

National Loop Okehs Shift West for Giants, Dodgers

Clubs Must Decide by October 1

By LEO H. PETERSEN

Chicago — The Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants were set for the "California Gold Rush of '58" today in a package deal that may also transfer the Cincinnati Redlegs into a New York franchise.

The way for the most drastic revision of the major league baseball map in history was officially paved Tuesday when National league club owners unanimously consented to permit the Dodgers to shift to Los Angeles and the Giants to San Francisco. The owners stipulated that both clubs must make up their minds before Oct. 1.

General Manager Gabe Paul of the Redlegs did not ask similar permission to transfer the Cincinnati franchise but a top baseball official told the United Press the Redlegs will move to New York if the two other clubs move out. It was the same official who informed the United Press of the development which occurred Tuesday.

Fury on All Fronts

The biggest bombshell to hit baseball in years resulted in the following furious activity:

—Mayor Robert Wagner of New York said he "do everything I can to keep the Dodgers and Giants in New York." Wagner is scheduled to take up the matter today in an emergency meeting with other city officials.

—Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles arrived in New York to press the matter with President Walter O'Malley of the Dodgers and L.A. County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn predicted the Dodgers will announce in a few days that they are shifting to the West Coast city.

—The Ohio legislature passed by a 110-2 vote a bill which would provide the Redlegs with a new stadium. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Robert A. Taft Jr., must clear the Senate to become law.

—Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick called the NL owners' action "improper" because of minor league territorial rights involved. He is without power to block the proposed shifts, however.

—In Washington, a United Press reporter said congressional reaction to the expansion of the league "is unquestionably favorable." Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-NY) and Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R-Calif.), endorsed the idea when it was revealed exclusively by the United Press on Monday.

Both O'Malley and Horace Stoneham, owner of the Giants, stressed that they asked permission for the transfers "reluctantly" and left the door slightly ajar for New York City officials to change their minds.

"Whether we exercise the permission we've been granted remains to be seen," said O'Malley. "I am aware of the fact that the people of Los Angeles and the government officials there are very anxious to have major league baseball. I think Brooklyn fans have been 100 per cent all right but we want a new ball park. We need a park where we can park cars and please fans. Right now, we can park only 700 cars."

"The league acted so that our club could be in a position to go to San Francisco," said Stoneham. "We like New York. But the support hasn't been there. We'd like to stay, but last year our attendance was way down about 630,000. If we did move, I wouldn't mind another club moving into New York at all."

"National League President Warren Giles confirmed that the Redlegs were asked whether they desired to transfer to New York at Tuesday's meeting and said Paul replied, 'We aren't asking consent for anything.' The United Press informant pointed out that the Redlegs could not "ask to move into a city until the two teams currently there officially announce that they are moving out of it."

Holland Approves Airline Agreement

The Hague, Holland — Both houses of Parliament have approved the Dutch-American air agreement concluded in Washington last month. It was announced today.

The agreement provides for new KLM Royal Dutch airlines air routes from Amsterdam to Houston, Tex., and from Curaçao, Dutch Antilles, to New York.

PRO-AM BENEFIT
New Rochelle, N.Y. — Forty-two professional golfers, headed by Ben Hogan and Sam Snead, and 165 amateurs were competing today in a huge pro-amateur benefit tournament at the Wykagyl Country club.

SPORTS

Hurd, Gray Toss Shutouts For SF, LA in Coast Loop

By DON THACKREY
United Press Sports Writer

For the most part the bullpens in the Pacific Coast league could have been used to keep batters in Tuesday night.

Six of the eight starting pitchers stayed around to finish up the job and one of the two hurlers that left did so for a pinch hitter.

San Francisco leaped over Hollywood into second place by blanking Sacramento 6-0 while Vancouver was protecting

Comments On Franchise Action Vary

By UNITED PRESS

The National league's decision to authorize transfer of the New York Giant franchise to San Francisco and the Brooklyn franchise to Los Angeles, if and when the two clubs request permission to do so, brought the following comments today on the Pacific coast:

SAVE FACE

Leslie V. O'Connor, president of the Pacific Coast league: "Originally, I did not think they would make the move. But then when there was so much publicity, propaganda and talking about it I knew it had to happen as a face saving measure."

