

SABR - NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE SPECIAL EDITION

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

So much has been written during this 50th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson's Major League Debut that we decided to put all the stories into a separate edition.

JACKIE ROBINSON CONFERENCE

Bob Eisen, Larry Hogan, Joe Lee, Larry Lester, and Scot Mondore were in attendance at the JACKIE ROBINSON: RACE, SPORTS AND THE AMERICAN DREAM Conference, April 3-5, 1997. I have photo copies of the **6 page program that lists all talks and panels. SABR members Ron Gabriel, David W. Smith, Lyle Spatz, and Jules Tygiel were among presenters. A well done three page review of the conference by Larry Lester is available **3pp.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Prior Smith and Jim Riley did a live interview on All Sports Radio, The Fan 590 in Toronto on April 15th.

Bill Williamson attended the special tribute at Dodger Stadium for Robinson and passed along many goodies.

Bob Peterson was on ABC World News Tonight on Friday, April 4th as "person of the week" went to Larry Doby. Bob was great!

Jeff Eastland had his JR collection at the Havre de Grace, MD. at The Postcard & Paper Show in April.

Clem Hamilton was on True Colors TV Show with Sharon Robinson, April 8th.

JACKIE ROBINSON EVENTS

Press release on Smithsonian Institute and Major League Baseball lecture series to honor Jackie Robinson. **2pp.

50th Anniversary marked many ways, upcoming events**3pp

Larry Lester was on MSNBC Cable during the day of the JR Celebration with Joe Black and Roger Kahn with Ed Gordon hosting from Shea Stadium.

Jim Overmyer talked to the Temple Anshe Amunion Men's Club in Pittsfield, MA on April 6, 1997 on "Jackie Robinson breaks the Big-League Color Barrier," 22 pages.

Tom Shieber took in the exhibit at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance. STEALING HOME: How Jackie Robinson Changed America. He also attended JACKIE ROBINSON REMEMBERED: Personal Reflections, a panel discussion with Don Newcommbe, Jules Tygiel, and Sammy Haynes.

On June 12th a Jackie Robinson Tribute will be presented by the Oakland Athletics. List of events **1pp.

JACKIE ROBINSON SHORT ARTICLES

THE RECORD, Hackensack, NJ

4/2/97 "Jackie Robinson breaks barriers" from MIDI page *4pp

4/5/97 "Slaughter:Spiking of Jackie accidental," **1pp.

4/6/97 "Jackie didn't struggle in vain," **1pp.

4/15/97 "Special night set for Jackie," **1pp.

4/16/97 "Highway renamed to honor athlete," **1pp.

4/16/97 "A night to remember," **1pp.

4/16/97 "Honoring legend and a legacy," **1pp.

4/16/97 "Here's to you Mr Robinson," **4pp.

NEW YORK TIMES

3/30/97 "Fewer Blacks follow Robinson's baseball lead,"**3pp

3/30/97 several articles **4pp.

4/1/97 "Robinson stood up for what he believed," **1pp.

4/4/97, "Personal memories of Robinson from some of those he touched," **1pp.

4/5/97 "Dissident embraces legacy," **1pp.

4/6/97 "What would Jackie say today," **1pp.

4/7/97 "Mays pays homage to Jackie Robinson," **1pp.

4/8/97 Editorial "A White Man's Place To Be," **1pp.

4/10/97 "Newcombe: Robinson's day has come," **1pp.

4/11/97 "Color issue extends to people in the seats," **1pp

4/13/97 "The advance guard-the coverage," **1pp. "So large a sports hero he fills the screen," **1pp. "Through the door that Robinson opened," **1pp. "When baseball mattered," **2pp. "Faster than Jackie Robinson: Branch Rickey's sermons on the mound," **1pp.

4/15/97, "DeShields embraces Black Players' Legacy," **1pp

"50 years later and Robinson is undimmed," **2pp.

4/16/97 "What would Jackie say today," **1pp. 6 articles **5pp. "A grand tribute to Robinson and his moment" **7pp.

4/17/97 "Years later, city plans an apology," **1pp.

4/20/97 "Rooting for what really mattered," **1pp.

5/4/97 "The Story Behind The Story: the Cardinals team doctor alerted reporter friend to players' threatened strike" **1pg.

JET 4/21/97 **3pp.

USA TODAY

4/3/97 "We're all Robinson's children," **1pp.

4/14/97 "The lifetime of a legend," **2pp. "Helping to blaze the trail," **1pp. "Inner-city kids ignore Robinson's game," **1pp. 4/16/97, "Jackie Robinson made a difference beyond baseball," **1pp.

THE DOWNTOWNER, "Jackie Robinson changed the world," **4pp.

THE DETROIT FREE PRESS, 3/28/97 "The biggest change of all," **4pp.

THE ANN ARBOR NEWS, 3/30/97, "Robinson's legacy lives on," **3pp. & "A fan's Dodger Blues," **1pp.

