

# Negroes Great Sport Figures-Russian

## Negro Athletes Should Be Pushed For Glory Of Nation

BY CHATWOOD HALL

MOSCOW (ANP) — American Negroes are among the world's top-ranking sports figures, according to my recent conversations with Russian sport writers.

Their express amazement at America's attitude toward them and the desire to push them upward, instead of being discriminated against, they say, America should push them forward for the glory of the nation. That is Russia's policy, the utilization of her citizen's achievements to glorify the nation and themselves.

Sports circles here expressed keen interests in the recent announcement that Jackie Robinson had been signed to play major league baseball by the Brooklyn Dodgers. They characterize such a step as a progressive victory in America's struggle against racial discrimination.

American Negro delegates to the recent world conference of democratic youth in London and the International Students Congress in Prague, Czechoslovakia, are visiting here as guests of a Soviet Anti-Fascist Youth Committee.

## BEATING THE GUN

BY ALVIN MOSES

MELTIN' POT  
NEW YORK (ANP) — Beau Jack and Willie Joyce, one out of George and the other from the Hosier state, Indiana, thriller 15-0, 600 fans who paid around \$70,000 to see them fight 10 rounds in Madison Square Garden, Friday, December 14. Pardon me, dear readers, if I used the word "fight" in the opening sentence. These two brown-skinned gamecocks engaged in the most savage imbroglio these eyes have witnessed since the night we watched Bat Battalino fight Kid Choe in a decade or so ago.

Wish I had a device with me that would have recorded the number of actual punches thrown by those two crowd pleasers. The amazing Beau Jack, after an eight-month hiatus, turned in a mighty neat evening's work to win over the unpredictable master of the left hook from the city of Gary even though the wise guy betters had it doped out the way Frank Forbes, Leonard and company voted the thing 7-3, 7-3, and 7-1 (evens) 2. The rumor that has Beau Jack landing a bit with "John Barleycorn," we haven't confirmed as yet but, say it isn't so, Jack, for that is one opponent (the bottle) you and no other scrapper will ever whip, savvy kedd?

"Unhappy" Chandler, the \$30,000 baseball boss with as much authority (compared to Judge Landis) as Chiang Kai Shek has with Communist China, fizzled again. I for one didn't expect anything savoring of fairness for baseball's problem child status of future Negro players from the ex-governor of the border state — Kentucky. Chandler never had been what you and I call "right" on the color question. Be that what it is, we did think the ex-football star would from the standpoint of political expediency, his own best bet, bring the matter of policy for our players out into the open. He could have driven to cover the forces who have stripped him of all his voting power until he stands as nothing more than a lord-fief office boy or baseball opportunist.

We will continue to fight on the basis of fair play for (a) colored players signed to contract by minor or major league clubs having full support of magnates around the circuit; (b) a fair shake of the dice for Negro League Club Owners in the matter of prices for players taken from their clubs similar to present arrangements with white leagues et al. et al. 1946 does not have to be as dismal for our ball players as some of us think. Of a verity we cannot win our common fights in this connection simply by zuzzing gin in a cocktail lounge with the customary popping off of a few million Negroes' soul to line up sully behind the Birleys, Bostic, Rolfe Wilson, Smiths, Graves, Washingtons, Moses and others, who carry the ball against the opponents in a day in and day out basis. Only in this way can we win in 1946 or in 2046 and — that's all.

N B I will answer questions from readers throughout the country following our 1945 sports summary.

FATHER DIVINE CLAIMS ORIGIN OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (CNS) — "I am the author and the finisher of the atomic energy," claimed Father Divine in a sermon here this week. "I have harnessed it! I say harnessing of it will bring all of the atomic energy into subjection and by it I am bringing out many inventions! That is what I am doing on earth on Heaven today!" he ended enthusiastically.

JACK FAVORITE OVER JOYCE IN FIRST BOUT SINCE ARMY  
NEW YORK (CNS) — Making his start since he was recently honorably discharged from the army, Beau Jack is a 2 to 1 favorite to defeat Willie Joyce this Friday at Madison Square Garden. The lightweight champ meets Joyce for ten rounds.

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## Behind The Play In Sports

BY DON DE LEIGHUR

A. A. U. TAKES NATIONAL TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS TO TEXAS; WILL NEGRO ACES COMPETE?  
New York — From Richmond, Va., we learn that the Amateur Athletic Union has awarded the 1946 men's outdoor track and field championship games to San Antonio, Texas. I think that everybody knows where Texas is. And I'm not presuming in asserting that every body knows what Texas means insofar as Negroes are concerned, that is in connection with interracial affairs such as the national AAU outdoor track and field championship games.

