

Beating The Gun

BY AL MOSES

A DISCUSSION

NEW YORK (ANP) — JUST TAKE ANY SUBJECT AT RANDOM and you'll find an outraged group who clings to this or that sport immortal descending upon your neck should you neglect to mention his name.

In Ebony magazine's August issue, some 38 reporters, called the nation's top authorities on sports, voted into office these athletes as the 10 best of African blood: Jesse Owens, Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson, Satchel Paige, Sam Langford, Henry "Hank" Armstrong, Joe (Old Master) Gans, Harrison "Bones" Dillard, Fred (Fritz) Pollard and Jack Johnson in that order of greatness.

JUST FOR COMPARISON'S SAKE

Rarely does an athlete assume "all time" ranking in the matter of a few brief seasons. In the Ebony poll it should be noted that six of the 10 men selected enjoyed a fairly long career. There is Jack Johnson who boxed more than a quarter of a century. Then comes Sam Langford, the Nova Scotia wonderman called the "Boston Tar Baby," who was in for almost as long. There is Satchel Paige — who says he was born in 1907, anyway he has been pitching over 20 years. Other athletes named who played the game a long time were the gridiron and track immortal "Fritz" Pollard, Joe Gans, the Baltimore oyster-shuckster, and Joe Louis, who reigned as heavyweight king for 12 years. All the more glory to the modern-day performers named: Owens, Dillard, Robinson, and Armstrong.

The figure 10 is not a flexible one. No matter how you strive to stretch it, the impost remains the same. Just mull over this array of brown-skinned American candidates.

BASEBALL

Cyclone Joe Williams, Jose Mendez, Bruce Peckway, Oliver Marcell, Cannonball Dietz, Reiding, Josh Gibson, Larry Doby, Roy Campanella, Dave Brown, "Jelly" Gardner, Carlos Torriente, Frank Grant, Leroy Grant, "Bingo" DeMoss, "Buck" Leonard, Pete Hill, Chacon, Wartold, Martin Dihigo — pair of white-or-colored ballplayers as an all-around diamond performer, the great Dick Lundy, who reminded me of Boston Red Sox's Joe Judge at his superbustling best; "Bullet" Rogan and Dave Malarcher.

BOXING

Joe Walcott, the "Barbados Bomber" was a name to conjure with. Scoring no more than his modern-day counterpart Ray Robinson. 141

pounds, he faced and held his own with such immortals as Sam Langford, Joe Gans, "Mysterious" Billy Smith, Dixie Kid (with a bullet-shattered hand,) etc. He figured in a Jack, the giant killer, role when he spotted Jack Johnson's conqueror (early in career) Joe Choyinski, some 40 pounds while leaping off the ring canvas to kayo his Polish foe with a savage jaw blow. Then there are Joe Jeanett "The Iron Man"; Sam McVey or "McVea" as the adoring Parisians renamed him; Al Brown, class of the small men; Jack Blackburn, another Sam Langford nemesis who at 138 whipped heavyweights who dared to face him; Peter Jackson, who longed to become an American citizen, (for him a book was written called "Black Prince Peter"); and Kid Chocolate. Also uncrowned kings like Gorilla Jones, Tomlineaux, American Negro slayer who twice stung it out with British Tom Cribb, a great champion, and others.

TRACK

J. B. Taylor, Borison, Howard P. Drew, McKenley, Eulace Peacock, Binga Diamond, Ned Gourdin; first to broadjump 25 feet; Wickware, conqueror of the great Walter Johnson; Sol White, Dr. Charles Drew, Kenny Washington, Woodrow Wilson Strode (all Jack Robinson's UCLA buddies); Chuck Fonville, best in track-history with 16-pound shot; weight-lifter Johnny Davis; catcher "Bizz" Mackey; Bill Yancey, and "Fats" Jenkins, courtiers, are a few of the plush names that suggest themselves to most of us with a telephone list.

PERFORMANCE — NOT IDEALISM

There is no question in my mind but that EBONY screened the creme-de-creme among the experts thus giving its readers a listing that will be talked about all thru the balance of 1949. Idealism, played no part whatsoever in their studied deliberations.

MULLINS RESIDENT IS SHOT TO DEATH

Wilbe Poe of Mullins, S. C. was shot to death by his brother-in-law Arthur Coffin of Mullins.

Wilbe Poe was 21 years of age. Coffin was arrested by the Mullins S. C. Police.

Mr. Poe was shot in his bed about 6 o'clock Sunday morning, July 17. He died a few minutes after he reached the hospital in Mullins.

INDUSTRIALIST SAYS BIAS COSTS 6 BILLION A YEAR

NASHVILLE (ANP) — An estimate that discrimination "would appear to be costing the U. S. economy a minimum of \$6,000,000,000 every 12 months," was made by Joseph J. Morrow, personnel manager of Pitsco-Bowts, Inc., Stamford, Conn., during an address before the sixth annual session of the Race Relations Institute of the American Missionary Association held at Fisk University recently.

Morrow asked: "Why on earth should business concentrate its attention on foreign markets of any and every kind when right under its nose is a tremendous market which needs no expensive, high-pressure selling, but just an opportunity to increase its power to purchase the goods and services it is already willing and anxious to have?"

Charles H. Houston, a NAACP lawyer, in his talk on "Approaching Fair Employment Practices Through the Courts," cited the rapidly growing cooperation between various minority groups in litigation against discrimination.

Dr. Charles Thompson, dean of the graduate school of Howard University, emphasized that "racial integration is possible now in many areas of education in the south and what needs to be done is to facilitate it." He was addressing the seminar on education in the south.

