

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:01:01,880

2
00:01:01,880 --> 00:01:05,209
When we stopped,
you were describing

3
00:01:05,209 --> 00:01:07,590
what it was like being
in the Olympic stadium--

4
00:01:07,590 --> 00:01:09,320
the pageantry of--

5
00:01:09,320 --> 00:01:11,450
The Opening Day Parade.

6
00:01:11,450 --> 00:01:13,080
Yeah.

7
00:01:13,080 --> 00:01:17,630
One of the things I best
remember about the opening day

8
00:01:17,630 --> 00:01:19,520
ceremonies of the
Olympic games--

9
00:01:19,520 --> 00:01:21,870
I was standing in the
infield of the stadium

10
00:01:21,870 --> 00:01:24,290
while the Olympic
oath was being taken,

11
00:01:24,290 --> 00:01:27,650
and the various music
was being played--

12
00:01:27,650 --> 00:01:31,050

was the release of these
thousands of pigeons,

13
00:01:31,050 --> 00:01:32,480
which had been cooped up.

14
00:01:32,480 --> 00:01:36,440
And they were alongside the
inner perimeter of the stadium.

15
00:01:36,440 --> 00:01:38,840
And now after being
in these cages for--

16
00:01:38,840 --> 00:01:41,240
I don't know how many
hours or how many days,

17
00:01:41,240 --> 00:01:42,920
they were suddenly released.

18
00:01:42,920 --> 00:01:44,900
And they flew up
over the stadium

19
00:01:44,900 --> 00:01:47,600
and circled round and round.

20
00:01:47,600 --> 00:01:50,840
And we began to hear
on our straw hats--

21
00:01:50,840 --> 00:01:53,150
that was part of our
uniform, the straw hats--

22
00:01:53,150 --> 00:01:56,750
splat, splat, splat
from these pigeons.

23
00:01:56,750 --> 00:01:58,880
And we were afraid to
look up, of course,

24
00:01:58,880 --> 00:02:00,860
or else, we'd get it in the eye.

25
00:02:00,860 --> 00:02:03,800
But there we were
cringing in the stadium.

26
00:02:03,800 --> 00:02:07,130
And the splat-- splat of all
these thousands of pigeons

27
00:02:07,130 --> 00:02:09,889
going round and round,
and finally, they

28
00:02:09,889 --> 00:02:13,220
went far enough up to get out
of the stadium and flew away.

29
00:02:13,220 --> 00:02:16,390
It was a very funny moment.

30
00:02:16,390 --> 00:02:18,850
Do you remember-- were you
at the closing ceremonies?

31
00:02:18,850 --> 00:02:22,750
No, we left before the
end of the Olympic games.

32
00:02:22,750 --> 00:02:25,690
Avery Brundage, I believe, the
head of the American Olympic

33
00:02:25,690 --> 00:02:29,590
Committee, was the
basic reason, I believe,

34
00:02:29,590 --> 00:02:33,100
that Sam and I didn't get
to run the Olympic games.

35

00:02:33,100 --> 00:02:37,150
Adolf Hitler was being
humiliated by the great success

36

00:02:37,150 --> 00:02:39,790
of the Black American athletes.

37

00:02:39,790 --> 00:02:44,830
And I think that he wanted to
see to it that Jewish athletes

38

00:02:44,830 --> 00:02:47,170
didn't stand on
the winning podium

39

00:02:47,170 --> 00:02:51,310
and further humiliate Adolf
Hitler-- embarrass him

40

00:02:51,310 --> 00:02:54,550
with that nonsense about
arrogance of primacy

41

00:02:54,550 --> 00:02:57,760
because here were the great
Black athletes, who couldn't be

42

00:02:57,760 --> 00:02:59,890
kept off the winning
podium because

43

00:02:59,890 --> 00:03:02,380
of their number and
their great reputations.

44

00:03:02,380 --> 00:03:03,890
And they were marvelous.

45

00:03:03,890 --> 00:03:07,900
But he went too rather obscure
Jewish American athletes

46

00:03:07,900 --> 00:03:10,090
who could be kept from
the winning podium.

