

At its annual meeting held in Cincinnati, baseball's National Commission decides to:

## NATIONALS SETTLE UP

- (A) set the maximum price of tickets to the world championship games at \$3 and the minimum at 50 cents.
- (B) stop the awarding of individual medals to the players of the winning team in the world championship and, starting this upcoming season, present a trophy in the form of a large gold plate, to the winning team. The action is a result of complaints by the players.
- (C) award the contract of John McInnis to the Philadelphia Athletics on the grounds that the Haverhill Hustlers of the New England (B) League played the 17-year-old more than 15 days without having a signed contract and also permitted McInnis to play with independent clubs at various times during the 1908 season. McInnis will eventually play 20 seasons in the major leagues, including nine years with the Athletics and finish with 2,405 hits and a .301 lifetime batting average.
- (D) reinstate four Washington Senators, including future Hall-of-Famer Walter Johnson. Each player is fined \$200, with \$150 of the amount suspended. Johnson had been suspended for pitching in a game against the Logan Squares, an "outlaw" team from Chicago.
- (E) grants the Utah-based Inter-Mountain League protection as a Class D league. The circuit, with teams in Boise, Butte, Helena and Salt Lake City, had sought to be classified as a Class C organization, but the commission decides that the league's population base does not warrant it.
- (F) awards the contract of second baseman Otto Vogel to the Rock Island Islanders of the Three-I League. Coming off a season where he hit a robust .120 (13-for-108) splitting time between Terre Haute and Memphis, Vogel will respond to his new surroundings hitting .227 with 11 doubles, six triples and one home run.

**Johnson, Blankenship, Freeman Reinstated**