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Please feel free to add any other comments concerning the proposed boycott: Due to the lack of unity and organization of this proposal, I feel that it would be a useless sacrifice. Moreover, because of my presents at the LA workshop, I have already been refused a Christmas job in LA. The newspapers have distorted the purpose of the boycott. (continue on other side).

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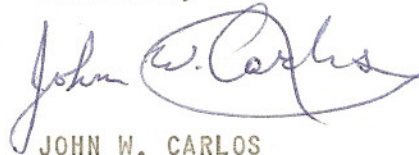
GENTLEMEN:

IN REGARDS TO YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 27, 1967, I HAVE ENCLOSED A
CLIPPING THAT WAS IN THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS THIS PAST SUNDAY.

I WAS INTERVIEWED FOR THIS ARTICLE. I CAN SINCERELY SAY ITS CONTENTS
CLEARLY EXPRESSES MY OPINIONS AND FEELINGS TOWARD A 1968 OLYMPIC BOYCOTT.

YOU CAN DISREGARD ANYTHING THAT DOES NOT PERTAIN TO THE BOYCOTT ITSELF.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John W. Carlos". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "C" at the end.

JOHN W. CARLOS

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Carlos Hits Prejudice

East Texas Sprinter May Join Boycott

By CARLTON STOWERS

John Carlos, East Texas State's premier sprinter, spent Thanksgiving Day in the pine sheltered calm of Commerce, Texas, enjoying holiday relaxation with his wife.

At the same time 50 other top Negro athletes and an estimated 150 members of the Black Youth for Action Committee gathered on the second floor of a Los Angeles Baptist church to discuss the possibility of boycotting the 1968 Olympic Games.

Carlos, the reigning Pan-American Games 200-meter dash champion, had received a letter of invitation to attend the LA meeting but was unable to make the trip. "I had planned to drive out with my wife but things didn't work out," he said.

Still, the possibility loomed strong that the New York native will join the movement should it gather enough steam to prove effective.

"THE MOTIVES behind the boycott idea," says Carlos, "are all right. Today's Negro is using his own mind and realizes he's being mistreated."

Carlos, who enjoyed a highly successful summer as a member of the United States national team, is, along with San Jose State's Tommie Smith and Texas Southern's Jimmy Hines, one of the favorites to represent the U.S. in the 200-meters in Mexico City. In addition to winning the Pan-Am sprint title, he was first in the trials (20.4), won the U.S. vs. Europe meet in Canada in 20.5, and was third in the U.S. vs. Commonwealth meet in California (20.4). He also defeated world 100-meter dash record co-holder Willie Turner in his specialty in Italy, dashng to a 10.2 clocking.

Whether Carlos will become a full-fledged member of the boycott movement depends on the amount of support it receives from the Negro athletes. "If

The outspoken speedster also levied an attack on coaches of the U.S. national teams.

"They're prejudiced. A Randy Matson or a Jim Ryun makes the team and the coaches go up to them before the meets and ask, 'Do you want to throw the discus today, Randy?' or 'What do you think about running the 1,500 meters today, Jim?'. But, if you're a Negro, it's 'You're gonna run this or you're gonna do that'. They don't bother to ask you if you feel up to doing this or that."

"DISCRIMINATION here in Texas has hurt me, personally," says Carlos. "You go out of state to a track meet and you are representing not only your school but the entire state. Yet, you come back and find restaurants that say they don't

serve Negroes . . . you go into a place to shoot a game of pool and they tell you Negroes aren't allowed.

"I could wear an Olympic gold medal around my neck and that still wouldn't entitle me to be served in these places."

One of the sorest spots to the boycotting athletes is the fact that South Africa's Paul Nash was invited to the U.S. last summer to compete in the Compton Relays sprint events. On the other hand, South Africa has an agreement with the AAU that it will not bring athletes to South Africa on tours. "The United States is aware of this," Carlos says, "and they know it's wrong but they just say, 'These are only Negroes so we don't give a damn, we'll just throw out anything and they'll take it.'"

AMONG THE more prominent backers of the boycott are Smith, world 440-yard dash record holder, teammate Lee Evans, the world's No. 2 quartermiler, and UCLA basketball star Lew Alcindor.