47
00:03:10,090 --> 00:03:12,130
And, I believe,
that Avery Brundage,

48
00:03:12,130 --> 00:03:15,160
who was close to Hitler,
who had examined Germany

49
00:03:15,160 --> 00:03:19,510
for anti-Semitism the year
before to see whether or not

50
00:03:19,510 --> 00:03:21,740
the games should
be held in Germany.

51
00:03:21,740 --> 00:03:25,660
He was Avery Brundage keeping
Jews from the winning podium,

52
00:03:25,660 --> 00:03:28,675
so as not to further
embarrass Adolf Hitler.

53
00:03:28,675 --> 00:03:33,390
It was something that
you realized later.

54
00:03:33,390 --> 00:03:39,270
I was more aware of
it later than I am--

55
00:03:39,270 --> 00:03:44,680
I was more aware of it later
than I was at that time.

56
00:03:44,680 --> 00:03:47,895
But Brundage was a most
important figure-- head

57

00:03:47,895 --> 00:03:50,580
of the American Olympic
Committee and, later on,

58

00:03:50,580 --> 00:03:52,800
the president of the
International Olympic

59

00:03:52,800 --> 00:03:54,090
Committee.

60

00:03:54,090 --> 00:03:56,370
You mentioned you
wanted-- you had wanted--

61

00:03:56,370 --> 00:03:59,160
or you were thinking forward
to the 1940 Olympics.

62

00:03:59,160 --> 00:04:03,030
So apparently, this experience
didn't sour you at all

63

00:04:03,030 --> 00:04:07,890
on sports, fierceness, Olympics.

64

00:04:07,890 --> 00:04:09,675
My experience in
the Olympic games

65

00:04:09,675 --> 00:04:11,550
and the fact that I
didn't run didn't sour me

66

00:04:11,550 --> 00:04:13,140
on the games at all.

67

00:04:13,140 --> 00:04:15,570
It soured me on Avery
Brundage, certainly

68

00:04:15,570 --> 00:04:19,110

soured me on anti-Semitism
and the Nazis as well.

69
00:04:19,110 --> 00:04:25,830
But as far as the Olympic
games then and for many years

70
00:04:25,830 --> 00:04:30,060
thereafter, I was
an Olympic booster.

71
00:04:30,060 --> 00:04:34,830
I didn't want us to boycott
the games and the Soviet Union

72
00:04:34,830 --> 00:04:36,270
in 1980.

73
00:04:36,270 --> 00:04:38,220
I didn't want the
Soviet Union to boycott

74
00:04:38,220 --> 00:04:41,190
the American games in 1984.

75
00:04:41,190 --> 00:04:44,340
But I'm not very happy with
the current Olympic games--

76
00:04:44,340 --> 00:04:48,810
the Olympic games of '96 and
the enormous commercialization

77
00:04:48,810 --> 00:04:50,310
of the Olympic games.

78
00:04:50,310 --> 00:04:53,910
I think that the Olympic
ideal, the Olympic Creed,

79
00:04:53,910 --> 00:04:55,920
doesn't exist any longer.

80

00:04:55,920 --> 00:04:58,260

It's all strictly
professionalism.

81

00:04:58,260 --> 00:05:01,650

I think that the current
Olympic games in Atlanta

82

00:05:01,650 --> 00:05:06,720

is a huge project for
profits, and that's about all.

83

00:05:06,720 --> 00:05:09,540

84

00:05:09,540 --> 00:05:11,730

At what point after
the games did you

85

00:05:11,730 --> 00:05:15,510

become more aware of what
was actually taking place

86

00:05:15,510 --> 00:05:17,820

in Germany and in Europe?

87

00:05:17,820 --> 00:05:22,740

I became aware of what took
place in Germany in 1938.

88

00:05:22,740 --> 00:05:29,280

Kristallnacht was the beginning
of the knowledge generally

89

00:05:29,280 --> 00:05:32,940

of what took place
in Germany in 1936.

90

00:05:32,940 --> 00:05:38,640

Even the German Jews stayed
in Germany until 1938.

