

**DUGOUT THINKING**—Here's Paul Richards thinking out the hardest problem a manager faces—whether to lift a pitcher or gamble and leave him in. (NEA)

of Pacific Coast League All-Stars to continue his good spring showing. Hank Thompson also homered for the Giants, while Ruben Gomez, Paul Giel, and George Spencer held the PCL players to four hits.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The American League champion Cleveland Indians, losers in six of their last seven games against major-league opposition, hope to get back on the winning trail in a night game tonight against San Francisco of the Pacific Coast League. Batting champion Bobby Avila took his first workout Thursday, but won't play until Saturday.

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** — Rookie Bob Alexander is the first Baltimore Orioles' pitcher to go the distance — but the distance was only five innings. Alexander allowed five hits and was credited with a 4-2 victory over the Kansas City A's Thursday when rain ended the game after five frames.

The same two teams meet here again today.

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** — Burleigh Grimes, former Brooklyn Dodger manager, has been signed as a pitching coach for the Kansas City Athletics. Grimes, who pitched in the majors as a star spitball hurler from 1916 to 1934 with the Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Cubs, and New York Yankees, has been an A's scout.

**CLEARWATER, Fla.** — Ailing southpaw Curt Simmons will pitch for the Phillies today against the St. Louis Cardinals in a game which Manager Mayo Smith calls "the acid test."

Simmons, who had a disappointing 14-15 record last season, has been nursing a sore arm and has not pitched a single inning this spring. He took a short workout Thursday and reported no pain.

**FORT MYERS, Fla.** — Out-

fielder Roberto Clemente batted .257 for Montreal last season, but he's the Pittsburgh Pirates' top batter for the first 12 exhibition games with a mark of .419.

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** — Veteran Sid Gordon, sidelined with a sore leg, tops this with a .450 average but has batted only 11 times.

Other leading hitters on the squad are Preston Ward at .444, including three of the team's five homers, Earl Smith at .409, and Dick Groat and Felipe Montemayor each at .400.

The Pirates meet the Boston Red Sox here today.

**TAMPA, Fla.** — The Wash-

ington Senators and Cincinnati Reds, both rained out of exhibition games Thursday, hoped for a break from the weather man for their scheduled exhibition today.

The Reds' "B" team also was slated to meet the Chicago White Sox "B" team here today.

**ATLANTA, Ga.** — The Milwaukee Braves were scheduled to meet the Atlanta Crackers of the Southern Association here tonight in an exhibition game.

The American Hockey League's Calder Cup semi-finals resume Saturday with the Pittsburgh Hornets almost a clinch to clinch the "A" series, while the "B" series finds the Buffalo Bisons and Cleveland Barons all tied up with a victory apiece.

**NEW YORK** — Jolting Julio Mederos of Havana, at least a temporary sensation because of a very impressive knockout, will try breaking into the heavyweight rankings

tonight in a 10-round fight with big Bob Baker at Madison Square Garden. Baker of Pittsburgh, who ranks third among the world's contenders, is favored at 3½ to 1 to score his ninth straight victory over his former sparring partner.

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## Marty Martin Says He Has Hopes For Sox

By LEO H. PETERSEN  
 United Press Sports Editor  
**TAMPA, Fla.** (AP)—Marty Maron, although admitting there are a few ifs here and there, thinks his Chicago White Sox could go all the way.

He bases that opinion on the contention that he acquired a stronger bench and more hitting power "without giving up anyone we needed." But most baseball men feel that unless he comes up with at least a hard-hitting left-handed outfielder, the White Sox won't have power enough to win the American League pennant.

Marion points to the addition of three men as grounds for thinking his club will have more power. They are big Walt Dropo, the first baseman obtained from the Tigers; catcher Clint Courtney, acquired from the Orioles, and outfielder Bob Nieman, who also came from the Tigers.

**DROPO MUST HIT**  
 Dropo will have to hit or lose his first base job to the veteran Phil Cavarretta or Ron Jackson, the bonus baby who hit .280 last season.

Nellie Fox and Chico Carrasquel are fixtures at second and short, and George Kelly will win the third base job if he recovers from the injuries which sidelined him the end of last season.

Bill Serena, purchased from the Cubs, will take over third if Kell can't make it, with Jim Bredeweser sure of an infield utility job. Rookies Stan Jok and Joe Kirrene, who hit .343 at Colorado Springs last season are other infield candidates.

As his big five of the pitching staff, Marion has southpaws Billy Pierce, 9-10, and Jack Harshman 14-8, and right-handers Virgil Trucks 19-12, Sandy Consuegra 16-9.

Harry Dorish 6-4 will be the No. 1 fireman with Bob Chakales, 5-7 with Baltimore last season, and veteran Al Brazde, who won five and lost four with the Cardinals, also ticketed for bullpen duty.

