Braves' Directors Favor Move To Atlanta Milwaukee Citizens Oppose Shift; National League Owners' Okay Expected

NEW YORK (AP) - National League club owners met today to consider the transfer of the Milwaukee franchise to Atlanta for 1965 but a bare-knuckle fight between the Braves and Milwaukee officials raised speculation as to what action-if anythe owners would take.

The Braves' board of directors voted Wednesday to move the team-for the second time in 11 years-and the owners were expected to approve the shift

But several hours after the club's decision to quit Milwaukee was announced, a temporary injunction was obtained by Milwaukee County officials restraining the Braves from moving or from seeking permission to move.

Whether the unprecedented legal maneuver would serve to block the club owners' action at today's special meeting in a mid-town hotel could not be determined. Legal papers apparently would have to be served here prior to the meet-

League President Warren Giles said Wednesday night he had not been informed of the injunction and planned to go ahead with the meeting. He would seek legal counsel, he said, if it became necessary. Milwaukee's legal counterpunch followed a 12-6 vote by the Braves' directors, meeting in Chicago, to shift the club.

The injunction forbids the Braves from applying to either the president of the league or the owners of other clubs for sanction to move. It temporarily prohibits the Braves, who have a year remaining on their County Stadium contract, from arranging, agreeing to play or scheduling any 1965 games at any site other than Milwaukee. Braves representatives were ordered by Circuit Judge Ronald Drechsler to appear next Tuesday to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent

Until the legal bombshell was dropped it appeared certain that the owners would approve the shift. Approval by six of the other nine clubs was needed and no serious opposition was foreseen.

The southern exodus of the Braves, charter members of the National League who moved from Boston to Milwaukee in 1953, was approved at a closed, two-hour conference-one day after league President Warren Giles called the New York meeting "to further discuss the situation and take action thereon."

After the directors' meeting, newsmen, including one from

Atlanta, were handed a prepared statement by Braves' publicity director Ernie Johnson. The terse statement announced the decision to move the franchise but gave no reasons for the shift, explaining that Giles had asked that no information be released until after the New York session.

"Shortly thereafter," the statement read. "the Braves" management will release a detailed statement outlining all the various considerations for any action taken."

Although the Braves won't say so publicly, contributing factors to the decision included dwindling attendance and insufficient radio and television revenue.

Rumors of the move to Atlanta were circulated as early as the spring of 1963, shortly after Lou Perini sold controlling interest in the club to a syndicate of Chicago businessmen, headed by Bill Bartholomay.

Attendance had dipped from a high of 2,215,404 in 1957-when the Braves won the NL pennant and defeated the New York Yankees in the World Series-to 766,927 in 1962.

The Braves' decision to quit Milwaukee, coming on the heels of managerial changes by both League pennant winners, provided another bizarre element

to the aftermath of the 1964 season, which ended a week ago with the St. Louis Cardinals' World Series victory over the New York Yankees.

Johnny Keane resigned as manager of the Cardinals and was hired by the Yankees, who had dismissed Yogi Berra. Red Schoendienst inherited the Cardinal job. Dick Sisler replaced the ailing Fred Hutchinson as manager of the Cincinnati Reds and Harry Walker succeeded Danny Murtaugh as pilot of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Last week Cleveland Indians directors decided to remain in Cleveland for at least one more year. dispelling reports of an American League shift.

Yank Olympic Lead **Chopped By Russia**

TOKYO (AP) - The on-rush-'Russia are matched in the bas- ism should be discouraged. ing forces of Russia, buoyed by ketball final so each will pick up: The United States, which got the strength of its canoeists, one medal there, surprising support from its grabbed off seven more Olym-. But the key to it all is the shooters, also got some surprise pic Games medals today, success or failure of the Russianihelp from its canoeists, who moved to within 17 of the United gymnasts. The United States prevented an anticipated shut-States' leading total of 88 and isn't expected to score, but Rus- out in medals today.

