



(By F. M. Davis for ANP)

Color Line On Owens

Chicago, Jan. 16—Sepia scribes are not the only ones rising in indignation at the failure for two years straight of the Sullivan Award committee to honor Jesse Owens. Several of the white sports writers are up in arms over this snub administered by the Amateur Union, seeing in it the drawing of this nation's infamous color line.

One of the most outspoken critics of the selection of Glenn Morris over the Buckeye Bullet was Shirley Povich, sports editor of the Washington Post. In his daily column, entitled "This Morning," Mr. Povich had this to say last week:

"The Sullivan award is based, according to the A. A. U. people on an athlete's performance, his sportsmanship and example to American youth. With Owen's performance, the greatest individual display of athletic ability in history perhaps, there could be no quarrel. And if his performance also was not a shining example to American youth, then I forgot the meaning of the word."

"And if Owens' frankness in not choosing to run in the Scandinavian countries after the Olympics was not at least sporting, then the A. A. U. people can have it their own way."

"Yes, Owens apparently qualified in everything but skin pigments. No Negro ever had been voted the Sullivan Medal and the accident of birth which governed the color of Owens' epidermis was probably duly noted by the A. A. U. which, with an utter lack of sportsmanship, handed down the sportsmanship award."

Thanks, Mr. Povich.

As a matter of fact, Jesse should have been honored in 1935. Nobody in track history ever accomplished the amazing feat of running 100 yards in 9.4 seconds, 200 yards in 20.3, the 220 yard low hurdles in 22.6 seconds and broad jumping 26 feet 8 inches the same day until Jesse did it in the spring of 1935. But he missed the Sullivan award because—so the A. A. U. explained—he was drawing a salary as page boy for the Ohio State legislature when he was not on the job every day. White amateur athletes have been doing more than that for years with nothing said, but of course they were the same color as A. A. U. officials.

Undaunted, Owens went on last year to outrun and outjump everybody competing against him and established a new world's record twice for the 100 meters of 10.2 seconds. The first was taken from him because the track was three-fifths of an inch short, the second made in Berlin was tossed out because he was supposedly aided by a tailwind. Officials ignored the fact that this baby breeze was not sufficient to offset the slowness of a muddy track. However, Jesse then broke world's record for 200 meters around a turn as well as the Olympic broad jump record and had a hand in cracking the world's 400 meter relay record. He came back to America with four gold medals to Morris' one and the best record ever hung up by an athlete in the international games.

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COACH SOLEM LEAVING IOWA

Coach Ossie Solem of Iowa University is slated to leave his post shortly to accept a similar place at Syracuse university. While he is no doubt getting a more lucrative offer at the latter school, it became evident during the past season that a change was inevitable.

The success of a football coach is determined by his ability to produce winning teams. And while Coach Solem is a fine gentleman, his average here has not been good. Without attempting to assign reason the fact remains that this is true.

Under his administration, Iowa has had some fine Negro players. He was broad enough to give them the opportunity—a thing some coaches even in the Big Ten have not done.

Just who his successor will be we will not attempt to guess, but whoever it is, it is hoped that he will be no less a sport than Solem was. Whoever comes will find an Negro captain of the team for 1937 and if he has had no previous experience with Negro players fortunately he will find in this captain the highest type of man and sportsmanship and in the boys who selected him, white men have shown their confidence in his leadership by giving him their support.

The head coach is Eobus Von Retting, Wilberforce '34, who is now in his third year at the college but in his first as head coach. The Registrar reports that the team men average B with one man ranking as an honor student.

The team this year played three games before a total of 9,000 people, and six games away estimated to have been seen by a total of 15,000 persons. The team is well equipped in uniforms, but needs a stadium and gymnasium.

Alcorn College

Alcorn college tied scoreless four, lost one and won two games this season. Arpley A. Abraham of South Carolina State college, is coach. Passing grade at the college is 70, and each candidate must meet this requirement to become eligible to participate in any extra curricular activity. Fifteen men were withdrawn from the football squad before the season ended, due to poor scholarship. No candidate is ever allowed to participate in any kind of athletic event ill equipped.

