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MUCH PRODUCTIONS
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00:00:28:00

Fidel Castro (Archive)
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:00:28:08

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

What is Cuba without the rest of the world?

00:00:32:10

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

If our dreams of yesterday are the realities of today,

00:00:36:20

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

our dreams of today will be the realities of tomorrow.

00:00:42:03

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

With resolve and loyalty to our principals,

00:00:47:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

with absolute trust in the justice of our cause,

00:00:52:21

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

with the spirit of sacrifice, of heroism

00:00:56:04

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

and the virtues of the people...

00:01:07:02

CAPTION

1976 Olympic Games,
Montreal

00:01:07:10

Commentator (Archive)

Look at the gap, Juantorena's taking the bend for the final time... and he's holding off the American, it's gonna be Juantorena. Cuba's first ever Olympic gold in track and field... and a new world record.

00:01:34:07

TITLE SEQUENCE

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00:01:37:21

Commentator (Archive)

[INAUDIBLE] this is Juantorena.

00:01:43:04

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00:01:46:08

Commentator (Archive)

Juantorena begins to stretch his legs, look at the stature of the man as he overtakes the leader now.

00:01:52:18

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ORIGINAL MUSIC

PIP GREASLEY

& COHIMBRE

00:01:56:17

Commentator (Archive)

Round the bend, for the final time, Juantorena's still in front, striding for the line.

00:02:02:06

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00:02:05:23

Commentator (Archive)

As they enter the back straight, Juantorena's found another gear.

00:02:11:13

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Commentator (Archive)

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

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MAIN TITLE:

RUNNING
FOR THE
REVOLUTION

00:02:39:14

CAPTION

This story was captured
over five years
during an eventual period
in Cuba's history

00:02:47:13

CAPTION

Pan American Stadium,
Havana - 2015

00:03:06:22

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:03:06:24

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

You will have to work really hard.

00:03:12:16

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

This is the most important part of the
training: the general preparation.

00:03:18:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I know it's a big sacrifice,

00:03:23:17

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

but I can tell you the result will be worth it.

00:03:28:14

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

That's all.

00:03:30:13

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Now applaud yourselves and go for it!

00:03:47:08

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I saw him win in Montreal.

00:03:47:17

CUBAN ATHLETICS COACH

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:03:50:01

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It has always stayed with me.

00:03:57:12

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

He was an amazing runner.

00:03:57:20

VOX POP Male - red and white T-shirt and cap

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:04:00:02

VOX POP Female - black curly hair

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:04:00:03

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

With that stride no one could beat him.

00:04:12:18

CAPTION

Alberto Juantorena is now
President of Cuban
Athletics and a World
Athletics council member

00:04:37:11

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE] Yeah. You know, next year will be the 40th anniversary of my victory in Montreal. 40 years, you know?

00:04:43:20

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Look - it's Papa!

00:04:46:12

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Papa when he was a runner... when he had hair!

00:05:08:20

Alberto Juantorena

You can't imagine an individual man among the all millions of the humans of the world, to be an Olympic champion, to be the first. This just all seemed really special. Very special.

00:05:36:01

Alberto Juantorena

I was born in Santiago de Cuba, it's the second largest city in my county. I remember I was, as a child, playing all the time, running, up and down the hills. Sometimes, I was acting as a bad boy, sometime, you know?

00:05:55:06

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

My mother used to say: "This child is crazy".

00:05:55:10

Caridad Juantorena Danger (sister)

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:05:58:11

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

But he would always say: "I will make it mama".

00:06:00:12

CAPTION

Caridad Juantorena

Danger

Alberto's Sister

00:06:02:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

"I will be big one day, you'll see..."

00:06:08:14

CAPTION

Cuba - 1950s

00:06:10:01

Alberto Juantorena

I remember before the Revolution that the economic situation was really, really hard for the Cuban population. My father work in different job to take care of the family, you know? Sometimes good situation, sometime not very good situation, economically speaking.

