



U.S. Boycott of 1980 Olympic Games Detailed in New Book "Boycott: Stolen Dreams of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games." Vice President Walter Mondale Pens Foreword for Book.

American athletes denied opportunity to compete in boycotted 1980 Olympic Games and the geo-political circumstances surrounding the boycott featured in latest book by identical twin authors Tom Caraccioli and Jerry Caraccioli.

New York, NY, March 27, 2008 --(PR.com)-- Stories of American athletes denied the opportunity to compete in the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow - due to geopolitical circumstances surrounding the Jimmy Carter-led United States boycott of the Games - are featured in the book *Boycott: Stolen Dreams of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games*, due out this May in anticipation of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing China.

Written by identical twins Tom Caraccioli and Jerry Caraccioli, *Boycott: Stolen Dreams of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games* (\$25.95, New Chapter Press) chronicles the stories of 18 elite American athletes who trained thousands of hours for their once-in-a-lifetime chance at Olympic glory in Moscow only to become pawns in a political Cold War chess match between superpowers. The book also outlines the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan that led to the boycott, efforts by a group of athletes to overturn the boycott by legal means, and the entire 1980 team eventually receiving the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award which is bestowed by the United States Congress.

Vice President Walter F. Mondale, who spoke on behalf of the boycott prior to the USOC's April 12, 1980 vote to officially boycott the Games, wrote the Foreword for the book. Mondale apologizes to all the athletes who were denied the opportunity to compete calling them, "warriors in our country's defense of freedom."

Wrote Mondale, "Of course, the Soviet Union system later spectacularly collapsed, disappearing forever from the world scene. I believe that our young athletes, who sacrificed so much, deserve great credit for their part in denying respectability to such an odious regime."

More information on the book can be found at www.boycottbook.com. The book is already available for pre-sale via internet retailers such as amazon.com.

Athletes featured in the book are:

Don Paige (Athletics) Philadelphia, Pa.
Glenn Mills (Swimming) Ridgeville, Ohio
Gwen Gardner (Athletics) Los Angeles, Calif
Gene Mills (Wrestling) Pompton Lakes, N.J.
Craig Beardsley (Swimming) New York, N.Y.
Sue Walsh (Swimming) Hamburg, N.Y.
Bill Hanzlik (Basketball) Beloit, Wisc.,



Amy Koopman (Gymnastics) Arlington Heights, Ill.
Isiah Thomas (Basketball) Chicago, Ill.
Carol Blazejowski (Basketball) Fairview, N.J.
Luci Collins (Gymnastics) Englewood, Calif.
David Kimes (Shooting) Monterey Park, Calif.
Brian Gust (Wrestling) Lakeville, Minn.
Lisa Buese (Swimming) Louisville, Ky.
Linda Cornelius Waltman (Athletics) Ft. Worth, Tx
Thomas Schuler (Cycling) Birmingham, Mich.
Ron Galimore (Gymnastics) Ames, Iowa
Debbie Landreth (Volleyball) El Segundo, Calif.

Boycott: Stolen Dreams of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games is the second book by Tom Caraccioli and Jerry Caraccioli. They are the coauthors of Striking Silver: The Untold Story of America's Forgotten Hockey Team, published in 2006. Tom Caraccioli is the president of Lions Roar, LLC, a communications and public relations firm, and a former executive for NBC and USA networks. Jerry Caraccioli is a television network executive in the CBS Sports division.

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