91

00:05:38,640 --> 00:05:43,260
Many left but far more
remained in Germany until '38.

92
00:05:43,260 --> 00:05:46,650
And then they started to
try to get out of Germany.

93
00:05:46,650 --> 00:05:51,270
Of course, I didn't
know about the Holocaust

94
00:05:51,270 --> 00:05:53,670
until after the war was over.

95
00:05:53,670 --> 00:05:58,830
I was a Marine in
the Central Pacific

96
00:05:58,830 --> 00:06:01,590
during World War II in
the Marshall Islands.

97
00:06:01,590 --> 00:06:06,930
And the European
campaign was that far

98
00:06:06,930 --> 00:06:11,410
distant from our
involvement in the Pacific.

99
00:06:11,410 --> 00:06:15,510
So it wasn't until I came back
in December of '45 that I began

100
00:06:15,510 --> 00:06:16,590
to realize--

101
00:06:16,590 --> 00:06:21,240
I began to hear and know of
what took place in the closing

102
00:06:21,240 --> 00:06:23,010

years of World War II.

103

00:06:23,010 --> 00:06:29,947

Did you rethink at all about
your participation in 1936?

104

00:06:29,947 --> 00:06:31,780

I mean, when you started
learning much more,

105

00:06:31,780 --> 00:06:35,080

did it make you think
about it all in context?

106

00:06:35,080 --> 00:06:37,720

I've been asked many times
whether I have second guesses

107

00:06:37,720 --> 00:06:40,390

about going to Germany in 1936.

108

00:06:40,390 --> 00:06:45,320

And I persist in saying
that I'm delighted I went.

109

00:06:45,320 --> 00:06:49,690

I'm glad that the games
took place in '36.

110

00:06:49,690 --> 00:06:52,660

I saw no harm from
the games themselves.

111

00:06:52,660 --> 00:06:55,930

I saw a great deal of
good from the games for me

112

00:06:55,930 --> 00:07:00,100

as an individual, learning about
the other athletes of the world

113

00:07:00,100 --> 00:07:05,260

and for the great success

of the non-Aryan athletes,

114
00:07:05,260 --> 00:07:07,690
the marvelous
Black athletes, who

115
00:07:07,690 --> 00:07:10,750
had this great success
in helping smash

116
00:07:10,750 --> 00:07:14,020
that myth of Aryan supremacy.

117
00:07:14,020 --> 00:07:17,350
I think that was a
very positive thing.

118
00:07:17,350 --> 00:07:29,040
Did you afterwards think more
about being a Jewish athlete?

119
00:07:29,040 --> 00:07:30,120
I mean, did it--

120
00:07:30,120 --> 00:07:34,250
because, in fact, that seems to
be what happened in 1936, even

121
00:07:34,250 --> 00:07:36,000
though prior to that,
you never considered

122
00:07:36,000 --> 00:07:37,230
yourself a Jewish athlete.

123
00:07:37,230 --> 00:07:39,600
You were one.

124
00:07:39,600 --> 00:07:43,140
Something took
place in 1937, which

125

00:07:43,140 --> 00:07:47,820
was a direct result of what
happened to me in 1936.

126
00:07:47,820 --> 00:07:50,040
I was playing
football at Syracuse.

127
00:07:50,040 --> 00:07:54,000
And for this particular week,
I was the star of the team.

128
00:07:54,000 --> 00:07:56,880
We had upset Cornell
the week before.

129
00:07:56,880 --> 00:08:01,590
And I had scored both
touchdowns for Syracuse

130
00:08:01,590 --> 00:08:04,890
against Cornell, 14 to
6 was the final score.

131
00:08:04,890 --> 00:08:07,710
And I had the best day I ever
had on the football field--

132
00:08:07,710 --> 00:08:10,110
a lot of publicity
about me then.

133
00:08:10,110 --> 00:08:14,910
And I'm embarrassed almost to
say I was the star of the team,

134
00:08:14,910 --> 00:08:17,160
going to a game
against Maryland,

135
00:08:17,160 --> 00:08:19,810
in Maryland, in Baltimore.

