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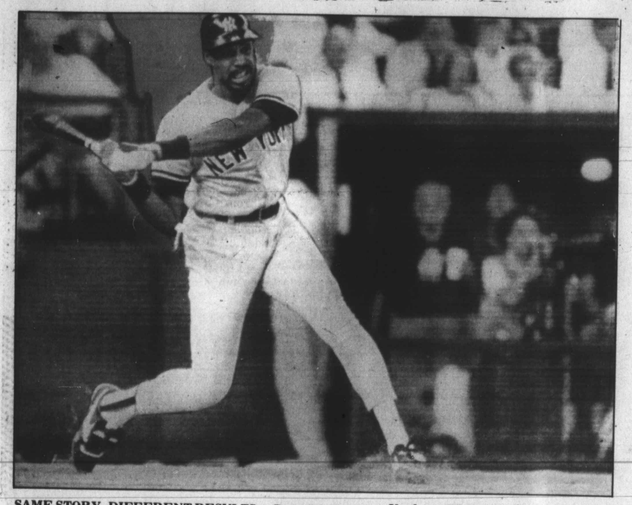

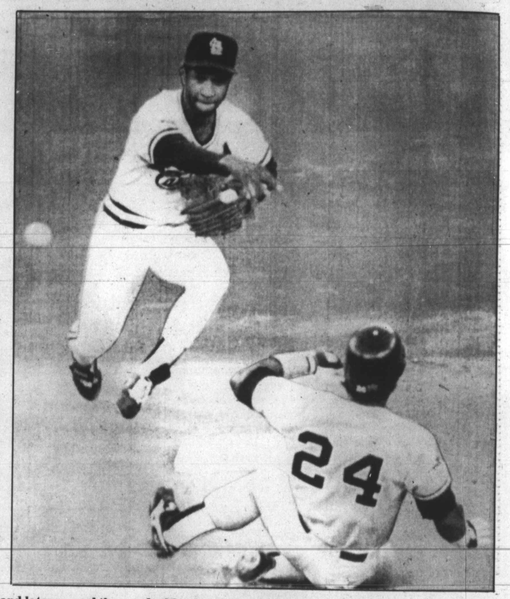

SAME STORY, DIFFERENT RESULTS — Dave Winfield on offense and Ozzie Smith on defense, the accepted baseball story. The American League won the Major League All-Star Game, the unexpected baseball result — until recently. The Yankees' Winfield (left) bashed a double and later scored the "insurance" run for the AL in the 2-1 victory over the Nationals at Cincinnati last Tuesday night. Ozzie "the whiz" of the Cardinals (right) hurdles Yankee Rickey Henderson to complete a double play that choked off a first-inning AL rally. But the latter's effort was only temporary relief for the loss suffered by his teammates of the evening.

Boston Red Sox: What's minority?

By Sam Lacy

Less than 24 hours after representatives of the Black Baseball Network left a meeting with top major league officials — a meeting which all concerned described as "productive" — the status-quo of "same-old, same-old" prevailed in Boston.

A white manager was fired; a white manager was hired. Post-haste.

The Red Sox gave manager John McNamara the proverbial "pink slip" and immediately replaced him with Joe Morgan, one of his former coaches.

In Washington, network founder Ben Moore told NAACP conventioneers that a meeting with the commissioner and presidents of the two leagues had resulted in the "most far-reaching plan thus far."

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He said he had evoked promises that "there will be implementation of a plan to, at a rapid rate, get blacks and other minorities into decision-making positions in baseball."

With Moore's words still in echo, the Red Sox made McNamara the sixth manager to be fired this season — the sixth in three months, prompting the query:

Does the Boston baseball brass know the meaning of "minority"?

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For that matter, does major league baseball understand the word or its concept?

Earlier, the Padres fired Larry Bowa, the Braves chucked Chuck Tanner, the Mariners dismissed Dick Williams, the Orioles ripped Cal Ripken and the Yankees sacked Billy Martin — again.