appeared to be in excellent sia must make up some 10 or 12; Francine Fox, a 15-year-old position to overhaul the Ameri- to overtake the Americans. And schoolgirl, and Gloria Perrier, a cans they could do it Russia won 15 35-year-old clerk, both from The United States had a lead gym medals in 1960. Washington D.C. were second, of 86-64 going into this next-to- Although nationalism and behind Germany's winning pair

last full day of competition in team comparisons are discour- in women's kayak doubles. the 18th modern Olympics, but aged by Olympic officials, the The Washington girls were, managed to pick up only two team struggle between the timed in 1:59.16 for the 500 metmedals, a silver in women's Americans and the Soviets has ers of the rainswept course, kayak doubles and a bronze in been a key factor ever since while the Germans won in women's kayak singles by Mar-Russia began competing in the 1:56.95.

cia Jones of Oklahoma City. Games. Russia, meanwhile, gathered Only their first time out, at 23-year-old Michigan State stu-And Maria Jones, a pretty, in three gold and a bronze in the 1952 Games in Helsinki, dent from Oklahoma City, was canoe.ng, two bronze in judo have the Russians lost The closing fast and just missed and a bronze in equestrian dres. United States won the medal taking second in the women's sage and pushed its total to 71 race there 76-69, and 40-22 in kayak singles.

medals, including 22 gold The gold At Melbourne in 1956 Rus-United States has 34 gold, 26 sia led 98-74 and 37-32 in gold. In silver and 28 bronze. 1960 at Rome the count was 10-3 And the program is all in 71 for Russia over-all and 43-34

Russia's favor. in gold Much of the Thursday night Such team comparison was and Friday schedule is devoted further discouraged today in a to gymnastics, where the Rus-terse little message that moved sians have dominated for the on the official results wire of the last two Olympics. Olympics. The message said:

And it goes deeper than that "At the request of the Tokyo The Russians are assured of Olympic Organizing Committee, seven medals in boxing, either acting on the instructions from silver or gold, since they have Mr. Avery Brundage, president that number of fighters in Fri- of the International Olympic day's finals. The United States Committee. International Busihas one, heavyweight Billy Fra-ness Machines (which runs the zier of Philadelphia. results service) is discontinuing The Soviets seem assured of as of now the compilation and



GOOD NEWS - Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. wears a happy smile as he calls friends to give them the news of the Milwaukee Braves' decision to move their National League franchise to Atlanta next season. The Mayor holds an artist's conception of the Atlanta Municipal Stadium which is currently under construction at a cost of \$18 million. (UPI Telephoto)



'Bushville' Interest **Declined** After '57

MILWAUKEE (UPI)--"Bush- at the wrong time, and local them, so they didn't go to the ville Wins!" newspapers never let him for-park, but stayed home and Just seven years and 10 days get if.

listened on the radio. ago, on Oct. 11, 1957, that sign. The construction of freeways Then there were those who along with others promoting and an interchange into the were down on the Braves, the Lew Burdette for President and stadium parking lots also con-owner, and the players. "Who Eddie Mathews for Vice Presi-tributed to the decline. In 1958, wants to go see a fifth place dent, was prominently dis-World Series fans had to fight club," was heard more often played as Milwaukee whooped acres of mud and go through than not. And another excuse it up for the world champion and around construction sites to was, "Perini won't allow tele-Braves. get to the park. Fans were dis-vision, so I won't go out to see Wednesday Bushville struck couraged.

them in person." A ban against carry-ins of By 1962, attendance at ini-

At a news conference in Chi-bottled and canned beverages waukee games had sagged to cago Braves Board Chairman was also instituted-and soon 767,000 and Perini sold out to William C. Bartholomay an repealed by fans who com the Bartholomay-Reynolds- Mcnounced the transfer of the plained. This reportedly caused Hale snydicate, which set out club's National League fran- the cancellation of several bus immediately to revamp the chise to Atlanta, Ga. trips from throughout Wiscon-club's image. But there wasn't More than a quarter of a sin to the park. Tavern owners time before the 1963 season and million persons jammed the in Sheboygan, Manitowoc, attendance rose only slightly to downtown streets in 1957 after Madison, and even as far away 773,000. This past year, after an the Braves. in their fifth year as Eau Claire had chartered aggressive pre - season ticket in Milwaukee, took the mighty buses to come to the games selling campaign and several New York Yankees 4-3 in the and with each ticket and place promotions together with a World Series. That, without on the bus went a six-pack of more interesting ball club. atdoubt, was the high point of the beer. The business was good tendance rose to more than 910,club's 12-year stay here. Every- for the tavern owners but bad 000 - this despite a team that thing after that was downhill. for the Braves concessions. spent almost the entire first five Yankees manager Casey Fans with contrasting atti- months of the six - month sea-Stengel, during the Series, had tudes also contributed to the son in the second division. The hung the "Bushville" label on decline. attendance was the 10th best of

