

Thurs. Apr. 4 - '74

*For Hammerin' Henry Aaron - number 714 -
first crack out of the box. The Atlanta slugger -
blasting a homer today in Cincinnati, his first time
up - in the first inning - in the first game of the new
baseball season; thereby tying the immortal Babe Ruth
- as champion home run hitter of all time.*

*From the fans - a tremendous ovation; followed
by another - when the ball was returned by an umpire.
And then the personal congratulations of Vice President
Gerald Ford - who had earlier thrown out the first ball.
"Good luck for seven hundred and fifteen and many more."
said he. Adding: "it's a great day for you - and a
great day for baseball."*