136

00:08:19,810 --> 00:08:23,520

And as we're getting
dressed for the game,

137

00:08:23,520 --> 00:08:27,370

sitting alongside of me is
the other starting halfback.

138

00:08:27,370 --> 00:08:30,240

His name is Wilmeth
Sidath-Singh.

139

00:08:30,240 --> 00:08:34,100

He is a Black man,
but his mother

140

00:08:34,100 --> 00:08:36,679

had married a Hindu physician.

141

00:08:36,679 --> 00:08:39,980

And Will and I
played side by side.

142

00:08:39,980 --> 00:08:41,690

We're in the same class.

143

00:08:41,690 --> 00:08:43,580

We took classes together.

144

00:08:43,580 --> 00:08:48,620

He helped me through my physics
class, my physics course.

145

00:08:48,620 --> 00:08:54,860

Later, he was a member
of the Black airmen,

146

00:08:54,860 --> 00:08:58,190

the Black squadron,
who helped form

147

00:08:58,190 --> 00:09:01,910

the one squadron of Black

aviators in World War II.

148
00:09:01,910 --> 00:09:05,780
But this was in 1937 in
Baltimore, Maryland moving--

149
00:09:05,780 --> 00:09:07,250
getting dressed for the game.

150
00:09:07,250 --> 00:09:11,000
He's sitting right
alongside of me right here.

151
00:09:11,000 --> 00:09:15,170
He slept alongside of me
where we slept in the gym

152
00:09:15,170 --> 00:09:17,120
during the football season.

153
00:09:17,120 --> 00:09:19,817
And the coach came in
as he saw him along

154
00:09:19,817 --> 00:09:21,650
with the Director of
Athletics, Lou Andreas.

155
00:09:21,650 --> 00:09:25,160
And he said, fellows,
I've got some news.

156
00:09:25,160 --> 00:09:29,510
The local press in
Maryland just found out

157
00:09:29,510 --> 00:09:31,790
that Will is not a Hindu.

158
00:09:31,790 --> 00:09:33,410
But he's a Black man.

159

00:09:33,410 --> 00:09:37,910

And, consequently,
he won't play today.

160

00:09:37,910 --> 00:09:41,630

And I said to myself
sitting there, stand up,

161

00:09:41,630 --> 00:09:46,320

Morty and say, if Will
doesn't play, I don't play.

162

00:09:46,320 --> 00:09:48,590

And I'm one of the
leaders of the team.

163

00:09:48,590 --> 00:09:50,390

I'm the star of
the team this week

164

00:09:50,390 --> 00:09:54,780

anyhow because of that
previous game the week before.

165

00:09:54,780 --> 00:09:57,380

And I say, stand
up and say that.

166

00:09:57,380 --> 00:10:01,250

And I think to myself, but if
I do stand up and say that,

167

00:10:01,250 --> 00:10:04,310

and the game is canceled,
and there's a ruckus--

168

00:10:04,310 --> 00:10:08,360

just furor develops as a result
of the game being canceled,

169

00:10:08,360 --> 00:10:11,180

if that happens,
they'll point to me,

170

00:10:11,180 --> 00:10:14,600
and there's that Jewish guy
getting in trouble again.

171

00:10:14,600 --> 00:10:16,790
Because just the
year before, I'd

172

00:10:16,790 --> 00:10:18,950
been involved in
the anti-Semitic

173

00:10:18,950 --> 00:10:21,410
incident in Berlin.

174

00:10:21,410 --> 00:10:23,720
And so I didn't say a word.

175

00:10:23,720 --> 00:10:25,650
And Will didn't play.

176

00:10:25,650 --> 00:10:27,110
And I played.

177

00:10:27,110 --> 00:10:28,610
And we got beat.

178

00:10:28,610 --> 00:10:31,730
We got beat 12-0.

179

00:10:31,730 --> 00:10:34,280
A couple of years
after that, Will

180

00:10:34,280 --> 00:10:36,890
was killed in World War II.

181

00:10:36,890 --> 00:10:41,840
And to this day, I still
feel very strongly about it,

182

00:10:41,840 --> 00:10:43,850
that I should have
gotten up and said.

