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Tyson joins dignitaries at golf course

MOSCOW (AP) — Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson joined a Russian Orthodox clergyman and other dignitaries Sunday at the Soviet Union's first golf course for the opening of the driving range.

The golf course, near the Swedish Embassy in south Moscow, is a project organized by former Swedish hockey player Sven Tumba and Soviet sports officials.

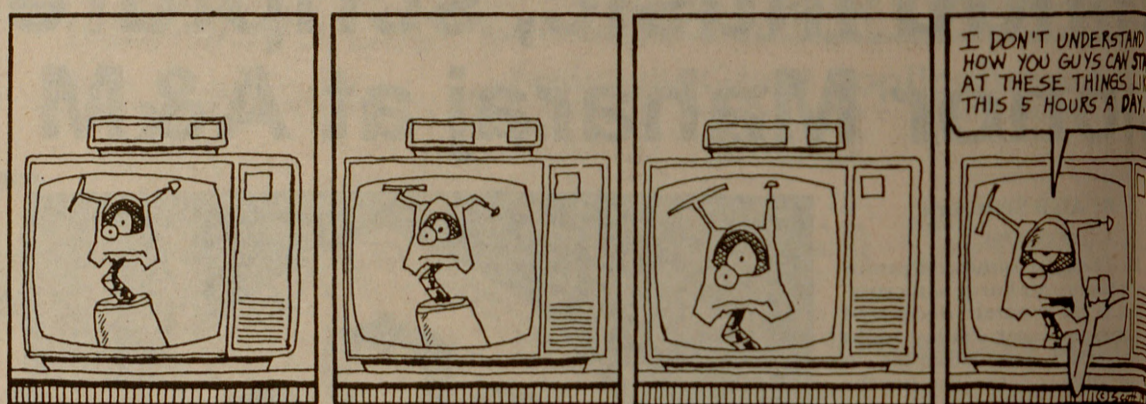
Those who attended the opening said they were seeking peace through sports.

"I'm sure that sports promotes friendship and I'm deeply convinced that the birth of a new game in the Soviet Union will bring about new contacts among people in various countries who will find a lot of new friends," Tumba said, according to a report by the Tass news agency.

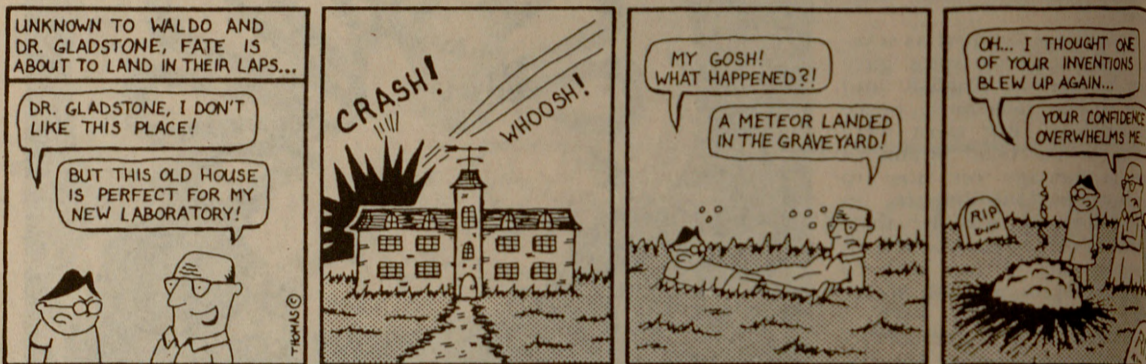
Former Brazilian soccer star Pele, who also attended the opening, said, "I'm sure that sports will lead to peace in the world."

Plans call for a nine-hole course along the Setun River with double tees on each hole, allowing it to be used as an 18-hole, par-68 course.

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House votes on proposals to fine drug-users, take away licenses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House faces renewed anti-drug amendment battles this week, including votes on proposals to fine drug users \$10,000 and induce states to take away their right to drive.

As lawmakers resume amending their all-inclusive drug fighting bill on Wednesday, they also must decide whether to retain a seven-day waiting period for handgun purchasers, along with an optional police background check.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., will try to eliminate the gun control language from the 375-page bill that would add some \$2 billion to the nation's \$3.9 billion war on drugs.

His proposed substitute would establish a system for gun sellers to run a check by phone or other means, to determine if a purchaser is a convicted felon.

Congress also is wrestling with a number of other domestic and foreign issues this week: abortion, insider trading, job leave, sanctions against South Africa, child care, welfare reform and textile import curbs.

The House drug bill likely will receive a final vote Thursday or Friday.