00:06:34:11

CAPTION

Cuba's President Batista

was a

military dictator backed by

the USA

00:06:39:13

Alberto Juantorena

During the Batista regime people doesn't have money, Batista have a connection with the mafia in the casinos, corruption prevailed. That's why the Cubans protest in the streets against the Batista regime.

00:07:07:02

CAPTION

Moncada Barracks,
Santiago de Cuba
Birthplace of the Cuban
Revolution

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Alberto Juantorena

The situation of my country was very awful, no job, no opportunity for people to learn, Batista was a killer and that's why Fidel decided to attack this guy... He was very important inspiration for our generation, for our people. But, what happened that, in my family, was some people who was involved in the Revolutionary movement, you know? My father was involved in the movement too. In this house, we was hiding some weapons to supply to the people who was fighting against Batista regime. The police, Batista police, arrived to my house and they destroy everything. They was looking at every corner of my house and then they couldn't find the evidence to put my father in jail. The weapon was in the backyard, in a hole, and that's why my father (was) escaping at that time.

00:08:22:16

News Reporter (Archive)

First films of Cuban rebel leader, Fidel Castro, and his ragged force in their mountain stronghold. This is the band, numbered at about 1,000, that, for 16 months has held out in the rugged Sierra Maestra mountains, near the island's eastern tip. Castro's plan of

action, to fight by any means until the Batista regime is toppled.

00:08:45:20

CAPTION

CUBAN REBELS

TAKE OVER!

TELENEWS

00:08:52:15

Alberto Juantorena

I saw all of the joy, I saw all of the celebration when finally, the Revolution triumphed in 1959.

00:09:06:01

Crowd

[SINGING] [SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:09:06:12

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Hasten to battle, men of Bayamo,
for the homeland looks proudly at you

00:09:13:10

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Do not fear a glorious death,
as to die for the country is to live

00:09:19:24

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

To live in chains is to live
in dishonour and ignominy

00:09:27:20

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Hear the clarion call

00:09:32:12

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

To arms, brave ones, run!

00:09:39:10

CAPTION

International Workers' Day
Parade

00:10:09:00

CAPTION

Fidel Castro formed a
close alliance with the
USSR,
who began long-term
financial support of Cuba

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CAPTION

They also installed nuclear
missiles on the island

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John F. Kennedy

Finally, I wanna say a few words to the captive people of Cuba, now your leaders are no longer Cuban leaders, inspired by Cuban ideals, they are puppets and agents of an international conspiracy, which has turned Cuba into the first Latin American country to become a target for nuclear war, the first Latin American country to have these weapons on its soil... They contribute nothing to your peace and well-being, they can only undermine it.

00:10:46:00

CAPTION

LAUNCH POSITION

MISSILE READY TENTS

MISSILE ERECTORS

00:10:47:15

CAPTION

Soviet nuclear missile sites
in Cuba - 1962

00:10:53:10

CAPTION

UNIVERSAL-
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. BREAKS

RELATIONS

WITH CUBA

VOICE, ED HERLIHY

00:11:03:13

CAPTION

The US embargo on Cuba
has remained in place
since 1962

00:11:08:14

Alberto Juantorena

The American embargo caused big damage to the Cuban economy, more than \$180 billion, we lost, with this situation of the

embargo, you know? We cannot do business, we cannot do trade. I cannot buy sport equipment in the United States, you know? I have to fight for everything. We are having a stadium (that) really is not in good condition. The track is all broken. If I need to buy a landing mat, or hurdles, or javelin, we need to buy in Germany, we need to buy in Sweden, we need to buy in Japan sometimes, you know? And this is even increase the cost. I bought three mattress, landing mat, for high jump. It cost me 10,000 bucks, only three.

00:12:16:17

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

What a wonderful sport centre!

00:12:16:22

Fidel Castro (Archive)

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:12:20:10

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

A gift from the Revolution to our worker's children.

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LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

A place to continue our collection effort,

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LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

to fight,

00:12:35:19

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

and along with the pain,

00:12:38:13

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

to enjoy as well.

