

# MAJOR FLASHES

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

### MAUCH'S SPITTER HUNT FAILS

PHILLIE Manager Gene Mauch, determined to catch Giant hurler Bob Shaw throwing a spitball, coached at third base for the first time this season, June 25. Play was stopped 13 times while umpires inspected the balls, but no violation was discovered and Shaw pitched a one-hit, 4-1 triumph. Asked if he minded the accusations and frequent delays, Shaw said, "Not at all. It actually became funny and I couldn't stop laughing."

The Giants' Ron Herbel made three relief appearances in a four-game series with the Pirates, June 20-23, and gave up only seven hits while working ten scoreless innings. The righthander was credited with victories in two of the games.

Vic Rosnovsky, Cub catcher, was carried off the field on a stretcher after being hit over the right ear by a pitch from the Astros' Danny Coombs, June 28. He did not lose consciousness and preliminary X-rays showed no fracture.

### STALLARD REUSES HOMER BALL

CARDINAL hurler Tracy Stallard had the unusual distinction of using a home-run ball to retire another batter in an 11-4 victory over the Reds, June 24. Stallard gave up a homer to Johnny Edwards, but the ball bounced back on the field and center fielder Mike Shannon retrieved it. Tracy then used the same ball to retire Leo Cardenas on an infield out.

The six hits allowed by Ken Johnson in a 2-1 victory over the Reds,

## Robby Repeats; Yanks Blanked In Star Voting



Brooks Robinson

BOSTON, Mass.

Brooks Robinson of Baltimore was the only repeater on the American League's starting All-Star team named by a vote of players. For the first time in two decades, no Yankee will be in the opening lineup.

Robinson, the league's Most Valuable Player in 1964, collected 170 votes as starting third baseman, for his sixth All-Star Game. Catcher Earl Battey of Minnesota received the most applause from fellow players with 202 votes, and he will be making his third appearance when the thirty-sixth All-Star Game is played at Minnesota, July 13.

First baseman Bill Skowron of Chicago also drew his sixth assignment when he polled 126 votes, while Rocky Colavito of Cleveland was named to the Stars for the fifth time on the basis of his 166 votes.

### Quartet of Newcomers

There are four newcomers to All-Star competition — second baseman Felix Mantilla of Boston, who had 180 votes for his position; shortstop Dick McAuliffe (133) of Detroit, left fielder Willie Horton (198) of Detroit and center fielder Vic Davalillo (185) of Cleveland.

The alternates and their votes as selected by 280 players who were eligible to cast ballots this year:

C, Elston Howard, New York (38); 1b, Harmon Killebrew, Minnesota (108); 2b, Bobby Richardson, New York (56); 3b, Max Alvis, Cleveland (79); ss, Zoilo Versalles, Minnesota (68); lf, Carl Yastrzemski, Boston (44); cf, Jimmie Hall, Minnesota (72); rf, Al Kaline, Detroit, (99).

### Davenport Defeats Freese For Cow-Milking Laurels

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The cow-milking championship of the National League returned to San Francisco, June 20, when the Giants' Jimmy Davenport defeated Pittsburgh's Gene Freese.

As part of National Dairy Industries, Gene and Jim squared off behind home plate, buckets at the ready, and it was no contest. Davenport squirted five pounds worth to Freese's half pound.

The reigning Candlestick champion, Ed Bailey, yielded his crown by default when he was traded to the Cubs. Bailey twice won as a Giant and last year brought fame and honor to Milwaukee.

Freese and Davenport were given color television sets for participating.

June 26, equaled the righthander's greatest yield in eight appearances since he was acquired by the Braves from the Astros.

Phillie Manager Gene Mauch has initiated a "get-tough" policy regarding the club's curfew. Mauch laid down the law in a recent clubhouse meeting and then slapped two unidentified players with fines for returning late to the team's hotel.

### VIRGIN ISLANDS HONOR TWO

THE legislature of the Virgin Islands passed two resolutions, June 25, honoring native sons Joe Christopher of the Mets and Al McBean of the Pirates. The two were cited for "their participation in major league baseball as an inspiration to the people of the Virgin Islands and especially to its youth."

