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### *Defender Files Reveal Big Events Of Historic Year*

#### Owens, In Athletics, Steals The Show

Pursuant to its custom of many standing years, The Chicago Defender this week presents its summary of the most important events during the past year. Although both were hurled from their pinnacles as kings, Haile-Selassie and Joe Louis, whose names furnished the biggest news during 1935, yet the two internationally famous fighters furnished material for much discussion throughout the year just closed.

Progress of the Race in many fields have been noted, as will be evidenced by the incidents recorded in this summary. It will be observed that many outstanding individuals died in 1936. The year also saw the birth of the National Negro Congress, which held its initial meeting in Chicago.

The Chicago Defender, which has gained international prestige as a chronicler of news, continued to be the champion crusader for the rights of the Black man the world over.

In the matter of news coverage, The Chicago Defender maintained its high standard in bringing to its thousands of readers accurate and timely accounts of the happenings in every segment of the globe. Its editorials and features represented the finest in journalism.

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#### Chicago Defender Does

##### Big Job in Big Way

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hailed as a classic, while its coverage of the Jim Crow, particularly the Schelling fiasco, has been regarded as one of the best news beats of the entire year, and will remain a standard as long as the world talks of prize-fights.

Other news stories and the manner in which The Chicago Defender handled them, which deserve special mention are the National Negro Congress, the National Baptist Convention, the AME General Conference, and the national scoop of Col. John C. Robinson's return from Addis Ababa.

In the field of promotion The Chicago Defender has kept pace with the Race. Its Bronzeville affairs, Billiken parades and sports, and social events reached a high point both in attendance and interest during 1936.

### Continues Fight Against Jim-Crow Practices

The battle against the jim crow, and insidious policy of the Cook County Nurses home in denying Race students the right to reside in the dormitories has kept up. For many individuals and institutions the year 1936 was a successful one. The signs of the time indicate 1937 will be a better one. But for the time being let's look back and review the events that thrilled, saddened, or enlightened us in screaming headlines during the "old year."

**JANUARY 4**—Following a momentous Ethiopian victory on the Northern front, Haile Selassie in Addis Ababa availed himself of the opportunity to offer a five point program of peace terms. Striking deep behind the Italian line, Ethiopians scattered the enemy forces, cut off their retreat and their communications with the strategic city of Makale. The Italians were routed, leaving behind 100 dead.

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Roosevelt, with Congress under his thumb, fails to push anti-lynch bill, says Robert S. Abbott in editorial.

Austin, Tex.—Texas Race educational system is condemned here. Leaders say whites given edge over other students.

Washington—J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of IBPOEW, has refused to issue a special dispensation to national capital lodge for an election of officers to oust incumbent.

OCTOBER 17—Chicago—Dr. I. H. Holloway, prominent physician, is elected Mayor of Bronzeville in a contest sponsored by The Chicago Defender.

Clarksville, Tenn.—A love affair between a married woman and a roomer ended rather abruptly last week when the husband shot him to death during a quarrel in their home. Lovehart Warfield, the husband is charged with the slaying.

New York—Thirty-seven candidates for Congress sign pledge to support anti-lynch bill; 44 more make own pledge to fight jobs, relief discrimination.

Topeka, Kans.—Kansas educator comes out for Landon; cites his record of fairness.

Chicago—Mother of Joe Gibbons demands probe into the slaying of her son, who was former sweetheart of Mrs. Joe Louis.

Litchfield, Ill.—Lynching overlooked by the Rev. A. L. Crown, pastor of Union Avenue Christian church as he named "World's Worst Sin."

Topeka, Kans.—Gov. Alfred M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee is outspoken on lynch question at conference before newspapermen.

Chicago, Ill.—Dr. Ellis A. Kendall, Jr., former Provident Hospital interne, now a prominent physician in Hot Springs, Ark., was jailed this week because of failure to pay his ex-wife back alimony.

Dallas, Tex.—October 17 to 19 will see the gathering of Alphas Kappas and Omegas, three fraternities which are to hold their regional confabs here.

Washington, D.C.—The appeal of Angelo Herndon against an 18 to 20 year sentence on the Georgia chain gang under a pre-Civil War slave insurrection statute was on the calendar of the U. S. Supreme Court for the second time when it opened its fall session on October 5.

Chicago—Sixteen nurses received diplomas from Provident Hospital Training School.

OCTOBER 24—Chicago — Death closed the career of Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Carey, widow of the late Bishop Archibald James Carey Sunday afternoon. She died at her home, 4750 South Parkway, after an illness of six weeks.

Chicago—Policeman Earl Wilson of Wabash avenue station who killed Joe Gibbons, former sweetheart of Mrs. Joe Louis, is held on manslaughter charge.

Chicago—Oze Simmons, sensational football star from the University of Iowa, plans to enter Northwestern university after strike with team mates.

Cleveland, O.—Spingarn's stand for Roosevelt draws fire of Cleveland NAACP; Chester K. Gillespie pens telegram to Secretary White.

