

Hank Greenberg Fired By The Cleveland Indians

CLEVELAND (AP)—The board of directors of Cleveland Indians baseball club Wednesday fired Hank Greenberg as general manager.

The decision was announced by board chairman William R. Daley, Cleveland financier and industrialist, at a press conference following a special meeting. He said Greenberg's successor has not been selected and none was discussed.

Daley said: "It was generally felt that we had to make a change at this time. The attendance has been declining, but no one can say whose fault it is."

FANS RODE HIM
Pressed for elaboration, Daley said the board's feeling resulted from criticism of Greenberg in newspapers and bitter complaints by the baseball fans who have blamed Greenberg for everything from not being able to get a good seat at the stadium to failure to televise more games.

Myron H. Wilson, club president, said fan reaction against the former home run slugger was the major factor in Greenberg's dismissal.

"All the fans seem to be complaining about Greenberg," Wilson said, "but no one will tell us what they think is the matter with him."
Visibly moved by the turn of events, Greenberg said he is "keenly disappointed that the board of directors chose to terminate my contract."

Cleveland during the last 10 of an estimated 20 per cent of the years," he said. "I have gained club stock in February, 1956. He many honors in baseball, but feel that he would retain his that my work in Cleveland is one of my greatest achievements."

GOOD RECORD
During his tenure as general manager, which began in 1950, he led the Indians to a record of 100 wins and 84 losses, and won the American League pennant in 1954. The sixth-place finish this year was their lowest since 1946, former manager of Pittsburgh Greenberg, 46, who is one of Pirates, to pilot the club in 1958. The club's 13 directors, explained Daley said "the full support" that he abstained from voting of the directors is behind Green Wednesday. He acquired control of the club's choice of Bragan.

DeMarco Considers Himself World's Best Welterweight

BOSTON (AP)—Tony DeMarco rounded into the best condition of his boxing career today that he considers himself the world's No. 1 welterweight—and will fight anyone to prove it.

"I intend to get the title and nobody's going to stop me," the Boston slugger said. "I fight when and where my managers say, but I'm ready for anyone."

DeMarco shrugged off the storm caused by the action of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission in granting title recognition to the winner of his bout with Virgil Akins Oct. 29 at the Boston Garden.

to fight me here—where we can draw a lot of money, not peanuts—so why shouldn't I fight with Akins for the title?" DeMarco asked following 10 fast rounds in the gym.

Meanwhile, Massachusetts boxing commissioner Henry Lamar reiterated that the DeMarco-Akins fight will be for the championship over the 15-round distance as far as this state is concerned.

"Commissioners in other states with whom I've talked agree that we're taking the right action," Lamar said. "I'm going to be sure that all states know our position."

"The other contenders refused

NBA president Gilbert Jackson

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SPORT OF KING'S

Baseball Season Ends

Morell, P.E.I.'s representatives in Intermediate "B" playdowns bowed to Amherst last Saturday in Amherst. This loss eliminated Morell for Maritime playdowns. However, they won two championships on their way to the Maritime playoffs.

Their first title was that of King's County League Champs, and after that, Island Intermediate "B" holders. They finished in second place in the King's County League for the regular season. In the league semifinals they defeated Georgetown in straight games to meet their arch rivals from Peakes for the title. In a bitterly fought series with Peakes, they won the King's County League title. They then advanced against Tignish, for

the Island title. They won the first game at Tignish, lost the first game of a doubleheader at Morell, and came roaring back in the next game to annex the Island crown. This victory allowed them to represent the Island against Amherst for the Maritime Championship. Short-handed they took a wallop in the first game at Morell, but with injured players back in action, they lost a closer game in Amherst.

This ends baseball on the Island for another season. This corner feels safe in saying, that once, again, the King's County League had a successful season. Rumors in the spring had the league tabbed as doubtful but this proved false. Other rumors still have it that two of the teams will drop baseball next year and turn to softball. But after such a successful season, this remains to be seen.

Morell proved themselves the best in the league. They have a good pitching, fielding, and hitting team. Bob Connolly was the mainstay of their pitching corps all season, with young Louis MacGuire ready to go at any time. As hitters, they had

such stalwarts as Pius MacMahon, Junior O'Brien, Bob Connolly, Joe Thompson to mention a few. Defensively, they were steady with second baseman Emmet Eldershaw as one of the finest infielders in the league.

