



sports round-up

By MARK QUEEN

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED!

Back in 1947 when Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby and a few other Negro baseball players were just starting to tear down the color barrier in the major leagues, the lily-white New York Giants came up with a crew of sluggers that set a National League home run record of 221, a mark later tied by the Cincinnati Reds in 1956.

Today, the San Francisco "descendants" of that old Coogan's Bluff wrecking crew threaten to erase that record from the books. And--lo and behold!--look who's spearheading the attack on the 221 Club. None other than three dusky gentlemen named Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Orlando Cepeda who would have had to pay their way into the Polo Grounds two decades ago.

In discussing this interesting situation in the current issue of The Sporting News, bible of the baseball world, Jack McDonald recalls that the ringleaders of the old Giants 221 Club were Johnny Mize, Willard Marshall and Walker Cooper.

NOTING THAT WILLIE MAYS is off to a blistering pace in the home run derby, McDonald poses the question as to whether Horace Stoneham's modernaires are equal to the task of belting 222 round-trippers during the current season. McDonald writes:

"Soon Mays will be aided and abetted by Willie McCovey, co-holder of the 1963 league homer crown (with 44), and Orlando Cepeda, the Baby Bull, who has hit as many as 46 in a season (1961).

"And add other power-hitting lesser-lights as strong-muscled Tom Haller, rookie Jim Hart, and a newly-oriented Giant, Duke Snider, whose 403 homers, lifetime, place him third on the list among active National leaguers.

"Baseball men who have lived in the game through two eras are almost unanimous in their opinions that the power of Mays, McCovey and Cepeda is more devastating than their illustrious predecessors who created the 221 Club in 1947.

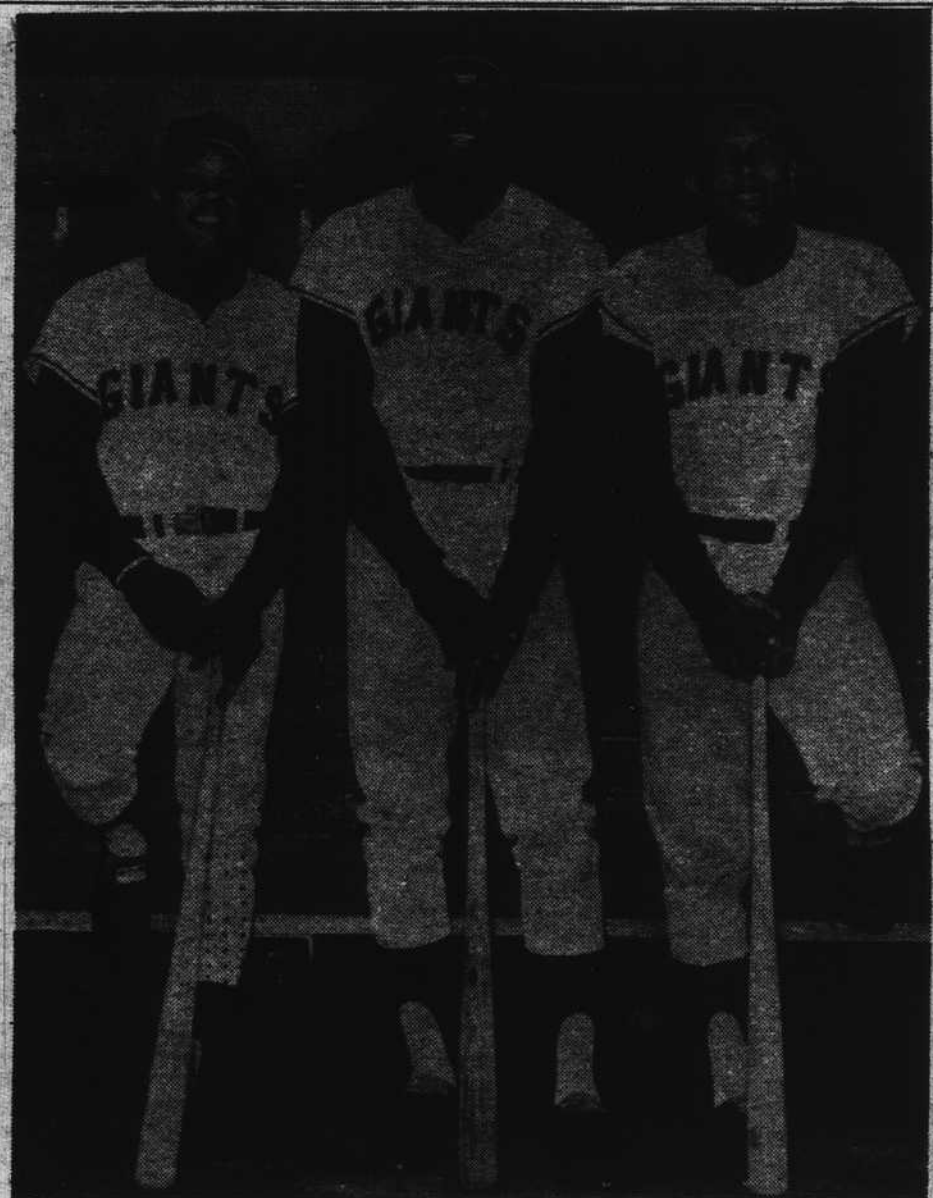
"Mize hit 51 that year, Marshall 36 and Cooper 35. Bobby Thomson added 29 and even Bill Rigney, a hitter of singles, utilized the short foul-line fences in the old Polo Grounds to hit 17.

