Convicted S. African racist booked by Garden and CBS

CHICAGO (UPI) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson of Operation PUSH said Tuesday his organization will demonstrate against white South African fighter Kallie Knoetze because he represents "the very worst in South Africa."

Knoetze is scheduled to fight Bill Sharkey of Howard Beach, N.Y., in a heavyweight match Jan. 13 in Miami, Fla. CBS is slated to telecast the event.

Jackson, who plans to lead a demonstration to the bout, said Knoetze was charged with shooting a 15-year-old black South African youth twice in the legs.

At the time, Knoetze worked as a policeman in Pretoria, South Africa and reportedly accused the youth of resisting arrest. Jackson said Knoetze appealed to a judge not to make the conviction public.

Rev. Jesse Jackson
'. . . will picket wherever . . .'

"Where ever he (Knoetze) shows up, we're going to show up," Jackson said. "I will personally lead the demonstration against Kallie Knoetze because he represents the very worst in South Africa."

Jackson said he has asked officials at CBS and Chris Dundee, who is co-promoting the fight with Madison Square Garden, to withdraw their support of the fight.

"South Africa represents to the black people what Hitler represents to the Jews," Jackson said.

"We should not give him a platform with which to symbolize the very worst in South Africa."

Steelers, Cowboys, Pats picked

Oddsmakers have made Pittsburgh, Dallas, New England and Los Angeles the favorites in weekend NFL playoff games.

The Steelers are held 7 - point choices by Harrah's Reno and 6 - point picks by Jimmy the Greek over Denver.

Harrah's Sportsbook rates the Cowboys 14 points better; and Jimmy says they're 13 over the Atlanta Falcons.

The Patriots are given a 6 - point edge over the Houston Oilers, two more than Jimmy the Greek's calculations.

In the other game, the Los Angeles Rams are held the 8 - point choice over the Minnesota Vikings, while the Greek calls a 9 - point margin for Los Angles.

NFL playoffs

AFC SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 — Houston 17, Miami 9

Dec. 30 — Denver at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 31 — Houston at N. England, 1 p.m.

Jan. 7 — AFC title game

NFC SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 — Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13

Dec. 30 — Atlanta at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Weekend basketball

COLLEGE SCHEDULE

Friday

Christmas tournament (Norfolk)

Holiday Festival (W. Salem, N.C.)

Youngstown tourney (Ohio)

Bluefield Tournament (W. Va.)

Spring Hill tourney (Mobile, Ala.)

Tri - State Classic (Jackson, Miss.)

Saturday

Christmas tournament (Norfolk)

Holiday Festival (W. Salem, N.C.)

Va. State at Rutgers - Camden

Bluefield tournament (W. Va.)

Youngstown tourney (Ohio)

Spring Hill tourney (Mobile, Ala.)

Tri - State Classic (Jackson, Miss.)

Ark - Monticello at Xavier

NBA SCHEDULE

Friday

Kansas City at New Jersey
Atlanta at Philadelphia
San Diego at Detroit
Milwaukee at Houston
Denver at Chicago
New Orleans at Golden State
Portland at Los Angeles
Phoenix at Seattle

Saturday

Kansas City at New York
San Antonio at Philadelphia
Denver at Atlanta
New Jersey at Cleveland
Detroit at Houston
San Diego at Indiana
Boston at Phoenix

Monday

Golden State at Seattle

CONTINENTAL ASS'N

Friday

Rochester at Anchorage

Saturday

Baltimore at Lancaster
Wilkes-Barre at Allentown

Sunday

Rochester at Anchorage

Monday

Anchorage at Wilkes-Barre

NOT MUCH CHEER—Baltimore Colt wide receiver Glenn Doughty visited young Ronald Williams at bedside in Baltimore County General Hospital, but Ronald wasn't cheered much by the prospect of Christmas in bed.

O.J. buys Metros 5

Radio personality and veteran sports entrepeneur O. J. Johnson is the new owner of the Metros, Baltimore's only professional basketball team.

