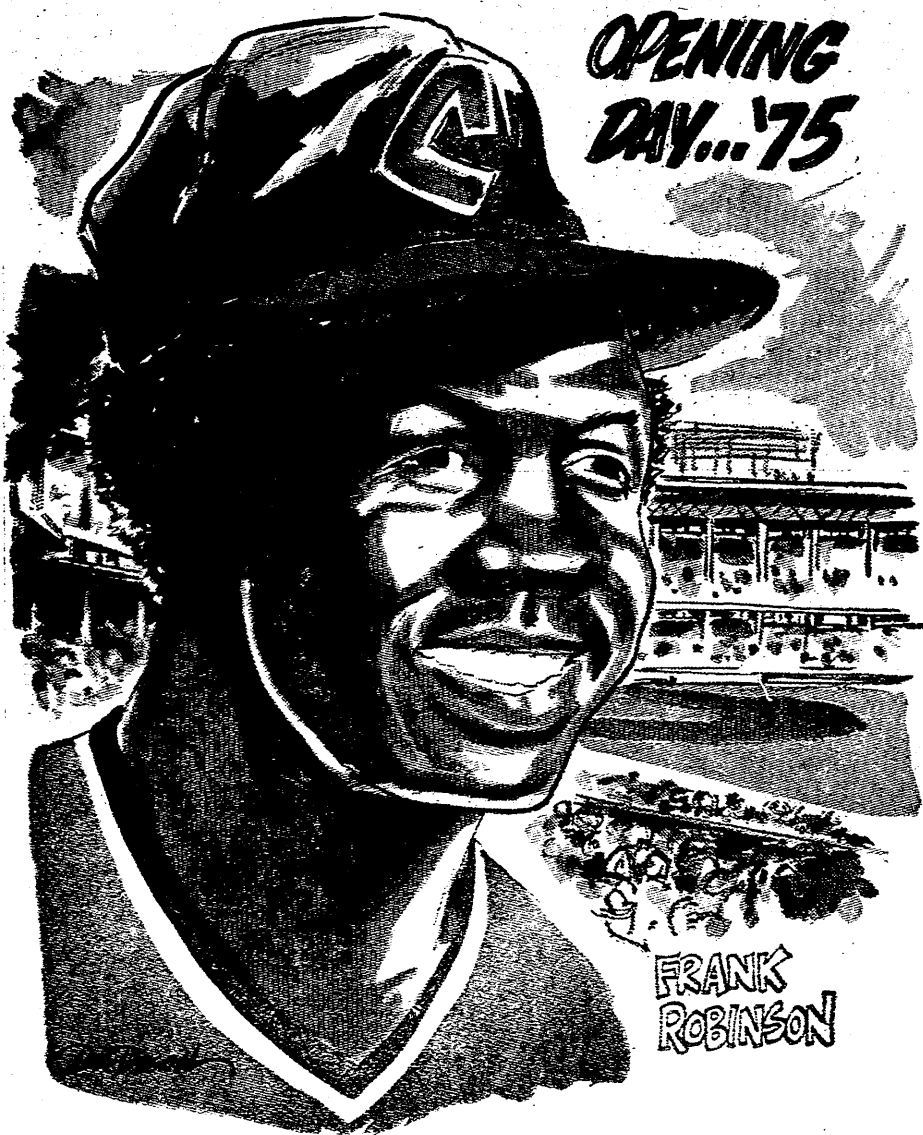


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OPENING DAY... '75

Robinson cool as weather may be for Tribe opener

By Russell Schneider

The stage is set for Frank Robinson's historic debut today as manager of the Indians, and the calmest person you'll find around the Stadium when the New York Yankees provide the opposition at 2 p.m. might be Robinson himself.

"I feel fine. . . . How do you feel?" quipped a major league baseball's first black manager as Cleveland's Tribe shivered through a final tuneup yesterday at the Stadium.