With the exception of Ripken (replaced by Frank Robinson), all were succeeded by whites.

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Incidentally, in addition to being the sixth manager to be canned this season, Boston became the fourth team to show McNamara the gate during his checkered career.

He was bounced by the Padres after two-and-a-half years; by the Reds after two years, and by the Angels, again after two seasons.

However, to wager that he will come up with another team would be safer than playing a number.

John McNamara is no minority.

Heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersee reaches skyward

Joy, sadness for Joyners

Family's big day at Olympics preps is spoiled by one dark moment

Saturday was a day of many facets and emotions at the U.S. Track and Field Trials for positions on the Olympics squad destined for Seoul in September.

There was heat, plenty of it. There were records broken, displays of triumph and quiet rejections of disappointment.

One family gathering endured the gamut of all these conflicting realities.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee set a sparkling new world record in the heptathlon, accumulating 7,215 points. Then took a downer upon learning that brother Al had missed the team in the triple jump.

Florence Griffth-Joyner rejoiced at the end of her spectacular 100 meters in record-shattering time of 10.49 seconds. Then had to temper her jubilation with the disappointment of the failure of the same Al Joyner in the triple jump competition. He's her husband.

Joyner-Kersee finished the heptathlon with 7,215 points, improving her 1986 world record by 57. She long jumped 22-11¾, threw the javelin 164-4 and closed with a time of 2:20.70 in the 800 meters.

Cindy Greiner was second, 989 points behind. Wendy Brown outlasted Jane Frederick in the 800 to take the third Olympic spot by 31 points.

Griffith-Joyner was part of a crowd that found her performance inconceivable. "I couldn't believe it," she said. "I couldn't imagine 10.49 in these years, not for a while. But when I got 10.60, I knew I could go under it, maybe in the 10.40s.

"I felt good. I had a very good start and I concentrated on keeping my knees up. I relaxed in the middle and brought it home."

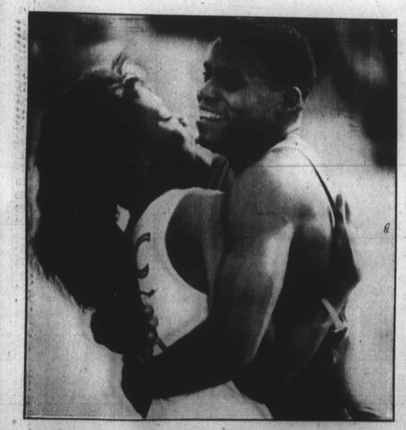
Although performers in the triple jump, conducted at the same time in the same direction, consistently recorded following winds higher than the allowable, there was a zero reading for Griffith-Joyner's record effort.

Cupid's box

At the 1984 Olympic Trials, Florence Griffith and Jackie Joyner vied for the attention of hurdler Greg Foster, all three coached by Bob Kersee.

At the 1988 trials, Florence and Jackie were sisters-in-law, the former having married the latter's brother, Al, and the latter the coach's wife.

Foster? He was cuddling a broken arm . . . LACY.



BROTHERLY LOVE — Unlike Jackie Joyner-Kersee who cried when brother Al Joyner failed to make the Olympics in the triple-jump, Carol Lewis raced on the track to embrace brother Carl after his record-breaking 100 meters at Indianapolis.

JOY(NER) UNRESTRAINED — Florence Griffith-Joyner raises her arms in jubilation after seeing "World Record" flashed on infield board at U.S. Olympic Trials. Florence sprinted 100 meters in 10.49 seconds to erase mark of 10.76 held by Evelyn Ashford.

Seoul woes dismissed

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Worries over security in Seoul for the Olympic Games have not kept any athletes from seeking a place on the U.S. track and field team, Olympic coaches Stan Huntsman and Terry Crawford said.

The track and field coaches, both from the University of Texas, believe proper security arrangements have been made by U.S. and South Korean authorities.