183
00:10:43,850 --> 00:10:46,100
And he was good enough
to die for our country,

184
00:10:46,100 --> 00:10:48,740
but he wasn't good enough
to play against Maryland.

185
00:10:48,740 --> 00:10:51,470

186
00:10:51,470 --> 00:10:53,300
I'm going to ask you
one more question.

187
00:10:53,300 --> 00:10:54,250
Sure.

188
00:10:54,250 --> 00:10:58,780
And also would you try to pull
your jacket down a little bit?

189
00:10:58,780 --> 00:10:59,590
I'm slumping down.

190
00:10:59,590 --> 00:11:03,100
Why don't you tell
me your question?

191
00:11:03,100 --> 00:11:03,635
Hmm?

192
00:11:03,635 --> 00:11:04,135
Yeah.

193
00:11:04,135 --> 00:11:04,718
And your time.

194

00:11:04,718 --> 00:11:15,210

[CREW TALKING IN BACKGROUND]

195

00:11:15,210 --> 00:11:18,570

After the Olympic games, many
of the track and field athletes

196

00:11:18,570 --> 00:11:21,660

toured Europe and several
different track meets.

197

00:11:21,660 --> 00:11:25,350

I ran on a 400-yard
relay team in London

198

00:11:25,350 --> 00:11:27,030

at White City stadium.

199

00:11:27,030 --> 00:11:30,660

I ran with Jesse Owens,
and Ralph Metcalf,

200

00:11:30,660 --> 00:11:32,940

and Frank Weiskopf, and me.

201

00:11:32,940 --> 00:11:36,070

We set a world's
record at 400 yards.

202

00:11:36,070 --> 00:11:40,230

That world's record still stands
mostly because they rarely

203

00:11:40,230 --> 00:11:41,430

run that race.

204

00:11:41,430 --> 00:11:43,170

And they don't
run yards anymore.

205

00:11:43,170 --> 00:11:44,490

They now run meters.

206

00:11:44,490 --> 00:11:47,790

So the four of us are
still world record holders

207

00:11:47,790 --> 00:11:49,800

at the 400-yard relay.

208

00:11:49,800 --> 00:11:53,190

I also ran in Paris
after the Olympic games--

209

00:11:53,190 --> 00:11:55,020

ran against Frank Wykoff.

210

00:11:55,020 --> 00:11:57,930

And I won the race
against Wykoff that day.

211

00:11:57,930 --> 00:12:02,160

And a combination of
Japanese and French athletes,

212

00:12:02,160 --> 00:12:05,010

as well as American
athletes, competed that day.

213

00:12:05,010 --> 00:12:06,030

And I won that race.

214

00:12:06,030 --> 00:12:07,320

Also I ran in Scotland.

215

00:12:07,320 --> 00:12:12,030

I ran in a handicap race and
didn't win that handicap race.

216

00:12:12,030 --> 00:12:14,730

I would set back so far
from the rest of the field

217

00:12:14,730 --> 00:12:17,500

because these were local

athletes in Edinburgh,

218
00:12:17,500 --> 00:12:23,130
Scotland, that I was literally
off the track, that far back.

219
00:12:23,130 --> 00:12:26,040
And I had to run up a slight
incline to get to the track

220
00:12:26,040 --> 00:12:27,720
and then start running.

221
00:12:27,720 --> 00:12:29,425
I finished out of the money.

222
00:12:29,425 --> 00:12:31,050
But what I think what
you're telling me

223
00:12:31,050 --> 00:12:33,300
from those first few
races is that you probably

224
00:12:33,300 --> 00:12:36,150
were good enough to
run in the Olympics.

225
00:12:36,150 --> 00:12:39,000
Yeah, well, I was on the team.

226
00:12:39,000 --> 00:12:42,750
But to have actually competed
instead of all that stuff--

227
00:12:42,750 --> 00:12:44,524
Well, you want me to say that?

228
00:12:44,524 --> 00:12:45,970
Sure.