SEATTLE TIMES, 4/13/97 "Renton man: thanks for the memories," (Jim Benton) **1pp. Cartoon **1pp.

"Jackie's test," **2pp. "The struggle to integrate baseball," **3pp.

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER 4/15/97, "Blazing a long trail," **2pp. "He got the ball moving," **1pp. 4/2/97, "Robinson unshaken on thin ice," **1pp.

THE TORONTO SUN, 4/15/97, "The Last Word," **1pp.

Toronto, **THE GLOBE AND MAIL** 4/15/97, "Robinson legacy involves issues worth examining," **1pp.

NEWSDAY, 3/30/97, "Impact Player," **1pp.

THE KANSAS CITY STAR, 3/30/97 Baseball '97, **4pp.

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS, 3/30/97, "50 years ago, Robinson changed a Nation," **5pp.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

4/15/97 "Racing into history," **3pp. African-Americans **3pp

4/16/97 "It's not Dodgers' night," **2pp. Jim Murray, "Robinson played for respect," **2pp. cartoon **1pp.

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY April 9-15, 1997, "Crossing The Line," **4pp.

JACKSON (MS) ADVOCATE 4 part Jackie Robinson And The Black Press **4pp. and "Breaking Barriers" **3pp.

NEW YORK POST

4/6/97, "Mr Robinson's neighbor," **2pp.

4/7/97 "Jackie's legacy lives in Brooklyn," **2pp.

NEWSDAY, 4/5/97 "They're sharing memories of Jackie," **1pp.

DAILY NEWS "Robinson started Civil Rights: O'Neil" **2pp 4/5/97 "Confession and denial in Brooklyn," **1pp. 4/7/97, "Parting Shots," **2pp.

THE WASHINGTON POST, 4/7/97, "Jackie Robinson's Legacy," **3pp.

EVERETT (WA) HERALD, 4/5/97 "Dissident now acknowledges Robinson's significance," **1pp.

WALL STREET JOURNAL, 4/18/97, "Baseball's pre-1947 greats perhaps weren't so great," **1pp.

THE SPORTING NEWS 6/5/46 "Robinson rivets Royal keystone job on hitting, fielding and base-stealing," **1pp

NEW YORK DAILY WORKER, 3/23/42, "Get after Landis, we'd welcome you, Sox Manager tells young Negro Stars," **2pp.

THE LEMONT (IL) METROPOLITAN, 4/17/97, "Integration of baseball was no easy task," **1pp.
CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 5/11/97, "Recollections of Robinson," (first game at Wrigley) **2pp.
USA TODAY 5/16/97, "Baseball Hall of Fame honors student author for essay on Robinson," **1pp. & List of winners and 28 finalists in contest. **1pp.
AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN 4/15/97, "A legacy Remembered" **2pp.

JACKIE ROBINSON LONG ARTICLES

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS 4/9/97 57 pages.
ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS 3/30/97 1997 BB special 10pp.
NEW YORK POST 4/15/97, 40 pages.
THE HARTFORD COURANT 4/15/97 25 pages.
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS 4/13/97 32 pages.
LOS ANGELES TIMES 3/31/97 Jackie Robinson 50th Anniversary Commemorative, 16 pages.
National Baseball Hall Of Fame Library, "Jackie Robinson: A Selective Bibliography," **10 pages.
THE DETROIT NEWS had 85 pages in a 6 part series from 4/12 to 4/18, 1997.
4/12: "Aaron reflects on Robinson's 50th Anniversary" **2pp "Bringing down barriers 1947-56" **4pp.
4/13: "(Grant) Hill turns thoughts to Jackie" **1pp. "Courage Under Fire," **8pp. "Steal Away Home." **12pp.
"Robinson helped White Americans confront prejudices, weaknesses," **3pp. "Robinson kept quiet," **3pp.
4/14: "(Tiger) Woods: Robinson is one of my heroes," **2pp. "In Black & White," **3pp. "Bringing down barriers 1967-76" **3pp. "Taking the field," **9pp. "Rickey, the front office friend, was complex, too," **4pp.
4/16: "Baseball reties Robinson's NO. 42," **1pp. "Jackson calls for scrutiny as Robinson is celebrated," **4pp.
"Forgotten Legend?" **3pp. "Robinson no stranger to (Barry) Sanders," **2pp. "Bringing down barriers, 1977-86," **3pp.
4/17: "Hit Man (Hearn) says no one could hit like Jackie," **1pp. **INDEX** **3pp.
4/18: "Fruits of his labor," **4pp. "Respect for Robinson reserved for all," **4pp. "Black sports columnists of today must carry torch," **3pp. "(Tony) Clark says Robinson great in many ways," **2pp.

