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AND AS AN 18-YEAR-OLD IN 1933, HE WON THE CITY OF CLEVELAND CHAMPIONSHIP 100 YARD DASH -- IN 9.4 SECONDS -- // TYING THE WORLD RECORD WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL. //

JESSE OWENS BURST ONTO THE WORLD SCENE IN 1936. THE BERLIN OLYMPICS -- HITLER'S OLYMPIC GAMES, THE LAST OLYMPICS BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

THE BERLIN GAMES WERE TO BE THE SHOWCASE OF HITLER'S THEORIES ON THE SUPERIORITY OF THE MASTER RACE -- UNTIL A 23-YEAR-OLD NAMED JESSE OWENS DASHED TO VICTORY IN THE 100, THE 200 AND THE 400 METER RELAY. // IT WAS AN UNRIVALED ATHLETIC TRIUMPH -- BUT MORE THAN THAT: IT WAS A TRIUMPH FOR ALL HUMANITY. //

JESSE OWENS RETURNED TO THIS NATION A HERO. A HOUSEHOLD NAME -- THE FASTEST MAN ON EARTH. //

BUT IT'S WHAT HE DID AFTER THE SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE AT THE BERLIN GAMES THAT EARNED HIM THE ENDURING GRATITUDE OF ALL AMERICANS. JESSE OWENS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO UPHOLDING THE OLYMPIC IDEAL OF SPORTSMANSHIP -- AND THE AMERICAN IDEALS OF FAIR PLAY, HARD WORK AND OPEN COMPETITION. //

[[I KNOW JESSE'S FRIEND AND FELLOW CLEVELANDER HARRISON DILLARD IS HERE TODAY. IN 1941, AT THE OHIO STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP, HARRISON'S IDOL, JESSE OWENS, GAVE HIM A NEW PAIR OF TRACK SHOES.

THAT DAY, HARRISON DILLARD WON TWO STATE TITLES IN THOSE NEW SHOES. 7 YEARS LATER, HE BROUGHT HOME THE GOLD MEDAL AT THE 1948 OLYMPICS -- IN JESSE'S EVENT, THE 100 METER DASH -- IN THE FIRST GAMES SINCE BERLIN.]]

JESSE'S EXAMPLE AND INFLUENCE EXTENDED TO OLYMPIANS LIKE HARRISON DILLARD -- AND TO ALL OTHER ATHLETES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. //

HE BECAME A SPECIAL AMBASSADOR FOR SPORTS -- A MAN WHO TAUGHT THAT THE IDEALS I JUST MENTIONED WERE THE KEY TO SUCCESS NOT JUST ON THE ATHLETIC FIELD -- BUT IN THE GAME OF LIFE. //

AND THAT LEGACY LIVES TODAY. THROUGH THE JESSE OWENS GAMES -- A "PLAYGROUND OLYMPICS" OPEN TO KIDS FROM 8 TO 15 YEARS OLD ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THROUGH THE JESSE OWENS INTERNATIONAL TROPHY AWARD, PRESENTED EACH YEAR TO THE BEST AMATEUR ATHLETE IN AMERICA. //

AND OF COURSE, THROUGH THE JESSE OWENS FOUNDATION, WHICH ENABLES TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD COLLEGE TO FULFILL THAT DREAM AND GET THAT DEGREE. AND I KNOW IT IS A POINT OF PRIDE TO RUTH OWENS THAT THE JESSE OWENS SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, CREED, OR COLOR. //

IT'S THAT LEGACY WE CELEBRATE TODAY. WE REMEMBER JESSE OWENS NOT ONLY AS THE FIRST ATHLETE IN OLYMPIC HISTORY TO WIN FOUR GOLD MEDALS. //

TODAY -- 10 YEARS SINCE THE PASSING OF THIS GREAT HERO -- IT'S MY HONOR TO ADD TO JESSE OWENS' COLLECTION A 5TH GOLD MEDAL. THIS ONE -- AS RUTH OWENS SAID ON CAPITOL HILL -- "FOR HIS HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE RACE OF LIFE." //

MRS. OWENS, IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT -- IN HONOR OF YOUR LATE HUSBAND AND HIS LASTING ACHIEVEMENTS -- I PRESENT TO YOU THE JESSE OWENS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

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Symphony by a chorus of fifteen hundred voices singing Schiller's "Ode to Joy," as had been requested by Baron de Coubertin. The picture presented by thousands of dancers swirling on the greensward in the intertwined circles of the Olympic insigne was one of breathtaking delight.

But when the actual competition began the next day it did not take long for trouble to develop—not on the field but in the political realm. Another capacity crowd filled the stadium for the undramatic preliminary rounds in some events in the morning and remained to see the first track and field titles decided in the afternoon. On this day came the disputed "snubbing" of the great American black athlete Jesse Owens, the outstanding single performer of the games. It is a story worth telling in some detail because of the furor created at the time and the continuing misunderstanding resulting therefrom. It is an outstanding example of the type of myth fostered by excess emotionalism.

Never before had so violent an international controversy preceded the games. Never had the national spirit of the host nation been so aroused. Never had there been so great a crowd at the opening day of competition.

In all the history of the Olympic games, no German athlete had ever won a championship track and field. Picture, then, the scene as on this opening day, every seat taken and thousands standing, the leader of a blazing German nationalism occupying the loge of honor as patron of the games. A German athlete, Hans Woellke by name, smashed the Olympic record on his second toss in the shot-put and won not only the first title of the 1936 Olympic games but the first championship in track and field ever won by a German. To add to the excitement, a countryman, Gerhard Stoeck, finished third. When the first victory flags were raised to the tops of the victory poles, two of the three bore the Nazi swastika. The excitement of the massed Germans knew no bounds, and Adolf Hitler was no exception to the feeling of elation. An agitated official escorted the two German athletes to the loge of honor and the crowd roared as Hitler gave a personal greeting to the new German heroes.