Last week, those favoring the harshest possible penalties, won amendment battles that attached provisions for a federal death penalty, denial of government benefits for twice convicted drug users, and court admission of evidence seized illegally by police acting in good faith.

Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, expressing his personal opinion, told a reporter last week he supports the handgun waiting period.

"I can't see that it's an infringement on the rights of any law-abiding citizen to have a simple waiting period," he said.

"If you've got to have a gun right this minute, you've got to have some violent intent," he said. "A responsible person wouldn't mind waiting seven days."

The National Rifle Association has told lawmakers that criminals would obtain guns regardless of the waiting period, and that only law-abiding citizens would suffer from the delay.

Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., will propose civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation against those

found to be in possession of small, personal use, amounts of marijuana, cocaine, and other controlled substances.

Proof of guilt for a civil offense only requires clear and convincing evidence, while a criminal conviction demands proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Rep. Glenn M. Anderson, D-Calif., would provide up to \$125 million over three years to states with drug enforcement programs that include license suspension or revocation for convicted drug offenders.

McCollum will counter with a plan to require withholding a portion of U.S. highway money from states failing to enact suspension or revocation provisions.

The Senate must decide what to

do with a \$140 billion social programs spending bill that has but one area of disagreement between the two houses — abortion.

Senators previously passed the legislation with an expansion of the Medicaid program to cover abortions for rape and incest victims. The House last Friday refused to accept that provision of the Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services spending bill.

The Senate is expected to give final approval and send the House a bill that would freeze this year's textile and apparel imports at 1987 levels and allow 1 percent annual growth thereafter.

It would bar increases in non-rubber footwear import levels.

Proponents say the measure, which President Reagan is expected to veto, would save jobs in the port-ravaged textile and apparel industries. Critics contend the industry is no longer suffering.

In the House, passage is expected for an insider trading measure which, for the first time, would make it possible for securities firms to be fined for violations committed by their employees. It also would increase prison terms and fines.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has scheduled a Wednesday vote on House-passed legislation to impose harsh new sanctions on South Africa, including a cut off virtually all U.S. investment in that country because of its apartheid policy.

President-elect direct, tough, Mexico's problems tougher

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President-elect Carlos Salinas de Gortari is tough and highly disciplined despite his modest demeanor, qualities he will need to govern Mexico for the next six years.

Salinas, 40, faces protracted economic problems that affect Mexico's relationship with the United States and a vocal opposition that still questions whether his mandate was won fairly.

"Given the circumstances, he is going to have to be a great president because otherwise the problems of the country will become enormously complicated," Manuel Camacho Solis, a close colleague and general secretary of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, said.

An illustration of one lingering problem was the vote Saturday by the Chamber of Deputies to certify Salinas' July 6 election as president. Virtually all votes came from the governing party, the PRI.

The opposition, which held the PRI to 50.7 percent of the official vote — the lowest since PRI took power in 1929 — maintains the presidency was won by fraud.

Salinas was the chief architect of an economic austerity program that rescued this nation of 85 million people from near bankruptcy and

has cut its record 159 percent inflation for 1987 by half this year. Still, his policies remain unpopular because workers have lost half their buying power.

The United States and Mexico share a 2,000-mile border, and bilateral issues include Mexico's \$104 billion debt, drug trafficking and immigration. If Mexico's economy gets worse, many Mexicans are likely to vote with their feet by moving north.

Salinas also will have to deal with a party that is struggling to adapt to a more democratic environment. Many of his ideas to decentralize the economy and reduce the role of the state are unpopular with politicians used to wielding unquestioned power.

Salinas, like his three predecessors, rose in the bureaucracy and has no previous experience in elective office, although he grew up with politics. His father was a former commerce minister, his mother an economist active in party politics.

Born in Mexico City, Salinas lived in the village of Tetla in central Mexico while researching his doctoral thesis on the connection between government spending and political power.

Salinas holds two master's degrees and one doctorate from Harvard

University, where his father also attended. He speaks fluent English.

After graduation, Salinas advanced quickly in government, catching the eye of Miguel de la Madrid and becoming budget secretary when de la Madrid became president in 1982.

"He's very comprehensive, in a sense that he seems to have a computer in his head" to manage major problems at once, Otto Granados, information secretary of the PRI, said.

Another associate said Salinas likes to be informed on everything and as president may have to learn to "let go of things more."

Salinas has had to fight the image that he is a technocrat without political experience. His public comments are unrevealing, he lacks charisma and is often depicted in local cartoons as a mouse because of his thinness, big ears and mustache.

But associates said he is tough and demanding, requiring work to be done well and promptly.

"When he proposes something, he attains it," one associate said, noting that Salinas decided to learn tennis about three years ago and has since become a good amateur player.



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