SE FAVOR HAPPY
Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco: "I am happy that San Francisco is being considered as a possible home city for the Giants and I am certain this city eventually will have a major league baseball team, although the matter is not yet fully decided."

SPEED SURPRISES

Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson: "I'm a little surprised at the speed with which they acted, but I'm naturally pleased about the decision."

ANNOUNCEMENT SOON

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn: "I believe the Brooklyn Dodgers will announce in the next few days they are coming to Los Angeles. Of course, Mr. Walter O'Malley's lips are sealed by baseball law, but I am convinced a definite announcement is forthcoming soon."

NO FUTURE FOR MINORS

Paul Fagan, former owner of the San Francisco Pacific Coast league club and long-time advocate of major league ball on the West Coast: "There's no future in minor league baseball in California. The majors should make a better go in San Francisco than the Seals have in the past few years."

TO JUST KEEP TRYING

Jerry Donovan, president of the second place San Francisco Seals: "There's nothing we can do about it from here. We'll just keep trying to win the Pacific Coast league pennant this year!"

NOT TAXPAYERS

George Mulvanny, San Francisco man-on-the-street: "I'd like to see them out here, but I don't think the taxpayers should have to pay for the stadium. Baseball is private enterprise and ought to pay for itself."



HARDTOPS COLLIDE—The tilted auto of Mutt Price and the machine of Jim Erwin are shown after a collision off the track during the semi-main at opening hardtop races at Valley View track last week end. Erwin's car left the track at the north end first and Price's followed moments later. Erwin suffered a bruised back when the battery came

loose in the car and hit him. Hardtop drivers will be seen in action again this Saturday night at Valley View with another program including trophy dashes, heat races, a main and a semi-main. Time trials will be at 7 p.m. with the first race at 8 p.m. Bud Cook won the main event last Saturday.

(Birchfield photo)

Jim McHale Heads Yanks In Britain

Formby, England — Jimmy McHale of Philadelphia, "the luckiest player still in the tournament" today led a depleted group of four American survivors into the fourth round of the British Amateur golf championship.

Fifteen Yanks were eliminated during Monday's opening play and another seven bowed out during two rounds Tuesday, leaving McHale, Dale Morey of Indianapolis, Ind., Gene Andrews of Pacific Palisades, Calif., and Harold Ridgeley of Haverford, Pa., as the only remaining U.S. representatives in this ancient tournament.

Two Rounds Today

Two more rounds were scheduled today. If McHale got by Charlie Stowe of Britain in this morning's fourth round, he was to meet the winner of an all-English match between Jack Burnside and John Taylor in the afternoon.

Other fourth round pairings involving Americans put Morey against Frank Fawcett of England, Andrews against H. V. S. Thomson of Scotland, and Ridgeley against Dr. F. W. G. Deighton of England.

The lucky survivors of today's two rounds will move into Thursday's quarterfinals. The semifinals are scheduled for Friday and the 36-hole title round will be played Saturday.

Hungarian Refugee Orchestra in Debut

Vienna — The Hungarian refugee orchestra "Philharmonica Hungarica" received favorable reviews today for its first concert in the big Vienna Concert hall.

The orchestra, composed of refugee musicians who fled Hungary after last October's uprising, made its debut in the hall Tuesday. Formation of the orchestra was made possible by money gifts from various organizations, including the Rockefeller and Ford foundations.

Milwaukee Braves Hack Redleg Gap With 1-0 Nod

By TIM MORIARTY
United Press Sports Writer

If there are any members of the Dodgers and the Giants harboring misgivings about their proposed transfers to California they ought to consult Warren Spahn.

