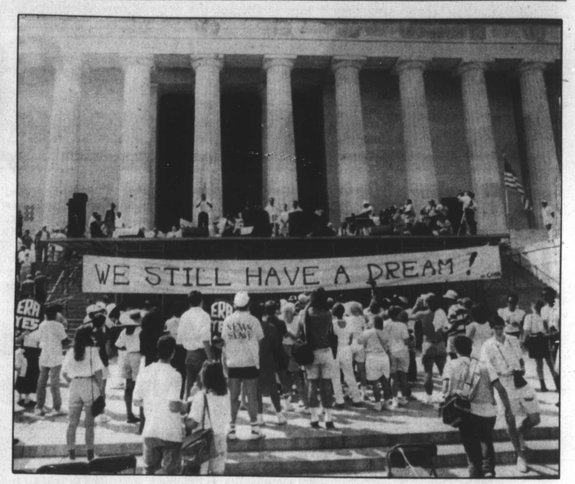
THE JOURNEY BEGINS—The Baltimore motorcade left the State Office Building downtown 9 a.m. August 27 to make the trip to Washington for the 25th anniversary of the Great March on Washington.



Part of the crowd of 50,000 that listened to Rev. Jesse Jackson at the Lincoln Memorial during the 25th anniversary of the March on Washington.

Coretta Scott-King addresses a crowd of 50,000 at the 25th anniversary of the March on Washington. Behind her are the children of Dr. King. (l to r) Yolanda, Martin Luther King III and Dexter King.

—55,000 in D.C. March

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minorities with an opportunity to make their political progress known, said the Baltimore NAACP executive secretary.

"The message was given to Dukakis and (vice president George) Bush, that we're looking for a change," Buntin said.

"The changes that were promised 25 years ago that never have come to fruition," said Buntin.

"There are bills pending in Congress concerning sanctions against South Africa's apartheid government and U.S. minority business set-asides, which still need to be resolved," said Buntin.

Buntin explained the 1988 March on Washington like this: Relevant to the time we had to pull it together, I think it was satisfying.

The original march and the 1983 march were planned months in advance, unlike this year's, which was planned earlier this month.

Twenty-one buses left the State Office Complex 9 a.m. on August 27 to add to the numbers of Baltimoreans participating in the silver anniversary.

Buses, cars and trains shuttled legions from cities across the Atlantic seaboard and in the Midwest while other people flew into the nation's capital from San Francisco, Los Angeles and other western points.

More than 600 people from Chicago and Cincinnati joined members of the District's Shiloh Baptist Church at 1500 9th Street NW, and local residents on their way to the Mall. The Illinois delegation, which had travelled all night, was headed by Chicago Mayor Eugene Sawyer, Rep. Gus Savage (D-IL) and Edna Hayes, wife of Rep. Charlie Hayes (D-IL).

"You ask why we are here today," said Sawyer in a speech before the delegation. "Well, Dr. King talked about a nation where no one would be hungry and I don't see that — that's why we're here.

He talked about freedom, justice and brotherhood. I don't see that — that's why we're here. We are going to change things in America. Let us stay together, for we shall overcome!"

Elizabeth Culpepper, a widow and resident of the District since 1945, joined fellow members of the Shiloh family in welcoming the Illinois delegation.

Proudly wearing a button from the 1963 March, Culpepper remembered working near the Mall 25 years ago, and spent her lunch hour with the marchers listening to the speeches.

"Everybody behaved perfectly, things were all and all peaceful," she said. It was a day to remember.

And despite the tens of thousands of people, not one piece of trash was left behind."

As with the original march, the 25th anniversary observance drew scores of civil rights, religious and political leaders, but the crowd fell far below the numbers who flocked to the Washington Monument grounds in 1963. At least 250,000 people participated as compared with the 55,000 in this year's gathering.