The next final was that of the 10,000 meters, with a clean sweep for three long-winded Finns, and they, too, were escorted to the loge of honor. Still later German national spirits soared to new heights when two German girls, Tilly Fleischer and Luise Kruger, surpassed the accomplishments of their masculine compatriots by finishing first and second in the javelin throw. They, too, were greeted by the Führer, who by this time had long overstayed his intended time.

There were other events in progress, but only one more final on this, the first day—the high jump. It was going on and on, as the high jump does. The last German had been eliminated and it was getting dark and Hitler had not intended to stay so long anyway, so he departed.

As it turned out, long after Hitler had departed the championship in the high jump was won by an American, Cornelius Johnson, a black. In fact, the first three places went to the United States, and the runner-up, Albritton, was also a black. It was the first triple victory in the 1936 Olympic games.

Scarcely had the last notes of "The Star-Spangled Banner" faded into the sunset than the controversy started.

~~Hitler had shaken hands with the first three champions of the 1936~~

Olympic games—two of them Germans—but he had not congratulated the day's only other winner, who was an American, and a black at that!

Count Henri de Baillet Latour, president of the International Olympic Committee, may or may not have been conscious of the probability that Hitler's racial attitude might be involved, but he was very much aware that, in the excitement of the first day's victories, something in the way of a precedent might have been set. He sent word to Hitler, reminded him that as patron of the games he was a guest of honor, nothing more, and informed him that unless he was prepared to be on hand every day and congratulate every winner, he should refrain from publicly congratulating any of them. Hitler explained that it was all in the excitement of Germany's first victory and agreed that he would engage in no more public greetings to champions in the loge of honor. He kept his word. There were stories that he congratulated other victors, particularly Germans, but if so, he did it out of sight.

But if anyone was slighted it was not Owens, who didn't win the first of his four gold medals until two days later, but rather Johnson. Still, the fable persists that Hitler refused to shake hands with Owens, though the fact is that he never had the opportunity.

Important? Not very. The name of Jesse Owens is hammered deep in bronze, embedded in the stone Marathon Gate of the Berlin stadium, and it appears there more often, even than that of Hitler. The feats of Owens were almost without parallel in Olympic history. Certainly no individual ever so completely dominated the scene as did the great sprinter. He won three individual events and ran a decisive lap on a winning relay team, thus taking home four first-place medals—and four of the tiny potted German oak trees that the Organizing Committee had provided the winners as living memorials of their victories. He broke the Olympic and world record in the 100 meters, though it was disallowed because of a following wind; he set a new Olympic and world record for 200 meters around a turn; he broad-jumped over 26 feet for the first time in Olympic history—another record; and the 400 meter relay team of which he was a member set a new Olympic and world record for the distance.

There were numerous outstanding performances in track and field. Glenn Morris of the United States, winning the decathlon, displayed the ultimate in all-around ability. Most spectacular, both in its actual running and in the quality of the performance, was the 1,500 meter victory of Dr. Jack Lovelock of New Zealand, who smashed the Olympic and world records with a breathtaking sprint of almost a full lap of the 400 meter track as a climax. The Finns again displayed mastery in the distance events, and the historic marathon was won by a representative of Japan, who was in fact a Korean, as was his teammate, who finished in third place. Helen Stephens, a most phenomenal sprinter, spread-eagled the field in the women's 100 meters and anchored the winning 400 meter relay team.

Victories in the games were more widely distributed than ever. Argentina won the polo title, India won field hockey, Italy took yachting, fencing, and arts honors, Great Britain won the walking championship and other honors—altogether, representatives of more than thirty of the fifty-odd nations participating won medals. There can be no doubt that to the Egyptians two weight-lifting titles were quite as satisfactory as the great heap

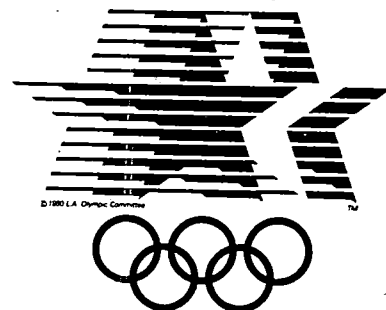
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AN APPROVED

HISTORY

OF THE

**OLYMPIC
GAMES**



1981 EDITION EDITED BY PATRICIA HENRY YEOMANS
SPECIAL EDITION LOS ANGELES OLYMPIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

h 9 1935 ¹⁰ Big Indoor Championships - Chicago
Set World Record:

- 60 yrd. dash

25, 1935 Big 10 Outdoor Champ's - Ann Arbor
Set World Records:

- 220 yrd. dash 20.2 sec.
- 220 low hurdles 22.6 sec.
- Broad jump 26y8¹/₄"
- 100 yrd. dash 9.4 sec.

w/in 45 min.

Record
lasted
25 YEARS!
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 - + 11³/₄" ~~25 yards~~ • Broad jump.
 - 9.4 sec. • 100 yrd dash. (tied)
- } SENIOR

1936 olympics 100m dash
1940 & 1944 WWII (No olympics)

1948 olympics
Dillard won 100m. dash.

J. Owens & Dillard: charter members ^{of 74'} ~~74'~~ Hall of Fame.

" 1976: BLACK Athletes Hall of Fame.

