

# Plan To Shift Browns To Los Angeles Is Voted Down

## American League Club Owners Rejected Proposal Made By Barnes At Session In Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—The American League voted unanimously today to retain the St. Louis Browns franchise in St. Louis after Donald L. Barnes, president of the club, had reported a proposal to shift the organization to Los Angeles.

## Moses Traded To White Sox For Kreevich

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—White Sox manager Jimmy Dykes today announced the exchange of outfielder Mike Kreevich and Pitcher Jack Hallett for outfielder Wally Moses of the Philadelphia Athletics.

## Barnes Reveals Transfer Plan

**BY SID C. KEENER, Sports Editor of the Star-Times.**

President Don Barnes of the Browns, revealed his suggestion for the transfer of his St. Louis American League franchise to the city of Los Angeles, now a member of the Pacific Coast League, to the Star-Times today, via telephone at Chicago where he is attending the annual winter meeting of the American League.

"I have been asked by representatives at Los Angeles if I would consider a proposition to move my Browns to their city," declared Barnes. "I told them it was entirely satisfactory to me, but, of course, this is a matter that must be agreed to by the American League, and likewise to the Pacific Coast League."

**Could Travel By Plane.** Barnes did not seem to be over-enthusiastic about carrying on as president of a major league club in Los Angeles.

**There has been considerable talk about taking one club out of St. Louis,"** continued Barnes. "I consider Los Angeles the most desirable city for a major league team. Transportation problems could be solved through airplane travel.

**One American League official, commenting on this phase of the proposal, stated he didn't think this meant transportation would be available for the ball clubs since the air lines would be required for more urgent business.**

**Barnes was asked if he had requested cancellation of his lease as tenant at Sportman's Park.**

**"I refuse to talk about that matter,"** replied the Browns' owner. "I am sure it will be handled in a proper manner."

**William E. Cady of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., who has handled real estate affairs for the P. de L. Ball estate, owners of Sportman's Park, informed the Star-Times that the Browns' lease has five more years to run.**

**He was asked what disposition would be made of the lease in case Barnes transferred the Browns from St. Louis to Los Angeles.**

**"I'd expect to be tied in full as per contract,"** stated Cady. "Our lease with the Browns covers five more years. Mr. Barnes has never mentioned anything to me about the prospects of taking his club out of St. Louis, or moving out of Sportman's Park."

**The Browns have been a member of the American League since 1903. Barnes heads a group that bought the club from the Ball estate in November, 1936.**

**The Los Angeles franchise is under the control of P. K. Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs. In a recent re-organization of the Pacific Coast League club, Clarence Rowland, scout for the Chicago Nationals for many years, was elected president of the Angels.**



**The K. C. Quarterback Club Honors a Tiger**

Most valuable football player in the Missouri Valley region—by vote of the Kansas City Athletic Club—is Bob Steuber, former C. B. C. star athlete and now All-Big Six halfback on Coach Don Faurot's Misouriters. Here, from left to right, are Faurot, Steuber and Randolph Rogers, president of the Kansas City organization's Quarterback Club, who presented the trophy signifying his selection to Steuber at the annual banquet in Kansas City last Saturday night. That's the No. 1 Tiger team lined up in the Sugar Bowl.

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## Texas Tech To Play Tulsa In Sun Bowl

EL PASO, TEX., Dec. 9.—(U. P.)—Texas Technological College has accepted an invitation to play Tulsa University in the Sun Bowl game New Year's Day, bowl officials announced last night.

**Tech, loser of one game in a ten-game schedule, will act as host team. The Border Conference, of which the Red Raiders are a member, ordinarily sends its champion to the Sun Bowl as host team but Arizona, this year's champion, refused an invitation.**

**Players at Arizona turned down the offer because "because we have already played a heavy schedule."**

## Bear Cagers Have Easy Time Downing McKendree, 43-17

**BY W. VERNON TIETJEN.** Everything considered, Washington University's Bears would seem to be off to the basketball bonanza the boys have been talking about since aggressive Bob Kinnan took charge last fall.

**Fine court teams, like Ross, aren't built in a day or even a year, but the Hilltoppers definitely are moving in the upward direction. Aside from the fact that there are bigger and better players on the way, some of them freshmen at the moment, the current Bear varsity looks right fair swell, though it might not be too wise to rate it off last night's 43-17 victory over McKendree College's invaders from Lebanon, Ill., at the Field House before 560 fans on hand, in the University of Missouri opposes St. Louis University at the Billikens' gymnasium, Spring avenue and West Pine boulevard.**

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**But this is a new season and Coach George Edwards in his fifteenth year as Tiger coach is optimistic of ultimately making a good showing with a fast team of six lettermen. His squad includes seven six-footers ranging up to six feet, six inches for Ross Burns, a junior center. Tonight's game will be the opener for Mizou.**

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## Eagles Take Pro Basketball Contest Here

**BY RAY J. GILLESPIE.** Harlem's Globe Trotters, who clinched their way to easy basketball victories on two previous appearances here, sent all their time trying to score baskets last night as they bowed to a superior Detroit Eagle team, 27-19, before 2,817 fans at the Municipal Auditorium.