Doug Clemens became the first Cub to collect four hits and the first to score four runs in a game this season when he performed the feats in a 12-4 victory over the Cardinals, June 25.

The Mets' Ed Kranepool, speaking of his double against the Astros which ended an 0-for-31 hitless streak, June 24, said, "You notice I tipped my hat after the hit. I don't know if anyone in the Astrodome was applauding me, but Warren Giles was at the game and I wanted our league president to know I obey orders. He told us to tip our hats when we do something good."

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

### SECRET PLAN SPEEDS UP AL

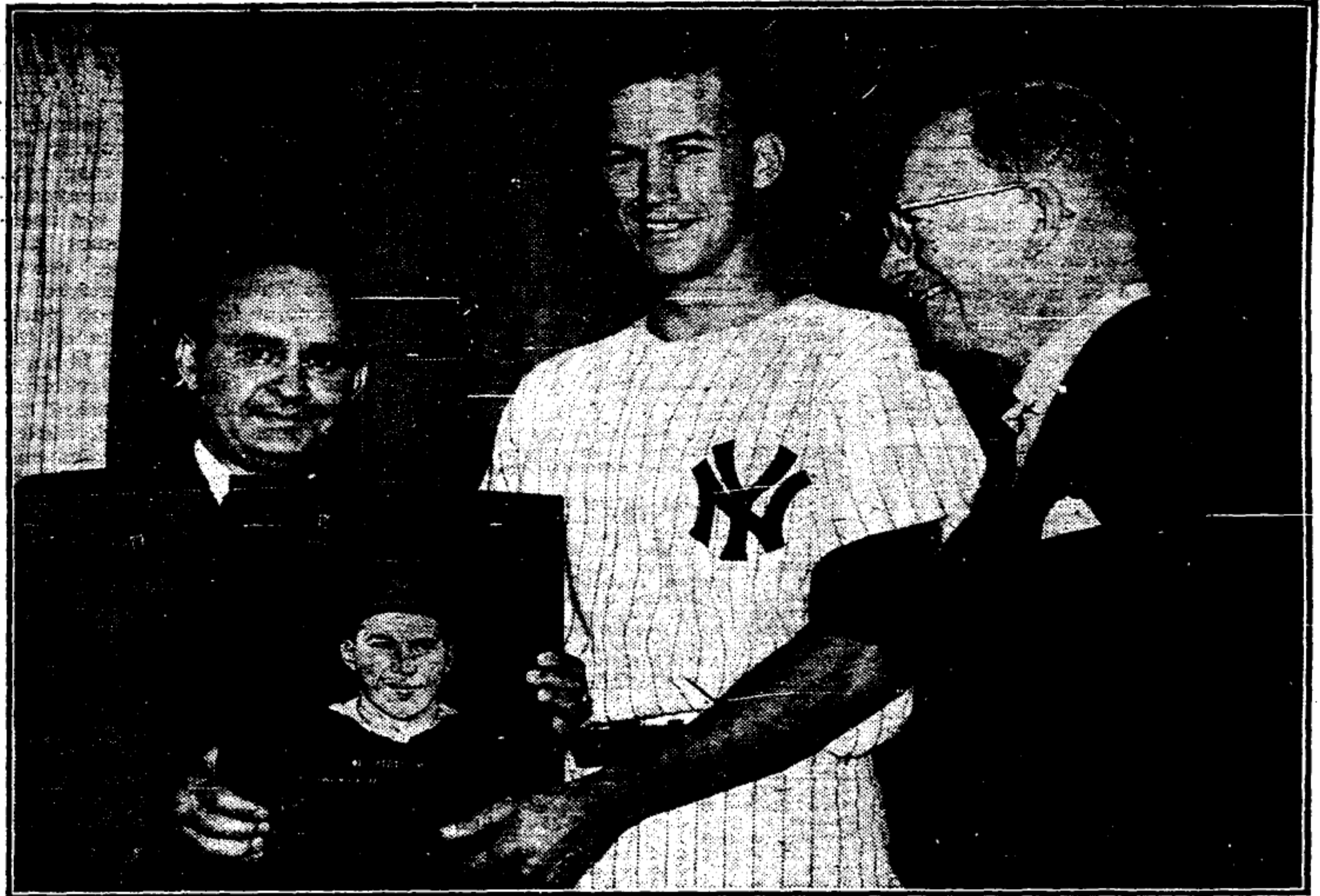
A SECRET PLAN between catcher Elston Howard and pitching coach Cot Deal of the Yankees to make Al Downing pitch faster worked perfectly, June 25, as the lefthander turned in his best effort of the season in defeating the Angels, 5-1. Howard and Deal figured pitching faster would help Downing's control so Howard wasted no time throwing the ball back to the hurler after each pitch and immediately got set and gave the signal for the next pitch. Downing, who knew nothing about the plan until after the game, fanned ten and yielded two hits in eight innings.