"Since Tommie's name has been associated with this movement," says Carlos, "he's received letters addressed to 'Nigger Smith' and 'Black Tom' — that sort of thing. People need to realize he's a human being just like everyone else."

Carlos' decision is still not cemented as to what his personal action will be toward the problem.

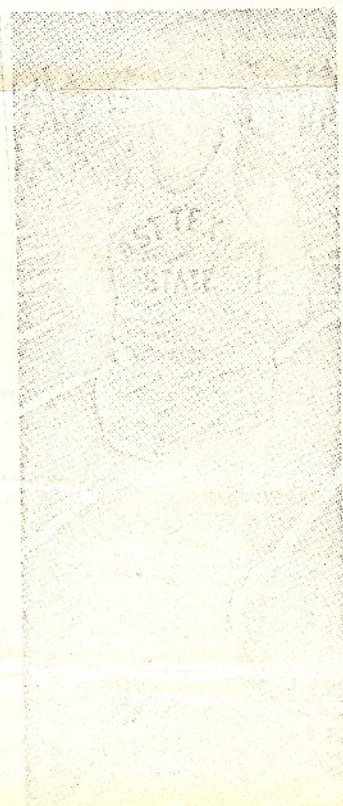
"But," he says, "if I did go to the Olympics and win a gold medal, I don't think I'd be as happy about it, knowing I should have boycotted."

"AFTER ALL, boycotting is a lot better than going out in the streets and rioting."

Prime reasons for the boycott, say officials of the Black Youth Committee, are to aid in the Negroes' quest for equality. Prejudice and discrimination, note leaders of the movement, are at an all-time high.

"You look at it this way," Carlos points out. "Guys on a team go out and run together but you seldom see them party together or room together."

"Some coaches are very prejudiced. A white boy can go out and do something one night and not be called on the carpet; let a Negro do the same thing the next day and he'll find himself in trouble."



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STATEMENT FROM LEE EVANS, SJS TRACK ATHLETE

"I want to make it clear right now that I never said I was mistreated by white athletes. I number them among my very best friends. Athletes at San Jose State are not distinguished by color--we laugh together, attend social functions together, and participate both in actual competition and practice sessions together. We have fine camaraderie on our track team at SJS and have always fought for our successes and records as a unit. The same is true of the national teams I have participated on. Track, in my eyes, is one of the sports where I see no animosity between races. For example: if there were any types of dissention on our relay teams, we couldn't function, let alone break any records. Some of my most happy memories have come while competing with athletes of all colors and nationalities on the field of sport. I want this clear once and for all. I have suffered great anguish because of this misquote and I want my many white friends to know I realize I never was mistreated by ANY athlete."

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Please feel free to add any other comments concerning the proposed boycott: *I missed in 64 I don't wish another very disappointing 4 years with ups & downs and my way who the "A" does he think he is trying to tell me what to do. I am over 21 (continue on other side). I make my own decision*

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To receive his medal, he can stand there proudly, head high, and say "look at me, I am just as much a man as anyone," although not at all times treated as one. From here it is up to the individual to then come back to the United States and use whatever influence he has gained to help suppress many of the prejudices found in the United States.

As far as how Alcindor being in favor of the boycott, I really can't get myself to believe that he would advocate such a program. Mainly because it is my feeling that he is too intelligent to be led by Prof. Edwards, whom to me is quasi Hitler, trying to lead the masses by his militant speeches, that his way is the right way.

No doubt there will be many contradictions and much controversy concerning the fact, but I am of firm convictions that the boycott will not survive. Mainly because there are and will be many Black athletes that can & will think for themselves and realize that they can do more harm to their families, communities and more important than any other, themselves.

Finally I would like to state that if anything should be boycotted, it is many of these big indoor & outdoor meets where you never see any Black officials, timers, or starters. I am sure that there are many qualified and willing, fast great Black athletes that would like to still be a part of track and field, rather than just a spectator. Here is where I feel the Black Athlete is being exploited the most.

Which leaders?

I would boycott if represented by certain leaders of organizations.

Anyone else does?

I definitely plan to boycott the 1968 Olympic regardless of whatever.

COPIES SENT TO: (CHECK ONE)

YES NO (Check one)

Thanking you for your interest.

