

New York Giants Decide To Go To San Francisco

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK (AP)—New York Giants officially decided Monday to become San Francisco Giants.

Brooklyn Dodgers may decide to follow the Giants to California next week.

The decision to move westward was made during a 2½-hour meeting when the Giants' board of directors voted 8 to 1 to shift the National League baseball franchise to San Francisco. The lone dissenter was M. Donald Grant, a minority stockholder.

The Dodgers, who have been given the green light by the league to move to Los Angeles, were expected to make their shift a formality at a board meeting next week.

"It's all over, fellows," club president Horace Stoneham told reporters and photographers in the Giants' offices as he emerged from the closed meeting.

"We've just voted to transfer the club to San Francisco. That means we'll be playing in the west coast next year. That is providing the mayor of San Francisco fulfills all the conditions promised and he agrees to the name of 'Giants' being retained."

The club, an original member when the National League was formed in 1876, has represented New York City ever since with the exception of a six-year period from 1877 through 1882.

Stoneham, principal force in the drive westward, said he anticipates no difficulty. He revealed negotiations already were under way with Tom Yawkey, owner of Boston Red Sox, for the Giants to acquire the San Francisco franchise as a forerunner to transferring the Giants to that city. The

Red Sox currently operate the San Francisco club in the Pacific Coast League.

"Chub Feeney (vice-president Charles Feeney) was in Boston last Friday and talked with Joe Cronin (general manager of the Red Sox)," said Stoneham. "We made an offer for the club and are confident we'll come to an agreement very soon."

Stoneham said he planned to leave for San Francisco some next week to take up the many matters which have to do with drafting the baseball territory from the coast league. Under the rules of baseball, initiation for such a move is limited to the period from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31.

"We are perfectly willing to sit down with the Pacific Coast League and discuss what should be a just and proper compensation for the San Francisco territory," Stoneham said. "Machinery has been set up for such arbitration. We certainly are ready to abide by whatever the decision."

Stoneham said he had been given to understand that plans already have been drawn up for the proposed new 45,000-capacity stadium and that if the plans are approved the arena could be ready for the 1958 season.

"I've been told the park may be ready by next summer," he said. "Until then we plan to play our games in Seal Stadium, which seats approximately 22,000. It is our present intention to play all day games there with the exception of twice a week, Tuesday and Friday nights. We certainly don't believe in a complete night

schedule."

Stoneham reiterated the underlying reasons for the Giants' decision to quit New York were the steadily diminishing attendance, and the prospect of losing the lease at the Polo grounds.

Both the Giants and the Dodgers were given the green light to move to the coast at a National League meeting last May. At the time it was believed permission was given contingent upon the two teams moving together.

"That's not so," said Stoneham. "One move is independent of the other. The Giants were given permission to move regardless of what Brooklyn does. The next move is ours. We don't even have to have another vote. We already have the permission."

Stoneham said the Giants figure to draw more than 1,000,000 persons next season even if the home games are played in Seal Stadium.

"We also have a contract with Skiatron, a pay-as-you-go firm, to telecast our home games on a closed circuit. They have guaranteed us at least twice as much as we are receiving now from sponsored television. This amounts to approximately \$1,500,000."

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Sports

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Lions Defeat Rossmen 7-3 To Even Softball Series 1-1

Coach Len Arsenault called on "Old Reliable" Ced Ballem to halt the blazing bats of Ross Burner and Electric Limited last night and Barry's Lions responded with a 7-3 win over the Rossmen to deadlock their best of seven City Softball League finals at one game each.

The Rossmen behind the inspired pitching of Will Shepherd won the opening game 8-6 on Sunday afternoon. The third series game will be played on the Old Diamond this evening at six o'clock.

The surprising Rossmen were away and running yesterday evening with a 3-0 lead in the first inning but blew their chances in the third inning, committing two costly errors and allowing the Lions to score four runs, their margin of victory.

That was enough for veteran Ced Ballem. He proceeded to hurl steady ball and allowed only four hits and no runs for the last five innings. In all Ballem gave up nine hits.

Keith Dalziel started for the Rossmen and had the game well in hand until things began happening behind him in the third inning. He was relieved by Will Shepherd who went the rest of the way.

Dalziel was charged with six runs and five hits. He was again as brilliant as he was on Sunday, gave up only two hits.

The Rossmen started fast with singles by Flick Landry, Paddy Shephard, Hillson Carr and Darcy Lowe to score three runs in the opening frame.

In the third inning Ced Ballem reached base on an error for the Lions. Tiger Bradley promptly followed with a single and Reggie Hughes laid down a bunt

and two runs scored on an overthrow to first. Willie Dunn drew a walk and both Hughes and Dunn scored as George Bradley lashed a single down the line.

Mike Connolly and Tiger Bradley each had two hits in three trips for the Lions. Flick Landry yielded the big stick for the Rossmen with three hits in four trips.

Outstanding fielding plays were numerous. Dick Carroll made a brilliant one hand stab off Gus Flynn in the second inning and Flynn himself turned in some fancy defensive ball around second for the Rossmen.

On hand for the game was Sammy Ross, the owner of Ross Burner and Electric Ltd. who has been watching his proteges under the guidance of coach Willis Hennessey play throughout the series.

BARRY'S

R. Hughes, ss	4	1	1
W. Dunn, c	2	1	0
G. Bradley, 1b	3	0	1
D. MacCallum, 3b	4	1	0
A. Carroll, cf	4	0	0
M. Connolly, if	3	1	2
R. Carroll, 2b	3	0	0
C. Ballem, p	4	2	1
W. Shepherd, rf	3	1	2
Totals	30	7	8

ROSS BURNER

F. Landry, if	4	1	3
P. Shephard, cf	4	1	1
M. Monaghan, 3b	3	0	1
H. Carr, c	4	1	1
J. Hughes, rf	2	0	0
D. Lowe, ss	4	0	1
E. Trainor, 1b	4	0	1
G. Flynn, 2b	3	0	0
K. Dalziel, p	1	0	1
W. Shepherd, cf	3	0	0
B. MacLean, ph	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	9

N. Y. Giant Move Hailed As Good For Baseball & Giants

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Giants' decision to shift to San Francisco was hailed in most baseball circles Monday night as a move good for the Giants, the west coast and baseball in general.

John J. McHale, general manager of Detroit Tigers, said: "We congratulate San Francisco on getting major league baseball. This move makes our national game more national."

Dan Topping, president of New York Yankees, didn't rejoice in the move although the Yankees will stand to profit from the departure.

"We are sorry to see the Giants go," said Topping. "We wish them the best of luck in their new surroundings."

Parke Carroll, vice-president and general manager of Kansas City Athletics, said:

"I don't think there is any question about it—San Francisco is a great major-league town. I think the Giants will do well there."

Calvin Griffith of Washington Senators said the shift "will be great for big league baseball, because at last it has a true national scope, from coast to coast."

NEUTRAL STAND

Brooklyn Dodgers, who are contemplating a shift to Los Angeles, took a neutral stand.

"It would be presumptuous for us to comment on it," said Fresno Thompson, Dodger vice-president.

The president of Cleveland Indians, Myron B. Wilson Jr., sees the shift as a forerunner of possible others.

"Maybe some of the other clubs will have to consider moves," Wilson said. "The Cleveland Indians, though, have no idea of moving anywhere at this time."

George Trautman, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues (the minors), under whose jurisdiction the Pacific Coast League falls, declined to comment, saying only "This office has had no official notice of this contemplated move except what we read in the paper."

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