

Top Gym Star Leads Soviets

Gym fans will pack Rec Hall, Schwab Auditorium and any place with a television set Saturday to get a peek at the world's foremost gymnast when Russia's Olympic team invades Rec Hall for a meet with the best Uncle Sam has to offer.

Boris Shakhlin, 1960 Olympic all-around champion, leads the visiting men's team. Shakhlin is a 28-year-old student.

From his start in the town of Izhim in the Urals at the age of 14, Shakhlin worked his way up to his position as the world's greatest gymnast.

He is all-around champion of the world tournament as well as Olympic champion. He won four gold, one silver and one bronze medal in the Rome games.

Shakhlin has received the title of Honored Master of Sports and is a member of the student sports organization "Burevestnik." He has won the all-around championship of the USSR four times.

Supporting Shakhlin will be his five teammates on the team that finished second to Japan in the 1960 Olympics.

Yuri Titov, holder of the prized European Cup, is the reigning world vaulting champion. Titov, 25, started his train-

ing at a special school of sports in Kiev when he was 11. He is also an Honored Master of Sports.

The oldest member of the team is 31-year-old Albert Azaryan. The Rome trip was the second Olympic team berth for Azaryan. He specializes on the still rings.

These three top stars are backed up by Vladimir Portnoi, Nicolai Miligulo and Valeri Kerdemilidi. Portnoi, 28, and Kerdemilidi, 22, were medal winners at the Russian championships. The 24-year-old Miligulo is a two-time Olympic specialist on the parallel bars.

As with the other Russian stars, Kerdemilidi, Portnoi and Miligulo started their training as youngsters. Miligulo and Kerdemilidi began work at 13 and Portnoi started when he was 12.

The Russian women, headed by

Larisa Latynina, will give an exhibition at the meet. The women have their only meet against the American women tomorrow at West Chester.

Miss Latynina is the Olympic and world all-around champion. She won two gold, two silver and one bronze medal at Rome. She took up gymnastics at the age of 14 and is now a member of "Burevestnik" and an Honored Master of Sports.

Polina Astakhova is Miss Latynina's toughest competitor. Miss Astakhova was all-around champion of the USSR in 1959 and is European champion on the parallel bars and in free calisthenics.

Miss Latynina and Miss Astakhova are supported by Sofia Muratova, Tamara Ljukhina, Margarita Nikolayeva and Tamara Manina.

Patterson Gets Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Floyd Patterson, the first man to regain the world heavyweight boxing championship, was named winner of the Edward J. Neil memorial plaque as "fighter of the year" for 1960. The award was made by the Boxing Writers' Association.

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Holt Named to Cub's 8-Man Coaching Staff

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs have named a Los Angeles Dodger aide as the fifth coach of a planned eight-man coaching staff which will help select a new Cub field manager.

The new coach is Golden Holt, 58, of Sherman Oaks, Calif., who has worked with young pitchers in the Dodger organization the past three years.

Schloretd Signs Pact

VANCOUVER (AP) — Quarterback Bob Schloretd, who led the University of Washington Huskies to two straight Rose Bowl championships, has signed to play with the British Columbia Lions in the 1961 Western Inter-Provincial Football Union season.

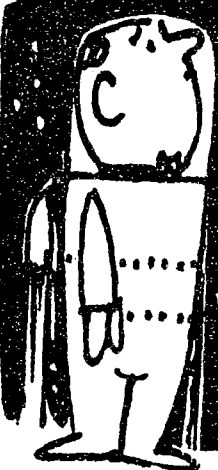
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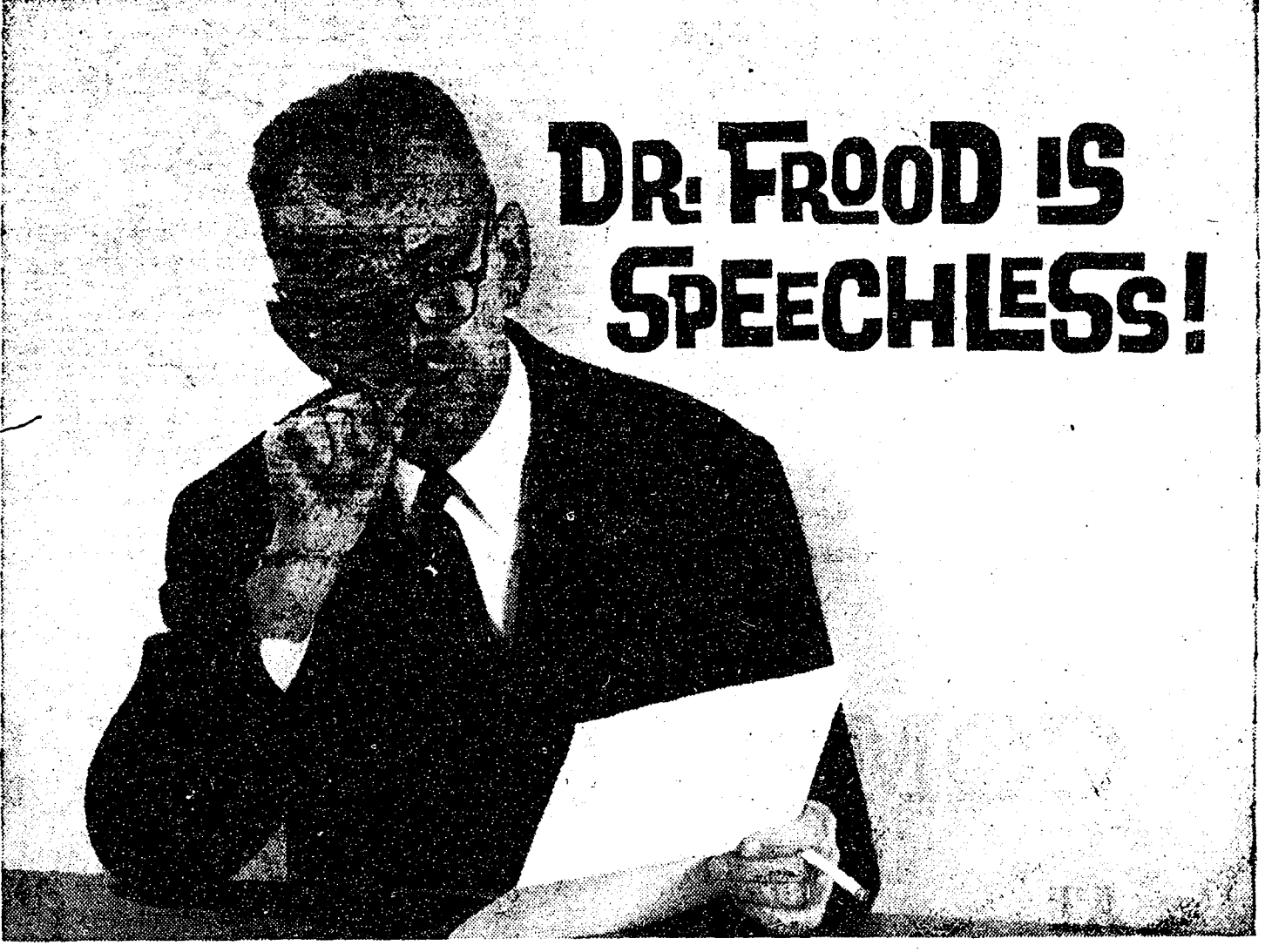
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