

NEGRO U.S. TRIAL WINNERS PLAN NO BOYCOTT OF GAMES

Los Angeles (AP) — A poll of the Negro winners of events at the U.S. Olympic Trials indicated they plan to go to Mexico City to compete in the Olympic Games this October.

Despite a publicized plan for a boycott of the Games by black athletes, all of those polled said they would be going to the high-altitude training site of Lake Tahoe, Calif., in September for the final trials. And none of them said they would definitely

boycott the Games.

Harry Edwards, leader of those who planned to dramatize Negro dissatisfaction with racial injustice in the United States said, however, nothing had changed since the walkout was announced last November.

Lee Evans, winner of the 400-meter dash Sunday, said he planned to run the event at Lake Tahoe. Evans said Negro athletes had met and decided what to do. However, others said they hadn't heard there was a meeting. One of them was Art Walker.

at a news conference planned later today in San Jose or San Francisco. Tommie Smith, another who sees merit in a Negro boycott of the Games, said he was very displeased about having to run the 200 in the eighth lane. His wife Denise was so disturbed about the matter she made a protest to Stan Wright, U.S. assistant coach and head of the seeding committee.

But Wright, a Negro himself, just snorted that the names were drawn out of a hat and "if someone wants to challenge my integrity they

can come and see me." Jim Hines, winner of the 100 and second in the 200, said he likes running several races and hopes to run the two dasher and a leg on a relay team at Mexico City.

Edwards an instructor at San Jose State College, was wearing a Malcolm X sweat-shirt and a necklace of beads and sat next to Bill Russell, player-coach of the world champion Boston Celtics' National Basketball Association team.

Edwards said the black athletes were competing in Los Angeles because "you can't boycott the Olympics if you're not qualified to go. You can't boycott the grocery store if you don't have any money."

Many of the Negro athletes were wearing buttons on their sweaters saying "Olympic project for human rights." It was white and ringed in green oak leaves.

One young Negro in the stands bore a sign reading, "Why run in Mexico and crawl at home?"

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The Medallion features a full portrait of Dr. King on the obverse and a symbolic expression of peace and brotherhood on the reverse. The medal will be available in several sizes and metals for educational and fund raising purposes. However, a First Edition Collectors Presentation Set struck in Pure Silver and

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The last two commemorative coins officially authorized by the United States portray Booker T. Washington and Washington Carver. Considerable sentiment has been voiced by international numismatists that Dr. King be the next great American recognized on a new commemorative coin. Bills to this effect are currently being reviewed by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, having been introduced by Senators Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, Edward M.

Brooke of Massachusetts, and Representative John Conyers Jr. of Michigan. The International Numismatic Agency supports this movement and will make available at no charge to the U.S. Treasury Department its tools and designs for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Medallion, if so desired, for possible utilization in the creation of a new commemorative coin.

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