Since moving west with the

STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Vancouver	29	16	.644	
San Francisco	27	19	.587	1 1/2
Hollywood	27	20	.574	3
Los Angeles	23	20	.535	5
San Diego	23	24	.489	7
Seattle	23	24	.458	8 1/2
Portland	16	24	.400	10 1/2
Sacramento	12	30	.286	15 1/2

Tuesday's Results				
San Francisco 6, Sacramento 0.				
Vancouver 5, Hollywood 3.				
Portland 6, Seattle 1.				
San Diego 3, Los Angeles 0.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	25	13	.658	
Brooklyn	21	13	.618	2
Milwaukee	21	14	.600	2 1/2
Philadelphia	20	15	.571	3 1/2
St. Louis	17	18	.486	6 1/2
New York	15	21	.417	9
Chicago	11	22	.333	11 1/2

Tuesday's Results				
Philadelphia 16, New York 6 (night).				
Pittsburgh 3, Brooklyn 2 (11 innings night).				
Milwaukee 1, Cincinnati 0 (night).				
St. Louis 5, Chicago 1 (night).				

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	23	10	.697	
New York	22	13	.629	2
Cleveland	21	14	.600	3
Boston	19	19	.500	6 1/2
Detroit	18	19	.486	7
Kansas City	17	20	.458	8
Baltimore	13	22	.371	11
Washington	12	28	.300	14 1/2

Tuesday's Results				
New York 8, Boston 5 (10 innings).				
Chicago 3, Kansas City 1.				
Cleveland 4, Detroit 3.				
(Only games scheduled).				

NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	
Yakima	24	9	.727	
Wenatchee	16	16	.500	
Salem	15	16	.484	
Tri-City	14	17	.451	
Eugene	12	16	.428	
Lewiston	10	17	.370	

Thursday's Results				
Salem 6, Eugene 4.				
Lewiston 6, Yakima 1.				
Wenatchee 7, Tri-City 6 (10 innings).				



GP RACER AT INDIANAPOLIS—Grants Pass entry in the Indianapolis 500-mile Memorial Day race is Bob Christie who qualified Sunday at a speed of 139.779 miles per hour. Bill Taylor, racing fuels representative and former West Coast midget champion looks at the stopwatch which showed Christie's time for the 10-mile sprint was 4 minutes 17.55 seconds.

Drivers Shakedown For Indianapolis Run

By KURT FREUDENTHAL

Indianapolis, Ind. — The 33 starters in the Memorial Day 500-mile auto race push their low-slung roadsters onto the speedway oval today for final tests and shakedown runs.

Some will practice tire changing and refueling against the stopwatch. Others will check carburetion and cruise around the brick and asphalt course at a speed they hope to maintain for 200 laps in their bid for fame and glory in the nation's premiere gasoline derby.

The weather outlook was optimistic. It called for "mostly fair and cooler" — a 100 per cent improvement over predictions for the two time trial week ends, when rain interfered on all but the final day last Sunday.

The majority of pilots figured on at least two pit stops. Some cars, like the big powerful Novis driven by Paul Russo and Tony Bettenhausen, may make as many as four.

There also was general agreement that the record of 130.840 mph for the distance set by the late Bill Vukovich in 1954 will

go by the boards. Estimates ranged from 131 to 137.

Pat O'Connor, the pole sitter and top favorite along with former winner Troy Ruttman in a poll of "Hundred-Mile-A-Hour Club" members, predicted the race would be faster than last year. But how fast "will be governed by the yellow light."

The yellow light signals an accident or other obstruction on the track and automatically slows down the field. It flashed on 11 times last year, thus holding down Flaherty's winning speed of 128.490.

The 1956 champ will watch the race. He is recovering from injuries suffered in a dirt track event last summer.

ORTIZ FIGHTS

Chicago — Unbeaten Carlos Ortiz, hoping to run his win streak to 24, takes on converted-Parisian Felix Chiocha in a 10-round lightweight televised fight tonight.

Boxing Results

By UNITED PRESS
New Orleans, La.: Charley Norkus, 164, New York, outpointed Crowe Pele, 166, Baton Rouge, La. (10).

Whiters, Studs, Vie In VA Field Opener

Either Don Vannice or Duane Sides will be on the mound for the Medford Cheney Studs on Thursday afternoon when the semi-pro baseball club opposes Camp White in an exhibition at new Ricker field at the Veterans Administration domiciliary.