TOP POLICEMAN IN NYC TALKS TO KIWANIS

NEW YORK (ANP) — An audience of 100 shirt-sleeved businessmen, representing the Bronx Kiwanis club, heard Acting Police Captain Emanuel Kline declare last week that "Every home in America must become a sanctuary for good citizens and not, as in many instances, a breeding place for criminals."

Captain Kline, New York's ranking Negro police officer, spoke to the Kiwanians at their regular luncheon meeting Thursday at the organization's con-course plaza headquarters, Francis X. Coleman head of the group, and John A. Serocke, assistant vice president of the National Safety Bank and Trust Company, were among the prominent Bronx leaders present.

HOME IMPORTANT

"If all parents and guardians will faithfully discharge their obligations to their children," Captain Kline said, "we should soon experience a sharp decline in crime. The home is the most important factor in the prevention of juvenile delinquency and crime among the youths."

"This is not a problem for the police alone. It is the problem of the home, church, school and all civil and social organizations and individuals as well. Reformatories do not always reform; penitentiaries seldom produce a penitent. It is for this similar reasons that we of our law enforcement agencies stress crime prevention rather than arrest and punishment for crime."

Kiwanis club officials indicated that Captain Kline was the first Negro to address the members of their organization and, in the weekly "Bronx Kiwanian," the well known police official's picture was prominently displayed on page one.

END CHURCH BIAS

LONDON (ANP) — An end to racial bias in churches was the chief item of discussion at the first meeting of the central committee of the World Council of churches, meeting in Gloucester, Sussex, last week.

FAIRMONT

Augusta Mayor Bans Sale Of Telegram

AUGUSTA, Ga. (ANP) — A good preacher looking out for the safety of his race last week reported an "objectionable" column printed in a Negro paper to the white folks, and the mayor had it banned.

The Telegram, published in Newark, N. J., was taken off the stands after only one issue had been for sale only one day in Augusta because the Rev. Wesley H. Morris, superintendent, Sandersville district, African Methodist Episcopal Church, did not like a section called "Augusta After Dark."

Rev. Morris told Mayor W. D. Jennings the column was "causing trouble" among local Negroes. According to the mayor, the minister said continued circulation of the paper might cause a riot.

George E. Ross had recently acquired a license to distribute the newspaper in the city one day before the reverend's complaint.

According to the minister, the column, "Augusta After Dark," (really a gossip column) hinted that various persons in Augusta had committed "immoral" acts. It did not give names, but it did point out certain blocks on certain streets.

This complaint was made, although numerous gossip columns appear in newspapers both Negro and white, all over the nation.

Thanking the preacher for pointing out the "evils" of the newspaper, the mayor commented:

"I am sure Ross has not perused the paper as he should, or he would not have been circulating it among the decent colored element of Augusta."

A ROOSTER'S LIFE

DETROIT (ANP) — Ever see a rooster without a comb, that didn't strut but ducked and set like a hen? No? Then grab a shot at this:

Science has evolved a way to affect the sex life of a rooster temporarily which will make them act and look like hens. This changing of sex was reported at the national convention of the American Veterinary Medical Association, meeting here last week.

According to F. C. Tucker, veterinarian of Claypool, Ind., roosters can be made as tender and fat as hens for about one month by the use of certain female sex hormones. The administration of the hormones is done about a month before slaughter. Within three weeks, the rooster's comb fades out and it makes like a hen. If given larger doses, it will even stop strutting.

The treated fowls have to be separated from normal roosters, because the effect wears off and they become tough roosters again.

BURNED BABY LOST HAND BUT IMPROVES FAST

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Tiny three-months old Robert Walker, who was burned so severely that one of his hands dropped off, is thriving in Women's Homeopathic hospital, it was disclosed here last week. Robert, the son of Mrs. Sallie Walker, was burned almost to a crisp when only seven days old.

This view was advanced by an American delegate who urged that before the group took action on racial discrimination, the church "should first of all put its own house in order."

At the time he was admitted to the hospital, suffering third-degree burns of the face, both hands and arms, he weighed five pounds. He now weighs nine pounds and eight ounces. Physicians amputated his other hand and during the process of skin grafting, gave him over 60,000,000 units of penicillin and crystalicillin. Although the boy was burned dangerously close to his eyes, it is believed that his vision is not altogether impaired.

PERSONALS

Miss Lula Mae Stewart and Miss Elizabeth Wittingham were delegates at the First Baptist Church of Fairmont, North Carolina the 5th Sunday of May.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Floyd, Jr., of Orrum spent the week end at the beach and their guests were Mrs. Ethor Jones, Mrs. Zulio Mae Walters, and Eric Ashley all of Womberton. The group enjoyed their trip.

Mrs. H. A. Strickland of Orrum, was a delegate to the Missionary Baptist Convention in Raleigh, N. C. July 12-13. The convention was held at Shaw University.

Mrs. Etta Bells of Lakeview, S. C. was a visitor at St. Stephens Church Sunday, July 17. Mrs. Bells had quite a reunion with her father, E. D. Washington and her sister, Mrs. Walter Todds of Orrum.

Mrs. Bells is the secretary of the Little Zion Church of Lakeview, S. C. Mrs. Bells really enjoyed being at home with her friends and expressed such an enjoyment through a request for prayer.

Mrs. Quessie Nance and Mrs. Viola Southern entertained the Woman's Federation Club of Fairmont, North Carolina at Mrs. Nance's Home on July 3. The club was entertained on Mrs. Nance's beautiful lawn which was decorated with plaid of all colors.

Miss Emma Nowkirk of Wilmington is visiting Mrs. Lillie McKay, Route 1, Fairmont.

GOES TO HAITI

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro women, took off by plane last week for a two-week rest trip to Haiti as guest of the latter government.

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