"THOSE WHO THINK the present Giant artillery more massive and long-ranged than the 1947 model argue that if Mays, Cepeda, McCovey & Co. had the old New York grounds for a home base, those original 221 Clubbers would have been shunted into the discard by now.

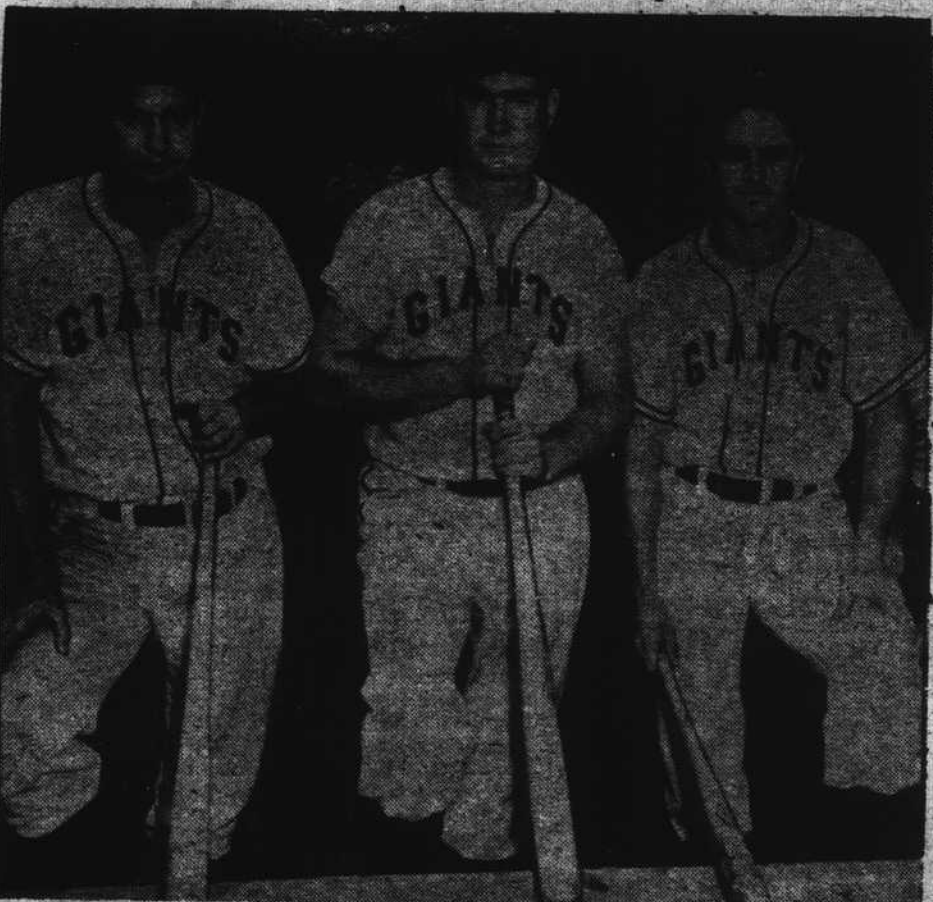
"Carl Hubbell, for one, starts off on the premise that homers were infinitely easier to hit in New York than in Candlestick Park.