**The Eagles, who won the professional tournament in Chicago last spring, had four former All-Americans in their lineup and two of them, Paul Widowitz and Bud Seawright, hit the hoop too often for their Negro opponents to keep up.**

**In contrast to the slow breaking, long-shooting tactics employed by the Globe Trotters, the Eagles used a lightning fast break, worked the ball from man to man with dazzling speed and never took a shot until one of the players had gained position for a set-up. As a result, their performance, while smooth, was not as flashy as that of their Fancy-Dan opponents.**

**It was Pat Messenger, colorful referee, who saved the night for Promoter John Green, entertaining the fans with his loud shouting and gymnastic capers to explain each decision he called.**

**Promoter Green, said that while the crowd was not up to expectations, he did not lose money and would begin negotiations at once to bring the New York Negro Renaissance team here for a game at some future date with the Eagles.**

**In a preliminary, the Midwests took a 27-25 overtime decision from the Seagulls.**

**Score: Detroit (27), Harlem (19). Widowitz, F. O. P. F. Seawright, F. O. P. F. Klenck, G. 1, 2 Hudson, G. 2, 1, 1 Albert, G. 2, 4 O'Neil, G. 2, 1, 1 Jennings, G. 3, 2 Perry, G. 1, 1, 1 B. F. F. G. 1, 1**

## Mizzou Cagers Face Billikens Here Tonight

**Two teams that would like to live down their records of last season and get back into winning basketball stride will meet each other tonight, 8:30 o'clock, when the University of Missouri opposes St. Louis University at the Billikens' gymnasium, Spring avenue and West Pine boulevard.**

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**Score of ball—Detroit Eagle 23, Boston**

## SID KEENER'S COLUMN

**THEY'RE BLOWING THE TRUMPET** of welcome for three new major league managers—an old-fashioned custom in baseball. Cleveland's Indians, New York's Giants and Philadelphia's Phillies will bound right up the pennant ladder in 1942, enthusiastic press box observers in those respective communities have informed their clients. Long before the first ball has been pitched next April, too!

The Indians shifted the managerial job from Roger Peckinpah to Lou Boudreau, the giants switched from Bill Terry to Mel Ott, and the Phils ousted "Doc" Prothro for Hans Lobert.

Boudreau, Ott and Lobert have arrived on the scene with a new brand of hokus-pokus stuff, forecast members of the typewriting fraternity. Their predecessors were too slow on the trigger, they lacked the necessary oomph at masterminding to succeed with their material last summer.

So much boomity! In the cases of these Indians, Giants and Phillies, anyway. This observer refuses to go all-out for pennant hopes the moment a new manager is hired, especially when the in-coming pilot fails heir to a second-division aggregation.

Cleveland is particularly steamed up over the appointment of Boudreau, a 24-year-old shortstop who is backed by only two and one-half seasons in the majors. The Ohio metropolis has been known to go overboard about its Indians during every off-season, and even far into the spring period.

Gordon Cobbledick, of the Plain Dealer, refuses to agree with other writers on the subject of the Indians' managerial shift. You see, Boudreau has not been tested in the department of deep-thinking strategy, studying the various characteristics of ball players, and the business of outsmarting the opposition.

Therefore, considerable doubt has been expressed on the outside relative to Boudreau's ability to lead the Indians to the yearly-awaited flag. Not Cobbledick, however. He's been in there a-pitching for Boudreau since President Alva Bradley announced the change.

**EVERYTHING'S CHEERIO WITH THE GIANTS.** New Yorkers have awarded President Horace Stoneham of the Giants, with everything but the key to Broadway for his sound judgment in promoting Ott to the No. 1 job—and for the move that transferred Terry to the executive offices.

Why, Ott is playing the Yankees in the 1942 World Series—if you listen to the boasts of the Polo Grounds' writing gentry.

The Giants of 1941 finished in fifth place with a percentage of 74-78 .684, and, since Ott became manager, the club has put over one player deal, exchanging Pitcher Bob Bowman for Outfielder Hank Lieber, of the Cubs.

Does that deal strike you as sufficient new player strength to send the 1942 Giants leaping over the top? Things moving as they have been with the Giants for the past several years—with Terry losing the support of the press and the public in New York—they say that any choice made by Stoneham was certain to improve the Polo Grounds club.

As for the Phillies, Lobert has been around long enough—forty years in all—to know the tricks of the trade, but any manager in Philadelphia is handicapped before the first day of spring training.

## MANAGER'S IMPORTANCE DE-EMPHASIZED BY CARDS.

Connie Mack's record with the Philadelphia Athletics clearly indicates a manager plays only a contributing share to the success of a ball club. He has won nine American League pennants, and, then again, the old boy has hit the basement on twelve occasions.

Up and down with Mr. Mack. He's called baseball's "smartest manager" when he wins a pennant, but how about his magic of calling the correct shots with the waving of score card when his A's finish in last place?

The Cardinals' organization has de-emphasized the importance of

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## Right Down Your Alley