The Tigers' Don Demeter celebrated his thirtieth birthday, June 25, by slamming a homer in a 4-3 loss to the Twins.

The Athletics recorded an unusual double play in the second inning of a 2-0 loss to the Indians, June 25. Cleveland's Leon Wagner was on first when Fred Whitfield flied out to right fielder Mike Hershberger. Wagner, who had rounded second when the ball was caught, returned safely to first, but failed to touch second on his way back. The A's then tagged second for the out.

### NEW MINNESOTA STANDS OPEN

NEW left-field stands in Minnesota's Municipal Stadium were open for the first time, June 25, adding 7,202 seats and raising the stadium capacity to 40,302. The entire structure, including a second



MEL STOTTELMYRE, honored as the Minor League Player of the Year in 1964, when he won 13 games and lost three for Richmond before being called up by the Yankees, received THE SPORTING NEWS trophy on the

Yankee post-game TV show, June 27. The presentation of the trophy was made by writer Til Ferdenzi (left), correspondent for this publication. At right is announcer Red Barber, who conducts the show.

## Fan, 100, Sees White Sox Play as Birthday Present

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

Jack Hodapp has known some happy times in his nearly 100 years, but he had to go a long way back to match his joy on June 27. Hodapp received a trip to Chicago to see his favorite team, the White Sox, play the Orioles as a 100th birthday present.

Hodapp's birthday doesn't come until October 4 but by that time the season will be over. The Little Sisters of the Poor, with whom Hodapp has resided since 1957, didn't have the money for the trip, but they had a friend, George Hauck of Louisville, who agreed to pay for the plane tickets.

A local cap manufacturer made a special cap for Hodapp with his name and "Little Sisters of the Poor" emblazoned on it. Hillerich and Bradsby made a special "Good Luck" bat for him to present to Sox Manager Al Lopez.

The sisters arranged for members of their order in Chicago to meet his plane and shepherd him during his Windy City visit. He and the nuns were given a special box close to the Sox dugout where Jack could talk with Lopez and the players.

Hodapp saw his first game in 1875, when the Louisville club was the Eclipses and played in the National League. His favorite player was Honus Wagner, Louisville shortstop in the late '90s.

Hodapp watches baseball on television and follows the White Sox regularly on radio broadcasts by a Louisville station. He picked the White Sox to win the pennant this year. JOHNNY CARRICO.

deck, was to be ready for a series with the Yankees beginning July 9. The revised capacity then would be 45,182.

Don Mossi, the Athletics' veteran reliever, had allowed just one earned run in 13 2-3 innings and ten appearances before he was bombed in a relief stint against the Indians, June 27. Mossi worked two-thirds of a frame in an 11-7 loss to the Tribe and gave up five hits and four runs.

### McLAIN COOLS OFF QUICKLY

DENNY McLAIN, who set several records when he fanned 14, seven in a row, in a relief stint recently, appeared on his way to another whiff mark when he struck out nine men in the first four innings of a 3-2 victory over the Angels, June 24. After the fourth inning, however, the righthander did not fan a single batter, even though he went the distance.

