

Monte Irvin Bids Adieu To Baseball

Giant Star Quits; Back Hurts Blamed

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Monte Irvin, one of the top heroes of the New York Giants pennant drive in 1951, last week announced that he was retiring from baseball. He said he was quitting because of a back injury which has plagued him this season.

Irvin, who this season played for the Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League, made the announcement through a spokesman for the club. The spokesman said Irvin told him he "had hoped to help the Angels but due to a back injury felt it would be best for all concerned if he retired."

Irvin hurt his back during spring training.

He appeared in only four games with the Angels this season. He helped the Angels win the season's opener with a home run and was hitting .300.

The former Giants star was shipped to the Angels late last season by the Chicago Cubs, who had acquired him from Minneapolis in 1955. His acquisition by the Cubs marked a brilliant comeback after the Giants had sent him to Minneapolis in 1955.

Irvin, 33, once organized baseball in 1949 and played with the Giants about seven seasons. With the Giants he played in two World Series, in 1951 and '54. His best year was 1951. That season he hit .312 and drove in 121 in leading up with Willie Mays and Bobby Thompson in spearheading the Giants pennant drive.

Asked about his future plans, Monte said he and his wife will return to their home in South Orange, N. J., and that he would seek a job in an office where there would be no strain on his back.



WHITE HOUSE CALLERS—Co-recipients of the 1956 Inter-Faith award, former Dodger star Jackie Robinson (left) and comedian Joe E. Brown (right), are shown during their recent visit with President Eisenhower at the White House. The pair were honored by the Washington, D. C. Inter-Faith committee. (Newspress Photo)

KC Monarchs Beat Stars Twice Here

Raleigh's newly-acquired professional baseball team, The Kansas City Monarchs, proved to lovers of the sport Monday and Tuesday nights that the city had made a good choice. The Monarchs defeated the Detroit Stars by a score of 9-0 Monday and 9-6 Tuesday night. Both games were played at Chavis Heights.

The first game was played before an audience, estimated to be more than 1,000 strong and served to officially open the season for the Negro American League.

Pitiner Harry Winston, in Monday's game, struck out 15 men and allowed only six hits in the game.

The Monarchs got a 4-0 lead in the second inning on four hits, two walks, and a fielder's choice. They got two more in the fourth on two hits, two errors, and an infield out. Another pair scored in the seventh, and a final tally was made in the eighth.

George Miller got half the six hits made by Detroit. Freddie Marsh and Felix Ortiz, each got two for the Monarchs.

In the Tuesday night game the Monarchs scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to break a 6-6 deadlock and win a 9-6 victory over the Stars. The two teams played at Mueon, Ga. Wednesday night.

Felix Ortiz hit an inside-the-park home run in the fifth with two males aboard to bring the Monarchs into the 6-6 tie which held until the eighth inning.

Crash Robinson, Monarch second baseman, was the leading hitter of the night, getting three singles and a double in five trips. Bobby Chapman, the losing pitcher, batted for the Stars' longest hit.

14,000 See Germans Top Booters, 6-2

CHICAGO (AP)—A crowd of 14,000 streamed into Harrison Park Stadium here last Sunday and saw the Kaiserlautern team of West Germany defeat a team of Chicago All-Stars, 6-2 in an international soccer match.

The 90-minute match was close only through the first half of play. Thereafter, the Germans booted outclassed the Chicagoans, scoring four goals in the final 45 minutes.

The All-Stars, representing the National League, scored first after 22 minutes of play, and the crowd, hoping for an upset, roared its approval.

The Germans were pro-game favorites. However, Kaiserlautern wasted little time squaring matters. Heinz Bauer, the team's halfback, tied the score with a rebound shot that was deflected his way by All-Star goalie, Helmut Michel. Then Fried Suseuth put the Germans out in front, 2-1, with two minutes remaining in the first half.

In the second half, Otmarr Walter, Germany's international star, boosted the lead to 3-1 in the first minutes of play. The other goals were scored by Fritz Walter, Otmarr's brother, Warner Leibrich, and Otmarr Walter again. Jim Strachrowsky booted the All-Star's second goal at the 30-minute mark in the second half.

The victory gave the Germans a 2-1 edge in their current United States tour. Recently they were beaten by a New York All-Star team.

Frans flowering shrubs after blooming.

Hear 'Trotters' Definitely Interested In "The Stilt"

PARIS, FRANCE (AP)—Abe Saperstein, owner of the Harlem Globetrotters last week admitted that the Trotters are definitely interested in obtaining the services of "The Stilt" Chamberlain, sensational University of Kansas basketball star.