"We are not concerned about security," Huntsman said. "We believe it will be all right. We would like to see the rest of the world leave the Olympic society alone, at least for two weeks. We would like to show we can have a utopian society in the world, for 10 or 12 days anyway."

Huntsman said he has received communications from the U.S. State Department that lead him to believe there will be no problems.

"Our training camps across the world are on alert, but we're not concerned," Huntsman said.

Crawford said the track team will adopt a low profile in Seoul, but noted such a posture has become standard procedure for U.S. delegations competing on foreign soil.

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ANOTHER CHANCE FOR 'THE SIX'— The Sharpeville Six, waiting on death row in Pretoria Central Prison while lawyers strive to save them from the gallows, are (upper row, left to right) Theresa Ramashamola, 26; Oupa Diniso, 32; Reginald Sefatsa, 32; (lower row, L to R) Reid Mokoena, 24, Francis Mokgesi, 30, and Duma Khumalo, 28.

Sharpeville Six get new reprieve

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Justice minister Kobie Coetsee, has indefinitely stayed the execution of the Sharpeville Six" while appeal judges weigh a last-chance defense plea to reopen their trial.

Coetsee said the five black men and a woman convicted in the 1984 murder of a local council member must be afforded the opportunity of exhausting the remedies which the law offers."

Amid pleas for clemency in South Africa and western threats of diplomatic retaliation if the six prisoners are executed, the minister also cautioned all concerned parties against arousing feelings for or against the prisoners."

Lawyers for the six held on death row at Pretoria Central Prison since their Dec. 13, 1985, conviction claim a state witness gave tainted evidence under police duress.

The evidence, they say, helped convict the six of participating in a mob killing of a black council member in Sharpeville, who was considered a collaborator with the white minority-led government, during anti-government rioting in 1984.

Coetsee, in a statement from his office in Pretoria, said he indefinitely postponed the July 19 execution date, but gave lawyers time to appeal. Trial Judge Paul W. Human on June 13 set the date when he refused a defense appeal to reopen the case.

"The prisoners have now filed a petition with the (appeal court) for leave to appeal," he said. Consequently their execution has been suspended to afford them the opportunity to pursue the remedy of a possible appeal as well as all other legal remedies at their disposal."

"Since no sentence can be executed prior to the legal processes having been completed, the date of July 19 is therefore no longer of any significance," Coetsee said.

The defense has asked Chief Justice P. J. Rabie to overturn the decision by Human, who sentenced the six to death by hanging.

Defense attorney Prakash Diar said Coetsee acted reasonably" in staying the execution and added that judges at the appeal court, the nation's court of last resort, have not yet ruled on the petition to reopen the case.

As far as the accused and their legal representatives are concerned, we have stuck to the case, and we believe there is sufficient legal ground for these people not to hang," Diar said.

If the appeal is denied, Diar said the defense will ask President Pieter W. Botha for clemency.

Human stayed the executions 15 hours before the six were scheduled to go to the gallows on March 17, when Diar and other defense lawyers challenged evidence by state witness Joseph Manete.

Manete, in a recent letter to Botha published in a Johannesburg newspaper, said he was police-pressured state witness" and that he had placed at least two of the six at the killing under police threats. (UPI)

Champs honor Sulaiman

UNITED NATIONS — Former champions Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran recently attended a U.N. affair honoring World Boxing Council President Jose Sulaiman for his work against South Africa's apartheid system.

Sulaiman was the first to impose rules that virtually prevented South Africa from participating in boxing events in the world.

The event was organized by the U.N. Special Committee Against Apartheid, which publishes an annual list of athletes who compete in South Africa to embarrass them. A few athletes denounced apartheid to have their names struck from the list.

Committee chairman, Nigerian General Joseph Garba, said citation honoring Sulaiman is given to individuals who contributed to U.N. efforts aimed at isolating South Africa in international sports events.

Promoter Don King attended the ceremony, but heavyweight champion Mike Tyson did not show up as scheduled.