00:12:43:10

Alberto Juantorena

The concept of Fidel in the field of sport is mass participation of sport for all. And physical education in the school; from primary school, all the way to university, you know? The sport in Cuba is the right of all citizens, of all population. That's why people like me at the opportunity to train and to become a world champion or whatever, you know?

00:13:26:02

Alberto Juantorena

If you analyse the history of the Cuban, before the Revolution, they have nothing, only four or six, Olympic champions and now they have 79. 79, it's a big difference.

00:14:07:16

Alberto Juantorena

It was at that time they put me on the basketball team. I came to Havana and said, you need a team member, but two coaches saw me running, I always whisper in my ear, abandon that sport, your future is in the athletic, but I was in love with basketball, I was engaged with basketball. I say, "No wait, I cannot change." And then, of course, I split from basketball. They said I do not have the ability to be in the top in Cuba. And then I changed.

00:14:43:09

CAPTION

Juantorena showed
exceptional talent
as a 400m sprinter

00:14:48:07

Alberto Juantorena

The first time that I compete, I beat everyone and just like this, I

become immediately a national champion. Everywhere was looking at me and they say, "Who is that guy?"

00:15:08:01

CAPTION

Just one year later,
Juantorena was selected
to compete at the 1972
Munich Olympics

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CAPTION

He was eliminated after
finishing
5th in the semi-finals of the
400m

00:15:20:08

Alberto Juantorena

I feel very happy, was like a gift to me. I was very happy to be among all the stars that I read in the newspaper. I saw the United States runners, oh, they are human being like me, nothing different, they don't have four legs. No, they are men like me. I can be like him, I can be better than him. One day, I will catch you.

00:16:01:15

CAPTION

Havana - 1976

00:16:08:24

Alberto Juantorena

After Munich, my focus was to be Olympic champion in 1976... I need to be the best.

00:17:01:00

Alberto Juantorena

At that time, was here in Havana, in Cuba, a coach from Poland, Zygmunt Zabierzowski, he was a special man to me. He was deeply convinced that the only man on earth, that can win at the same time, four and 800, was me. I never run in my life, 800. I say, "No way, coach. I only will run in the Olympic 400." I was afraid, because 800 was the first race, and my main event was 400, second race. I was afraid to lose all my power...

00:17:43:02

CAPTION

Juantorena was selected
to contest
both events at the
Montreal Olympics

His biggest threat in the
400m would
come from American
sprinter Fred Newhouse

00:18:04:14

Fred Newhouse

I grew up in a small town in east Texas, it was during a period of segregation here in the United States... Our baseball field, was out in the pasture, cow pasture. Our track, was a circular track around the baseball field, it was part grass and part sand. Somehow, we trained on that and, when we went to a track meet that actually had a track with lines on it, we thought, "This is great." 400 metre runners in the United States were very, very dominant in the world and I knew how fast I could run... Coming out of the Olympic trials, I felt like I was probably in the best shape of my life. I knew that, on any given day, there weren't three people in the world that could beat me. In '72, I expected to make our team but didn't. In '76, I expected to win the gold medal.

00:18:14:23

CAPTION

Fred Newhouse

Former Olympic Athlete

00:20:17:20

Commentator (Archive)

And away they go, two laps of the track, the first 300 metres run in lanes, the favourite, surely, Wohlhuter the American. Here they go, into the inside lane, it's the Cuban in the lead.

00:20:18:16

CAPTION

Men's 800m Final

Juantorena's first event

00:20:31:06

Alberto Juantorena

I passed the first lap first, and they guy from India, Sriram Singh, passed me.

00:20:40:06

Commentator (Archive)

What a pace, 50.8, that's inside the world record.

00:20:44:03

Alberto Juantorena

My coach said, "Start to move from 300, nobody in the world attack so early."

00:20:52:04

Commentator (Archive)

The big Cuban opens up a gap.

00:20:54:08

Alberto Juantorena

I move to the first line, with arms like this, he was afraid that I can

break your nose or your teeth, you know?

00:21:01:19

Commentator (Archive)

Taking the bend, for the final time, this is where Wohlhuter is so good, here comes the attack.

00:21:09:19

Alberto Juantorena

I was like a machine, like a windmill, boom, boom, boom.

