PGA certainly had no alternative to its action in barring Bobby Locke from tournaments in which the pro association accepts responsibility as co-sponsors. Locke's failure to keep exhibition and tournament commitments in the U.S. made prior to his winning of the British Open was in flagrant violation of a policy the PGA must enforce or sacrifice status with sponsors which has accounted for considerable money in the pockets of Locke and other pros.

The PGA has been blasted by sponsors for inability to produce a complete array of gallery magnets. Inasmuch as it doesn't pay any salaries to guarantee appearances of stars, other than some guarantees for pre-tournament clinic performances, PGA has a delicate problem in assuring presence of all of the all-stars.

Locke didn't help his public relations any by passing up Inverness and the Western Open while announcing his intention to compete in George S. May's $65,000 Gold Rush. "How hungry can he get?" was American golfing public reaction. May, bound by contract with PGA Tournament bureau, couldn't admit Locke to Tam O'Shanter competition.

Locke's failure to make good his commitment to appear in Western Open at St. Paul, celebrating WGA's 50th anniversary, was particularly puzzling. Locke had expressed to M.G. (Scotty) Fessenden most cordial endorsement of Western's operation of its Open for benefit of Evans caddy scholarship foundation. Fessenden, Western president and chmn., PGA Advisory board, had frequently and effectively championed Locke when the South African had been criticized as being the world's fastest man after a buck and had been the repeated, generous and warmly considerate host during Bobby's American visits.

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It looks like Locke has performed an unsuccessful Caesarian on the goose that laid the golden egg. He always impressed us as being too canny a gentleman to make the blunders that has got him blacklisted by the PGA of America. He probably has a story to tell in his own behalf but it had better be good.

After preceding was written I telephoned Bobby at Dublin during the Irish Open and got for Chicago Sun-Times detailed statement from him. He doubts American PGA right to bar him, pointing out he is not a member and subject to their ruling. That, he stated, was settled by PGA refusing to allow him in 1949 PGA championship. Further, he questioned calling tournaments on the PGA circuit "open" tournaments unless they actually were open. He said Inverness and Western GA had been advised of alteration of his plans dictated by his business connections in England.

Locke further stated Associated Press in London promised to advise "Dutch" Harrison of alteration of Locke's plans for exhibitions with Harrison. Stars at St. Paul Western Open recited instances of Locke taking run-outs on exhibition dates they had arranged after verbal but definite agreements with him. They claimed he passed up exhibition dates after OKing them, when he later made connections with tournament appearance guarantees.

Exhibition dates, rather than tournament absences, seemed to be hottest spot of the Locke argument. Snead substituted for Locke as Metz' partner at Inverness. Snead-Metz finished third. Gallery revenue sure didn't slump with Snead pinch-hitting for Locke. Western Open gate at St. Paul seems likely to have by far biggest gate in the event's history. Apparently the customers weren't being driven away by Locke's non-appearance.

The Locke-out definitely indicates need of revision in PGA tournament player contract. Now, when a star doesn't appear at a tournament, contract calls for suspending him from following tournament or tournaments. That, in effect, may punish at the gate, promoters of the following tournaments for a case in which they were not involved. There could be stiffening of the exhibition deals which now are too casually regarded by some of the boys. Exhibition sponsors in Indiana and Ohio are burning at Locke after they advertised him, made arrangements and sold tickets.

Some pros are wondering what the Locke case may do to relations between PGA of America and British PGA. Locke suspension by PGA of America probably won't be of long duration. PGA hasn't announced term of suspension or how the PGA and Locke can get together and sing
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“Let Me Call You Sweetheart.” . . . Locke said in Dublin-St. Paul conversation that all he knew about his suspension was what he read in the papers. . . He claimed to have received no official word from PGA of America. . . He said he had asked Cmdr. Roe, British PGA sec., to “make inquiry” regarding the basis of his suspension by the PGA of America.

Eastern golf writers, with Lawrence Robinson, N.Y. World-Telegram as sec., arranging a big testimonial dinner for Kerr Petrie who retires after 37 years as golf editor of N.Y. Herald-Tribune. . . Petrie, Scotch-born, is one of the very best in writing golf. He’s a great gentleman, beloved by those who have worked with him and whose activities he has covered. . . Tickets for the dinner to be held at Park Sheraton hotel, N.Y. Aug. 17, are $6 . . . “Sponsor’s tickets” for this who won’t be able to attend but who want to be in on the gift (probably an automobile) are $6 . . . Checks should be mailed to Petrie Dinner committee, Park Sheraton hotel, New York 19.

Ineligibility of Dr. Cary Middlecoff for Ryder Cup team has PGA national and sectional officials thinking of careful reconsideration of pro association’s membership basis. . . The National Open champion was 7th in prize money last year with $16,821.25 and through July 19, 1949, was second with $20,024.57.
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Middlecoff’s honorable action in passing up Walker Cup team trip in 1947 by advising USGA of his intention to turn pro, together with his performance as a pro, in golfing public opinion in U. S. and England, places Doc high among pros, regardless of PGA membership technicalities. Pros themselves have high regard for Middlecoff as a gentleman sportsman and player.

