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WASHINGTON, D. C.—All the hangups regarding Curt Flood's future in baseball have been resolved. Bob Short has his man, Flood has signed a contract with the Senators for an estimated \$110,000 and the controversial outfielder will desert his Scandinavian life for the last few days of the Florida Instructional League.

The Phillies, who obviously figured Flood was on their restricted list forever, received Gene Martin, Jeff Terpko and Greg Goossen from the Senators after Commissioner Bowie Kuhn approved the transaction.

Flood signed a conditional contract, including the reserve clause, with the provision that neither side be prejudiced in the case. Flood, through attorney Arthur Goldberg, is appealing a federal district

court ruling against his suit challenging baseball's reserve system.

The Senators hardly will miss the players they gave up for Flood. Goossen is a spare outfielder who was picked up from the Brewers' organization in the second half of the season. He had 20 hits in 85 times at bat for a .241 average and was not going to be protected by the Senators.

Martin Disappointed Ted

Terpko is a righthanded pitcher who was 6-10 with Pittsfield in the Eastern League.

Martin hit 28 home runs for Senator farm clubs last year, 11 at Pittsfield and 17 at Denver in the American Association. Ted Williams liked the Vietnam vet's swing the first time he saw him, but became disenchanted in Gene's second spring training with the

Washington club.

Flood and Short came to terms in New York on election day. Short left immediately in his Lear jet for his home in Edina, Minn., to vote, presumably for Hubert Humphrey and a straight Democratic ticket. Flood left shortly after to close his affairs in Copenhagen.

Flood plans to return within a week to St. Petersburg and work the last few days with the Senators' team in the instructional league. If a coach is available, Flood may linger to continue his workouts.

In his four months in Copenhagen Flood said he has been cycling to keep in shape and does not think the layoff of a full season will hurt him. "We lay off four months anyway," he said. "What's the difference between being inactive four months and a year?"

Flood said his refusal to sign with the Phils and his slavery charges against baseball came at a time when he was mentally tired and disgusted. "I was fatigued mentally and physically," he said.

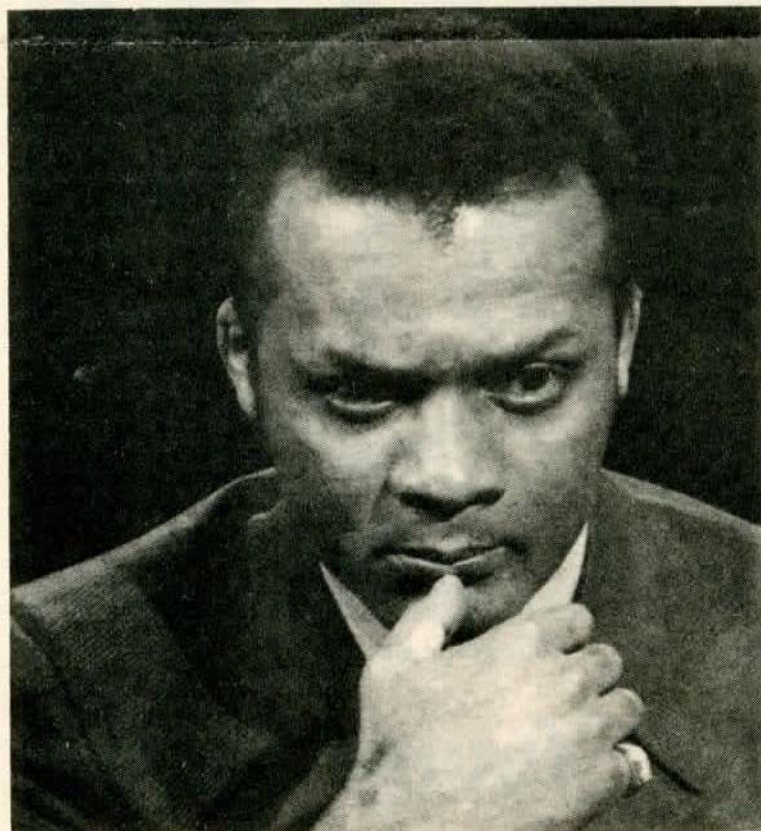
Not Collecting Characters

Short, who resents the charges that he is compiling a team of characters in Denny McLain and Flood, had his eyes on both for almost a year and, within a month, now has signed both.

The Tigers played tougher to get with McLain than the Phils did with Flood.

Short is confident that Williams can handle McLain and Flood in stride, and both of the Senators' new players have expressed a desire to play for Ted.

Flood said before signing that he had financial problems, such as alimony and the support of five children. He spoke of the advantages of life in Copenhagen, where he has been pursuing his art career, but the disadvantages included the lack of an income. He hopes to make a dent in his bills when his book is published, hopefully in time for the Christmas sales.



Curt Flood . . . Another Catch by Senators' Bob Short.