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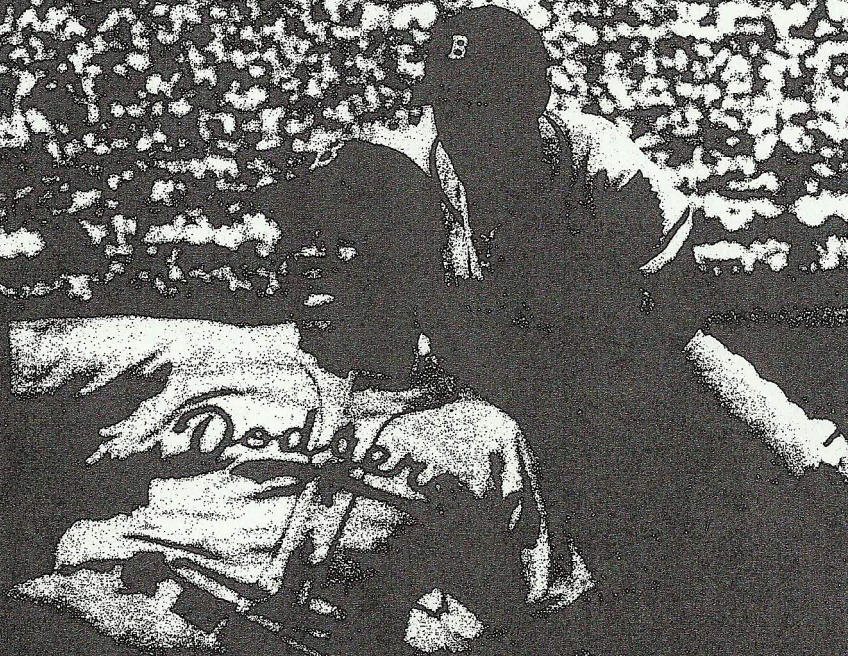
Jackie Robinson

Sixty-five years ago, an African-American took the field in a Major League Baseball game, paving the way for the civil rights movement and America's first black president

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Robinson slides
back to first base
during a game
against the Boston
Braves in 1948.



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