1941

- Dillard came to Ohio State U. (where J.O. was working) to run in the 'State High School Championship.'
- J.O. presented Dillard w/ a new pair of running shoes.
- Dillard won both the High & low hurdles that day in the new shoes.

- Dillard met his idol, Jesse Owens, while in junior high after Owens returned from Berlin. Owens gave tips to the (10 yrs. younger) Dillard.

Olympics • Despite Hitler's racism / white supremacy theories, ~~despite~~ Jesse Owens developed a life-long friendship w/ Lutz Long (German athlete who won the silver in _____)

- Even after being refused by FDR to a White House visit, J. Owens proclaimed: "America has its problems w/ racism; but it's still the greatest ~~place~~ country in the world."

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STATEMENT OF RUTH S. (MRS. JESSE) OWENS
BEFORE THE
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND COINAGE
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON BANKING, FINANCE AND URBAN AFFAIRS
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1988

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT
OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL PROPOSED TO HONOR MY LATE
HUSBAND, JESSE OWENS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK REPRESENTATIVE STOKES AND THE
MANY CO-SPONSORS OF THIS BILL.

SIMPLY BY INTRODUCING THIS BILL IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS,
YOU HAVE HONORED JESSE GREATLY.

WHEN MOST PEOPLE REMEMBER JESSE OWENS, THEY REMEMBER THE
FOUR GOLD MEDALS HE EARNED AT THE 1936 OLYMPICS. BOOKS, FILMS AND
ARTICLES RECALL HIS TRIUMPHS IN BERLIN IN THE 100 METER DASH, IN THE
LONG JUMP, IN THE 200 METER SPRINT, AND IN THE 400 METER RELAY.

HOWEVER, JESSE'S 1936 VICTORIES WERE MORE THAN SUPERB ATHLETIC TRIUMPHS. ONE OF AMERICA'S BLACK SONS USED THE FIELD OF FAIR COMPETITION TO MAKE A LIE OF HITLER AND THE NAZI BELIEFS OF RACIAL SUPERIORITY.

AS WE ALL KNOW, JESSE'S LEGACY IS FAR MORE THAN HIS FEATS AT THE BERLIN OLYMPICS. AFTER 1936, IN EVERYTHING HE DID, JESSE LIVED THE OLYMPIC IDEALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP.

HERE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, JESSE WAS A TIRELESS AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL. JESSE OWENS' LIFE WORK AS A HUMANITARIAN MATCHED HIS EARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A GOLD MEDAL ATHLETE.

JESSE'S SPECIAL CONCERN WAS YOUNG PEOPLE. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, JESSE WORKED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. HE INSPIRED YOUNG PEOPLE AND SERVED AS A ROLE MODEL. HE WANTED EACH YOUNGSTER TO DEVELOP TO HIS OR HER FULLEST POTENTIAL. HE ENCOURAGED YOUNGSTERS TO STRIVE FOR THEIR BEST. HE STRESSED THE VALUES OF FAIR PLAY, SPORTSMANSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP, WHICH HE LEARNED FROM ATHLETICS.

JESSE DID THIS IN MANY WAYS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE WAS AVAILABLE ANYWHERE AND ANYTIME TO SMALL GROUPS OF ORDINARY KIDS. HE SERVED AS A SPECIAL AMBASSADOR FOR SPORTS. HE SERVED WITH THE ILLINOIS YOUTH COMMISSION. HE WORKED WITH OUR U.S. OLYMPIC TEAMS FOR THE GAMES HELD IN LONDON, HELSINKI, MELBOURNE, ROME, TOKYO, MEXICO CITY, MUNICH AND MONTREAL.

JESSE NEVER BECAME MATERIALLY RICH DURING HIS LIFE. TO DO THAT, HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO THINK OF HIMSELF.

INSTEAD, JESSE THOUGHT ONLY OF WHAT HE COULD DO FOR OTHERS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE NEVER MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO GROUPS OF PEOPLE, LARGE OR SMALL.

HIS MESSAGE WAS SIMPLE AND DIRECT. PEOPLE SHOULD HELP EACH OTHER TO REACH THEIR GOALS, REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, OR COLOR. THIS IS THE TRUE SPIRIT OF BOTH THE OLYMPICS AND THE AMERICAN WAY. IT WAS JESSE'S GUIDING LIGHT.

WHEN JESSE DIED IN 1980, HE LEFT A PERMANENT LEGACY OF THE NEED TO CARE FOR OTHER PEOPLE. HIS HUMANITARIAN LEGACY IS NOW CARRIED ON IN COUNTLESS WAYS. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE TWO WITH YOU.

① THE FIRST IS THE JESSE OWENS FOUNDATION. THIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED AFTER JESSE'S DEATH TO CARRY ON JESSE'S LEGACY OF HELPING OTHERS. ONE WAY IN WHICH THE FOUNDATION DOES THIS IS BY AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO ASSIST COLLEGE-BOUND YOUTH. ALSO, THE FOUNDATION, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, SPONSORS THE JESSE OWENS INTERNATIONAL TROPHY AWARD EACH YEAR. THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES THE BEST AMATEUR ATHLETE IN THE WORLD.

② THE SECOND WAY IS THE JESSE OWENS GAMES. EACH YEAR, THE ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY SPONSORS A SERIES OF LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD GAMES FOR YOUNGSTERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHT AND FIFTEEN. THE GAMES REACH OUT TO ORDINARY PLAYGROUND YOUNGSTERS THROUGHOUT THE NATION. THE NATIONAL FINALS HELD IN LOS ANGELES ARE SIMILAR TO THE OLYMPICS. THROUGHOUT THE GAMES, JESSE'S IDEALS OF REACHING FOR ONE'S BEST AND SPORTSMANSHIP ARE STRESSED.

