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Jerry Hoffberger, who is a class man, says the Baltimore Orioles will not be sold this season. He also indicates he wants them purchased from his brewery by interests which would keep the club in Baltimore.

Horace Stoneham, who should have stayed in New York, says he MUST sell the Giants, and hopes people who buy the club would keep it in San Francisco. The first reaction to that is WHY?

Charley Finley isn't saying a lot because it's cost him a fortune to open his mouth lately but it's obvious the World Champion Oakland A's can't afford to stay much longer in the Bay Area.

The big questions are not the obvious where, when and to whom. But whom to believe.

Franchises in the young American Basketball Association and the wobbling World Football League and in the World Hockey Association are straddling financial tightropes. The old established National Football League is prospering despite the wailing of some of its richer owners; the National Hockey League will survive despite unreal player salaries; the National Basketball Association is established — bigtime.

But the good old National Pastime, as the baseball notables call it on the pre-opener dinner circuit, has some very real franchise problems. These include owing one — very legally — to the city of Seattle, and needing one in Washington, D.C., where freebee seats for lawmakers are instant winning lobby.

But whom to believe?

Leave us look no farther back than Atlanta, which exploited Henry Aaron's early season home run heroics last spring and then quietly and coldly dealt him off before the folks could forget

Babe Ruth's old numbers. (Home runs, pitching, curfew-beating, what-have-you.)

History takes us back to when the Boston Braves jumped ship and established in Milwaukee. It was good for balance; they told us, new territory to be mined out.

Then someone discovered Atlanta, certain mecca for all four major sports, with a built-in TV area. The seats in Milwaukee were looking empty, but in July of 1963 Bill Bartholomay, chairman of the board of the Braves, announced: "We didn't buy the Milwaukee franchise to move it to Atlanta." "Right," said his general manager, John McHale. (McHale now happens to be operating in Montreal).

In September, same season, Bill Bartholomay: "I can't picture the Braves playing anywhere but Milwaukee."

February, 1964, Bartholomay: "We are not going elsewhere no matter what you hear. I think the days of moving franchises is about over."

April, 1964, Bartholomay: "We are positively not moving. We're playing in Milwaukee whether you're talking 1965 or 1975!"

The rest is history. The Braves played lame duck in '65 and bought their way out for a \$500,000 bribe. It was \$400,000 to the city for damages, and the rest to a group trying to bring a replacement club — now the American League expansion Brewers — to County Stadium.

And now Atlanta is becoming suspect as a Solid Dead Center Perfect Instant Automatic Success as an Expansion city. In any sport you care to name. Like all four.

Next case, San Francisco. Or is it Baltimore? Or Oakland?

**MAY CELEBRATION**

A May-Day celebration at St. Margaret Mary School this morning brought students to the rectory yard. There grades 4 through 8 formed a living rosary and younger pupils placed 50 flowers in vases to signify the 50 Hail Marys. A statue of the Blessed Mother was crowned.

**Continued Gallo Boycott Urged**

The United Farm Workers Support Committee urges a continued boycott of Gallo wines, even though the producers have voiced support for farm labor legislation pending in California.

The boycott of non-UFW lettuce also will be pursued, local committee members said last week. They held a news conference outside the Office of Human Development.

A statement issued at the press conference by the Diocese of Rochester, through Father Charles Mulligan of OHD, affirmed this stand as "the only effective way of maintaining public awareness and pressure so that there is hope of justice for farm laborers."

The statement also responded indirectly to An Open Letter to Bishop Hogan from Ernest and Julio Gallo which appeared in last week's Courier-Journal charging that the boycotts are illegal and immoral. "Primary boycotts have never been, or are they now, illegal," the statement said, and credited boycotts with being "an effective means of bring about concern for the rights of farm laborers."

The boycott is also fully supported by the Bishops' Committee on Farm Labor of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and by the four bishops of California "until free, secret ballot elections are held."

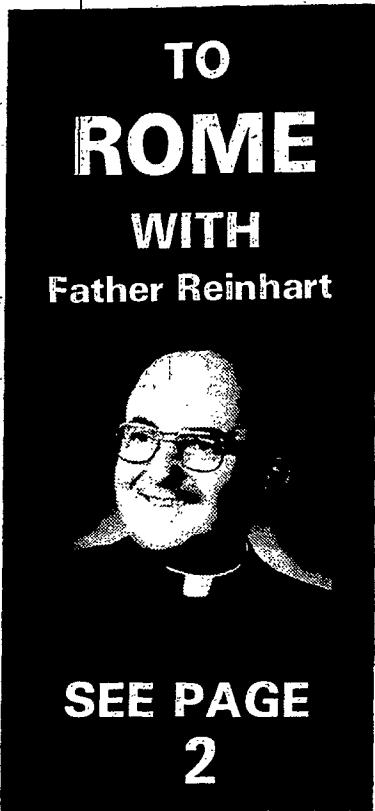
Margaret Hall, spokesperson for the committee, said it was the strong boycott that had brought Gallo to support meaningful legislation, and that UFW must therefore continue efforts on that front as well as the legislative.

The legislation is not yet law," she stressed. "Its passage is by no means assured."

The Brown bill, sponsored by

California Governor Edmund J. Brown, Jr. as a compromise measure, is supported by the UFW but was initially opposed by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. It was their contract with Gallo and other growers signed in 1973 that ousted the United Farmworkers Union and sparked the conflict. Secret ballot elections, not required by law for farmworkers, were not held. Striking UFW workers charge that the Teamster contracts were signed without worker consent and favor growers. Since the press conference, the Teamsters have stated their support for the bill.

The Brown legislation, if passed, would establish an agriculture labor relations board to supervise secret ballot election of union representation and would allow for the nullification of existing contracts if secret ballot elections so dictated.



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