ADDITIONAL JACKIE ROBINSON ARTICLES

Magazine, **A TRIBUTE TO JACKIE ROBINSON** Vol 1 No 1 68pp.
OKLAHOMA GAZETTE, "He had a statement to make: Oklahomans remember Jackie Robinson," **5pp.
"Crossing The Bar," **4pp. from **NEWSWEEK** 4/14/97.
JACKIE ROBINSON 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMEMORATIVE EDITION, Shea Stadium, April 15, 1997 **12pp includes Larry Lester's, "The Life of Jackie Robinson: His Hardships and Triumphs."
THE SPORTING NEWS, 4/14/97 "One man, alone remembering a hero," "Jackie's first week," by Steve Gietschier, and "Negro League Photo Essay" with O'Neil, Lockett, Double Duty, Joe Scott, Mathis, and Connie Johnson. **12pp.
DODGERS MAGAZINE **5pp.
BECKETT VINTAGE SPORTS, April, 1997 Issue 5 **7pp.
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE **4pp.
BOY'S LIFE, April, 1997 "Hero at the ball field" **2pp
SPORT, May, 1997 "Skin Games" **6pp.
TIME 3/31/97 "Stepping up to the plate" **1pp.
AMERICAN LEGACY, Spring, 1997 Vol 3 number 1, "1947: Jackie Robinson Breaks Through," **9pp.
ESQUIRE April, 1997 "Now batting for Brooklyn," **4pp.

JACKIE ROBINSON ONLINE ARTICLES

From majorleaguebaseball.com are several Larry Lester pieces. "50 fast facts on Jackie Robinson," **4pp. "10 highlights of the 50th Anniversary Celebration," **2pp. "More than a page in history books: The Life of Jackie Robinson," **9pp.
LOS ANGELES TIMES site. 3/31/97 "Robinson a baseball star? That's just part of the story," **4pp. "She played a role, but don't believe she pushed him," **6pp. 4/15/97 "Racing into history," **3pp. "Jackie Robinson

Trivia Quiz" **3pp. "50 years, still fears," **5pp. "Robinson plus 50 adds up to discontent," **6pp.

AP, 4/11/97, "Aaron remembers Robinson," **2pp. "Little left of Robinson's birthplace," **2pp. 4/10/97, "Rename highway," **1pp.

NEW YORK TIMES 3/30/97, "How the first Black came to Brooklyn, a scout remembers," **5pp. & "Blacks turning away from baseball and Robinson's dream," **6pp.

THE BOSTON GLOBE 3/28/97, "Opening a new wide world: Robinson's impact felt well beyond the chalk lines," **7pp. **2pp index of BOSTON GLOBE special section of 3/28/97.

EXTRA INNINGS, "Robinson hibernated as a Bruin," **2pp.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE 3/26/97 "Chicago's 55 year-old secret: Jackie Robinson's tryout with the White Sox," **3pp.

ESPN SPORTSZONE, "The so-called Rickey Plan," **2pp. "Robinson a deserving Hall of Famer even by the numbers," **2pp. "Jackie and Me: A friendship," **2pp. JR's complete batting record against all pitchers, **7pp. plus **5pp more.

WASHINGTON TIMES 4/15/97, "Jackie Robinson fought his way to the top," **2pp.

WASHINGTON POST, 4/6/97 "Fifty years later, Robinson's all business," **3pp.

REUTERS, 4/15/97 Sanford Florida piece **1pp.

THE SPORTING NEWS 4/2/97 "Rickey should be remembered," **4pp. 4/15/97 Coverage of debut. **2pp.

NEWSDAY 4/14/97, "Jackie's clan plans Shea reunion," **1pp.

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE 4/14/97, "Negro League Players speak with pride about Robinson Anniversary," **2pp.

THE NANDO TIMES, 3/23/97, "How Robinson's debut was covered," **4pp. List of first Black players on MLB teams," **1pp. "Robinson changed National Pastime and the Nation," **5pp. "Robinson's debut was no big thing to newspapers 50 years ago," **2pp. 3/24/97, "Robinson's Anniversary creates marketing bonanza," **1pp." Jackie Robinson: A Tribute, **2pp.

MARKETPLACE

THE WASHINGTON POST 4/14/97 "Jackie Robinson's continuing star power," **2pp.

New home video arrives in June, **1pp.

Book review, Roger Kahn's MEMORIES OF SUMMER, WHEN BASEBALL WAS AN ART AND WRITING ABOUT IT A GAME, **1pp from SCD 5/16/97.

USA TODAY 4/18/97, "Recollections of Robinson hit shelves for Summer," **1pp. & "Commemorative balls help mark Robinson Anniversary," **2pp.

Jackie Robinson 50th Anniversary Licensee List **2pp

DUGOUT MEMORIES order form on JR & Dodger stuff **5pp.

Rawlins Baseball **1pp Several Items **1pp

"US Mint to issue Gold, Silver Robinson coins," **1pp.

Jackie Robinson Coke Bottles **1pp.

Commemorative Coins **1pp.

FINAL REMARKS

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