JESSE WAS A GIVING PERSON. BY AWARDING JESSE A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL, YOU WILL RECOGNIZE JESSE FOR MORE THAN HIS OLYMPIC TRIUMPHS. YOU WILL FOREVER ACKNOWLEDGE HIS LIFETIME OF COMMITMENT TO HELPING OTHERS.

JESSE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN THE AMERICAN DREAM. HE ALWAYS TOLD YOUNG PEOPLE THAT, IN AMERICA, ONE CAN DO WHATEVER HE OR SHE WANTS IF YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK HARD FOR IT. I CAN THINK OF NO HIGHER HONOR FOR JESSE THAN THIS PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO, JESSE EARNED FOUR OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS WHILE REPRESENTING OUR COUNTRY AT THE BERLIN OLYMPICS.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION, JESSE WILL EARN HIS FIFTH GOLD MEDAL FOR HIS HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE RACE OF LIFE.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL. I THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF JESSE'S MANY FRIENDS, HIS THREE DAUGHTERS, GLORIA, BEVERLY AND MARLENE, HIS FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD.

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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CONGRESS ADOPTS LEGISLATION TO AWARD CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL IN HONOR OF OLYMPIC HERO JESSE OWENS

Washington, D.C. The House of Representatives today adopted legislation introduced by Congressman Louis Stokes (D-Shaker Heights), H.R. 1270, to award a Congressional Gold Medal posthumously to Olympic hero, Jesse Owens.

Jesse Owens rose to international prominence during the 1936 Berlin Olympics, becoming the first athlete in the history of the games to capture four gold medals. He did so in an atmosphere of political unrest marked by wars abroad and Hitler's "White Supremacy" theory. In the face of racism, Owens, a Black American, captured the hearts of the German spectators, who rose to their feet chanting his name.

Throughout his life, Jesse Owens maintained his commitment to sportsmanship. He travelled widely, speaking on the virtues of fair play and advocating the power of sports to bridge differences between races, classes and cultures.

Congressman Stokes expressed his happiness at today's House action. "Jesse Owens was more than a sports legend, more than a national figure, greater than a hero. He was the embodiment of fair play, perseverance under pressure, and dignity in the face of discrimination and prejudice. He is an individual who is more than deserving of our highest honor -- the Congressional Gold Medal. I am proud to be a part of making this special recognition a reality".

The measure has been referred to the Senate where Senator Howard Metzenbaum is the author of companion legislation.

Individuals Supporting H.R. 1270
To Award Congressional Gold Medal to Jesse Owens

1. Mrs. Ruth Owens -- widow of Jesse Owens and
President of the Jesse Owens Foundation
2. Mr. Chester B. Thomas -- Former teammate of
Jesse Owens
3. Mr. Robert Helmick -- President, United States
Olympic Committee
4. Mr. David D. Albritton -- Former teammate of
Jesse Owens
5. Mr. W. Harrison Dillard -- Former teammate of
Jesse Owens
6. Mr. Carl Lewis -- 1984 and 1988 Olympic Gold
Medalist
7. Mr. Dorian Harewood - Actor; portrayed Jesse Owens
in The Jesse Owens Story
8. Mr. Samuel Devine -- Former teammate of Jesse
Owens
9. Mr. Mal Whitfield -- Former teammate of Jesse Owens

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CO-SPONSORS NEEDED ON H.R. 1270
CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL IN HONOR OF JESSE OWENS

Dear Colleague:

With the onset of the 1988 Olympic Games, it is an opportune time to pay tribute, where tribute is long overdue.

Fifty-one years ago, Jesse Owens became the central figure at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. It was a time of political unrest marked by wars abroad and Adolf Hitler's "White Supremacy" theory. The 11th Olympiad was charged with political, social, and world-altering significance when Jesse Owens, a Black American, entered the oppressive atmosphere of the Olympic Games and stunned the world with his phenomenal performance in track and field events. The German crowd rose to its feet, chanting Owens' name in approval, as he demonstrated his extraordinary athletic ability.

Jesse Owens became the first athlete in Olympic history to win four gold medals. He also set two new Olympic records in track and field and returned to America a hero, welcomed with a ticker-tape parade. Although widely proclaimed as a national hero, Jesse Owens received no phone call from the President, nor was he invited to the White House for official congratulatory remarks.

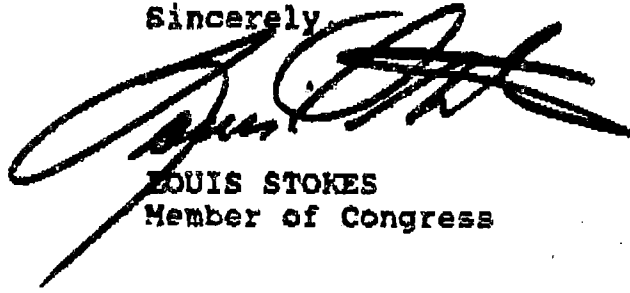
It wasn't until forty years after Berlin that Owens received any formal recognition from his country. President Gerald Ford presented Owens with the Medal of Freedom in 1976. Three years later, President Jimmy Carter presented him the Living Legends award. The City of West Berlin has honored Jesse Owens, by naming the avenue outside the Olympic stadium after him. It is time for Congress to honor Jesse Owens too.

Owens died on March 31, 1980, but his spirit lives on. He was more than a sports legend, more than a national hero: He was the embodiment of fair play, perseverance under pressure, dignity and grace in the face of discrimination and prejudice. President Carter said of Owens, "Perhaps no athlete better symbolized the human struggle against tyranny, poverty and racial bigotry."