Joel Horlen's 6-0 shutout over the Orioles, June 25, was the fifth complete game for the White Sox righthander, more than half of the club's total at that time of nine.

The Twins' Bill Pleis had recorded three victories without a loss as a reliever this season before he suffered a 5-2 setback at the hands of

the Tigers, June 26, in his first start since July 27, 1963. The lefthander gave up seven hits and two runs in four innings.

### MICK, CLETE HIT RARE SHOTS

PRIOR to the 1965 season, only 16 home runs had been hit into the distant left-center field bleachers of Yankee Stadium, but two have already been hit there this year. The latest to do it was Mickey Mantle, who reached the bleachers for the third time in his career, June 22. Six days earlier, Clete Boyer hit the seventeenth homer into the left-center area in the stadium's 42-year history.

Ralph Terry, Indian righthander, issued a pass for the first time in 29 innings when he walked Twin pinch-hitter Rich Rollins in the eighth inning of a 3-1 Cleveland victory, June 24.

Yankee veteran Whitey Ford, after watching the Athletics' Rick Monday in batting practice, June 24, said, "He whips the bat around about as fast as the Red Sox' Carl Yastrzemski does. In fact he makes you think of Carl." Monday received a \$104,000 bonus after being the No. 1 pick in the recent free-agent draft, Monday reported to Lewiston (Northwest) several days later.

## DEALS - of the - WEEK

### MAJOR LEAGUES

Braves — Optioned shortstop Santos Alomar to Atlanta and recalled pitcher Dave Eilers from same club.

Cubs — Sent pitcher Jack Warner to Salt Lake City and purchased pitcher Billy Hoelt from same club.

Dodgers — Purchased third baseman Don LeJohn from Albuquerque.

Giants — Recalled catcher Randy Hundley from Tacoma.

Tigers — Recalled catcher John Sullivan from Syracuse and optioned pitcher Phil Regan to same club.

Twins — Sent infielder Frank Kostro to Denver.

Yankees — Optioned infielder Horace Clarke to Toledo and recalled outfielder Roger Repoz from same club.

### CLASS AAA

Jacksonville — Sent catcher Jim Napper to Indianapolis to complete deal for pitcher Ted Wills, purchased from White Sox; sent pitcher Tom Hilgen-dorf to Tulsa.

Syracuse — Sent pitcher Tom Timmerman to Montgomery.

Denver — Traded infielder Frank Kostro to Seattle for pitcher Ron Piche.

Indianapolis — Sent catcher Dave Ricketts to Jacksonville.

Oklahoma City — Sent pitcher Ron Cayll and shortstop Jim Mahoney to Amarillo; signed pitcher John Anderson; obtained infielder J. C. Hartman from Amarillo.

Seattle — Recalled catcher Del Bates from El Paso; sent catcher John Olerud to El Paso.

Spokane — Released outfielder Gino Cimoli.

Tacoma — Signed catcher Harry Hokanson; obtained catcher Denny Sommers from Springfield.

### CLASS AA

Pittsfield — Sent outfielder Brian Ederly to Waterloo.

Reading — Sent catcher Charley Gross to St. Cloud; released shortstop Buddy Marshall, third baseman Hector Cardenas and pitcher Doug Gallagher.

Springfield — Obtained catcher Eugene Vidoni from Decatur.

Williamsport — Sent pitcher George Angel to Burlington, N. C.

York — Signed infielder Jim Snyder.

Asheville — Signed infielder Harold (Bud) Prichard; sent outfielder-third baseman Duncan Campbell to Kinston.

Birmingham — Signed infielder-outfielder Leland Scott, released by Columbus.

Chattanooga — Sent first baseman Jim Campbell to Bakerfield.

Knoxville — Obtained outfielder James White from Tri-Cities.

Amarillo — Obtained pitcher John Harms from Durham; sent pitcher Larry Mason to Salisbury.

Austin — Sent pitchers Dave Fracaro and Hal Gelein to Yakima.

El Paso — Sold catcher Pascual Ramirez to Chattanooga.

Tulsa — Signed pitcher Joe DiFabio.