

# THE COLLEGE STUDENT SPEAKS

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The boycott of the 1968 Olympic games threatened by Negro athletes has raised tempers among both supporters and critics of the idea.

Those backing the boycott consider it an effective protest against America's racial practices. This nation's international prestige and its showing at the Olympic would be hurt substantially by a Negro boycott, it is asserted.

Proponents of this view correctly see the effectiveness of Negro pressure--violent or otherwise--in wringing civil rights concessions out of the "establishment."

Opponents of the proposed boycott view it as a slap in the face to the sports world, which has done more to offer equal opportunity than many other areas of endeavor.

They charge that those threatening the boycott are motivated by lack of patriotism, and even in some cases, Communist influence.

Both supporters and opponents of the boycott are missing a central, crucial point: An athlete may make up his own mind about entering an Olympics competition.

Whether the motives for an athlete's action are laudable or reprehensible, it is his own decision to live with and to be accountable for.

THE REFUSAL of Negro athletes to appear in Olympics competition will undoubtedly lower the morale of this nation's Olympic players, who may be personally innocent of any wrongdoing.

But the black athletes have the option of not playing--just as all of us have the right and obligation to conduct our affairs with essential reference to our own feelings and ambitions, not those of others.

Our society seems to operate constantly on the assumption that actions must be taken for an exalted purpose or not at all.

Throw a brick through a window, and you will likely find yourself justifying your deed by reference to social protest or the brotherhood of man.

Practice racial discrimination, and you'll defend your action, not in terms of understandable human selfishness, but by "inter-racial justice" or other highfaluting phrases.

What we don't seem able to do in this country is to allow ourselves--and others--to act in accordance with their own convictions, regardless of the slogans of the hour.

One must either behave fanatically in the name of "high principle" or act just as extremely in defiance of society's rules. There is no "in-between"; nor is there much respect for the individual's own feelings in the matter.

And this in a country that prides itself on its freedom and independence!

But true freedom includes a respect for the right of one's fellow man to see his own way.

If an athlete doesn't want to play in the Olympic games, that is essentially his own business--and it is really no one else's right to question his motives.

# NSU HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION LAUNCHED



Donald C. Moyer (seated center) Chancellor, NSU, meets with newly formed Nevada Southern University Human Relations Commission student members (from left) Jerry Chandler, basketball star; Emma Anderson, Rheta Croxton, Fred Williams, Mandy Pino, Mike Clark, Student Body President; Jean Childs, David Katzman, Mary Manning, and Gordon Bagot, foreign exchange student from British Guinea.



Seen with Dr. Donald C. Moyer (seated center) Chancellor, NSU, at the initial meeting of the newly formed Nevada Southern University Human Relations Commission are: (from left) M. William Deutsch, Chairman, Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission; A. E. Lapitan, Political Science Dept.; Dr. Harrie F. Hess, Psychology Dept.; Dr. Ben Owen, Dean of Students; Rev. Welles Miller, SNHRC Commissioner; Dr. Verdun Trione, Education Dept.; Dr. Jerry Crawford, Dean of Faculty; Dr. Bert Babero, Biology Dept.; and Christian E. Dolin, Foreign Language Dept.

Dr. Babero and Dr. Trione were appointed Co-Chairmen of the student-faculty group which is a joint project of the University and the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission.

Las Vegas VOICE owner and publisher, Dr. Charles I. West is also a Southern Nevada Human Relations Commissioner.

Chancellor Donald C. Moyer met this past week with students, faculty, and representatives of the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission, to formally launch a Nevada Southern University Human Relations Commission.

The original concept of a student-faculty

commission came about through an initial meeting of Dr. Moyer, Dr. Jerry Crawford, Dean of Faculty, and Michael Dawson, Executive Secretary, S.N.H.R.C. At that time broad outlines of the proposed commission were discussed. Dr.

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