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TV, Nicaragua, Brooks, Robin & Scholarships

New York, N.Y. -- With the departure of the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants to the West Coast for the 1958 season, the Philadelphia Phillies reach an agreement with New York television station WOR to televise 78 games into the "Big Apple" which will be without National League baseball for the first time since the senior circuit was formed in 1876 ... WOR, which had previously carried Dodger games, agrees to air 58 Phillies home games and 20 road contests, including 43 night games.

Station in New York Will Televise Phillies

New York (AP)—Television station WOR, which formerly carried games of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Tuesday announced it will telecast 78 games of the Philadelphia Phillies this season.

The Phillies' TV schedule will open April 15 with a road game at Cincinnati. The station will televise 58 home and 20 road contests, including 43 night games.

AFTERMATH: Jilted Dodger and Giants fans suffer through a 69-85 season and the first of four-straight last-place finishes by the Phillies.

Louisville, Ky. -- The Louisville Colonels announce that they will open their spring training March 15 in Plant City, Florida, instead of Nicaragua as anticipated ... the Nicaraguan government advises Louisville general manager Paul Campbell that details cannot be worked out.

AFTERMATH: Del Wilber's Colonels react to their lack of an anticipated Caribbean pre-season by finishing last in an eight-team American Association with a 56-95 mark.

Philadelphia, Pa. -- Coming of a 10-22 mark, Philadelphia Phillies ace pitcher Robin Roberts accepts a pay cut for a second-straight season ... it is reported that Roberts agrees to a \$7,500 cut from his estimated \$50,000 salary ... Phillies club owner Bob Carpenter says that Roberts will get his salary back if he has a good season in 1958.

AFTERMATH: Roberts responds to Carpenter's challenge by going 17-14 with a 3.24 ERA and 21 complete games for a last-place team.

Baltimore, Md. -- Brooks Robinson, the heir apparent to the Baltimore Orioles third base job, signs his contract for the 1958 season.

AFTERMATH: In his first full major league season, the 21-year-old future Hall of Famer will hit .238 in 145 games with 16 doubles, three triples, three home runs and 32 RBIs.

Detroit, Mich. -- The Detroit Tigers announce that they have established baseball scholarships with five Michigan universities ... calling it "a bold move to foster co-operation between organized baseball and Michigan colleges," the Tigers reach agreements with Michigan, Michigan State, Western Michigan, Detroit and Wayne State.

AFTERMATH: No immediate response from the NCAA or from Eastern Michigan whose Eagles are coming off a disappointing 5-6 season.