Commenting on rumors that Chamberlain is anticipating leaving U of K to join the finalizing negotiations, as a pro, Saperstein stated frankly that he would be willing to pay the ten-year Trotters considerably more than the \$15,000 a year he was reported to have offered him. He called Chamberlain "the most outstanding ball player in recent years," and added, "Of course we are interested in him, who wouldn't be?"

Here to guide the Trotters in an exhibition series at the Palais Des Sports, Saperstein confided that he had received rabid reports on Chamberlain's possible switch.

Dr. Phog Allen, former athletic director of U of K, under whose tutelage Chamberlain played at the Kansas institution, was quoted as saying "The Stilt" would definitely turn pro. Chamberlain himself has been evasive about the matter.

Race Ban Deals Texas League Financial Blow

DALLAS, TEXAS (AP)—The decision of the Texas Baseball League to abide by the Jim Crow Louisiana law forbidding Negro players from performing with or against white players is causing severe repercussions at its turnstiles, according to latest reports from the league.

Where heretofore Negro players in the teams' lineup inspired large attendance today attendance at Shreveport, where opposing teams are required to shell their top players, has dropped 30 percent from last year. And the managers of the teams are hoping wistfully for a return to the days when the turnstiles were at a merry pace.

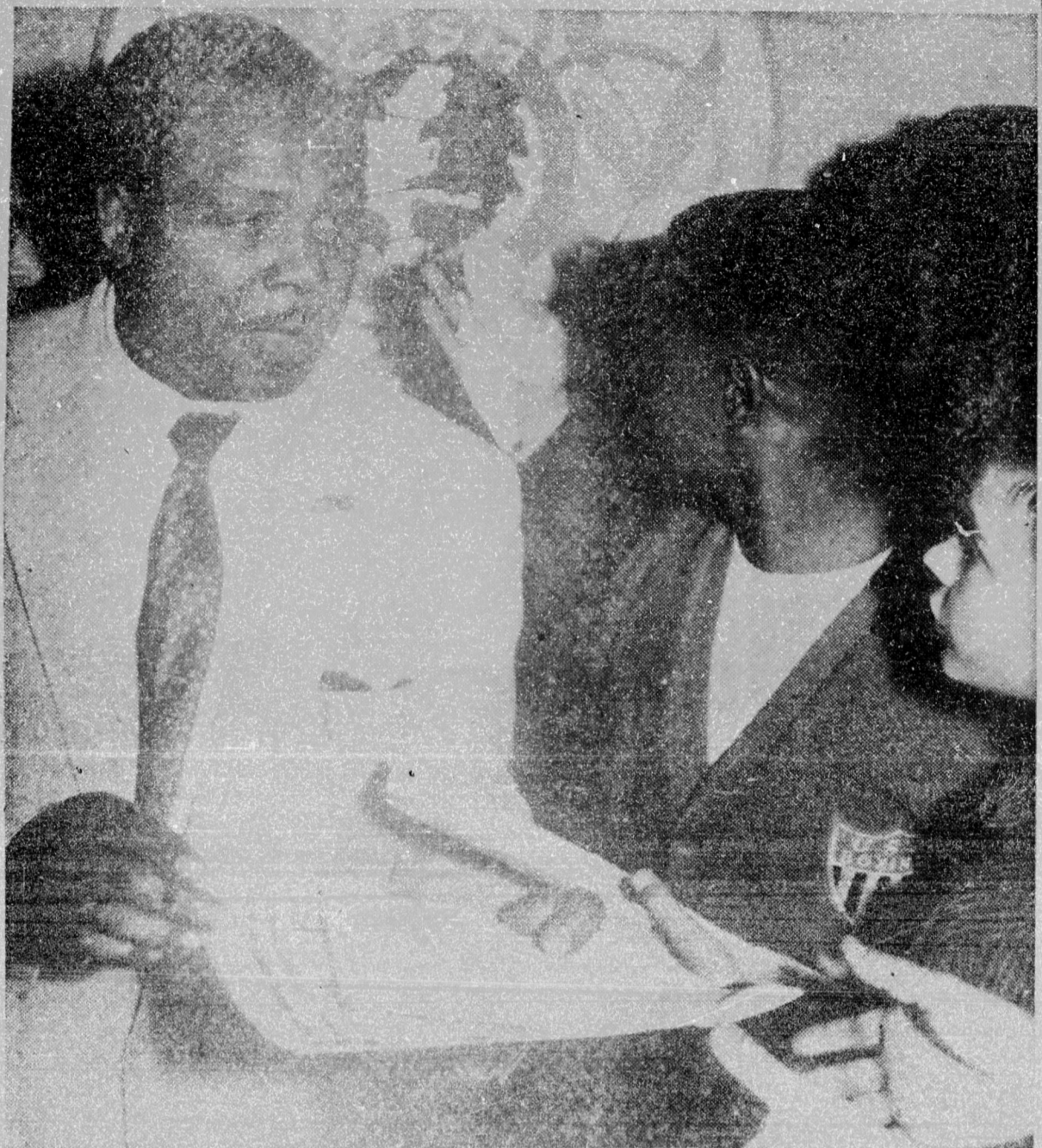
But if the lot of the other seven teams is hard, that of Shreveport is even worse. Despite the fact that opposing teams are forced to play with reshuffled lineups to conform with the law, they have been de-

