

Lombardi Takes Washington Post

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—Vince Lombardi said Monday that he was terminating "a great 10 years" as master of the Green Bay Packers to join the Washington Redskins, who offered him the one thing beyond his reach in the Wisconsin city where he made his legend—part ownership in the football team.

But for the moment, his announcement stood alone.

Packer President Dominic Olejniczak said a formal announcement that the 55-year-old Lombardi had been freed to become executive vice president, general manager and coach of the Redskins would be delayed at least until Tuesday and perhaps a day longer.

And at Washington, Redskins President Edward Bennett Williams ended a news conference abruptly after announcing he had talked to Lombardi Monday afternoon he could not say anything more at this time.

Lombardi's contract with the nonprofit, community-owned Green Bay National Football League club runs to Jan. 31, 1974, and has a clause that unless waived would bar him from coaching any other team during that period.

Emerging from a session with the Packer executive board, Lombardi told newsmen that a "substantial position of equity" was the deciding factor in his acceptance of the Redskins post just one year after he decided to give up

coaching the Packers and concentrate on administrative duties as general manager.

"Like anyone else, you always hope to own something at one time or another," said Lombardi, "and if it is in a field that you know best, it's always a plus."

Lombardi came smiling from the session with the board and said, "I have asked for my release. Everything is fine. There's

no problem with the board. I've just got a contract. I'm waiting for them—for their move."

But Olejniczak told newsmen shortly after, "This is not an ordinary matter to consider. The Packer executive committee wants to give it full consideration."

"After all, there is only one Lombardi."

At Washington, Lombardi reportedly has been offered a 13

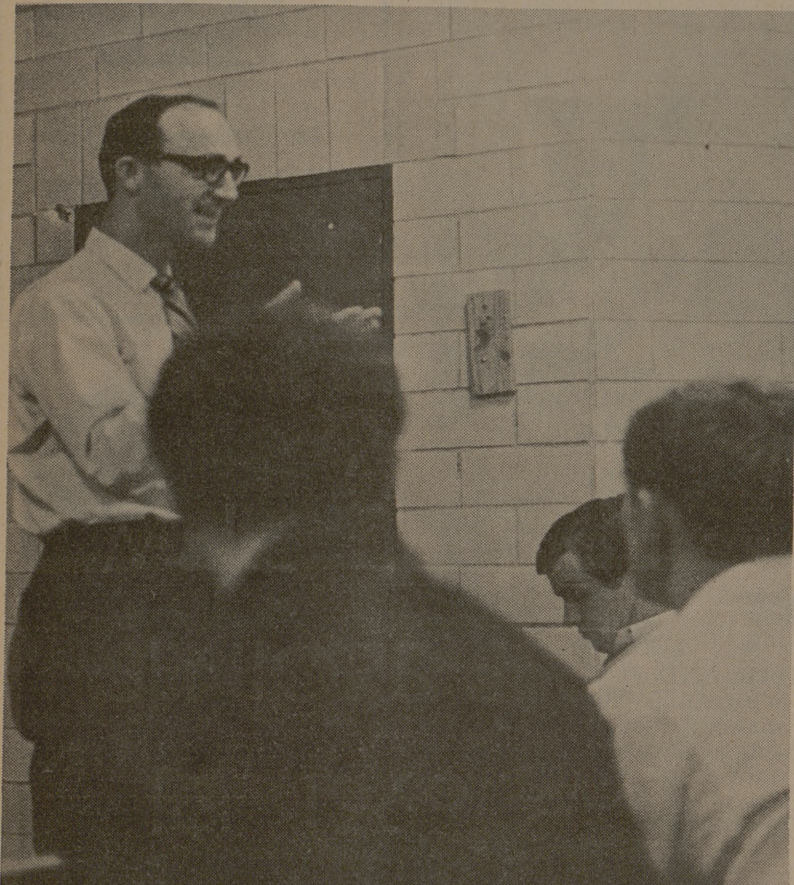
per cent share in the Redskins, made available by the estate of C. Leo De Orsey.

He would be offered, as well, a challenge in returning to the field, and he took note of it Monday.

"The challenge is not in maintaining," he said, "but in creating."

His problem to rejuvenate the downtrodden Redskins isn't much different than the task faced by

the one-time member of Coach Tom Chandler, head baseball coach at Texas A&M, briefs his hopefuls Monday prior to beginning the workouts for the season. Pre-season loosening up exercises are tabbed to begin on Tuesday. Rocky Thompson, the Aggies' freshman coach, examines his notes in the background. (Photo by Mike Wright)



BASEBALL ANYONE? Tom Chandler, head baseball coach at Texas A&M, briefs his hopefuls Monday prior to beginning the workouts for the season. Pre-season loosening up exercises are tabbed to begin on Tuesday. Rocky Thompson, the Aggies' freshman coach, examines his notes in the background. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Owners Still Trying To Fill Baseball Commissioner Post

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Baseball owners will try again to pick a new commissioner Tuesday, but the prospects of an election are not considered bright because of the jealousies between the two major leagues.

Charles (Chub) Feeney, vice president of the San Francisco Giants, has been the National League choice since the prolonged Dec. 20-21 do-nothing meetings in Chicago.

Mike Burke, president of the New York Yankees who withdrew in Chicago after some early ballots, apparently is back in the running again as an American League candidate.

Unless the two leagues can get together on a change in the rules, it is not likely that a successor to William D. Eckert will be named at this time. Eckert resigned under pressure at the annual baseball meetings in San Francisco in December but is serving until his successor is picked.

Under the rules, a commissioner must get a three-fourths vote—nine out of 12—in each league.

Although most of the owners who spoke out in San Francisco favored a baseball man for the job, the failure to elect one of their own at his Florida meet-

ing may well send them searching for an outside figure of national stature. That was what happened last time when they came up with Eckert, a retired Aid Force general.

The woods are full of candidates. Among those who received votes at the December meeting were Feeney, Burke, Lee MacPhail, vice president of the Yan-

kees; Joe Cronin, president of the American League; Judge Robert Cannon of Milwaukee, former counsel for the players; Supreme Court Justice Byron Whizzer White; Bob Reynolds, president of the California Angels; Gabe Paul, president of the Cleveland Indians, and Frank Cashen, executive vice-president of Baltimore.

Major Leagues Move Closer To Strike

NEW YORK (AP)—Major league baseball moved closer to the first strike in its 100-year history Monday when the Players Association agreed to boycott spring training sites until their dispute with the owners over their pension fund is settled.

The action—the most militant stand taken during the four-month-old dispute—comes just 10 days before the Chicago White Sox are scheduled to become the first team to open their training camp, and less than a month before the traditional March 1 opening date.

At the end of a four-hour meeting attended by approximately 125 players, including stars such as Bob Gibson, Jim Bunning,

Maury Wills, Brooks Robinson, Ernie Banks, Mickey Lolich, Joe Torre and Rusty Staub, the players issued a statement that said: "Resolved that the players fully support the actions and policies of their negotiating committee in the current benefit plan negotiations and reiterate their support of the policy that players should not sign individual salary contracts and should not report to spring training sites until the negotiations are satisfactorily concluded."

Although the players have been urged before not to sign, this was the first time they had been told not to report to spring training until the impasse was resolved.

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