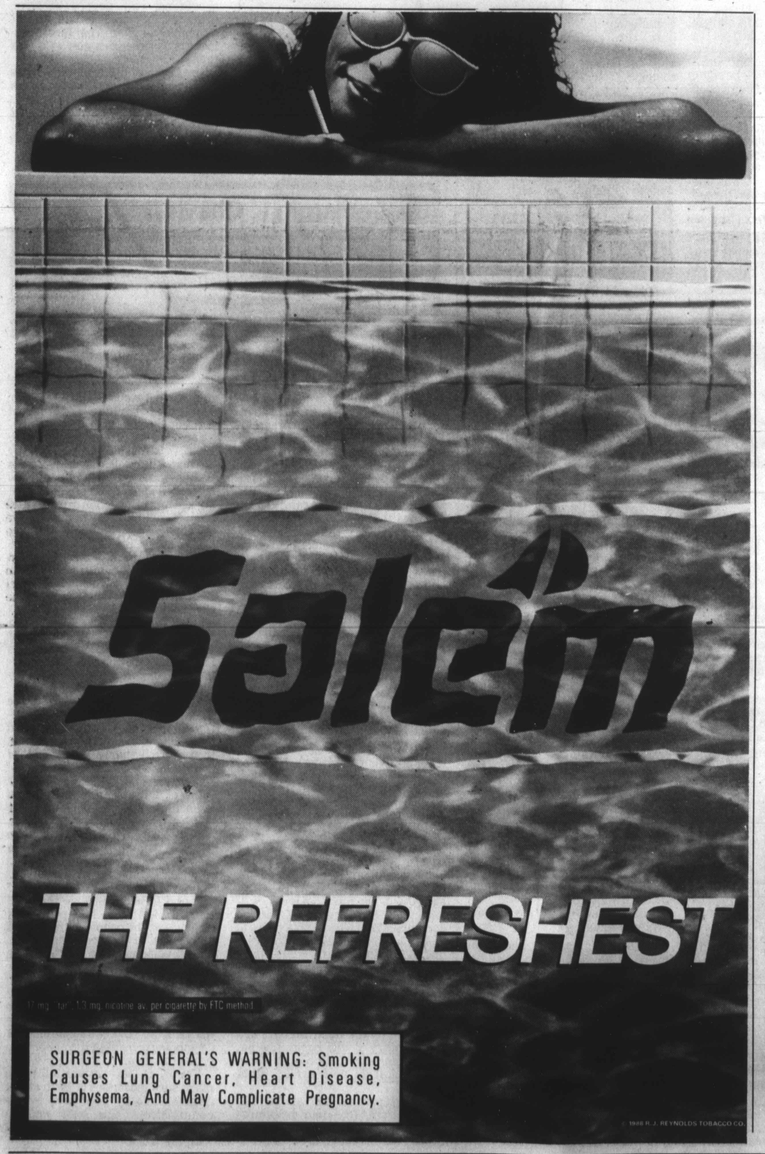
Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis and his closest opponent, former challenger Jesse Jackson, delivered fiery speeches denouncing the Regan administration's civil rights record of the last eight years.

"We must march until racism and anti-semitism and discrimination of all kinds are banished from this land,"Dukakis said. "And we must march until we have an administration in the White House that understands and respects the Constitution of the United States."

Leading a series of chants, Jackson ignited the crowd by saying "Down with dope, up with hope. Keep hope alive."

"Free the red, yellow, brown, black and white people. Free Nelson Mandela."

Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke and state Sen. Paul Sarbanes discuss the Great March on Washington.



PLEA FOR COLLEGIANS: Sports Editor Sam Lacy urges IOC to vote down proposal to open Olympic Games to pros (1st Page)

LOVELY TERESA: She has no wish to enter beauty contests, but Teresa Edwards's work on the basketball court is lovely to watch.

PRO BOXING'S MO?: If the Mike Tyson-Mitch Green shenanigans last week in New York was a backdrop for a rematch, it worked.

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SAM LACY

No!!

Throughout the U.S. Olympic movement a cry for professional participation in the Games is escalating.

The reason for this is the oft-repeated charge that other countries year after year send their paid athletes into competition against America's amateurs . . . The argument in some quarters is that we should answer with equal deception.

If there is a sane voice in the International Olympic Committee, the prayer here is that it will sound "may" to the proposal should it come to vote . . . Perhaps I shouldn't use the term "sane" for that produces the image of a guy in the insane asylum who is convinced it is the outside folk who are lunatics.

Hits USA hardest

Anyway, it is virtually certain that the matter of pro participation will be discussed and voted upon when member nations meet in Barcelona in 1989 . . . And that is when anyone sensitive to the needs of college athletes in the United States will pray for a firm "No!"

This applies specifically to us, because no other country conducts such a far-reaching collegiate program (NCAA, NAIA, etc.) . . . The young men and women involved for the most part are amateurs, and it was in their interest that the Games were modernized in Paris in 1980 . . . Abandonment of that format could be extremely detrimental to the way of life for American college athletes.