**GRAY MAY START**  
 Another possible starter is Ted Gray, a Tiger castoff who won only three while losing five for Detroit last season. Dick Donovan, an 18-game winner with Atlanta; Mike Fornieles, back for another try after winning seven at Charleston in 1954; Connie Johnson who won

17 at Toronto and hold over Morris Martin 7-8, are other possibilities. Sherman Lollar and Courtney will share the catching with Lollar the No. 1 man. Marion, however, may platoon his catchers with Lollar hitting against southpaws and Courtney taking over against right-handers.

In the outfield it will be Minnie Minoso in left, Johnny Groth in center and im Rivera in right. If Bob Nieman regains his batting eye he will see plenty of action although he is not up to the other three regulars defensively.

The veterans Willard Marshall and Lloyd Merriman, obtained from the Cincinnati Redlegs, probably will win the other outfield reserve spots.

Marion, however, still is hopeful that the club will swing a deal bringing him a left-handed hitting outfielder. Rivera, Marshall and Merriman are southpaw slingers, but lack power.

### Training Camp Briefs

**LAKELAND, Fla.** (AP) — White Sox Manager Marty Marion, irked by his team's surprising eight-game losing streak, hoped that the return of Nellie Fox to the lineup today would spark the Sox to a victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Second baseman Fox, one of the Sox' most spirited players, has been sidelined for eight days with a pulled groin muscle. Both the White Sox and Tigers were rained out Thursday in their scheduled exhibitions against the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Yankees, respectively.

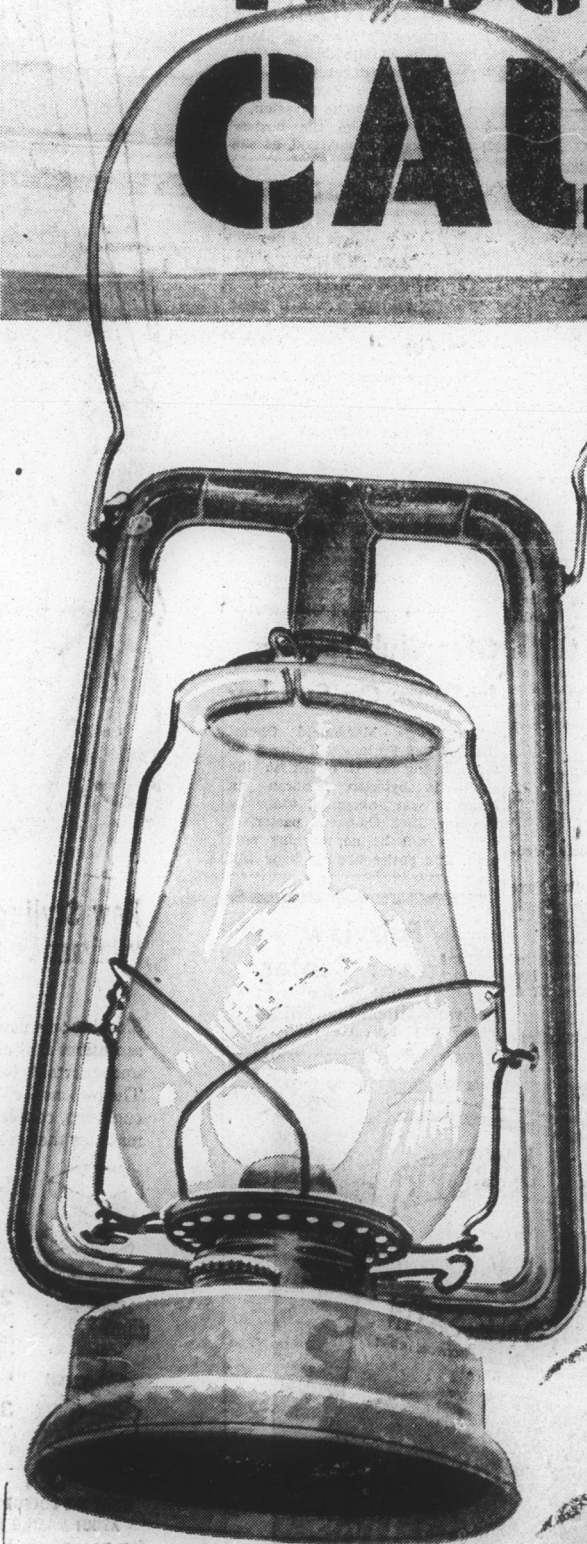
**PHOENIX, Ariz.** (AP) — Outfielder Hal Rice, fighting to hold his job with the Chicago Cubs after batting only .163 last season, suddenly is swinging with new power.

Rice, 31-year-old former Pirate and Cardinal, whacked two homers and a single in three trips Thursday as the Cubs beat the Cleveland Indians, 6-2. The Cubs meet the New York Giants today.

**PHOENIX, Ariz.** (AP) — The world champion New York Giants don't plan on having any rookies in their starting lineup, according to Manager Leo Durocher, but it looks like infielder Foster Castleman has at least made the squad.

Castleman, second baseman who hit .317 at Minneapolis last season, whacked a grand-slam homer in Thursday's 10-2 victory over a team

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