

**The Sports Front  
With Smoky**



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**Brooklyn "Tries Out" Dark-Skinned Infielder**

HAVANA, Cuba—After watching the Marianao Club of the Cuban Winter League drill, Leo Durocher, boss of the Dodgers, invited Bernardo Avila, a swarthy second baseman of Mexican descent, to work out with Brooklyn last week. Avila accepted the invitation and has been going through the morning paces with the Dodgers while Leo has been giving him "the eye."

The fact that Brooklyn is looking over another second baseman is hardly worthy of mention. They have invited many second sackers to try out during the past two years. But in this instance it may be something different.

It is a known fact that Durocher and Branch Rickey are anxious to bring Jackie Robinson up from Montreal. They can do it by a direct order if they wish but being diplomats—in this particular case—they prefer to do it with the least amount of friction. They want to keep the team united, and the signing of a Negro player might create a nasty situation. Durocher told an intimate friend recently that he is trying to "condition" his Southern players mentally so that when Robinson does come they'll be prepared to accept him. Rickey has said the same thing publicly.

With spring just around the corner, basketball is making its final bid. We find the Capitol City basketball fans seeing some of their best games of the season. Some of the featured teams who are holding the spot light are: Grand Island, who has seen a very successful season, Northeast, Lincoln High, Creighton Prep, McCook and others. With the close of the Tournament, the season will be about ended.

Mr. Buddy Young seems to have run into difficulties trying to make the professional. The Rams of Los Angeles have refused to sign Buddy until he graduates in 1948. The ruling in the National League has brought about this action.

**The Future is Yours**

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Central Railroad at Memphis, Tennessee. He needed a job-but he did not feel his need, nor the needs of other workers on the same job, should be exploited. His first desire, then, was not advancement for himself, but that of lifting shameful oppressions for workers like himself all over the nation. He was one of the pioneers in the field of trade union organization for red caps and other station employees.

"The job which I perform," Mr. Yancey says, "is one that offered small opportunity in the past because the field of labor was undeveloped. The administration of the affairs of a national labor union was a thing unheard of and unexpected, particularly by Negroes. There was no chartered course which one might pursue at that time to become qualified for such position. In fact, there was such little known about labor it was almost impossible to read enough material to prepare oneself.

"The administration of a national labor union, from an official standpoint, differs little from the principles and practices of sound business, but the technicalities of representation under collective agreements during my time, were learned by the trial and error method."

But Mr. Yancey had this as a spur:

"Basically, the future of the Negro lies in his ability to develop a sound economic foundation. To do this, he must not only create jobs but he must align himself with all forces that have to do with the making, the developing and the protection of jobs. Labor unions do these three things. Particularly do they protect jobs, and the protection of a job carries with it an enhancing of the financial return and thus directly affects one's economic status. Labor unions also offer the opportunity of serving as an instrument which can create better race relations—or to be more accurate, better human relations."

That Mr Yancey does his job well is indicated by his receiving last year the Hoey award, given by the Catholic church, to a Negro and a white layman each year, who have done outstanding work in race relations.

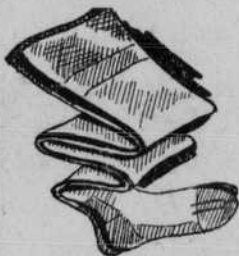
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