Baltimore, Md.—Calvin Douglas is second Race student to enter the University of Maryland; will study law in night school.

Toledo, O.—Ohio CME conference endorses Governor Alfred M. Landon for president; church reports that annual meet shows progress.

Chicago—Visitors to Tuskegee-Wilberforce football game last Saturday set dizzy social pace.

OCTOBER 31—Chicago—Chicago grid fans make plans to welcome second grid class; Alabama State Teachers will meet Kentucky State college gridgers Saturday at Soldier Field.

Chicago—Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth amendments to Constitution to be abolished? Landon's election will end onslaught on our basic laws.

New York, N.Y.—Plans have been completed here for the reopening of the local office of the Chicago Defender, World's Greatest Weekly, November 1, it was announced this week.

New Orleans, La.—Feeling is running high here and is increasing with the spread of a report that a white clerk in a local grocery had attacked Mrs. Phileman Washington, 71 years of age, when she refused to accept some undesirable articles.

London—Bud Harris, internationally famous theatrical star and journalist, to cover John Henry Lewis fight here on November 9.

Columbus, Ohio—Democrats import southern speakers to tell Race how to vote for United States President.

Chicago—Col. Roscoe Conkling Simmons makes strong appeal for C.O.P.; nation hears great orator outline political issues.

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Chicago—Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell once more defeats Oscar DePriest for U. S. seat from first congressional district. DePriest was only able to amass 28,182 while the incumbent polled 35,330.

Washington, D.C.—Entire nation goes Democratic.

New York, N.Y.—In the Democratic tidal wave which swept President F. D. Roosevelt into office for the second time, emerged two Race winners, Robert W. Justice and William T. Andrews. These men will sit in the New York General Assembly.

Cleveland, O.—Joe Louis, Brown Bomber, will seek his 30th knock-out on Monday night, December 7, when he meets Johnny Risko in the

Cleveland Auditorium here in ten round bout.

New York, N.Y.—The trials in the famous Scottsboro case which were to have been resumed on November 2 before Judge William Washington Calahan at the state of Alabama have been postponed until December or January, it was announced this week.

Richmond, Va.—Mrs. Elsie Edwards Mayfield denies being the mother of Father Divine.

Chicago, Ill.—Police continue probe into murder of Joe Gibbons, former sweetheart of Mrs. Joe Louis.

Hollywood, Calif.—New contract establishes Louise Beavers as movie star; first member of Race to gain this standing in film world.

NOVEMBER 14—Los Angeles, Cal.—His mind suddenly becoming deranged, in a fit of anger, Eddie Williams, well known chauffeur and man about town, cut to death Mrs. Lauana Martinez Woods, then screaming loudly he fired a bullet through his brain.

New York, N.Y.—Four Harlemites were injured seriously Monday when the ceiling of the Regun theatre fell without warning in the midst of an afternoon performance.

Washington, D.C.—The success or failure of an anti-lynching bill, certain to be one of the first major measures to be introduced in the next congress, rests entirely with President Roosevelt.

London—John Henry Lewis retained his light heavyweight championship of the world here Monday night when he defeated Len Harvey in a 15 round decision.

Chicago—New political party seen partly seen as GOP's only hope after second "bloodless" American revolution; huge Democratic vote hit reactionaries.

NOVEMBER 21—Omaha, Nebr.—John Adams, Jr., of this city was elected to the one-house legislature of the State of Nebraska from the fifth district which will convene for the first time on January 5, 1937. This legal slature will be composed of forty-three members, elected from forty-three districts in the state. The Unicameral Legislature is the outcome of a constitutional amendment drafted by Sen. G. W. Norris which he persuaded the state to adopt two years ago.

Charleston, Mo.—The National Federation of Colored Farmers, Inc., holds annual convention.

NOVEMBER 28—Tampa, Fla.—Jim crow practices, lynching, fascism, war and Italy's rape of Ethiopia are sharply condemned in resolutions introduced at the 56th convention of the American Federation of Labor here; push move to get better positions for Race workers.

Washington, D.C.—For the first time since the World War Washington will miss football between Howard university and Lincoln university of Pennsylvania on Thanksgiving Day.

Columbus, Ohio—According to announcement made this week by Atty. Chester K. Gillespie of the local branch of the NAACP two courses are being considered by the organization following the recent decision of the state supreme court in holding that retail stores may refuse to sell to members of the Race.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A million dollar mystery with victim and killer both members of the Race; its contribution to the death of another human being, the narrow escape of three others, and a near lynching all unrolled with movie-like dramatic swiftness from the largest fire in Los Angeles history last Sunday morning.

Chicago—Ernest Caldwell excused from jury in trial of Rufe Swain.

Atlanta, Ga.—Friends of Dr. John Hope will pay tribute to his memory and will recall his life of service to the cause of education and social betterment at a memorial service to be held under the auspices of Atlanta university on December 2.