"I'll probably get an anxious feeling just before the game, but pressure is something a person creates within himself, and I won't do it," Robinson said many times since taking the helm of the Indians as the club's 28th manager.

Frank also is the Tribe's ninth player-manager and the first in the big leagues since Hank Bauer piloted and played for the then Kansas City Athletics back in 1961.

Club officials are hoping that the inaugural crowd will reach 50,000, based on an advance sale of nearly 25,000, but much will depend upon the weather, the forecast for which is partly cloudy, temperatures in the upper 40s and lower 50s, with a 10 per cent chance of precipitation.

As expected, Robinson will be in the opening lineup as the Indians' designated hitter, but shortstop and co-captain Frank Duffy will remain sidelined because of a

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State examiner critical of lottery's management

By George E. Condon Jr.
Plain Dealer Bureau

COLUMBUS—An examiner for the state auditor described fiscal management of the Ohio lottery in its early months as "remiss" and "unsatisfactory" in a critical audit report released yesterday.

The audit covered the period from July 1, 1974, to Sept. 30, 1974. The lottery's first drawing was Aug. 22, 1974.

Contending that all problems noted in the latest report had since been corrected, Robert J. McAuliffe, lottery fiscal officer, discounted the importance of the audit report.

"It's informational, but that's all," he said. "To highlight only the problems of the first month of real lottery operations, you've got to be a crackpot."

McAuliffe said, "Most of the things mentioned in the report weren't even problems. For an audit to be helpful it has to be timely. This sure isn't timely."

According to the auditor's report, the lottery commission:

- Allowed some agents to redeem losing tickets for \$20 as if they had won.
- Paid many employees for overtime allowed compensatory time off based on a

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Lake-Geauga drug unit to quit

Lake County Bureau

The Lake-Geauga Narcotics Unit is planning to resign en masse within two weeks because of a long-standing feud with Lake County Prosecutor Paul H. Mitrovich, The Plain Dealer learned yesterday.

John T. Frisina, agent in charge, confirmed last night, "There are going to be resignations."

But Frisina, contacted in Pittsburgh, said, "If this hits the newspapers, we'll deny everything."

Informed sources told The Plain Dealer the mass resignations are being planned because of agents' dissatisfaction with Mitrovich's philosophy of law enforcement, some of his decisions in specific cases and personality conflicts.

Frisina said he will submit his resignation within the next two weeks. Sources said the other agents will resign in support of Frisina.

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PALACE BOMBED; THIEU SAFE, 2 DIE

From Wire Reports

SAIGON — A South Vietnamese air force jet bombed the presidential palace here this morning in an apparent attempt to overthrow President Thieu, who was inside.

A palace spokesman said President Nguyen Van Thieu and his family were not injured but two persons were killed and three wounded. He did not say whether the victims were inside the palace or in the large walled compound that surrounds the modernistic palace in the center of Saigon.

Some witnesses said windows on the top floor of the palace appeared to be blown out.

It was not immediately clear who was behind the bombing, although government spokesman said the attack was "a rebellious act by a violent officer." There have been reports of two coup attempts in re-

• Democrats in Congress bristle at criticism from President Ford over Vietnam. Page 8-A.

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cent weeks as dissatisfaction grew among the military at Thieu's handling of the current war emergency.

Troops and tanks took up positions around the palace minutes after the jet screamed overhead, making several passes and dropping at least two bombs. Heavy machine-gun fire could be heard during the attack, at 8:30 a.m.

Three hours after the bombing, Thieu in a radio address said the attack was not a coup and he still had the support of the armed forces.

"This morning, at 8:30 a.m., an F5 jet of the South Vietnamese air force bombed the presidential palace but I and my family are safe. I and the vice president are still working together with the armed forces," Thieu said. "I am determined to continue my leadership of this country."

Thieu is under intense political pressure to resign because of the collapsing battlefield situation.