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Urban League to Re-Organize Committee of One Hundred

New York, Jan. 16 (ANP)—Re-organization of the Committee of One Hundred for Negro workers was announced this week by the National Urban League. Raymond Pace Alexander, Philadelphia lawyer, will serve as national chairman and Robert S. Abbot of Chicago, chairman of the original committee, will be honorary chairman.

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West Virginia State

The West Virginia State team is the undefeated squad of the year—won seven and tied once, according to J. Wendell Smith. The team travelled 2,730 miles and 19,500 people saw their games. Starring players were Capt. Knute Burroughs, guard, senior; William Jackson, guard, senior; Purvis Bates, end, junior; Isaiah Israel, center, junior; Earl Carter, guard, senior; Vasco Hale, end; freshman; Edward Corbin, tackle, freshman; Floyd Meadows, quarterback, senior; Roderick Price, halfback, senior; Richard Burton, halfback, junior; Will Robinson, quarterback, senior; Marvin Richardson, halfback, senior; Normal Watson, halfback, senior.

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E. L. B.—Where is my son. He went to school Wednesday and has not come home. I am worried most to death.

Ans: Your son is visiting with friends and will return during the coming week end. Child-like he did not think you would be worried over his absence and neglected to inform you of his plans.

D. B.—Does the boy I am now going with mean me any good? Will I ever marry?

Ans: "Charlie" is a very honest and industrious young man. He is very much in love with you and has only your best interest at heart. His chief aim in life is to make his wife. He will do this anytime you lead him to believe that this arrangement would be agreeable to you.

Three Babes Die in Fire at Their Home

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 16 (ANP)—While their mother, Mrs. Helen Banks, was visiting a neighbor and the father, Buster Banks, a truck driver, was at work, the couple's three children were burned to death this week when fire destroyed the one-story frame house in Richmond Heights, in which they lived. The children, Ruth Helen, 3, and her twin sisters, Jeanette and Janet, 18 months, had been left in the care of their four-year-old brother, Daniel.

Firemen said Daniel told them he had used a wooden stick to poke a fire in the heating stove and then placed it beside a table covered with oil cloth. The burning stick ignited the cloth and the boy frightened, ran to the home of a neighbor. By the time the alarm was spread and street workers in the neighborhood were summoned, the house was completely on fire, making it impossible for them to enter.

A. L.—Will I get a settlement or anything from this land and will this attorney here do to be trusted?

Ans: It will be necessary for you to place your business in the hands of an attorney in order to get a settlement. Due to the fact that you are holding the DEEDS AND TITLES to this property there should be no difficulty in getting it adjusted.

L. H.—I have two boy friends that come to see me all the time but the one I care for doesn't come but once or twice a month. Am I doing right by holding these two regular boy friends off and wait for the one I love?

Ans: No you are doing wrong, as marriage with either of the two friends you don't like would prove an unhappy venture. Although, the RAILROAD MAN that visits you only once or twice a month is not interested in getting married.

C. H.—I am 30 years old and I feel that I am very talented in singing and would like your opinion whether I should carry out my plans and go to a larger city and try my luck?

Ans: There is no question about your not being talented as it has been proven you have a MELODIOUS VOICE, but unless you have enough money to live on for a few months you had best wait another year. I suggest Cincinnati as a good city to try for an audition and it isn't very far from your home town.

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Paroled for Christmas Loses Foot Hobbles Back to Prison

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Jan. 16 (ANP)—Esau Johnson, 25, was one of the 454 convicts placed on probation and given a Christmas parole in a "man to man" agreement with Governor Bibb Graves. Johnson kept his word, but his Christmas holiday cost him a foot. Doctors amputated it after he had been hurt on a freight train enroute home, and infection had set in.

Before going to the hospital Johnson phoned Sheriff Shamblin, asking him to notify officials at Speightner prison of his accident, and that he'd be a "little late getting back to the prison." Three of the 128 long termers receiving the Governor's holiday paroles failed to return to Kilby prison at Montgomery. The total number of 454 Christmas parolees throughout the state who did not keep their promises to the Governor will not be known until after a check-up of Alabama's four prisons and 12 road camps.

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