In recognition of Owens' contributions, I introduced H.R. 1270 to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to Mrs. Ruth Owens in recognition of the late Jesse Owens' humanitarian contributions to athletics, public service, civil rights, and international goodwill. Additional co-sponsors are needed to move H.R. 1270 through committee. At present, Senator Howard Metzenbaum has introduced a companion bill in the Senate. Please join our effort in paying overdue recognition to this legendary Olympian whose life was dedicated to spreading peace and goodwill throughout the world.

Please contact Joyce Larkin in my office at 5-7032 to add your name as a co-sponsor.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Stokes', is written over the typed name and title.

LOUIS STOKES
Member of Congress

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OPENING STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE FRANK ANNUNZIO
HEARING ON H.R. 1270,
LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL IN HONOR OF JESSE OWENS
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1968

The Subcommittee will now hear testimony on H.R. 1270, legislation authorizing the President to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold medal to Mrs. Jesse Owens in recognition of the late Jesse Owens' athletic achievements and humanitarian contributions to public service, civil rights and international goodwill.

I want to congratulate our distinguished colleague from Ohio, Mr. Stokes, for introducing this legislation and obtaining 229 cosponsors. This is more than the majority of House Members required under the rules of the Banking Committee for consideration of gold medal legislation. I am proud to be one of the cosponsors of this bill.

Jesse Owens is best known for his performance at the 1936 Olympics at which he became the first athlete ever to win four gold medals in a single Olympics. Not only did he win the gold medals, but he did it in front of Adolph Hitler, making a mockery of his Aryan "master race" philosophy.

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Owens was a great athlete. His Olympic times would have won medals through 1964, and his broad jump performance through 1968. In 1935, he turned in what may have been the greatest single performance in the history of track and field. On May 25, 1935, in a 45 minute period, he broke three world records and tied a fourth.

But it is not just for his athletic achievements that we honor Jesse Owens. He was a man about whom President Carter said, "Perhaps no athlete better symbolized the human struggle against tyranny, poverty and racial bigotry."

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The grandson of slaves, he worked as a night elevator operator to pay his way through Ohio State University. Scorned by the Nazis as a member of "America's black auxiliaries" at the Olympics, he lifted American spirits through his achievements, but was forced to ride in the back of the bus upon his return to his native land.

Jesse Owens never lost his dignity. Throughout his life he never gave in to setbacks. He became an inspiration both through the speeches he gave and the example he set. His speeches reflected his creed. "We all have dreams," he said, "but in order to make dreams into reality it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort. These things apply to everyday life."

Jesse Owens lived by what he said. We honor him today with Congress' highest honor. It is woefully inadequate and at least eight years too late. Jesse Owens died in 1980, but his example and his triumph are timeless. The Congressional gold medal is a belated recognition of his great contributions to the world of sports and the American spirit.

March 15, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY
PEGGY DOOLEY

FROM: STEPHANIE BLESSEY *SB*
SUBJECT: VOINOVICH FUNDRAISER

The following is information I gathered on the pre-advance trip to Cincinnati:

BACKGROUND:

Time: originally 6:30, trying to move it to 5:30 (directly after the game).

Format: Toast lectern (not podium)

Guests standing

Cocktails and hot dogs (in the baseball spirit)

Attendance: 700-800 people at \$1000 a person

60-80 people at a mix and mingle before larger reception at \$5000 person

*World's
most expensive
hot dog!*

OF INTEREST:

Sunday before the election VP Bush held a huge rally at square next to hotel. They had confetti bombs and balloon drops. It rivaled the Opening Day parade in festivity and in traffic hassles.

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Attached is an article from the Cincinnati Post that asks the President to visit a hospitalized boy. The advance team is looking into the idea.

The Taft Campaign wanted the fundraiser in the Taft Theater up the street, but they're having it at the Westin Hotel at Fountain Square. Too bad.

CELEBRITIES:

Johnny Bench MIGHT be the MC. He was in a parade with the President during the campaign.

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"Give light and the people will find their own way"

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Wednesday, March 7, 1990

A presidential visit

Whoever is handling President Bush's visit to Cincinnati next month should add a stop at University Hospital to his itinerary.

A patient there — 17-year-old Derrick Turnbow — would be happy to see him.

Bush is coming to town April 2 to lend support to Ohio's Republican candidates for governor and secretary of state, George Voinovich and Robert Taft II. But it would be quite appropriate if the president threw some support Derrick's way, too.

Derrick is a junior honors student at Taft High School, where Bush delivered a speech when he was last in Cincinnati Jan. 12. When Bush referred to the auditorium filled with more than 1,000 students as a "room of success stories," he was

talking about kids like Derrick.

Today, Derrick is in critical condition and paralyzed from the neck down after being shot in the jaw two weeks ago while watching a fight after school. Police say the bullet was intended for a teen-aged drug-dealer who grabbed Derrick and used him as a shield.

Derrick has exhibited the kind of success Bush said he envisions for all of this nation's youths. The young man's tragic injury, however, at the hands of another 17-year-old who dropped out of school, is an unfortunate reminder that we still have a long way to go to reach that goal.

A visit by the president to Derrick's hospital room would inspire Derrick — and all of us — to keep pressing on.

STATEMENT OF
THE HONORABLE LOUIS STOKES
OF OHIO
IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1270

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND COINAGE

HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE

JULY 12, 1988

MR. CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION WHICH I INTRODUCED, H.R. 1270, TO AWARD A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO MRS. RUTH OWENS IN HONOR OF JESSE OWENS. I AM PROUD TO SERVE AS THE AUTHOR OF THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION TO RECOGNIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF A GREAT AMERICAN AND THE GREATEST OLYMPIC HERO IN OUR HISTORY, JESSE OWENS.