DECEMBER 5—Toledo, O.—J. Elliott Douglass, dreamer of colossal schemes and without a peer in staging food store and other spectacular promotions, is dead.

Washington, D.C.—Perry Howard named in damage suit for \$2,500; D.C. bank receiver goes to court to collect unpaid note.

Jonesboro, Ark.—Turning down a jury's recommendation for clemency, Judge John E. Martineau in federal court here last Wednesday imposed a fine of \$3,500 and sentenced Paul D. Preacher, planter and citizen marshal of Earle, Ark., to two years in prison. The white man was guilty of violating an ancient anti-slavery statute.

St. Louis, Mo.—Stark tragedy stalked the Vashon-Sumner football game here Thanksgiving day when Harold Lumpkin and Herman Byndon were killed.

Addis Ababa.—Gore, second Ethiopian capital, was captured this week by the Italians after two months of intensive campaigning and guerrilla warfare that finally routed the very inadequately armed native Ethiopians.

Cleveland, O.—The Joe Louis-Johnny Risko fight is called off. Eddie Simms will substitute for Risko for the scheduled bout on December 14.

Chicago—Mrs. G. E. Shaw, wife of Bishop Shaw, died.

Washington, D.C.—U. S. Supreme court decided last Monday to review for the second time the conviction of Angelo Herndon, youthful communist in Georgia courts on a charge of attempting to incite insurrection under a Georgia statute passed in 1871.

Chicago Defender carries exclusive photo of Emperor Haile Selassie at Bath Estate in England.

Chicago—J. H. Wainwright sings for Hampton Institute 30 years; feled by Chicago alumni headed by Editor Robert S. Abbott.

DECEMBER 12—Detroit, Mich.—The notorious Black Legion underwent another sickening jolt here last week when Judge Donald Van Zile, sitting in Recorder's Court, sentenced the five "thrill killers" of Silas Sylvester Coleman, 42 year old World War veteran, to life in the state penitentiary of Southern Michigan and the prison at Marquette.

Washington, D. C.—Perry W. Howard hits back at charges of D. C. banks; sharply denies alleged indebtedness.

New York, N. Y.—A general attack on discrimination and jim crowism in Harlem was launched at a "call to action" mass meeting in the Grace Congregational church.

Iowa City, Iowa—Homer Harris, star football player of the University of Iowa, is elected captain of

grid team; first Race star to be so honored in Big Ten.

Laurel, Miss.—Dixie whites staged a pre-Christmas celebration here Friday when the whole town turned out to join in the lynching of a 17-year-old youth, J. P. Grant. It was by far the most spectacular and gruesome event of the kind to be seen in these parts.

Marshall, Texas—A new era in racial understanding and good will is predicted by observers here if plans for the proposed post-season football game at Oakland, Calif., between Bishop College Tigers and a team from one of the white colleges on the coast materialize.

DECEMBER 19—Cleveland, Ohio —Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, back in good money after a record win over Eddie Simms, Detroit fighter, floors his man in 18 seconds.

Nashville, Tenn.—Editor R. C. Barbour, Baptist leader, raps churchmen; says "Jesus never had a chance at Baptist convention at Chattanooga, Tenn."

Raleigh, N. C.—Deadly fumes of lethal gas snuffed out the life of 22-year-old Martin Moore, hotel boy in North Carolina gas chamber here. He was executed for the killing of Helen Clevenger in Asheville last July.

New York, N. Y.—Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, world's greatest tap dancer and star of both stage and screen, celebrates his 50th anniversary in show business.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Dr. Jack Smitherman, socially prominent, seized by police after girl patient dies following "illegal operation."

Hampton, Va.—Robert Sengstacke Abbott, editor and publisher of The Chicago Defender, gives three oriental rugs to Hampton Institute library.

Chicago Defender wishes its readers a merry Christmas.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Trapped like rats, six persons were killed last Saturday night and 21 were injured when two South Philadelphia tenement houses at 517 and 19 S. 15th street collapsed.

Moscow, U.S.S.R.—Paul Robeson, internationally famous singer and stage star, enrolls his son, Paul, Jr., in Russian school.

Whitesburg, Ky.—A minister, once a member of the race, has turned white and freak of nature was due, the Rev. A. H. Madison says, to his fervent prayers asking God to make him white so he could preach to both the members of the race and the whites also.

Chicago—Gangsters' guns roared in the taxicab war that has been raging in the city for the past four weeks and came near eliminating one of the principal witnesses in the trial scheduled for January 12 when Joe O Neal, executive secretary of the South Side Emergency Council

and once the confidant and close friend of Democratic Edward (Mike) Sneed, was shot down near his home.

Chicago—Johnnie Iva Trotter-Rees sister of Joe Louis' wife, seeks divorce from "cruel" mate.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Dr. Jack Smitherman, prominent local physician, freed in "illegal practice."

Chicago—Seven thousand jammed Regal theatre to attend The Chicago Defender's annual midnight Christmas basket show.

Evanston, Ill.—Northwestern university student paper blasts jim-crow officials.