Turning to basketball, another season has arrived. A three team league has been formed at Souris High School. The teams are: Lions, Legion, and Firemen. The Firemen, by the way, are the defending champions. The first game has been played and although the score was low, indications point to a good season.

With Mel Walsh as top scorer for the game, the Lions defeated the Firemen, in the opener. The game was close for three quarters, with only one point separating the teams, but a last quarter rally netted a good spread for the Lions. Three boys made their basketball debut with the Lions while the Firemen had three also.

It is hoped this year, to organize a league for the Lower School boys. At present, however, nothing definite has been decided.

The Men's and Women's League games got under way last week. The results are: Men's League: Mathew and MacLean's 3 Ramblers 1, Line Roaders 4, Has Beens 1, Federals 4, Lobster Kings 1. In the Women's League: Blue Goons 3, Abegweits 2, Old Timers 5, Greenhorns 0, Clavin Jumbies 3, Country Cousins 1.

Hockey Scores

NHL
Boston 6 New York 2
AHL
Cleveland 6 Hershey 2
Quebec League
Chicoutimi 3 Trois-Rivieres 3
OHA-NOHA Senior
North Bay 3 Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. 5

Ted Williams And Willie Mays Win Slugging Crowns

NEW YORK (AP)—Ted Williams of Boston Red Sox won his ninth American League slugging championship and Willie Mays of New York Giants his third National League title in 1957. Williams' .731 average was the highest for the majors in 16 years.

Williams collected 307 total bases in 420 times at bat, figures compiled by The Associated Press. Among the 39-year-old outfielder's 163 hits were 28 doubles, one triple and 38 homers.

Ted, who also won his circuit's batting crown, had the previous high slugging percentage—.736 in 1941. The big league record is .847 set by Babe Ruth in 1920. Williams also finished on top in the slugging competition in 1942, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1951 and 1954.

Mays slugged .626, edging Stan Musial of St. Louis and Hank Aaron of Milwaukee. The Giants' centerfielder had 366 total bases in 585 trips. His extra base output included 26 doubles, 20 triples and 35 homers.

Musial wound up with a .612 percentage on 307 total bases in 502 at bats while Aaron was third at .560 with the most total bases in either league, 369, in 615 official trips. Aaron had 198 hits and 77 were for extra bases—27 doubles, six triples and 44 circuit blows.

Slugging averages are computed by adding the total bases on all hits (one for a single, two for a double etc.) and dividing the aggregate by the number of official times at bat.

Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees, the American League slugging champ in 1955 and 1956, was second this time with a .565 mark. He had 28 two-baggers, six triples and 34 homers among 173 safeties.

Campaigning For New Structure

LONDON (AP)—Bunby Ahearn, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation, announced Wednesday he is campaigning for a new world championship structure—three sections with trophies for each group winner.

"We are expecting only about 10 or 11 teams for the world championships in Norway next year," Ahearn said. "But if we divided the teams into sections so that every team stood a great chance of victory then probably we would get, as many as 20 teams for the championships."

He suggested a system of promotion and relegation "with the bottom team in group 1 dropping into group 2, the top team in group 2 going into group 1 and so on."

"Such a system would make the ice hockey world championships unique in world sport with the teams fighting all the time not only for a trophy but to keep their place in the various sections."

Ahearn said he expects defending champion Sweden, Rus-

sa, Canada, the United States, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Finland, West and East Germany, and Poland to compete for the world title at Oslo Feb. 28-March 9 next year.

Rigney Named Giants Manager

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Bill Rigney, New York Giants manager the last two years, Wednesday was named to manage the National League club for its maiden appearance in San Francisco.

President Horace Stoneham said Rigney was retained for both the 1956 and 1957 seasons. The announcement was made at a press conference at Seals Stadium where the Giants will play next year.

Before going to New York, Rigney, 39, managed the Giants' Minneapolis club for two years and won the American Association pennant and "little world series" in 1955.

Rigney finished sixth with the Giants in 1956 and 1957. He was a member of the 1951 championship club.

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