THIS HEARING COMES AT A VERY APPROPRIATE TIME; JUST TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE 1988 OLYMPIC GAMES. AS WE SEND OUR CURRENT ATHLETES TO SEOUL, KOREA, IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT WE REMEMBER THE ATHLETES WHO BROUGHT THE GOLD HOME TO AMERICA IN PAST OLYMPIADS. JESSE OWENS WAS ONE OF THOSE ATHLETES.

JESSE OWENS WAS BORN IN ALABAMA, THE SON OF A SHARECROPPER AND GRANDSON OF SLAVES. HIS FAMILY MOVED TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHEN HE WAS NINE YEARS OLD AND JESSE RAN HIS FIRST RACE AT THIRTEEN. HE CONTINUED TO EXCEL IN TRACK AT EAST TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL IN CLEVELAND AND ON TO WORLD RECORDS SET AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF JESSE

OWENS' EARTH-SHATTERING PERFORMANCE AT THE 1936 BERLIN OLYMPICS. THE FACT THAT OWENS CAPTURED FOUR GOLD MEDALS IN THOSE OLYMPIC GAMES, BECOMING THE FIRST ATHLETE TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH A FEAT, IS WORTHY OF REMEMBRANCE. THAT HE DID SO IN HITLER'S BERLIN, IMBUES HIS ACCOMPLISHMENT WITH A SIGNIFICANCE BEYOND "MERELY" ATHLETIC.

ALMOST FIFTY-TWO YEARS AGO JESSE OWENS TRAVELLED TO A GERMANY OVERWHELMED BY HITLER'S THEORIES OF WHITE SUPREMACY. IN THIS ATMOSPHERE, BLACK MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM WERE REFERRED TO AS AMERICA'S "BLACK AUXILIARIES" BY THEIR NAZI HOSTS. IT WAS IN THIS FACE OF RACISM THAT JESSE OWENS, A BLACK AMERICAN, CAPTURED FOUR GOLD MEDALS AND THE IMAGINATION OF THE GERMAN CROWDS, WHO ROSE TO THEIR FEET CHANTING HIS NAME. HITLER STORMED OUT OF THE STADIUM REFUSING TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS PRESENCE OR HIS FEATS. JESSE OWENS' OLYMPIC PERFORMANCE WAS AN ATHLETIC TRIUMPH. IT WAS ALSO A TRIUMPH OF HUMANITY AND OF THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT OVER EVIL.

I WAS ELEVEN YEARS OLD WHEN JESSE OWENS RETURNED TO THE

UNITED STATES FROM THE OLYMPICS. I VIVIDLY RECALL SITTING ON A HORSE WATERING TROUGH AT 69TH STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE IN CLEVELAND AND WATCHING JESSE OWENS RIDE BY AND WAVE TO THE CROWD FROM AN OPEN AUTOMOBILE.

IN 1936 BLACK GHETTO YOUTH SUCH AS MYSELF HAD FEW HEROES TO LOOK UP TO OR ASPIRE TO BE LIKE. IN 1936 THERE WAS ONLY ONE BLACK MEMBER OF CONGRESS, ARTHUR MITCHELL, A DEMOCRAT FROM ILLINOIS.

I CAN RECALL DURING MY YOUTH THAT ALMOST EVERY BLACK FAMILY HAD THREE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEIR HEROES ON THE WALL OF THEIR HOMES. THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE OF PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, JOE LOUIS AND JESSE OWENS.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS WHEN MY FRIENDS AND I WOULD RACE WITH ONE OTHER IN THE STREETS IN AN ATTEMPT TO EMULATE JESSE OWENS AND HOPING TO ONE DAY BECOME, LIKE HIM, AN OLYMPIC STAR. JESSE OWENS WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST. HE SET VERY HIGH STANDARDS FOR US AS WE ATTEMPTED TO JOURNEY DOWN THE ROAD OF LIFE. HE WAS AT ALL TIMES A GENTLEMAN AND CARRIED HIMSELF WITH DIGNITY. HE WAS THE

CONSUMMATE SPORTS HERO -- HE WAS GRACIOUS IN VICTORY.

THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, JESSE OWENS MAINTAINED HIS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SPORTSMANSHIP. HE DEVELOPED AND LENT HIS EXPERTISE TO YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. HE TRAVELLED WIDELY, SPEAKING ON THE VIRTUES OF FAIR PLAY AND ADVOCATING THE POWER OF SPORTS TO BRIDGE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RACES, CLASSES AND CULTURES.

JESSE OWENS DIED IN 1980, BUT HIS SPIRIT LIVES ON. HE WAS MORE THAN A SPORTS LEGEND, MORE THAN A NATIONAL FIGURE, GREATER THAN A HERO. HE WAS THE EMBODIMENT OF FAIR PLAY, PERSEVERANCE UNDER PRESSURE, DIGNITY AND GRACE IN THE FACE OF DISCRIMINATION AND PREJUDICE. AND, I HAVE TO SAY QUITE CANDIDLY, THAT NO MATTER HOW LONG OR DIFFICULT THE RACE WAS, HE ROSE TO THE OCCASION.