Notable quotable

George Raveling, assistant coach of the U.S. men's basketball team:

"The best three years of a sportswriter's life are the third grade."

No Brundage, tho

This is not meant to wish for a throwback to the Avery Brundage years, hell no! . . . The late head of the USOC conducted an unceasing fire-and-brimstone crusade into the seventies on behalf of his own brand of purism, a crusade which dictated "investigations" of anybody who merely spoke to a professional.

It is meant, though, to point up the fact that the infiltration of pros will deprive countless numbers of youngers tthe chance to realize a lifelong dream: to represent the United States in international competition.

It may seem strange to some of us that many young college athletes are not competing with the thought of turning professional foremost in their minds . . . It is a safe estimate that 80 percent of graduating seniors each year focus on pursuits other than a career in sports.

The vote: No!

To them the opportunity to engage in the most glamorous of all worldwide athletic events is the enticement that seasons their lives on campus.

It is worth sacrificing these starry-eyed youngsters for the sake of an assured gold to the L.A. Lakers in basketball, or the Minnesota Twins in baseball, etc?

All D.C. hails Doug but Jack Kent Cooke?

Washington Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke scored big in D.C., last Friday when he announced at long last, the signing of a 3-year contract to quarterback Doug Williams.

The issuance of a pact estimated at a sum in excess of $3.5 million — thus making the Super Bowl hero the highest-paid Redskin ever — was hailed as the crowning achievement of a six-month wait.

Williams was happy, his fellow players said they were happy, the coaches were happy and the city for the most part was happy.

But then JKC expanded on his announcement and, possibly intending to use the Williams' reward as a smoke screen, told of plans to build a new football stadium with his own money.

Few doubt that Cooke is sincere in his evaluation of Doug Williams or that he is determined to abandon RFK Stadium in favor of a spanking new plant.

But the influential football owner over the past 10 months, has persisted in a campaign to take over a site occupied by the Langston Golf Course.

And there's where he runs into a wall of opposition. That's where the enthusiasm for the Doug Williams meed is tempered.

Langston is a popular spot for an estimated 2,000 golfers weekly.

It is one of only three public courses in the city. East Potomac (near the Tidal Basin) plays to capacity, and the other Rock Creek (at 16th and Rittenhouse) is overcrowded.

The three locations cover the District's Northwest, Northeast and Southwest sections.

And patrons have been angered by the JKC insistence on eliminating the availability of the northeast facility.

Some consolation is derived from the supposition that federal officials may withhold approval of the Langston acquisition without D.C. backing.

And Washington Mayor Barry has been outspoken in his opposition to the Langston seizure.

There are some, however, who speculate on the power of money.

Bison, Bears open on road

Two teams at opposite ends of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference ratings open their football seasons Saturday on foreign soil.

Howard University, the MEAC defending champion visits Morehouse, and Morgan State, unable recently to escape the cellar tries Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Virginia Union in Richmond.

Nine games hold forth on the black college weekend, with Bethune at Central Florida opening on Friday night.

In other AFRO-area games, Delaware State hosts Florida A&M at Dover, and North Carolina Central is at home in the annual meeting with North Carolina A&T.

The Southwestern Athletic Conference opens with traditional rivals Grambling and Alcorn State clashing for the 11th time in the Red River Classic at Shreveport, La.

One-on-One

Former baseball player Hank Allen saddled Northern Wolf to capture the $50,000 Rollicking, closing day stakes at Pimlico Friday.

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The colors of the Olympic rings — black, blue, red, green and yellow — were chosen because at least one appears on every national flag in the world. The five rings represent the five continents.

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Greg Gumbel, older brother of NBC's Bryant Gumbel, has been signed to do NFL game telecasts by CBS. Working with him will be Dan Fouts and Gary Fencik as analysts.

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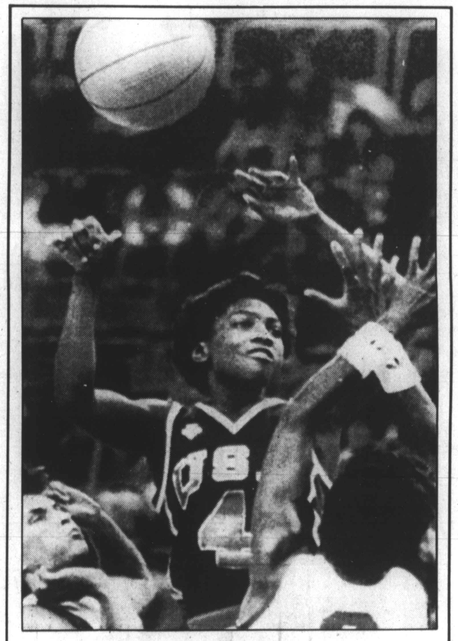
The Milwaukee Brewers acquired former Oriole outfielder Mike Young from the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday for minor league pitcher Alex Madrid.