Johnson told the AFRO Thursday morning that he and three others closed a deal Wednesday in which ownership of the Continental Basketball Association Club was purchased from Washington (D.C.) businessman Fred Keller.

Keller will retain a working interest in the team, but Johnson and an attorney, Arnold Silberger, will share major responsibility for operation of the franchise. The other two investers, O. J. said, cannot be identified at the moment.

Sale of the club to Johnson and his associates precluded a deal that was tentatively planned for Jan. 2, with another buyer, the AFRO learned.

Johnson said that his knowledge of the area and his longtime affiliation with basketball persuaded the partnership to assign control of the operation to him.

He told the AFRO one of his first aims is to seek city cooperation to the end that the Metros may be able to movie their games to an in - town facility — possibly Community College of Baltimore or Lake Clifton High School.

O. J. said two later league games already have been scheduled for the Eastern Shore.

The Metros lead the Southern Division of the CBA with a 9 - 7 record, two games ahead of Allentown and 2½ games ahead of Lancaster, whom they play at Lancaster Saturday . . . SAM LACY.

Leonard versus Gant? should be humdinger!

Call it what you will. The heralded youngster against the hard - nosed veteran; the crowdpleaser versus the no - nonsense fighter. No matter how you word it; the bottom line is the same — it should be a good fight!

Sugar Ray Leonard and Johnny Gant will step into the Capital Centre ring on Thursday, Jan. 11 for a 12 - round bout that will decide the Mid - Atlantic welterweight championship.

It has been a long time since two local fighters of national prominence have met before their hometown fans. The records of these two fighters and the great popularity they enjoys has made it worth the wait.

Leonard, the Olympic gold medal winner who is undefeated in 17 pro bouts, has been considered title fight material since he first turned professional. His remarkable amateur record (145 - 5, 75 kos), tremendous crowd appeal and national television exposure have made Sugar Ray largely responsible for the resurgence of boxing in the Washington - Baltimore area.

His only previous Capital Centre appearance — a third - round knockout of Bobby Haymon on April 13 of last year — drew a state of Maryland record crowd of 15,272, exceeding the figures for both of Muhammad Ali's fights at the Centre.

Johnny Gant
ranked 4th in world

Gant, the craft veteran with the 44 - 11 - 3 (25 kos) career mark, is a smooth counterpuncher who is presently ranked fourth in the world by Ring Magazine. He has fought for the world's welterweight championship once, losing a disputed decision to Angel Espada in Puerto Rico in October of 1975.

In recent years, Gant has been fighting and beating many of the top welterweight contenders, but has been passed over by the champions.

A win over the highly - touted Leonard would put the 29 - year - old Gant into the national spotlight, forcing the present titleholders (WBA champion Jose Cuevas and WBC champion Carlos Palomino) to consider him for the title shot that he has thus far been denied.

Midweek results

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Hampton 62, Morgan 60
Va. State 93, Lincoln 72
Morgan 91, Va. State 68
Hampton 90, Lincoln 85
Delaware St. 133, Friendship 91
Hampton 87, Va. State 70
Presbyterian 75, Allen 74
Xavier 93, Albany State 82
Grambling 97, Centenary 92

Steel cage chosen as site for Backlund-Koloff rematch

World Wide Wrestling Federation Champ Bob Backlund will defend his title against Ivan Koloff, the rugged Russian, in an eight - foot - high steel cage at the Civic Center Saturday night, first match at 8:30 o'clock.

This marks the third meeting of these two, Koloff having previously defeated Backlund twice here, but failing to lift Bob's WWWF championship which must be won or lost on a pinfall or submission hold.

Backlund angrily charged after their most recent bout at the Civic Center that Koloff had fouled up the action in both matches by repeatedly ducking in and out of the ring.

The Maryland State Athletic Commission thereafter sanctioned promoter Phil Zacko's request that this no - holds - barred, one - fall to a positive finish competition be held in the steel cage that has a lone door or a drop out of the top of the cage from which the winner can walk, or drop out.

A one - fall finish co - feature matches four fiery femmes when Joyce Grabke joins Winona Little Heart to oppose the tough twosome of Suzette Farrarha and The Fabulous Moolah.

