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Acting Career Built Slowly For Poitier

Sidney Poitier was once such accepting a position as jania bad actor that he flunked tor at The American Negro an audition for lessons! To- Theatre in exchange for badday, after 23 films, four plays, ly needed acting lessons. His one Oscar and several intern- natural ability developed and ational awards, he considers he played bit parts until a himself a versatile enough ac- Broadway role led him to imtor to tackle almost any role. portant roles in "Lysistrata,"
"In The Heat of the Night" "Freight," and "Anna Lucasthe production stars Poitier in ta.' a role far different from his Academy Award winning per-formance in "Lilies of the Field." In the crime drama, he plays a Philadelphia detective reluctantly assigned to a murder case in the South.

Born in the South - Miami. Florida — Poitier was raised in Nassau and worked at a rugged diversity of jobs including ditch digger, construction worker, pine-boy, truck-

home all right last night sir?"

In 1949 Poitier made his film bow in "No Way Out." His excellent acting led to the widely acclaimed performance in "Cry, The Beloved Country" and finally to the part that brought him an international reputation: Miller, in "The Blackboard Jungle."

During his subsequent successful screen career, Poitier has returned to the stage for the lead in "A Raisin in the



The Buffalo Negro Models Guild pledges its support to the Humboldt YMCA. and present their checks for membership to Mel Davis, Assistant Executive, Humboldt YMCA., L-R: Darlene Thompson, Jacquelynn Thomp-

son, Marion Hernandez, Sarah Smith and Grace Diamond. The Models will organize a "Charm School" for youth and serve as hostess for special YMCA programs.

Bus driver: "Did you get ome all right last night sir?" Passenger: "Of course. Why o you ask?" Pressure Point," "Something of Value," "Porgy and Bess." Denkins Does Not Support Let motion picture version. Other movies he has starred in include "Paris Blues," "Pressure Point," "Something of Value," "Porgy and Bess." do you ask?" "Well, when you got up and gave the lady your seat last night, you were the only two passengers on the bus." "The Greatest Story Ever Told," "A Patch of Blue," "The Slender Thread" and "To Sir, With Love." "To Sir, With Love." Negro Boycott of Olympics Negro Boycott of Olympics

Fergie Jenkins does not pro sport who has either. support a boycott of negro

a three-day Black youth conference at Los Angeles.

strong candidates for the U. so a member of that team. S. Olympic team.

Chatham resident won 20 that season," Jenkins recalled. games as a pitcher for the National League Chicago Cubs Rock and got off the airplane,

get much support from pro-fessional athletes," said Fer-

professional athlete who's a time before the people accept-Negro to back something like ed the Negro athlete. I think that. You don't find a cause it was stricktly a matter of for discrimination in pro education. O don't think they

As a professional athlete had any problems and I can't think of any other Negro in

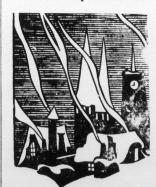
"I've found pro sport . . or athletes at the Olympic Games athletics of any kind for that in Mexico City next October matter . . . about as free of The boycott was unanimously endorsed at the end of discrimination as anything you can find," Fergie added.

The only recial incident Jenkins encountered was at It drew the support of UC Little Rock when he poined LA basketball stars Lew Alcindor and Mike Warren at team four years ago. Richie long with sprinters Lee Ev- Allen, third baseman with the ans and Tommy Smith, both Philadelphia Phillies, was al-

Jenkins, the 24-year-old the team in Little Rock until "When we first got to Little ast season.
"I don't feel the group that met in Los Angeles would the Negro players but there there were a few people with

"We found in Little Rock "There's no reason for the that it was just a matter of sport. The players are there have any trouble there new."

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