IN HAITI

Human rights lawyer found slain

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Leading human rights lawyer LaFontant Joseph was found mutilated and beaten to death July 11 in the first apparent political killing since the military seized power last month, a radio station and a family source said.

Port-Au-Prince police had no immediate comment on the killing.

An opposition politician condemned the new military government for the slaying.

Independent Radio Metropole said Joseph's body was found at dawn near his jeep close to the Mais Gate International Airport. He had been severely beaten and stabbed, and his left ear was cut off, the report said.

A woman reached at the Joseph home who refused to give her name told United Press International, during the last week he received several anonymous telephone calls, telling him he wouldn't see the end of July, that he was going to be murdered."

Joseph's killing is the first apparent political slaying in the impoverished Caribbean nation since Army Chief Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy overthrew President Leslie Manigat June 19.

Joseph, head of the center for Human Rights Training, was identified by his wife Raymonde, leader of the Women's Anti - Torture Committee, according to a statement by the Ecumenical Human Rights Center.

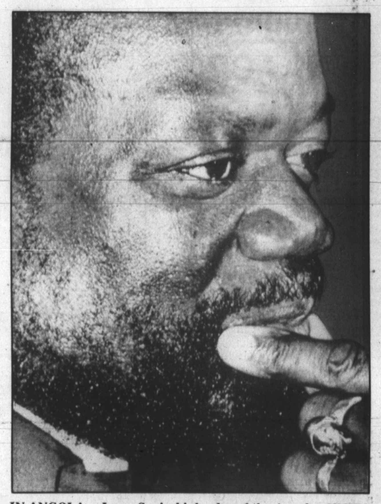
The killing is "a direct threat to all people working in human rights organizations . . . and contradicts pledges made by the military government to respect human rights," the statement said.

Joseph, 54, defended opposition politicians, jailed during the two-year Namphy-led provisional government that took power after the collapse of the Jean-Claude Duvalier regime in February, 1986 and then installed Manigat in February.

He also was a senatorial candidate for the left-leaning national front for concerted action in November elections halted by attacks from pro-Duvalier gunmen.

In a Radio Metropole interview, christian democratic party leader Sylvio Claude condemned the army for the killing, calling it "the military government's first action."

Claude, who was defended by Joseph when he was jailed during the Duvalier dictatorship, said the army now felt strong enough to begin killing opposition figures on alleged hit lists circulating since December.



IN ANGOLA— Jonas Savimbi, leader of the Angolan UNITA movement, listens to reporters' questions during a recent news conference in Bonn, where he said that he had detected a new mood of optimism arising from peace talks between Cuba, Angola, South Africa and the United States.

Southern black leaders condemn Savimbi

By Gwen McKinney
NNPA Writer

Washington — Condemned by black leaders in Washington and shunned by black political figures in the south, Angola rebel Jonas Savimbi arrived in the United States to a welcome fitting a war criminal.

Bright purple bumper stickers distributed at a church rally here declared him a "Judas." A prominent southern mayor, learning about Savimbi's alliance with the Botha regime, cancels a scheduled meeting. California anti - apartheid activists conduct telephone and letter-writing protests to Sen. Pete Wilson who was scheduled to meet with Savimbi. And picketers from Atlanta travel two hours to join crowds in Birmingham, Alabama to distribute educational material on UNITA before a Sunday morning church service.

The message at a recent Capitol Hill news conference was that Savimbi is "a friend of apartheid and an enemy of black people everywhere." The event was convened by more than a dozen black civil rights and political leaders including NAACP President Benjamin Hooks, SCLC President Joseph Lowery, Civil Rights Commissioner Mary Francis Berry, Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Mervyn Dymally, Bishop John Herst Adams of the United Methodist Church and Elenor Holmes Norton who represented Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson.

Meanwhile Savimbi, who arrived in the U.S. recently met with President Reagan and other Administration officials. His UNITA organization (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) has received millions in covert CIA funding since 1976.