feating Shreveport in its own ballpark. Shreveport, falling dimly at the gate, has lost more home games than it has won.

However, behind the drop in attendance is another factor. Negroes in Shreveport are reported to be boycotting the ball park in protest of the ban. In fact, as far off as Houston, the rebellion is in progress. Lloyd Wells, sports editor of the Houston Informer weekly newspaper, in his sports column urged Negro fans to stay away from the games played in Houston in protest of the TL stand. The league recently passed a rule requiring the other seven teams to drop their fan players when playing in Shreveport.

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ARCHIE GIVES AUTOGRAPHS—Boxer Archie Moore is the center of attraction as he gives autographs during International Military Boxing championships at which he was the most prominent guest. In an interview in Frankfurt, May 24, Moore stated he is willing to defend his light-heavyweight boxing world title against Tony Martin if his country's demands of \$100,000 are met and if he is in fighting shape again. Moore is presently in the process of taking off 28 pounds. If he does not fight Anthony on June 7th, Moore runs the chance of being suspended. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO)

Coach Harry Jefferson Honored By Players On 8th Anniversary

HAMPTON, VA.—Sportsmen to honor Coach Harry R. Jefferson, who has completed 8 years as Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Hampton Institute, was presented the special assembly of the City Day Program recently.

A special trophy, appropriately engraved, was presented to Coach Jefferson by captain George J. Brown, football; Edwin E. Amos, basketball; James Bailey, swimming; James White, track; William Monroe, tennis; and Frank Bender, chairman of the athletic managerial staff.

George Brown exposed the inside of the trophy, and read the citation, which was composed by some 60 athletes, and read in part: "You have not only instructed the athletes, but you have come in contact with their skills, but you have been a teacher which has helped to bring many an athlete toward a sense of values and has been a part of the Jefferson program since your early coaching days."

For some suggestions to our faculty, and make a plea to our Administration."

Of the athletes he asked "a seriousness of purpose, a willingness to train and sacrifice, and a desire to achieve scholastically."

The coaches were charged "not to get discouraged, to demand high performances, to gain and demand respect."

Archie Fights Dutchman In German City May 25th

EDITIONGARI, GERMANY—Light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore will meet Dutch fighter, Pedro Kluwe, in a ten-fight bout here May 25. It was announced last week.

Moore is touring Europe, Moore was announced through his European agent Baron Von Summe, that he will be ready to defend his title against challenger Tony Anthony by July 5. That is the

deadline which the National Boxing Association has set for the hardy ring veteran to defend his title. Moore, on the other hand is banking for \$100,000 guarantee.

Summe said "Archie will definitely be glad to hear that. Anthony will fight Yvon Durieux in Detroit June 14. I'm sure Archie will be ready in time to defend his title against Anthony by July 7, if our financial demands are met."

Birds Send Beamon Back To Minors For Seasoning

BALTIMORE, MD.—(AP)—Stating that he needed seasoning in the minors, Paul Richards, manager of the Baltimore Orioles of the American League, optioned Charlie Beamon, high-priced rookie pitcher, to Vancouver club of the Pacific Coast League.

Beamon, a right-hander, who was purchased by the Orioles last season for a reported \$40,000 won two games in the league last September. However, he has been unimpressive so far this season, with an earned run mark of 5.49 for 8 and 2.3 innings of mound work.



HIS SHIP'S SHOWING—Midway in a recent 12-round welterweight bout in Syracuse, N. Y., finds Gasper Ortega of Mexico trying to break a fall to the canvas (he slipped) by cleaving the waist of Cuban opponent, Isaac Logan. Ortega went on to win his second split decision over Logan, and it earned him a crack at the welterweight crown. (Newspress Photo)

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