Belefary - Wilson BREAK COLOR BARRIER

It was left to Curt Belefary and Don Wilson of the Houston Astros to break one of the last remaining color barriers still a part of organized baseball.

Without fan-fare, and strictly on their own--as grown, clear thinking men, they decided to become room-mates this year. "It's a pretty stupid thing," thinks Curt. thinks Curt. "What the hell's the difference? We get along and that's what counts."

First - baseman Belefary is an Italian, and hurler Wilson is a Negro. Not since Jackie Robinson cracked the baseball barrier in 1947 have a so-called white and black player shared living quarters. It is a fairly common practice in professional football and basket-

The arrangement. is not common knowledge but very little attention has been attracted. A couple of players who knew Curt from the American league questioned him about the move. It is reported he simmatter-of-factly told them to go to hell. And that ended that.





NOT THE WAY TO WIN FRIENDS

NEW YORK -- 39year-old Dick Tiger did nothing Monday night to win a brotherhood award in his ten round scrap with middleweight champion Nino Benvenuti at Madison Square Gardens. He was the unanimous and obvious

Benvenuti injured his right hand early in the fight. He also injured any chances he may have had to move into the light heavyweight division. Tiger, however, a former light heavy champ seems to have earned a chance to get a crack at champion Bob Foster who took the title from him a year ago.

This was a non-title fight and Benvenuti's middleweight title was not at stake.

Move Over For Aaron

ATLANTA - (NPI) -- Hank Aaron, the Atlanta Braves' candidate for home run king, has reached the top 10 circle of baseball's leading fence busters. It took him 15 years to do so, but at the opening of the season, he had notched 510 homers.

He still has to overcome Mel Ott, 511; Eddie Mathews, 512; Ted Williams, 521; Jimmy Foxx, 534; Mickey Mantle, 536-none of whom are still playing--to get within breathing distance of the No. 2 Man, Willie Mays at 587.

ORANGE JUICE **JUNE 28**

ATLANTA - (NPI) --O. J. Simpson, Heisman trophy win-ner and holder of the all-time collegiate rushing record, has been invited to parti-cipate in the Ninth annual Coaches All-American football game, to be held June 28 at Atlanta stadium. Also invited has been Purdue's Leroy

READY FOR AUGUST

CHICAGO - (NPI)-Gale Sayers plans to be on the gridiron working and readying himself for the exhibition opener of the Chicago Bears football team in August. Last season Sayers underwent surgery after suffering a knee injury against the Frisco 49ers. He says his knee is well now, and "I know I'm ready."

NEW DEAL **FOR THORPE**

CARLISLE, PA. -(NPI) -- The AAU and the Olympic officials are being petitioned to reinstate the late Jim Thorpe, a full-blooded American Indian, to his amateur status. taken from him when he was found to have been paid a weekly fee for playing minor league ball during his college years. Thorpe was an All-American in football during 1911-12, and won trophies -- currently on display in Lucerne, Switzerland -- in the Olympics.

Maybe A Champ That's Accepted

NEW YORK -INPI) Fight circles, at least around New York, are proclaiming a return of boxing to its former heyday, with the scheduling of a world heavyweight title match between Joe Frazier and Jerry Quarry on June 23.

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