the city. And it took. The fans were proud of it. But it took a There were those who were the 20 major league teams. It was guite obvious to eve few years for Casey to see how secure in knowing the Braves one that a team in the pennant were here. This was their team. rac: would have been well over right he was. Koufax, Chance Top The saga of the 'fabulous They didn't have to support the million mark. Milwaukee Braves" started in Florida and ended in Chicago. In between Milwaukee became Atlantans Welcome All-Star Team terest and fan enthusiasm. **Transfer Of Club** The club went through five managers and two owners in NEW YORK (AP) - Los votes and Luis Aparicio of Balti-'vided another bizarre element was the group of owners Mil- ATLANTA (AP) - Atlanta, "From Atlanta's standpoint, its years here and ironically it to the aftermath of the 1964 waukee fans counted on to keep considered one of the nation's the Braves are probably the United States is out of conten- that each event is an individual of the Dodgers and Dean In addition to Aparicio. the season, which ended a week ago the club here that finally made top sports towns, is already most popular team in the mation. The United States and competition and that national- Chance of the Angels polled the second team was comprised of with the St Louis Cardinals' the move. There were indica- welcoming the transfer of the jors." Dodd said. most votes among players first baseman Orlando Cepeda World Series victory over the tions the owners had been con-Milwaukee Braves to the South- An \$18 million stadium now named to The Associated Press and right-handed pitcher Juan New York Yankees. sidering the move even before east. annual major league baseball Marichal of San Francisco. Johnny Keane resigned as they started their first season. Citizens from the governor to ture of three interstate highbeing constructed hear the juncoutfielder Hank Aaron and manager of the Cardinals and here. Koufax collected 77 votes and catcher Joe Torre of Milwau- was hired by the Yankees. who Milwaukee was never too se pleased by the team owners by April 15, 1965 - about one a shoeshine boy said they were ways is scheduled to be ready Chance 71 in the balloting by 85 kee, second baseman Ron Hunt had dismissed Yogi Berra. Red cure about the Braves, even action approving the transfer year after a crash building probaseball writers. The left-hand, of the New York Mets, third Schoendienst inherited the Car-from the beginning in March, Wednesday. ed Koufax won 19 games before baseman Ken Boyer of St. dinal job. Dick Sisler replaced 1953, when Louis Perini, Bos- Mayor Ivan Allen Jr., a key urban renewal site. gram was started on the 47-acre he was sidelined for the year by Louis, outfielders Tony Oliva of the ailing Fred Hutchinson as ton construction baron, an-figure in the city's drive to at-1 Mayor Allen had a sore arm in mid-August. Minnesota and Johnny Callison manager of the Cincinnati Reds nounced he had secured per-tain major league status, was citizens they would hear the Chance, a right - hander, com- of Philadelphia and southpaw and Harry Walker succeeded mission of all eight National pleased that the Braves "have crack of a major league bat at pitcher Gary Peters. Chicago Danny Murtaugh as pilot of the League club owners to transfer chosen to make the national that time. Build the stadium, Pittsburgh, Pirates his failing franchise to Milwau-pastime truly national, to give Allen said, and a major league We've been making bad plays lems in the National Football stop Jim Fregosi on the 10-man The Braves decision to quill Last week directors decided to remain in Milwaukeeans lived in a these seven southeastern states! The concrete-and-steel staditeam. Three members of the Milwaukee coming on the heels directors decided to remain in Milwaukeeans lived in a these seven southeastern states. The concrete-and-steel stadi-"We haven't been able to New York Yankees, the Ameri- the National and American year, dispelling reports of an the National and American year, dispelling reports of an vears and it wasn't until the Gov. Carl Sanders of Georgia and 50,000 for baseball. A hundred coaches across the we bayent over able to can League pennant winners, the National and American year, dispetting reports country probably have said the Overcome our mistakes." said were chosen. They were out-League pennant winners, pro-American League shift. club had been here for five; noted: "The national reputation: The Braves will have a large, vears that the people really of our state is considerably potential audience to tap-an accepted the club as its own. boosted by the very presence of audience with a reputation for **Cleveland Buys** Perini was an absentee own-such a prestigious ball club. I attending sports events. More er and the fans always felt, 'need not emphasize the fact that than a million persons live in "He's moved the club once this addition to our sports fami- the Atlanta metropolitan area **Ex-Hero** Terry He can do it again." Not until ly will greatly enhance the and it is estimated that 1,750,000 Permi sold out to the syndicate economy of the entire state." persons live within three hours' headed by Bartholomay. Thom- One of the town's best known driving time of the stadium. as A. Revnolds of Chicago and sports figures, football Coach Atlanta has had a minor NEW YORK (UPI)-Pitcher John McHale, the Braves Gen-Bobby Dodd of Georgia Tech. league baseball team since 1901. eral Manager, did the fans feel said the Braves' move would be For many years, the city was secure that the club was truly a wonderful opportunity for the one of the leaders in attendance team and Atlanta. the Milwaukee Braves in the old Southern Association. Most of the new owners had Wisconsin' ties and they had borrowed money from Milwaunew regime of Manager Johnkee banks to help finance the To Playing In South burchase. The 28-year-old righthander Perhaps the insecurity acwas sold to the Cleveland In-