The game is set as part of the dedicatory ceremonies. It is planned for seven innings. A cornerstone laying rite and a talk by E. K. Ricker, domiciliary manager for whom the park is named, are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. The game will follow.

A softball game at the stadium will match the Rogue Valley and Butte Falls girls teams at 7:30 p.m.

Studs' Manager Frank Roelandt has announced only a tentative line-up for the afternoon baseball encounter. Of the two pitchers, Vannice was a member of the county B championship Prospect high crew and Sides, ex-Medford high, hurled this spring for Southern Oregon college, throwing one no-hitter.

Roelandt, Medford high assistant baseball tutor and head basketball coach, is expected to do the coaching. Either Dennis King and Dick McLaughlin, who have ended careers at Medford high, will be at first base, with Ron Owings, ex-Klamath Union high and an all-conference player.

Grant High Raps Albany

Albany, Ore. — Grant high of Portland advanced to the semi-finals of the state class A-1 high school baseball playoffs Tuesday night by defeating Albany 10-4 here.

Grant will meet Tigard at Tigard Saturday in a semi-final game.

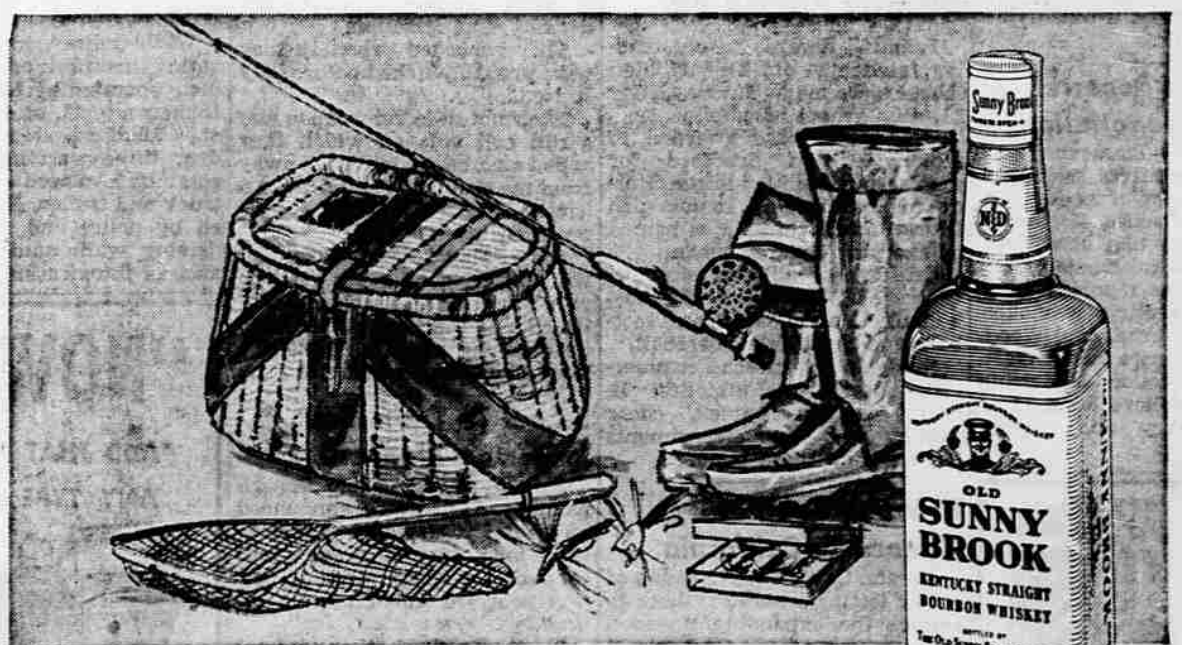
Hub Kettle Has Throat Surgery

Seattle — Hub Kittle, manager of the Yakima Bears of the Northwest League, underwent throat surgery in Virginia Mason hospital here yesterday.

Hospital attendants reported Kittle's condition as good. The baseball manager entered the hospital after a persistent minor throat ailment began interfering with his duties.

Oregon didn't lose an extra inning game all season and lost only one contest which was decided by one run.

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