MR. CHAIRMAN, JESSE OWENS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN SPORTS, AMERICAN SOCIETY AND AMERICAN HISTORY ARE INVALUABLE. I AM PLEASED THAT SUCH A PANEL OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS HAVE ASSEMBLED TODAY TO REFLECT ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JESSE OWENS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LEGISLATION.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE SPECIAL EFFORTS OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT TODAY. MR. DAVE ALBRITTON, A FORMER UNITED STATES HIGH JUMP CHAMPION, AND A TEAMMATE OF JESSE OWENS AT EAST TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, CONTACTED ME IN 1986 REGARDING THE NEED FOR CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JESSE OWENS. DUE TO RECENT SURGERY, DAVE CANNOT BE PRESENT TODAY TO WITNESS THE SUPPORT FOR HIS GOOD FRIEND AND TEAMMATE. BUT HE WAS KIND ENOUGH TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE RECORDED IN TODAY'S HISTORICAL PROCEEDINGS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE 230 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO HAVE SIGNED ON AS CO-SPONSORS OF H.R. 1270 AND SENATOR HOWARD METZENBAUM WHO HAS INTRODUCED COMPANION LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE. TOGETHER WE ARE RECOGNIZING A GREAT ATHLETE, A GREAT AMERICAN, AND A GREAT HUMAN BEING. I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF MAKING THIS RECOGNITION A REALITY.

AND NOW, MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE THE HONOR AND PLEASURE OF INTRODUCING THE NEXT WITNESS FOR THIS MORNING'S HEARING, MRS. RUTH

OWENS. JESSE AND RUTH OWENS WERE MARRIED FOR ALMOST FIFTY YEARS. SINCE JESSE WAS OFTEN AWAY FROM HOME, FIRST ON ATHLETIC ENDEAVORS, SUCH AS THE 1936 BERLIN GAMES, RUTH STAYED AT HOME TO RAISE THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS -- GLORIA, BEVERLY AND MARLENE. AFTER THEIR CHILDREN WERE RAISED, RUTH ACCOMPANIED JESSE ON MANY OF HIS TRIPS.

SHE SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JESSE OWENS FOUNDATION, A NON-PROFIT, TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION WHICH SEEKS TO PRESERVE JESSE OWENS' UNIQUE LEGACY OF SERVICE TO HUMANITY AT LARGE, AND YOUTH IN PARTICULAR, BY AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO COLLEGE-BOUND YOUNG PEOPLE. THE FOUNDATION ALSO SPONSORS THE JESSE OWENS INTERNATIONAL TROPHY AWARD, WHICH EACH YEAR RECOGNIZES THE OUTSTANDING AMATEUR ATHLETE IN THE WORLD. MR. CHAIRMAN, RUTH OWENS CONTINUES THE HIGH TRADITION SET BY HER HUSBAND, JESSE OWENS. I AM PLEASED THAT SHE COULD BE WITH US TODAY AND IT GIVES ME A GREAT PLEASURE, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO PRESENT THIS DISTINGUISHED LADY TO YOU AND YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS.

McGroarty/Dooley
March 20, 1990
5:30 pm
[OWENS]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: JESSE OWENS GOLD MEDAL PRESENTATION
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
MARCH 28, 1990
xx:00 AM

Mrs. Owens. [Introductory acknowledgements.] Congressman Stokes. Friends and teammates of the legendary Jesse Owens. Welcome, all of you. //

It's my pleasure to welcome you here to the White House, to honor a man who honored this Nation -- as an **Olympic hero**, and an **American hero**, every day of his life. //

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[[I know Jesse's friend and fellow Clevelander Harrison Dillard is here today. In 1941, at the Ohio State High School Track Championship, Harrison's idol, Jesse Owens, gave him a new pair of track shoes. That day, Harrison Dillard won two state titles in those new shoes. 7 years later, he brought home the Gold Medal at the ¹⁹⁴⁸ Olympics, the first Games since Berlin.]]

Jesse's example and influence extended to Olympians like Harrison Dillard -- and to ordinary athletes across the United States. // He became a special ambassador for sports -- a man who taught that ideals I just mentioned were the key to success **not just on the athletic field -- but in the game of life.** //

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Thank you, _____. [ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS]

There is no more important place for me to be right now than with you -- the men and women who guide business and industry as they focus on the best way to help our people with HIV and AIDS. There are many team players in this struggle. The American Red Cross and the United Way. Religious leaders of all persuasions. AIDS service organizations created by volunteers and supporters by hard-working staff, many of them also infected with HIV. And corporations and private foundations that together have given over \$100 million to support literally thousands of AIDS projects.

You make my heart glad. And you make our country proud. Other generations have faced life-threatening medical crises, from the plague to polio. HIV and Aids are our challenge. It is our duty to meet this disease -- not only with medication and education -- but with open-hearted concern and compassion for those affected.

But it is also our duty to make certain that every American understands that HIV and AIDS are preventable diseases. Every American must have the essential information needed to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS. I say HIV and AIDS because it is HIV that causes AIDS. People become infected with the HIV virus long before they develop the symptoms and become sick with AIDS.

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March 18, 1990
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verify As a 17 year old high school senior, he set the ^{National High School} City of Cleveland record in the 100 yard dash -- ^{9.4} x.x seconds -- // and that mark still stands today. [[And just so he doesn't feel overlooked -- there's another gentleman here, a fellow Clevelander and ^{close friend} ~~former Olympic teammate~~ of Jesse Owens, whose high school record in the hurdles still stands: Harrison Dillard. //]]

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Michael Jackson, Associate Director
for Cabinet Affairs, The White House

FROM: Joyce Larkin, Office of Honorable Louis Stokes

DATE: February 5, 1990

SUBJ: Jesse Owens Congressional Gold Medal

Pursuant to our conversation this afternoon, I am forwarding to you background information on the legislation sponsored by Congressman Stokes to award a **Congressional Gold Medal** posthumously to Olympic hero, Jesse Owens.