Western sources said two F5 jets took off from Bien Hoa Air Base 15 miles northeast of Saigon for an air strike on Viet Cong positions but one peeled off, headed south and attacked the palace. The pilot was identified by air force sources as a Lt. Nguyen Thanh Trung but they could give no reason for his act.

Saigon radio announced a 24-hour curfew for Saigon and its three million in-

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Parma Hts. family welcomes child

Eight orphans en route here

By Leslie Kay

Chances are bright today that several Greater Cleveland families and a Pennsylvania family will soon be united with their adopted Vietnamese children.

An Eastlake woman, Johanna Spicuzza, flew to Vietnam and placed nine youngsters aboard a flight to Travis Air Force Base yesterday.

Five boys and three girls, aged 5 months to 3½ years, are destined for Greater Cleveland. The other is going to Pennsylvania.

They are scheduled to land in California this morning and should be in their adoptive homes by the end of the week, said Mrs. Spicuzza's husband, William, 35400 Groveswood Dr.

The Greater Cleveland families had expected the children to arrive Sunday in

• Washington conference on orphanlift hears charges of "elitism, racism." Page 5-A.

• A former Greater Cleveland was among the survivors of the crash of a giant CSA Galaxy airlifting Vietnamese orphans. Page 6-A.

• Saigon official denounces critics of orphanlift. Page 11-A.

Chicago. But the children had missed the flight.

Orphans Abroad, of which Mrs. Spicuzza is president, was looking for a Cleveland firm to donate a plane for a miniairlift to bring the children from California to Cleveland.

Spicuzza said some children coming to Greater Cleveland had been expected in Chicago Sunday but their plane had left

Saigon earlier than scheduled and without them. His wife put them, plus two others, on a flight yesterday, he said.

Meantime, at least one area family and three other Ohio families were already getting acquainted with their new children.

Other families learned that their new children were in temporary foster homes in Seattle.

Lynn Hulec, 6287 Alderwood Rd., Parma Heights, said she had started the adoption process for a Vietnamese child last fall, but as of a month ago had been led to believe it would not go through.

On Friday, she and her husband were told a Denver couple were taking care of their new daughter, Meghan, 3½.

Hulec flew to Denver Saturday and returned Sunday.

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Associated Press

War strikes home

A Cambodian father weeps for his son, wounded by a Khmer Rouge rocket near Phnom Penh's Pochentong airport. A doctor examines the young victim. Story on Page 14-A.

Perk fires public blast at Kucinich

Councilman Dennis J. Kucinich, D-7, schemed to control the Cleveland Board of Ethics two years ago so he could discredit a council colleague. Mayor Ralph J. Perk charged during last night's council meeting.

Perk said Kucinich wanted to stack the commission against then Councilman Francis E. Gaul, D-4, so it would rule against Gaul on Kucinich's conflict of interest charge.

It was Perk's first public attack on Kucinich since they broke off their politically profitable alliance 18 months ago.

Perk said Kucinich and Bob Weissman, a Kucinich ally, came to him with their choices for the ethics board and asked Perk to nominate them.

During that meeting, Perk said Weissman told him that Kucinich and Weissman "controlled" Lockwood Thompson, the chairman of the ethics board.

They said if Kucinich loyalists were named to the board, Gaul could be "embarrassed to the point of leaving council," Perk said.

"I didn't want to make the appointments under those circumstances," said Perk. "So I withheld them."

A few days later, Perk said, Kucinich publicly criticized Perk for not filling the two vacancies on the three-member board.

"That was the beginning of the break," said Perk. The separation came, Perk said, after he refused to appoint Weissman secretary of the civil service commission.

Kucinich, who prodded Perk into the attack last night again criticizing the mayor for not making ethics board nomination, appeared stunned by Perk's remarks.

Kucinich angrily denied the charge and demanded that Council President George L. Forbes, D-20, step Perk from making personal attacks against Kucinich.

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