attended Braves games

two medals in volleyball, where publication of the medals list." their men's and women's teams The IOC always has objected are among the leaders The to such tabulations, contending Angeles pitchers Sandy Koufax more collected 24.

Inconsistency **Hurts Giants**

CLEVELAND (AP) - "We ing from Allie Sherman it means piled a 20-9 record. just haven't been consistent the New York Giants have prob- The Angels also placed short- White Sox. and not coming up with the big League ones

,the ball club."

COLUMBUS (UPI) - Ohio president in 1961.

with his lineup.

Wednesday, moving sophomore Cardinals are tied for first at g rd Ray Pryor of Hamilton 4-1-1

to a starting post on the offen- Sherman admits that quartersive squad, replacing junior Ted back Y. A. Tittle's timing is off "If YA. comes on it'll Andrick of Cuvahoga Falls

Pryor had started the season help." Sherman said The coach opener, but hen was relegated has rookie Gary Wood in reto the bench for the next three serve, and said he was doing "well enough for a first - year" games

The Buckeyes also got a man." scare as sophomore halfback. The Browns haven't been ter-Bo Rein, who has put some rifying foes with their passing spart into the running attack, attack, either. Coach Blanton got his shins bruised in Collier said he was about to pull Wednesday's scrimmage He starter Frank Ryan for Jim was expected to be ready Sat-Ninowski in last week's game against Dallas until Bernie Parurday though

Hayes put the emphasis on rish intercepted a pass and ran passing Wednesday and quart. back for a touchdown to give erback Don Unverferth hit his the Browns a 20-16 victory.

targets regularly during the again Sunday, however last heavy workout of the week Whatever the outcome Sun-

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The Oddsmakers have made day, the sellout crowd can exthe unbeaten Bucks at least 14 pect another tough game. The of the Minnesota Twins even less effective. finishing som and first baseman-outfield- 1960 only 14 million persons regated and I just don't want to day in the opening round of the point favorites against Wiscon-Giants and Browns have an learned today he will be with a 7-11 mark and 454 cr Harty Simpson owever, the Badgers overall series of 14-14-2. Last inducted into the U.S. earned run average By sea- He was traded back to the The decline can be traced to stances " feat last week of previously un-Eastern Division The Browns two - year period. beaten Towa finished second

All-Star team today.

same thing this season, but com- Sherman. "Some of the mis- fielder Mickey Mantle, catcher takes are due to young guys on Elston Howard and second Perfectionist The Giants will play the Cleve-First baseman Bill White was land Browns Sunday in Munici- the only member of the champal Stadium before an expected pion St. Louis Cards selected. Woody Hayes pai Stadium before an expected pion St. Louis Cards selected. crowd of 80.000. This will be the Others named were third 13th time the Browns have baseman Brooks Robinson of drawn 80.000 since the team was Baltimore and outfielders Willie

Not Satisfied organized in 1946 and ninth time Mays of San Francisco and since Art Modell took over as Roberto Clemente of Pittsburgh, Ralph Terry, a World Series