I'll confess, I don't know what will happen next June when the same comes off down in San Antonio, Texas. Maybe the state has finally come around to the point where it will pass a resolution that temporarily Jim Crow laws against Negroes will be lifted for the two or three days the games will be held to allow such Negro stars as Jimmy Herbert, the ex-NYU 600 meters champ; Eddie Conwell, the distance running twins, Maurice and Stan Callender, of NYU, Ed Dugger, the king of the hurdles; Euler Peacock, Clifford Goldstein, the CCNY distance star; James Wilson, the distance walking champion, and other colored aces who have helped make the AAU what it is today, to compete on a basis of equality.

Southern white people do strange things at times. Maybe it isn't bad as it appears. It could have been Alabama or Mississippi instead of Texas. Avery Brundage of Chicago, and the other behind the scenes boys, at the Richmond, Va., confab, might know what's cooking. But we don't.

All we know is that they lynche people in Texas; that they make slacks and white at an open-air plant in the streets; bus's, trains and other public conveyances; that a hungry black can't buy a hamburger at the corner hotdog stand, even if it's raining outside, unless he takes it out with him.

We know that in Texas as in other parts of the South, Negroes are on the bottom rung of everything, and must stay in "their place" if they don't want a rope around their necks or a bullet between their ribs.

Negro stars have done for amateur track and field athletics what they did for boxing and for professional football. Eddie Tolan, the "Midnight Express" from Michigan was world twice as much as an Ed Toppino from New Orleans as a 100 yarder. So was Ralph Metcalfe from Marquette, Big Ed Gordon from Iowa, Ned Gourdin from Harvard, Fritz Pollard from Brown, J. B. Taylor from Penn State, Johnnie Young from Chicago, Buddy Brooks from Illinois, Don Barkdale from UCLA, Mozel Ellerbe from Tuskegee, Herb Thompson from Jersey City, Bill Eikum from Wisconsin, and on down the line. These were some of the Negroes who pulled AAU national championship games out of the red and brought them (the AAU games) world-wide notice and attention.

## Tenn. Meets Texas In 5th Annual Vulcan Bowl Game

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Tennessee State, Champions of Midwest Conference, and generally ranked 6-2 until that time, these two teams are not mush room claimants for national ranking Coach Kean of Tennessee State and Coach Durley of Texas College have consistently produce outstanding teams. Texas Conference Champions in the 1943 Vulcan Bowl Game, 13-10 Tennessee State defeated Tuskegee (Southern Conference Champion) in the 1943 Vulcan Bowl Game.

The post-game sale of tickets reflects both the popularity of their teams and the desire of the public to celebrate their release from war anxieties and restrictions. It is almost a certainty that at game every box and reserve seat will sell.

The interest is further enhanced by the desire to watch in action six outstanding players of all American ability. On the Texas team, Raymond Lewis, Texarkana Sophomore, half back and Yera Smith, Freshman end of Houston will combine their offensive ability and on defense James Meeks, Forth Worth Guard, Freshman, will continue his national line play and will give the kickers plenty of trouble. Tennessee State will offer in competition the veteran combination William Bass, Senior halfback of Pittsburgh and William Smith, Louisville Sophomore End on offense and on defense, Robert Drummond, Sophomore tackle and local Birmingham boy will be a thorn in the Texas offense. Both teams will gamble and throw passes or run from their end zones.

NEW YORK (ANP) — Negro colleges will be included on Yeshiva University's sports program in the future.

During the school's 17th annual dinner at the Astor hotel here last week, it was revealed that Yeshiva's game schedule this winter includes meeting Virginia Union University at the 15th Regimental Army on December 22, and Morian State College at the Oly pi Stadium in Philadelphia on December 27. In addition to basketball games with the two southern schools, officials of the Jewish school disclosed that a western Negro College will also be included on Yeshiva's 1945-46 basketball schedule.



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## WILLIE JOYCE AIMING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK (CNS) — Willie Joyce is a man with one purpose these days. Despite the \$500,000 he has drawn for six months of the year, Joyce now has his eye on one thing — the lightweight championship.

Whether he has to battle Montgomery's N. Y. crown or Ike Williams' NBA title is immaterial. The main thing is to get the championship and clean up the thronom dispute.

Joyce's manager, Lou Gross, has been negotiating for a Williams match in Chicago Stadium. According to Gross, Charles Schuster who owns Joyce's contract is willing to guarantee only \$20,000 whereas Ike's manager Connie McCarty has been asking for \$30,000. Montgomery, recently discharged from the Army, is expected to make his first tuneup effort in February at New Orleans.

## HOW TO RANK WITH KINGS

By William Henry Huff for ANP

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