Included in this material is the list of individuals who testified during congressional hearings on the legislation, or submitted supporting statements for the record; a copy of the "Dear Colleague" letter circulated to Members of Congress which includes **background information on Jesse Owens**; a list of Members of Congress who were co-sponsors of the legislation; and the congressional hearing testimony of Congressman Stokes, Mrs. Ruth Owens, and Representative Frank Annunzio, who served as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage of the House Banking Committee during consideration of the bill.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 21, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND MRS. MARY LASKER
AT CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD CEREMONY

The Rose Garden

2:59 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Welcome, Mrs. Lasker. Mr. Speaker, it's nice to have you back. Distinguished members of Congress -- please to greet Congressmen Early and Conte -- and our other friends who are here. And a very special welcome, Tip, to you, sir.

You've heard me talk about a thousand points of light, a metaphor that I've used to celebrate the extraordinary selflessness of Americans who give so much to the service of others. And we're here today to honor a veritable beacon of light -- a woman who has focused an enormous amount of energy on finding solutions to life-threatening diseases, Mary Lasker.

She's president of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, which she started with her husband in 1942 to encourage medical research and to raise public awareness of major diseases which cripple and kill. Today the Lasker Foundation's Medical Research Award is one of the most prestigious honors in American medicine.

Mary's contribution to medicine -- they've not stopped with the important work of the Lasker Foundation. Dr. Jonas Salk said, "When I think of Mary Lasker, I think of a matchmaker between science and society." Business Week Magazine called her "the fairy godmother of medical research." And she's worked extensively in many diverse causes, from supporting cancer research to preventing heart disease to working with those with cerebral palsy. And believe me, I am only naming a few here. And the list is so long because her good works and tireless efforts are legion.

And I cannot resist a special word of thanks and praise for Mary's leadership here in Washington. Senator Claude Pepper calls Mary the driving force behind the creation of the National Cancer Institute, the first of the National Institutes of Health and of subsequent institutes. Her generosity and association with NIH continues today. Her work in urging legislation to expand federal cancer research culminated in a 1971 bill that made the conquest of cancer a national goal. In 1984, Congress honored Mary Lasker by naming a center for her out at NIH -- the Mary Woodard Lasker Center for Health, Research and Education. Not only is she well-known for advancing medical research, but for her contributions to the arts and for her many public plantings that allow others to share her love of flowers.

Through the Society for a More Beautiful Capital, she's donated extensive plantings in Washington, including over a million daffodil bulbs for Rock Creek Park and Lady Bird Johnson Park.

Mary, your gifts of health and beauty have left the country very much in your debt. In 1987, it was with gratitude and great pride that the United States Congress voted to honor your humanitarian contributions to the areas of medical research and education, urban beautification and the fine arts.

Now it is my pleasure to thank you on behalf of the nation and to present you with this token of our gratitude, the Mary

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Woodard Lasker Congressional Gold Medal. Congratulations.
(Applause.)

MRS. LASKER: Mr. President, thank you is much too small a word to describe this honor. Without your help and that of Congress, no success would be possible. This medal belongs to so many people for the triumph and hope that medical research brought to this country. Mr. President, you know how and why medical research is so important. We look to you now, Mr. President, for leadership in helping to support research at the National Institutes of Health.

Cancer still kills 500,000 people a year in this country -- more people than have been killed in all our wars combined. The strength of our nation depends on the health of our people. This medal recognizes the priority which we must once again place on research. It's good for trade, good for jobs and vital for all Americans.

Medical research is our hope for our children and for the building of a healthy America. Thank you. (Applause.)

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3:06 P.M. EDT

JESSE OWENS



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5. At the Berlin Olympics in 1936, German long-jumper Luz Long defied the Nazi ideology of racism and befriended his rival, Jesse Owens.

6. Owens, the son of sharecroppers, won four gold medals and returned home to a hero's welcome and a tuckertape parade down Broadway.



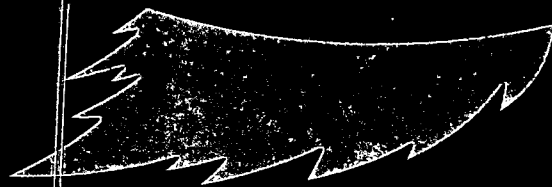
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7. Jesse Owens' celebrity failed to earn him a living, and he was forced to make ends meet by competing against horses, dogs, and motorcycles. He eventually found his place as a "professional good

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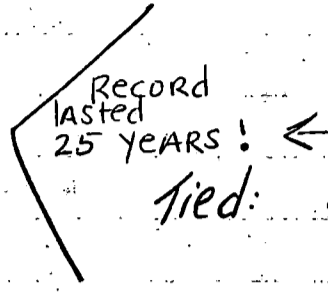
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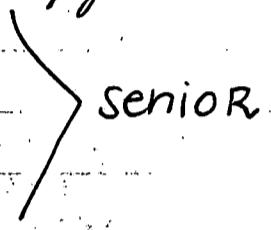
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East Tech. Highschool - Cleveland / graduated 1933

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won 100 m dash

WWII (No olympics)

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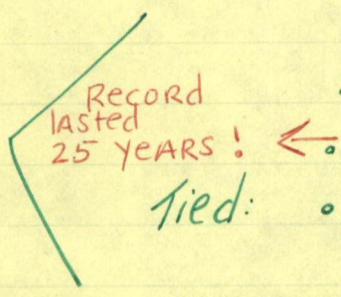
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1948 Dillard brought home the gold medal in the 1948 Olympics, ironically, in the very same event Jesse Owens won in 1936 - The 100 M. Dash.