TransAfrica Executive Director Randall Robinson maintained that Savimbi's visit was aimed at seeking additional military assistance from the Reagan Administration and at lobbying against the pending sanctions bill.

"Aid to Savimbi is aid to South Africa," Robinson declared, stressing that the U.S. support of UNITA has "wrecked the Angolan economy and produced the highest amputee population in the world."

"The foreign policy of the Reagan Administration is an unmitigated disaster," charged Hooks. "We're supporting the wrong side for all the wrong reasons." Lowery of the SCLC blasted Black organizers of Savimbi's two-day swing last weekend to Mississippi and Alabama. "It's being organized by internationally oriented Uncle Toms. The SCLC will be there to provide an appropriate reception wherever Savimbi goes," Lowery said.

Demonstrators were planning to confront Savimbi in Jackson, Miss., and Birmingham where organizers of the UNITA leader's trip have presented him as a freedom fighter. UNITA forces are fighting beside South Africa which has escalated its war in Angola.

The Rev. Ben Chavis of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ recently visited the war-torn country. "I saw babies without arms or legs from stepping on land minds that Savimbi planted," Chavis offered.

Raid to free suspects in Zimbabwe goes awry

HARARE, Zimbabwe — A commando raid to free white South Africans imprisoned on sabotage charges was abruptly aborted, official sources stated.

The commandos called off the operation at the last minutes, nearby the prisoners were being brought back from a court appearance in town, the sources said.

They were unable to say why the raid was aborted.

South Africa's two major Sunday newspapers, the Sunday Times and the Sunday Star, carried similar reports, quoting well - informed sources." The identity of the raiders was not disclosed in the reports.

The Zimbabwean government has refused to comment on the aborted raid, in which a stolen Zimbabwean Air Force helicopter was believed to have been used by the commandos, the sources said.

There was no immediate comment from the South African Defense Force.

The sources said after the raid was abandoned, the helicopter was flown by its Zimbabwean air force pilot to a rural airstrip, where he and the commandos flew toward South Africa in a light aircraft.

The sources said the pilot then defected to South Africa.

The commandos had planned to airlift out at least four white prisoners facing murder and sabotage charges in Zimbabwe, the sources said.

The prisoners were charged with masterminding bomb attacks on installations in Zimbabwe used by the African National Congress, outlawed by South Africa and operating in exile from Zambia.

Shortly before the planned breakout, the prisoners — four whites and a black — had appeared before a Harare magistrate in an appeal to have their trial date extended.

A total of 11 whites and one black are being held by Zimbabwe on spy and Sabotae charges. (UPI)

Couple alleges 'dog' discrimination

ALEXANDRIA, VA. — A Gaithersburg, Md., couple has filed suit against the Director of a Virginia animal adoption agency alleging they were barred from adopting a dog because they are Nigerian.

Maryanne and Johnson Aiyegbusi filed suit in U.S. District Court in Alexandria against the Friends of Homeless Animals and Anne Lewis, chief executive of the Loudoun County agency.

The Washington Post reported Saturday that the couple is seeking monetary damages, to be determined by the court, and a court guarantee that Lewis be prevented from committing future acts of discrimination.

The couple said they asked a family friend who is white to go to the agency and select a dog for them because their work schedules did not allow them to get to the shelter before closing.

The friend, Cynthia Armour, arranged for a dog to be adopted and that adoption was approved, the suit said.

But Lewis said she wanted to talk to the Aiyegbusi's by telephone to discuss care of the pet.

The couple alleges that when she learned Johnson Aiyegbusi was Nigerian, she said they could not have the dog.

Lewis defends her action saying she feared the couple would leave the country and abandon the animal.

"When people come from out of the country, it worries me," Lewis said. "My thoughts was that she was from out of the country and was going back. It was just a misunderstanding."

But Maryanne Aiyegbusi said judging the couple based on her husband's nationality is discriminatory. "It's prejudging me, according to a certain segment of people." (UPI).