria which affected the players and the fans in the stadium. Acts of senseless violence occurred both on the playing fields and in the stands, as players and spectators alike began fighting with one another for no apparent reason. The brief episode of violence passed as quickly as it had come, and officials are currently investigating the cause of the strange phenomenon. Drugged food or drinks has been conclusively ruled out by investigators, as the effects are considered to have been too widespread and to have come on too suddenly to have been caused in such a fashion. Sources inside the police department indicate that the investigation is currently centering on the possibility of an airborne gas attack, possibly a mind-altering drug of some kind. Army officials have refused to comment on whether such a gas is currently being used by the US military, although there have been reports that such agents are being developed.

Whatever caused the widespread psychological madness, it appears to have no long-term effects, and game play was able to resume after only a brief delay. The Angels went on to triumph over the Seals handily, and the Gotham City manager magnanimously offered the opinion that this might have been due in part to the Sunset City team's unfamiliarity with such situations.

"The Seals played really good ball," he said, "And I know all my boys consider it to have been a near thing. But we had something like this happen a couple of years ago when the

Joker released that laughing-gas bomb during our final game against the Metropolis Heroes. So we were able to just shrug this off and go on with the game. I can see how the Seals might not have been quite so experienced."

Police officials refuse to comment on who might have been responsible for this attack, but sources say that the criminal genius known as The Mastermind has not been ruled out.

Direwolf and Youth Gang Involved in Burning of Church

By Hubert Hubbersmith

The masked terror known as Direwolf struck again, this time assisted by a gang of teenage thugs who have taken to aping his antisocial behavior. The "Wulvz" as they misspell their gang name on their jackets, and their mentor in street violence set a church in the poor neighborhood of Devil's Point afire, and then engaged in a violent confrontation with local citizens who attempted to save the church. Concerned citizens, who have been calling for police action against these increasingly bold youth gangs for some time now, point to this escalation in violence as the natural result of a city police force unwilling or unable to provide security to the citizens of our fair city, and the logical outcome of a policy of indulgence towards vigilantism.

Mayor To Visit Rhodesia

By Harold Moore

Mayor Gordon Goodman's goodwill trip to Rhodesia is set to depart from Sunset City International Airport. The mayor was recently the host to the Rhodesian ambassador, and the two men found that they had much in common, and that their respective cities of New Salisbury and Sunset City had much in common as well. Mayor Goodman is expected to engage in talks with key business leaders in Rhodesia, as well as tour the countryside. The mayor says that he is looking forward to visiting famed Victoria Falls, getting in some big-game hunting with his hosts, and "cementing the bonds of friendship between our two nations." The mayor's trip is expected to last for about a month.

Senator Farfield Ahead in Polls

By Harold Moore

The most recent public opinion polls show Senator Ferris K Farfield with a strong lead over the other presidential candidates. Senator Farfield, a progressive with pronounced internationalist leanings, has based his campaign on a call for closer cooperation with foreign nations and a stronger emphasis on social issues and scientific progress. His opponents have criticized Senator Farfield for being too soft on defense issues, a charge the senator has not refuted so much as simply ignored. It is known that Senator Farfield has traveled extensively in the Soviet Union both before and after having been elected to his position in the US Senate.