229
00:12:45,970 --> 00:12:47,710

Well--

230
00:12:47,710 --> 00:12:49,680
All of a sudden a few
weeks after the Olympics,

231
00:12:49,680 --> 00:12:55,350
you're making a world
record in the same event

232
00:12:55,350 --> 00:12:57,760
I don't want to brag.

233
00:12:57,760 --> 00:13:00,760
I mean, it's been said
I was on the team.

234
00:13:00,760 --> 00:13:02,290
And that's the important thing.

235
00:13:02,290 --> 00:13:03,230
I made the team.

236
00:13:03,230 --> 00:13:04,870
And, obviously,
I was good enough

237
00:13:04,870 --> 00:13:08,410
to run in the Olympic
games because I

238
00:13:08,410 --> 00:13:09,910
was on the American team.

239
00:13:09,910 --> 00:13:13,780
And American athletes
compete in the Olympic games

240
00:13:13,780 --> 00:13:16,480
when they make the Olympic
team, except for these two

241

00:13:16,480 --> 00:13:18,670
Jewish athletes
who didn't because

242
00:13:18,670 --> 00:13:22,210
of Avery Brundage, and Adolf
Hitler, and anti-Semitism.

243
00:13:22,210 --> 00:13:26,230
And I'd like to add one other
thing that sometimes people

244
00:13:26,230 --> 00:13:29,770
feel sorry for me and what
happened to me in Germany

245
00:13:29,770 --> 00:13:32,260
in Berlin in 1936.

246
00:13:32,260 --> 00:13:36,610
What happened to me was as
nothing, absolutely zero,

247
00:13:36,610 --> 00:13:38,770
compared to that which
took place later on.

248
00:13:38,770 --> 00:13:42,010
There was just no
feeling of comparison

249
00:13:42,010 --> 00:13:44,710
and no feeling of hurt.

250
00:13:44,710 --> 00:13:48,640
Still feeling of
anger, but I was there.

251
00:13:48,640 --> 00:13:51,280
And that mattered.

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00:13:51,280 --> 00:13:57,340
What took place was much, much

more important afterwards.

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00:13:57,340 --> 00:13:59,130

I think I have
one more question.

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00:13:59,130 --> 00:14:02,170

Certainly.

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00:14:02,170 --> 00:14:05,160

You mentioned this
race in Maryland and--

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00:14:05,160 --> 00:14:06,410

The football game in Maryland.

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00:14:06,410 --> 00:14:09,320

Right, I'm sorry, the
football game and the fact

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00:14:09,320 --> 00:14:11,480

that you are very
conflicted about standing up

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00:14:11,480 --> 00:14:14,370

for this Black Indian athlete--

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00:14:14,370 --> 00:14:14,870

Yes.

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00:14:14,870 --> 00:14:18,150

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00:14:18,150 --> 00:14:21,840

Have you thought about ways
in which your experience

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00:14:21,840 --> 00:14:28,140

from the 1936 Olympics
impacted you or shaped

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00:14:28,140 --> 00:14:30,510

you in terms of
values or choices

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00:14:30,510 --> 00:14:33,660
you made afterwards It's a
fairly broad question, but--

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00:14:33,660 --> 00:14:39,500

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00:14:39,500 --> 00:14:45,590
I think my experience in 1936,
my experience in athletics,

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00:14:45,590 --> 00:14:49,940
generally, specifically
in '36, made

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00:14:49,940 --> 00:14:53,060
me aware of the
fact that I am not

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00:14:53,060 --> 00:14:56,680
different than other
people of the world.

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00:14:56,680 --> 00:15:03,210
I'm not different than Blacks
or Browns or yellows or whites,

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00:15:03,210 --> 00:15:05,310
that we're all one.

273
00:15:05,310 --> 00:15:10,470
And I think I've learned not
to be tolerant necessarily.

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00:15:10,470 --> 00:15:14,520
Because tolerance,
I think, implies

275
00:15:14,520 --> 00:15:19,360
sort of a superiority

over individuals.

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00:15:19,360 --> 00:15:23,340

But I've learned to appreciate
of the people, I think,

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00:15:23,340 --> 00:15:28,140

because of my experience in '36
and my experience in athletics.