The voting was one-sided for hero in 1962 who subsequently State has attained the top rank- But Sherman is more inter- each position except outfield faded into bullpen duty and ining and improved with each ested in victories than attend and shortstop Clemente, third in frequent starting assignments.

closed amount of cash

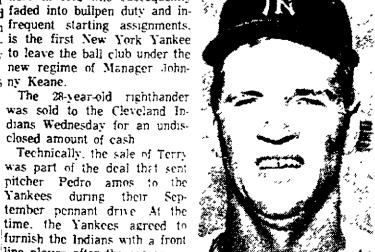
week, but Coach Woody Hayes ance. The Giants are 141 in the balloung, had 61 votes for is the first New York Yankee apparently still isn't satisfied the Eastern Division, tied for lowed among the outlielders by to leave the ball club under the third place with the Dallas Cow- Mays with 54 and Mantle 51 He made a nother change boys The Browns and St. Louis At shortstop. Fregest had 35 ny Keane.

line player after the season

GETS CALL - Ameri-

(UPI Telephoto)

mound.



Terry, a native of Larned Kan, enjoyed his finest year in RALPH TERRY

Series against the San Fran 1956 He had a 1-2 record that as well as it had the year be-said he was cisco. Giants, defeating Jack season and was traded to Kap-fore, with 1.9 million fans at about the move is a season and was traded to Kap-fore. Sanford, 1-0, in the seventh and sas City the following year tending 71 home appearances. I just hope and pray we

along with infielder Billy Mar. In 1959, despite a pennant race don't go " said Maye, a native deciding game The following year, however, fin and outfielders Woody Held that saw the Braves and Los of Tuscaloosa. Ala, and also a can League batting Terry's record slipped to 17-15 and Bob Martyn for pitcher the attendance slumped even "There's no doubt about it," PHOENIX Ariz. (UPI)-A and this past season he was Ryne Duren, outfielder Jim Pi-more, to 17 million, and in said Aaron. "the South is see field of 39 golfers teed off to-

explosive attack with their de-the Giants going on to win the days - probably for a the bulpen and made only oc- Hector Lopez for pitchers John which was the public relations but if the Braves go I have to. Sunday, was being played over casional appearances on the ny Kucks and Tom Sturdivant of the Perini regime. He had a That's my obligation." said the 6,370-yard par-72 Arizona and infielder Jerry Lumpe.

counts to some extent for the MILWAUKEE (UP) - Fear like Milwaukee "as far as we welcome the team got in its MILWALKEE (UPI - Fear like Milwaukee "as far itst years here. In 1953 the of racial discrimination in At- (Negroes) are concerned."

team had surpassed the 1953 the lanta. Ga, was expressed Aaron said he played in a season attendance total for by Milwaukee Brayes' Necro segregated stadium in Atlanta Boston in the 13th home date the late Aaron and "nine or 10 years ago and It went on to set a National club announced it would record the late to intention of playing club announced it would record the late to intention of playing club announced it would record the late to intention of playing club announced it would record the late to intention of playing club announced it would record the late to intention of playing club announced it would record the late to intention of playing club announced it would record the late to intention of playing club announced it would record the late to intention of playing the late League attendance mark of club announced it would nove under those conditions again. 1,826,397 That mark was South Atlanta officials said the park

topped in each of the next five Although both players said would not be segregated seasons, with the attendance they would go with the club be- "I'm familiar with the South topping two million in four suc- cause it was their "jobs." both and I've been to Atlanta a said they didn't want to go cessive years couple of times." said Maye.

the majors in 1962 when he Terry began his big league The decline started in 1958 Aaron, whose 323 batting "I'm almost positive we (Ne-posted a 23-12 record He then career with the Yankees in Despite winning a pennant average was the third best in posted a 23-12 record He then career with the Yankees in Despite winning a pennant average was the third best in went on to star in the World 1956. He had a 1-2 record that again the team failed to draw the National League in 1964. Stocs, are going to face dis-series against the San Fran

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showed signs of developing anyvear the two teams split, with Army within the next 60 son's end, he was consigned to Yankees in 1959 along with several things-not the least of "I don't want to go there. The 72-hole event, which ends habit of saying the wrong thing Maye He said Atlanta won't be Biltmore Hotel golf course.

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