Teresa Edwards
'world's best player' has eyes on Soviets

Football

COLLEGE SCHEDULE

Friday

Bethune-Cookman at Central Florida (N)

Saturday

Morgan at Virginia Union (N)
Howard Univ. at Morehouse
Florida A&M at Delaware State
N. Carolina A&T at N.C. Central
S. Carolina State at Furman
Alcorn State at Grambling (N)
Miles College at Miss. Valley (N)
Texas Southern at Prairie View (N)
Mid-Tennessee at Tenn. State (N)

NFL SCHEDULE

Sunday

Atlanta at Detroit
Cleveland at Kansas City
Dallas at Pittsburgh
Houston at Indianapolis
Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay
Miami at Chicago
Minnesota at Buffalo
New York Jets at New England
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay
Phoenix at Cincinnati
San Diego at Los Angeles Raiders
San Francisco at New Orleans
Seattle at Denver

Monday Night

Washington at New York Giants

Champ is host

Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is playing host to two of the world's top tennis players for the period of the U.S. Open.

Tyson's mansion in nearby Bernardsville, was opened last week to Martina Navratilova and Lori McNeil for the duration of the event in Flushing Meadow, N.Y.

Another Olympics 'double' sought

USA gals would match men's gold

Aside from proving they are for real, members of the United States women's team head for the Seoul Olympics inspired by the dream of pairing with the U.S. men in scoring their second straight double gold in basketball.

Both men and women captured their titles at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.

For the gals, the mission is simple: win the gold medal and knock off the Soviet Union in the process.

"I would love to have the opportunity to meet the Russians in the gold medal game," said U.S. Coach Kay Yow of North Carolina State. "I'm concerned about looking ahead and I know every game is going to be a test. But if you tell me now we'll play them for the gold, I would like that."

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Even though the U.S. team is defending gold medalist, the '84 victory in Los Angeles was tainted by the boycott of the Soviet Union, a team that dominated international play for nearly three decades.

The Soviet spell was broken in the summer of 1986 when Yow coached a U.S. team that twice beat the Russians in Moscow to win the Goodwill Games and the World Championships. Both wins were decisive, by 23 and 20 points.

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Nine members of those teams are among the 12 who will play for Yow in Seoul.

"We were a young team (in '86), able to do something we didn't know we could do," Yow said.

The team now is older — and better. Nancy Lieberman, a '76 Olympian, calls the '88 U.S. Olympians the best women's team she has seen and one that will be difficult to beat in Seoul.

The U.S. squad will rely on quickness, versatility, athletic ability and experience.

The top players are guards Teresa Edwards, Teresa Weatherspoon and Cynthia Cooper, and forwards Cindy Brown, Katrina McClain and Bridgette Gordon.

Edwards is probably the best woman's player in the world, but she's not far ahead of Gordon, one of only two players on the team — Vicki Bullett is the other — who has another season of college eligibility.

The team veteran is three-time Olympian Anne Donovan, a 6-8 center who is age 26.

"There is a lot of pressure on us," said Donovan. "We did so well in '86 that a lot of people will be disappointed with anything less than a gold."

The Soviet Union is the only other in the 8-team field considered a gold medal contender. Yow, however, said Yugoslavia, China and host Korea are capable of spoiling the form.

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The Soviets once relied strictly on size, featuring 7-2 Uliana Semenova. But, after the first of Yow's two victories in '86, the Soviets fired their coach and shook up the roster. Since then, they also have changed their style of play.

"They have tried to become a more upbeat team," said Yow. "They have opened up the court, become more aggressive, and more progressive in their game."

The Soviets still will have size on their side, but the U.S. will counter with quickness and depth.

"We will use nine to 10 players," Yow said. "We want an up-tempo as much as possible. We really want to push it up, we won't have players pacing themselves."

Not with a gold medal, and more, at stake, Yow said.