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00:15:28,140 --> 00:15:34,440

Did it make you more vigilant
toward racism, anti-Semitism,

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00:15:34,440 --> 00:15:36,670

discrimination?

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00:15:36,670 --> 00:15:38,950

I think the experience
of all athletes

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00:15:38,950 --> 00:15:46,420

makes me more conscious
of other people, of bias

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00:15:46,420 --> 00:15:54,240

and prejudice against Blacks,
and Asiatics, and Latins,

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00:15:54,240 --> 00:15:56,070

and Jews.

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00:15:56,070 --> 00:15:59,790

I think that we're people.

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00:15:59,790 --> 00:16:02,160

I've learned that
through sports.

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00:16:02,160 --> 00:16:06,900

I think that at every level
of sports from my days

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00:16:06,900 --> 00:16:11,670

as a schoolboy to my days
as a broadcaster has enabled

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00:16:11,670 --> 00:16:15,480

me to thoroughly
enjoy and appreciate

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00:16:15,480 --> 00:16:17,610

the abilities of
the great athletes

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00:16:17,610 --> 00:16:20,280

I was able to look
at and broadcast

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00:16:20,280 --> 00:16:28,890

about the Jim Browns, the
wonderful Black athletes,

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00:16:28,890 --> 00:16:34,140

the wonderful Japanese athletes,
the great athletes of the world

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00:16:34,140 --> 00:16:37,130

regardless of what
their background was.

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00:16:37,130 --> 00:16:40,090

Sports is the great equalizer.

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00:16:40,090 --> 00:16:42,610

Sports is the great equalizer.

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00:16:42,610 --> 00:16:44,080

The fellow gets
to the finish line

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00:16:44,080 --> 00:16:46,960

first is the
winner, which brings

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00:16:46,960 --> 00:16:49,900
to mind another thought that
the Olympic games should

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00:16:49,900 --> 00:16:53,410
be a competition amongst
individuals and not

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00:16:53,410 --> 00:16:54,250
amongst teams.

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00:16:54,250 --> 00:16:58,210
Because teams represent
nationalities.

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00:16:58,210 --> 00:17:00,610
Individuals
represent themselves.

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00:17:00,610 --> 00:17:04,390
Even though we wore the uniform
of the United States Olympic

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00:17:04,390 --> 00:17:07,240
team, we ran as individuals.

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00:17:07,240 --> 00:17:11,230
For the relay, the relay is a
unique track-and-field event--

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00:17:11,230 --> 00:17:16,119
four men running together but
running individually together.

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00:17:16,119 --> 00:17:19,810
Basketball and hockey-- great
sports, a wonderful sports,

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00:17:19,810 --> 00:17:23,290
and football, too, of course.

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00:17:23,290 --> 00:17:29,380
But the point of sports

is the exultation

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00:17:29,380 --> 00:17:33,970
of the individual athlete feels
when he does it by himself.

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00:17:33,970 --> 00:17:36,820
And that's the point
of the Olympic games.

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00:17:36,820 --> 00:17:38,200
Team sports are marvelous.

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00:17:38,200 --> 00:17:40,000
They teach all the
things that ought

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00:17:40,000 --> 00:17:42,880
to be taught in terms of
teamwork, and cooperation,

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00:17:42,880 --> 00:17:46,190
and practice, and respect for
the other team, and all that.

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00:17:46,190 --> 00:17:50,650
But the Olympic games
are for the individual

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00:17:50,650 --> 00:17:54,550
and for the extolling of
the individual abilities--

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00:17:54,550 --> 00:17:57,190
the excellence of the
individual rather than

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00:17:57,190 --> 00:18:01,100
the nation or the team.

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00:18:01,100 --> 00:18:01,740
Thank you.

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00:18:01,740 --> 00:18:02,240

Thank--

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00:18:02,240 --> 00:18:03,520

Anything else you want to add?

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00:18:03,520 --> 00:18:04,890

I want say a little Margaret.

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00:18:04,890 --> 00:18:06,440

OK.

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00:18:06,440 --> 00:20:07,318