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Majors Say Huge Legislative Agenda At Convention Hampers Player Deals

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) Major league owners and managers quit this city en masse today following the convention's windup still hopeful of completing player trades and blaming the lack of them because of the huge legislative agenda at the meetings.

At least seven team representa-

tives said they felt "reasonably certain" they would complete deals that originated here before long. The clubs are Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, New York Giants, Boston Braves, Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati and St. Louis Cardinals.

"I'm sure the Cardinals would have completed a trade or two here," said President Fred Saigh before his departure. "If we hadn't been so tied up with legislation, the same can be said of several other clubs."

Not So Hopeful
Other officials were not so hopeful. General Manager George Weiss intimated his New York Yankees would not do any trading.

The Dodgers, rebuffed in their attempt to land southpaw ace Warren Spahn from the Braves, switched their attention to Pittsburgh in an attempt to secure right-hander Murry Dickson. That, too, hit a snag. Just before leaving for California, Brooklyn Vice President E. J. Buzzy Bavasi held a long conference with President Gabe Paul of the Reds in an attempt to acquire left-hander Harry Perkowski, and first baseman Joe Adcock. Paul listed the names of five players he wanted to return. The identity of the players, nor Bavasi's reaction, was not learned immediately.

The Cards, who would like to add a catcher, right-handed hitting outfielder and a first baseman, talked with Cincinnati,

Brooklyn, Pittsburgh and the Giants.

Offers Turned Down

It was understood the Giants offered St. Louis catcher Sal Yvars, first baseman Tookie Gilbert, pitcher Monte Kennedy and outfielder Don Mueller for right-handed pitcher Gerry Staley but were turned down.

Another report had Cleveland offering third baseman Al Rosen, the American League's official runs-batted-in champion, to the White Sox for shortstop Chico Carrasquel. Chicago countered by demanding outfielder Larry Doby the circuit's home run king last season.

One trade is almost certain to be made. That one will involve Adcock, the first baseman-outfielder of the Reds. Adcock, forced to the outfield by slugger Ted Kluszcwski, has asked Cincinnati officials to trade him to a club "where I will play first base and not the outfield." Cincinnati is willing to oblige him but wants an "equitable return."

In addition to Brooklyn, the Cards and Philadelphia Phillies have made bids for Adcock. "The Phils have made me the best offer so far," said Paul.

Seek Pitcher

The Giants are seeking a starting pitcher. The list has narrowed down to Dickson, Staley and Russ Meyer of the Phillies. Realizing they cannot offer as much as Brooklyn, the New York club has given up any attempt to get Spahn. Although the Brooklyn-Boston trade talk has collapsed, there is still a chance the Dodgers will yield to the Braves' demands for first baseman Gil Hodges, outfielder Carl Furillo, infielders third baseman Billy Cox and Rocky Bridges for Spahn and outfielder Sid Gordon. Only three player trades were consummated at the meetings. The biggest one involved St. Louis and Detroit sending centerfielder Johnny Groth and pitchers Virgil Trucks and Hal White to the Browns in exchange for outfielder Bob Nieman, infielder Owen Friend and catcher J. W. Porter. Washington traded pitcher Mike Fornieles to the White Sox for Chuck Stobbs and Pittsburgh sent catcher Clyde McCullough to the Chicago Cubs for pitcher Dick Manville and cash.



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Three participants in the 1952 Oregon Class A high school basketball play-offs clashed with three others Saturday night.

The feature game was between Central Catholic and Cleveland of Portland, the 1952 semi-finalists. Central repeated its play-off victory, overcoming a 14-point deficit in the final period to edge Cleveland, 78-75.

McMinnville shaded Corvallis, 49-48, while Scappoose trimmed Astoria, 41-36.

Marshfield, another 1952 play-off team, needed an overtime session to down Reedsport, 61-59.

Lincoln of Portland, the defending state champion, defeated Tillamook, 48-41, after losing to Tigard, 39-36, Friday night.

Three other 1952 play-off teams

saw action Friday. The Dalles beat Franklin of Portland, 54-50. But Salem lost to Roosevelt of Portland, 61-52, while Klamath Falls bowed to Redding, Calif., 64-50.



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