I am sure that you will be interested in the boycott as it has been suggested in the articles you've seen. We are simply trying to give you an opportunity to express your views on the Black Youth Conference in Los Angeles proposed boycott of the 1968 Olympic Games by US Negro athletes as outlined

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Thank you

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Darnell Mitchell

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If the negro athlete feel it is necessary to take the lead in attempting to solve the social problems of this country they should organize as a body and seek an appointment with the speaker of the house and senate

requesting an opportunity to speak to these groups in Washington during these sessions.

I will do whatever the majority of the Negro athletes decide.

My personal feelings on the social problem for lack of a better name for

the problem is that the negro youth attain more education than my

generation, or any previous generation of negroes, and each succeeding

generation go on to the highest possible level of education the can.

Communicate with the rest of society for better understanding and

black/white will not be a question, but the question will be one

of ability, not color.

No legislation can make people like other people.

Boycotting the olympics will only hurt the athlete who boycotts. There

will always be the feeling of "I could have did it better", whether true

or not, and hell never know

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am an American. For me or others to say that we will not run in the 1968 Olympics will not be helping the cause of the Negro's. I foreone **FIELD** that if we do boycott the 1968 Olympics it will be more of a fall back as far as the Negro's in the United States are concerned. **D.A.** May God be with every athlete so that he will make a wise decision.

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Dave Smith: (in answer to questionnaire) check plans to compete

I will definitely try to compete, providing of course that I can make the Olympic team. I feel the Olympics are an individual rather than a group effort and we should compete in them as individuals ~~than~~

No one person should ~~speaks~~ try to speak for a group of people. I can see their (the boycott leaders') point. But there are two fields where negroes can really excel--entertainment and athletics. If you have a chance to do well, you should exploit it.

~~I'm wondering if Harry Edwards has brainwashed Tommie. Some athletes think he has swayed Tommie to his way of thinking. Others think they are doing this just for publicity.~~

Willie Turner

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STATEMENT ON BOYCOTTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES
From Lloyd "Bud" Winter
SJS Track Coach

"In answer to the question as to how I feel about Tommie Smith's statement that there is 'a good chance that Negro athletes may boycott the 1968 Olympic Games,' I wish to state as follows:

First, I want to say that Tommie Smith has been one of the greatest champions of all time, not only with his athletic performances but because he has always conducted himself as an ideal champion. He has been loyal, he has been a fine team man, he has always said the right and gracious thing and in general has worn the crown well.

You can't blame him for trying to help his race. A victory over hate and bigotry would be even more important than winning the Olympic Games. As I ponder this, I thought that maybe we should consider not what the public thinks about it but what God thinks. It is self evident that the course that best fosters the brotherhood of man is the one to follow. The question then becomes, 'What is the best method of achieving this end?'

Maybe boycotting the Olympic Games is one of the few remaining peaceful methods of pricking the public's conscience to act immediately for racial equality.

However, I have always thought of the Olympic Games as the one common ground on which the nations and peoples of the world could get together. I thought the one movement that epitomized the brotherhood of man was the Olympic movement which emphasized these ideals.

If you could have seen the youth of the world, from both sides of the Iron Curtain, arm in arm, singing, "Auld Lang Syne", at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, you too, would believe that many of the world's hates and problems could be resolved on the playing field of sport.

I spent most of this summer working in the black country of Jamaica, assisting with a program of sports to combat juvenile delinquency and build up their Olympic effort. We worked in the cities, out in the jungle, and even in the prisons. So you see, in a way, I am dedicated to using sports, not boycotting them to assist the youth of the land and to foster the brotherhood of man.

Tommie Smith and Lee Evans, two of the greatest Negro athletes in history, have only said that they may follow Negro leaders suggestions that they boycott the Olympic Games.

I pray that the United States can clear up the problems of racial inequality in the next ten months and that they (Tommie and Lee) will never have to be confronted with a final decision on such drastic action. I

I am appalled that Negro leaders have been driven so far as to consider boycotting a movement that epitomizes the very thing for which they are fighting.

These leaders should ponder long on whether they would be doing their cause more harm than good in enforcing such a boycott."

(Coach Winter requests that his entire statement be used due to the point he is developing throughout the above quote. Thanks, Nordy)