00:21:16:16

Commentator (Archive)

It's gonna be Juantorena. And a new world record!

00:21:29:00

Fred Newhouse

When Alberto won the 800, we, kind of, felt like, "Hey, that 800 has taken the wind out of his sail and so now we have to further pressure him and the rest of the field."

00:21:42:08

Alberto Juantorena

Mentally, when you have one gold medal, you go to a party, you go to enjoy, because you have one title around your neck, you have one. Let's go to look for another one, okay. I have one. I don't lose anything. I'm happy, and then I was so relaxed.

00:22:08:21

Fred Newhouse

We knew he could run. We knew he had talent. We knew that the length of his stride was probably a foot to a foot and a half longer than any of ours. But we had leg speed, he was a 400, 800 runner, we were 200, 400 runners. And with our speed, we felt we could take him out.

00:22:39:23

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Imagine... this was the perfect

race to give us a heart attack!

00:22:40:04

Caridad Juantorena Danger
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:22:44:05

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

The whole neighbourhood was in our house,

00:22:46:01

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

in front of the TV, all eyes on the race.

00:22:46:01

CAPTION

Caridad Juantorena
Danger
Alberto's Sister

00:22:50:00

Commentator (Archive)

The men's 400 metres final... And they're away, Newhouse making a terrific start in lane four, Juantorena is slow out of the blocks. Newhouse is streaking ahead into the lead but here comes the Cuban, finally getting into gear, he's still got a lot to do. Through the 200 metres mark, it's Fred Newhouse in the lead.

00:23:16:24

Fred Newhouse

I knew I was leading and I was running really well.

00:23:21:21

Commentator (Archive)

Juantorena still two metres down on Newhouse, has he left it too late? It's Cuba against America.

00:23:33:00

Fred Newhouse

I could sense, to my inside, Alberto Juantorena. And I couldn't hold him off. I couldn't hold him off.

00:23:45:23

Commentator (Archive)

Juantorena on his way to a second gold medal... Silver for Newhouse. Bronze for Frazier, but, the Cuban has made Olympic history, a unique double over 400 and 800 metres.

00:24:12:01

Alberto Juantorena

It was, for me, incredible moment. It's like I touch the sky with the hands. It's, like, to have a conversation with heaven, you know?

00:24:23:10

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It was such a great moment.

00:24:23:13

Caridad Juantorena Danger

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:24:26:15

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Everyone was jumping around,

00:24:29:20

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

myself, my mother, my father... crying.

00:24:34:05

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

The whole neighbourhood came out to congratulate us,

00:24:38:08

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

everyone was hugging each other...

00:24:42:17

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I will never forget that moment.

00:24:44:12

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

To this day whenever I look back at that race,

00:24:48:20

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I can't hold back my tears.

00:24:56:05

Fred Newhouse

I thought that that gold medal belonged to *me*. I've had nightmares about that race for 40 years... The fact of a matter is, it was the best race of my life.

00:25:34:04

Alberto Juantorena

We descend from the tail of the plane and at the end of the plane was standing, Fidel Castro, whoo. [LAUGHS] That was the best, best moment of my life. I feel proud, I feel very proud.

00:25:51:13

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Juantorena runs with his heart

00:25:51:14

Band (Archive)

[SINGING] [SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:25:54:01

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

and the people vibrate with emotion

00:25:58:23

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

When he arrived at the airport,

00:25:58:23

Caridad Juantorena Danger

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:26:02:09

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

the whole neighbourhood was waiting for him.

00:26:22:07

Male - striped shirt

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:26:22:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Everyone was jumping with joy,
they shouted "Juantorena, Juantorena!"

00:26:28:14

Band (Archive)

[SINGING] [SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:26:28:15

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Juantorena runs with his heart

00:26:31:06

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

and the people vibrate with emotion

00:26:37:06

Alberto Juantorena

You can't imagine, to be an Olympic champion, to be the first, this is something really special. The summit of your career. This summit of your career.

