

# — BEATING THE GUN —

BY BILL BROWER

NEW YORK CITY (ANP)—How many times has it been said that Willie Mays can beat you with his

mere presence? Miraculous Willie didn't quite beat the American League All-Stars here at Shea Stadium, a little more

than a stone's throw from the World's Fair, in the 35th midsummer competition between the two major leagues. But the National Leagueers agreed almost to a player that the San Francisco outfielder—and dean of the participating players in the classic—was the man who gave his team the psychological lift that carried it to a 7-to-4 victory.

Of course, Johnny Callison's three-run blast into the right field seats with two out in the ninth was the blow that did it. But if it hadn't been for Mays' theatrics on the bases earlier in the same inning, the Philadelphia outfielder never would have come to bat.

In the end, Dick Radatz, the righthanded relief ace of the Boston Red Sox, of whom Callison tagged the homer, said: "Willie killed me."

This is what he meant. As the lead-off batter in the last half of the ninth, with the AL'ers ahead, 4 to 3, Willie strode to the plate.

"I made up my mind I wasn't going to swing at a bad ball," Mays said in the clubhouse after the game.

He worked the count to three-and-two. Then Radatz came in with one of his swift deliveries—it was high and wide and Willie trotted to first base. Almost all of the 80,850 paid spectators could sense what was going to happen.

On the pitcher's second pitch to Orlando Cepeda, another

Giant, Mays took off toward second as the first baseman swung and missed. Then Cepeda hit a pitch off the end of his bat and it fell into short right field, eluding rightfielder Rocky Colavito, of the Kansas City Athletics, second baseman Bobby Richardson, of the New York Yankees, and Yankee first baseman Joe Pepitone. It fell safely near the line.

Now here's how Mays' mere presence can cause damage to the opposition. He had held up near second to see whether the ball would drop and when it did, he raced to third, falling down as he rounded the bag. In the meantime,

Pepitone had made a throw to the plate. It evidently hit something and bounded high over the head of catcher Eston Howard, another Yankee.

When the ball went all the way to stands, Mays scampered home with the tying tally and jogged to the dugout to get the backslaps and slaps on the seat of his pants from his joyous teammates. Thus, Willie had set the stage for one of the most thrilling finishes of the all-star game history.

Cepeda had made it to second base and Curt Flood, center fielder of the St. Louis Cardinals went in to run for the big first baseman. Two men, in-

cluding pinch hitter Hank Aaron, a strikeout victim, were retired and one given an intentional pass before Callison stroked his home run to give the NL'ers their 17th victory. This tied the series after 31 years that saw the AL'ers take a commanding lead. One game has ended in a tie.

The NL'ers began to close the gap on their rivals when ten players—Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Mays, etc.—began to take a dominant role in the majors. And, in recent years, Willie has done

more than any other player to keep his league on top.

Last week's was his 14th game. His stolen base was his sixth, and his run, his sixteenth, both all-star game records.

Manager Walt Alston had nothing but praise for Mays.

The Los Angeles skipper said: "Willie was great, simply great. He almost caught Brooks Robinson's two-run triple in the sixth inning."

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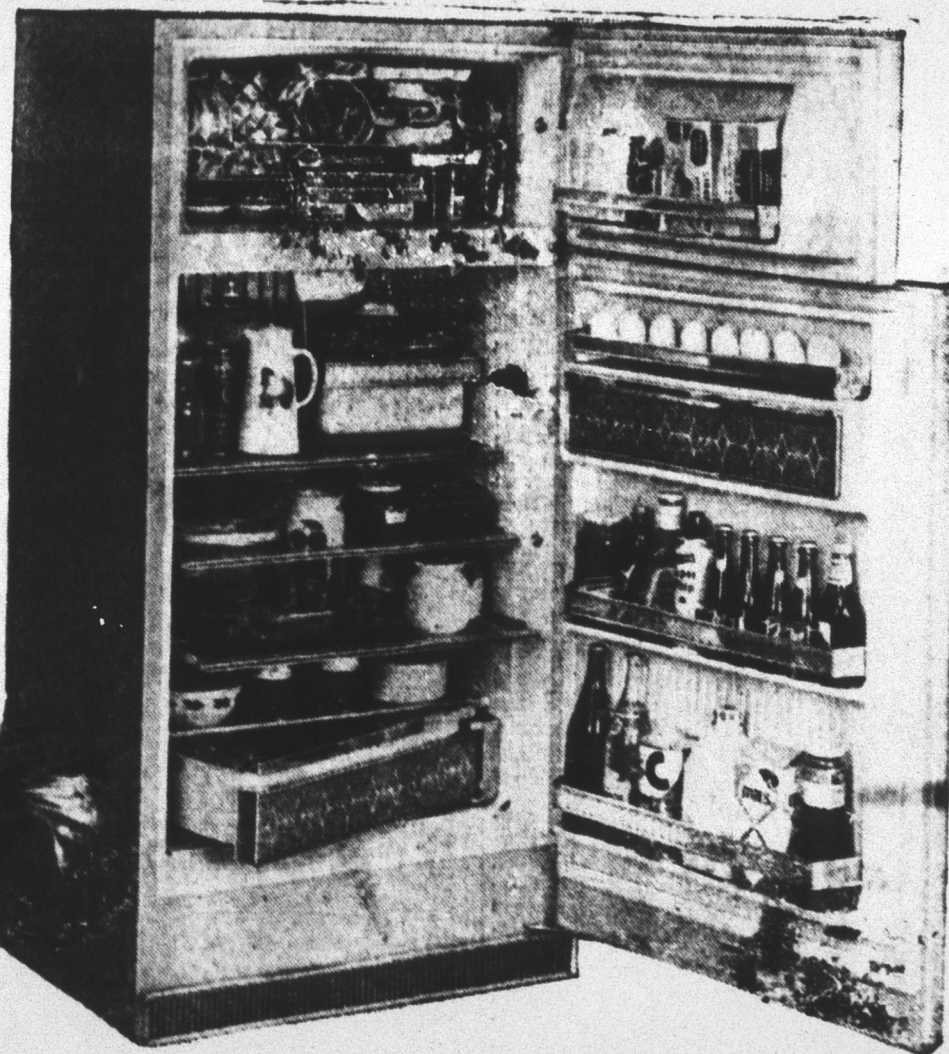
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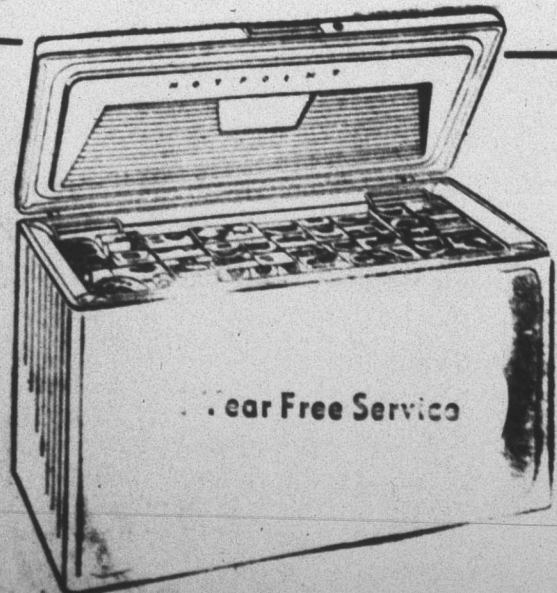
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