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Swinging around golf
By HERB GRAFFIS
News of the Golf World in brief

Lack of jobs as an alibi for race rioting isn’t “bought” by golf course superintendents who for years have tried to hire Negroes for work where there is no discrimination between the working people but discrimination between grasses . . . Superintendents at many GCSA national and section meetings have said that golf courses and home lawns and gardens are eager markets for millions of hours of work for those who really want to work.

Superintendents have observed that unemployment and other relief payments, especially in metropolitan areas, have made Negroes reluctant to take golf course and landscaping jobs.

Politicians have given millions of the unemployed attractive deals for avoiding work then profess to wonder why more money is needed for a political campaign against unemployment, lack of opportunity and poverty mainly for votes so politicians won’t be unemployed . . . That is one cause of rioting that political investigations won’t mention. At least, that’s how this columnist sees it.

Robert F. Smith, who recently eased up as head of the Victor Comptometer Corp. divisions making Worthington balls, PGA and Burke golf equipment, and was succeeded by Mark Cox, died July 29 after a day’s hospitalization . . . He’d had a heart attack two years ago but seemed to have recovered completely and was active at work and golf . . . He was at the PGA championship at Columbine energetic, bright and apparently in fine health . . . Bob Smith was one of the best as a golf businessman and a friend and golfing playmate . . . He was born at Providence, R.I., and started in golf with the U.S. Rubber Co., then went with L. A. Young’s Walter Hagen Golf Co., then with Worthington Ball Co., which was acquired by Victor-Comptometer . . . He is survived by his widow, Luella and son Robert, Jr.

John Panton, who’s won Scottish pro championship seven times and was on six Scots teams in the Canada Cup competition, finally knocked off Yank opposition when he defeated Sam Snead 3 and 2 at Wallasey (England) Golf Club for the Teacher’s World Senior pro title . . . This was the first time a British player had won the World Senior pro even since 1958 when Norman Sutton beat Gene Sarazen, 2 and 1 . . . In the Ryder Cup matches of 1951, at Pinehurst, Snead and Mangrum beat Panton and James Adams 5 and 4 . . . In 1953 at Wentworth, Snead and Mangrum downed Panton and Eric Brown 8 and 7, and in 1961 at Royal Lytham and St. Annes Panton and Bernard Hunt lost, 4 and 3, to Art Wall and Jay Hebert . . . Panton got 69 on the par 72, 6,574-yard course and was 3 up on Sam . . . He kept hot and was 5 up after 27.

Hubby Habjan, pro at Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., ran a full page ad in July Chicago Omnibus, on custom club fitting and manufacture . . . Hubby’s copy on shaft, weight, loft, lie, grip and balance of swingweight is something to continued on page 10
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Paul Hicks now pro at Belwood CC, Natchez, Miss., succeeding John D. Morgan who resigned . . . Hicks formerly was at Humphries County CC, Belzoni, Miss. . . . Annual golf day and dinner of Chicago Club Managers Association for their presidents and chairmen at Medinah CC was largest of these deluxe affairs the managers have conducted. . . . It had among its honored guests a number of the Chicago district's athletic celebrities and veteran club manager Harry Fawcett, who was honored with a Hospitality Hall of Fame plaque . . . Fawcett, who managed country and city clubs in New York, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, spoke entertainingly on the prominent clubmen epicures of earlier days and of gastronomic and food service recent developments.

John Kirkpatrick now superintendent, Mountain View CC, Corona, Calif. . . . Harry Obitz, executive director of golf, Kings Inn, Freeport, Grand Bahamas, says second 18 will be in play in November . . . Construction of the third course has started and a fourth 18 is planned for 1968 . . . Where the energetic Obitz is, golf business grows . . . Allan M. Cul lum, lively pioneer in golf car design and sales development, now is sales consultant for Westinghouse Electric Corp. on its golf vehicles . . . Michael Mininni and wife, June, are managing Tally Ho CC, (formerly Vernon Hills CC) near Libertyville, Ill. (suburban Chicago) . . . Martin Schmidt is superintendent.

Bellevue, Wash., borrowed $800,000 at net effective interest rate of 5.6 per cent on bonds for its new course . . . Charles E. Schmidt, Kenilworth, Ill. winter resident of Boca Raton, Fla., bid $675,000 for Tamarac GC 18 west of Boca Raton . . . Schmidt owns second mortgage lien on the course . . . Sale was protested by parties claiming Tamarac price was "woefully inadequate." . . . Metro (Miami, Fla., metropolitan area) buys formerly private 18-hole Palmetto CC, paying $1,288,500 for the 123-acre property . . . Purchase financed by sale of revenue certificates to First National Bank of Miami at 4.3 per cent interest.

Mrs. Bernadetta Tommarello, for five years auditor of the Oakmont CC in suburban Pittsburgh, now is manager of the club, succeeding Jack O'Neill who went to Chicago GC as manager . . . Brookview CC in suburban Minneapolis has sold its property to village of Golden Valley for $1,325,000 and is to build 18 and clubhouse at Medina, Minn. which will be opened in 1968.

Willie Kidd, for 37 years pro at Interlachen CC (Minneapolis district), died recently at Minneapolis . . . His son, Willie, Jr., succeeded him at Interlachen when Willie, Sr., retired ten years ago . . . Willie, Sr., soon found he couldn't quit work so he became architect of a number of good courses . . . He was a grand all-around pro; one of the last of glorious old Scottish-American pros who built the game in the U.S. . . . He was a fine clubmaker and teacher, a good man to take care of a course, an excellent player and an honored friend of his members . . . He was at Algonquin at St. Louis before he went to Interlachen.

Jamie Jackson expects to have the first nine of his Skyview Lakes CC at Lake- land, Fla., open in September . . . Mecaconsy CC, headed by Lyle Condon and Maynard Snyder, to build 18 near Toledo, Ohio . . . Architect is Arthur Hills . . . Orangetown, N.Y. Town Board votes to buy Blue Hills GC 123 acres and adjoining 26 acres for $1.1