Five supporting bouts completing the holiday card list: Spiros Arion vs. Jay Strongbow, Peter Maivia vs. Tony Garea, Stan Stasiak vs. Frank Williams, Tony Russo vs. S. D. Jones and Moose Monroe vs. Nicolai Volkoff.

Unseld ex-coach Bullets' trigger

The name of Carl Wright is certainly not a household name among coaches, but fans of the Washington Bullets should be thankful for his contributions to their 1978 NBA World Championship.

Wright's the fellow who taught Wes Unseld the art of the outlet pass while Wes was a freshman at Seneca H.S. in Louisville. "He convinced me that if I were to make the team, I'd have to get the rebound and get it out quick," says Wes.

Wright's instructions paid immediate dividends as Seneca lost only "two or three games," according to Wes, in his varsity career.

And now, 18 years later, NBA teams are still paying the price for Wright's lessons.

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There were Black silversmiths in America before the Revolution. Their work was often displayed in the shops of the silversmiths for whom they worked.

Although no one knows exactly how many Black men were practicing the craft in the 1700's, three slaves distinguished themselves: Joe Grimke fashioned fine jewelry and buckles that were prized by affluent people in the Colonies. Limus and Abraham, who were owned by silversmith Andrew Dupuy, designed and executed elegant knives, spoons, teapots, ladles and bells for everyday use in the home. The objects these men created have become treasured antiques.

The artistic and functional contributions of the Black silversmiths are an important legacy to the entrepreneurial spirit and craftsmanship of Black people today. You can read more about "The Silversmiths" and other Black craftsmen in our booklet.

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The original drawings commissioned for this booklet now hang in Philadelphia's Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum

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ALL - ROCKY — Kevin Faulkner, a product of Baltimore's Northwestern High School, has been given honorable mention as safety in All - Rocky Mountain selections. The son of Otis Faulkner of Baltimore, Kevin is a senior at New Mexico Highlands.

in the SPOTLIGHT

Ever wonder how All - America football players pass the time when they are not involved in the game? Here's one way. These members of the 1978 Kodak All - American team play backgammon to while away the time. Seated are: (L to R) Charles Alexander, L.S.U., and Rick Leach, Michigan. Standing, (L to R) Johnny Johnson, Texas; Billy Sims, Okla.; Charles White, U.S.C.; and Greg Roberts, Okla. The team was selected by the American Football Coaches Association.

Holiday season is also college football season, and one of the most prestigious bowl games is the Rose Bowl. It is always preceded by the Rose Parade, and aboard one of the floats will be Enith Braghita, a swimming champion.

Donna CasSandra Lee Walton, of Martinsville, Va. will represent the state of Maryland and the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, at the Orange Bowl Festival. She is the reigning homecoming queen of UMES, and will be one of the Agree Queens.

Part of the duties of a top politician is to make appearances and be photographed in a position which indicates you love children. And so, N.J. Gov. Brendan Byrne enjoys a Christmas party in his office, as the youngsters await the arrival of St. Nick. Note, the kids don't seem the least bit awed by the presence of a governor.

The TV series "Sanford and Son" can be seen around the country in re-runs, and one of the stars is Don Bexley, who played the role of "Bubba." Still active in theatre and movies, Bexley is currently lending expertise to a new beauty pageant, called Miss Black Galaxy Pageant.

Disco dancing is the hottest form of exercise extant, and dance contests are being held all over the country. Actually, the disco scene encompasses the entire world, since discotheques actually started in Europe. So, at the World Disco Dancing Championships held in London, England this year, Tadaaki Dan of Japan was declared the winner and presented a trophy.

John Travolta zoomed into face as a disco dancer in the movie "Saturday Night Fever," and is currently in New York in connection with his newest movie with Lily Tomlin. He dropped in backstage at City Center while the Alvin Ailey troupe was performing, and naturally had to get some pointers from the dance master Ailey. Ailey was happy to oblige, and naturally a photographer was around to record the incident. Travolta, incidently, stays away from discos nowadays. Wonder if he is contemplating ballet?