"Yet, homers can be struck in abundance at the present Giant operating base. This park was the favorite home-run range in the league in 1963. Sluggers exploded their power there for a total of 165, and 101 of these were hit by Giants, who were the homer champs of the loop with 197, just 24 short of the old Giant record of '47."

It will be interesting to see what Mays & Co. can do this year.



OLD AND NEW--Seventeen years ago, three sluggers pictured below (from left) Walker Cooper, Johnny Mize and Willard Marshall paced New York Giants to National League record 221 home runs in single season. Today, three big Giant guns shown above (from left) Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Orlando Cepeda threaten to lead San Francisco descendants of old New York club to new homer record. (See Sports Round-up)



Official Hails YWCA's New Voting Policy

The recent decision of the YWCA to open voting rights to all members over 17, regardless of religious affiliation, was hailed by the Los Angeles branch executive director "as a safeguard to our Christian purpose."

According to Mrs. Barrying Morrison, who attended the national convention in Cleveland, where the new membership policy was framed, "the confusion and fear from some quarters over the new policy are unfounded."

"Actually the policy has another new requirement, beyond opening voting rights to all members," she pointed out. "And that is that all leaders must accept individual responsibility for furthering the Christian purpose of the YWCA in the life of the association."

More Assent Before

Before, she added, voting members and leaders merely had to "assent" to Christian purpose, and many, she said, "did not really know what they were committed to."

Leaders, she said, are defined as the board of directors, professional staff, standing committees and voting delegates to the national convention.

The new policy grew out of a six-year study by a national committee.

Belafonte to Perform For NAACP

National NAACP chief-tain Roy Wilkins announced that Harry Belafonte will be among the dozens of entertainers appearing on the NAACP spectacular, which will be shown locally on closed-circuit television at Kezar Pavilion on Thursday night, May 14, at 8 o'clock.

The goal of the show, which celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Supreme Court desegregation of schools decision, is to raise more than \$1,000,000.

Tickets are on sale at the Downtown Center Box Office and at other Bay area locations. The bill will include such stars as Sammy Davis Jr., Lena Horne, Marlon Brando, Sidney Poitier, Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor.



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MANOR HOUSE Furniture's courteous staff of sales, delivery and warehouse personnel is expertly trained to serve you. Jay Cowan, for instance, brings to the new North Las Vegas store over 20 years of experience in the furniture business, here and in San Francisco. So does Hal Loel, who together with Jim Sonderquist was formerly associated with one of the leading furniture purveyors here. Pauline Birch was in the furniture business for 12 years in Oakland, Calif., before coming to Las Vegas with husband, John Birch,

who brings seven years experience to Manor House as head of the delivery department. Dick Close, a local resident for 12 years, has worked in the building trades and with various Southern Nevada furniture dealers. Warehouseman Jack Brown, a 1954 graduate of Las Vegas High, has been in the furniture business here for six years. All are anxious to help you plan your home furnishings from furniture through proper color correlation with carpeting, rugs, draperies and appliances. (See advertisement page 5).



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BOYS CLUB TREK--Members of Las Vegas Boys Club are shown above during recent inspection tour of Boulder Dam. Organizer, Bob Reid said he is recruiting civic-minded high school students to help supervise similar Boys Club visits to other points of interest in this vicinity. Reid may be contacted through Joe Haynes at Jefferson Recreation Center.

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