However, with established rules of eligibility PGA officials can’t make hasty revisions and disbar the last man to qualify for Ryder Cup team by the prevailing point system. It’s another case somewhat similar to PGA inability by its regulations to accept Lawson Little for membership after he’d won U. S. and British national amateur championships two consecutive years and the golfing public regarded him as a qualified candidate to compete in PGA’s match play championship.

It’s not fair to criticize PGA officials as freezing out quick rising stars such as Middlecoff and Little. The officials have to abide by eligibility rules that are based on the old apprentice conditions of bench clubmaking days. To adjust to different conditions and public opinion it looks like PGA eligibility, especially on tournament performances of American
young professionals, could be wisely modernized.

"Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark! It would be unthinkable. A Ryder Cup team without the champion golfer. Again it sounds impossible unless illness intervened," says Golf Illustrated of London about Middlecoff missing from the U. S. team.

Larry Montes, Filipino pro star who’s played in U. S., Britain, France and Australia, says Japanese courses are tops for all-around excellence in upkeep... And Larry has no reason for unduly praising the Japs... Nor has Tino Tugot, who beat Von Nida and Montes in winning this year’s Far East Open... Japs blew Tugot into the sea, then when he made shore batted him around for not "talking."

A big difference between R&A and USGA amateur-pro classifications now is that the R&A doesn’t rate a golf pro one whose duties include instruction in games in a recognized educational establishment while USGA definition says pro "includes faculty members or other employees of institutions of learning, regardless of how incidental the giving of golf instruction may be."

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Robert T. (Bob) Barnett, 52, long pro at Washington’s Chevy Chase CC and Indian Creek CC, Miami Beach, Fla. in winter, died 24 hours after being stricken by a heart attack in the Chevy Chase clubhouse, July. Barnett was widely known as a fine instructor and gracious personality. He had much to do in earlier years of the PGA in establishing the organization on a flourishing basis.

Victory of Harvie Ward in 52d National Intercollegiate identifies the North Carolina youngster as about due for National Amateur title. He’s been coming along fast against hot competition. Edward Lee Burke, candidate for 1970 National Open title, arrives at Woodbridge, Conn. where Pappy Ed is pro at the Country club. Edward Lee’s first score card showed 6 lbs. 2 oz.

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Ben Hogan’s been in Southern California walking around a few holes and swinging a club but unable to play golf... His legs still are in bad condition from bus collision last winter... Chances of his return to competitive golf now seem dim... No word yet on what’s to be done about suit against bus company... Driver of bus was fined in Texas court... Hogan plans to go to England with his wife as visitor to Ryder Cup matches.

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Kass Inn GC, near Walton, N.Y., opened. .. Louis Pedulla is pro... Bob Tucker now pro at San Angelo (Tex.) CC. .. Boston gets one of its infrequent looks at top tournament golf when Ryder Cup team plays team of star pro challengers headed by Byron Nelson at Belmont CC, Aug. 27-28. .. Originally it was intended to have Ryder Cup team warm up against team of star American amateurs who'd get some training for Walker Cup matches. .. Idea did not receive USGA cordial endorsement due to possibility of amateur travel expense. .. Net proceeds of that match were to be split for helping to defray expenses of U.S. Walker and Ryder Cup teams.

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Southeastern PGA to be played at East Lake CC, Atlanta, Ga., Harold Sargent, pro, Sept. 29-Oct. 2. 1950 Southeastern PGA invited to Black Rock CC, Atlanta, where George Thomas is pro. Byron Nelson's 60 in exhibition at Santa Rosa (Calif.) CC shows the farmhand still can whack 'em around, even though his cow-barn grip didn't do so well for him in the National Open.

Willie Hunter by plane back and forth to see the folks in Bonnie Scotland and to bat in the British Open for old time's sake. It's great to see how pros' boys and girls have made high school and college golf teams and won sectional events this year. Team of Johnny Revolta, Sr. and Jr. won Midlothian CC (Chicago dist.) pater-filius this year. This 46th event is oldest annual father-son tournament in the country. Bob Hope (Old Niblic Nose) flew to St. Paul to put on a broadcast ballyhooing Western Open.
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Honor Caddy Day, Aug. 15, sees 15 top caddies of each Chicago district club getting passes for Cub-Cardinal ball game. . . Charles McMurray succeeds his brother John as Panama National Amateur champion. . . Charles, who learned his golf in Panama, defeated Jack Hutchings, 1 up in 36 hole final at Brazos Brook CC. . . Hutchings is pres., Summit Hills CC. . . Golf is booming at the isthmus.

George S. May in Tam O'Shanter CC News, next issue after reporting members'
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E. W. (Pop) Harbert comes out of retirement to become pro at Bobby Jones GC, Sarasota, Fla. . . Jenny Beeman, mgr., Shuttle Meadow CC, New Britain, Conn., on European vacation. . . John Duncan Dunn writing some fine instruction stuff in Los Angeles Athletic club magazine, Mercury . . . The lively veteran is instructing at the club. . . Willie Hunter, pro at LAC’s Riviera CC, writing “Riviera Re-Views” in same magazine. . . Willie says of Middlecott: “He is a finished player and at the best golfing age of 28 should be outstanding for many years.”

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Charles Boswell, former U. of Alabama back, blinded in the war, won National Blind Golfers' 1949 championship at Plymouth CC (Philadelphia dist.) ... This is Charley's third victory in five championships ... Field was 18.

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