00:27:00:11

Female - yellow top

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:27:00:15

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

We love him,

00:27:01:20

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

because he is one of the greatest Cubans!

00:27:09:21

Alberto Juantorena

I know that I am a very famous man, people enjoy to talk to you. As somebody say, I was in Varadero when you won, I was in the mountains when you won. I was in the street when you won. And then we all celebrated your victory, this is beautiful... Once a fat woman shouted me from the balcony, "Hey, Alberto Juantorena, you owe me one," I said, "What happened?" "My husband was watching your performance in the 800 metres, he jump, and he destroy my chair, you owe me one chair. You must to buy me one chair." "Okay." [LAUGHS]

00:28:06:20

CAPTION

Santiago de Cuba

00:28:08:12

Alberto Juantorena

Was a beautiful time of my life, my town, my people, my friends, the

families. That's why I donated my house to my community. I donated one of my medals to the community. Just a little to pay a tribute to them.

00:28:31:13

Group of children

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:28:31:13

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Welcome Juantorena...

00:28:34:08

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

to the house where you were born.

00:28:39:05

Alberto Juantorena

You never forget the place that you were born, never in your life.

00:28:44:15

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:28:44:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I feel great admiration for my neighbourhood.

00:28:48:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It taught me a beautiful thing...

00:28:54:11

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

that we should inspire young people with respect, solidarity and love, and above all...

00:29:01:00

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

to love the great leader and coach
of the Cuban nation, Comrade Fidel.

00:29:08:09

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

When I won the gold medal at the
Olympics, it was not only for the glory,

00:29:15:02

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

it was also for Fidel, and for the Cuban people

00:29:19:20

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

who created the conditions that allowed me to
become a two-time Olympic champion in 1976.

00:29:37:07

CAPTION

Despite Juantorena's
unique achievement,
questions
remained concerning his
800m Olympic victory

Mike Boit from Kenya, one
of the best 800m runners
in the world, had been
absent from Montreal

00:29:47:11

Commentator (Archive)

Boit looking inside for Wohlhuter, Wohlhuter coming through into third and it's gonna be a three man race down the home straight, the three class runners, Mike Boit, Steve Ovet and Wohlhuter, now lengthening his legs, but, he's left it very, very late. Mike Boit is running away from him and Wohlhuter--

00:29:54:23

CAPTION

Mike boit racing in 1975

00:30:00:03

Alberto Juantorena

Mike Boit was one of the best runner I ever saw in my life. They enemy number one, at 800 metres.

00:30:07:03

Commentator (Archive)

What a handily judged race though.

00:30:09:07

CAPTION

Boit won a bronze medal
at the 1972 Olympics

00:30:12:04

Mike Boit

After Munich Olympics, I was disappointed with myself. I thought I was going to win the gold medal. I prepared well for Montreal, I had prepared better than I did going to Munich Olympics, and I knew the gold medal was mine.

00:30:21:18

CAPTION

Mike Boit

Former Olympic Athlete

00:30:33:10

CAPTION

But on the eve of the Games, 25 African nations including Kenya decided to boycott in protest against apartheid in South Africa

00:30:42:00

Mike Boit

We had to make a sacrifice to express our solidarity with the black people in South Africa who were marginalised by the apartheid regime. I think that a fight for freedom was a genuine cause, and I knew it was bigger than my running.

00:31:02:16

Alberto Juantorena

The African country decided to boycott the games and there was an idea from the press, from the media, that if Mike Boit was in the contest in Montreal, the result would be different, because the best runner in the world was there, except Mike Boit from Kenya.

00:31:25:09

CAPTION

The deciding duel between them would take place at the 1977 Athletics World Cup

00:31:34:24

Alberto Juantorena

It was gonna be a big race, gonna be really tough.

00:31:40:12

Mike Boit

I knew that he did not have so much endurance, so, with 150 metres to go, I would overtake him, and then I would win the race.

00:31:53:20

Alberto Juantorena

Before the race, I talk to him before I say, "Today I gonna kill you, brother, sorry. You are my friend, but, I'm gonna kill you, strongly."

00:32:09:12

Commentator (Archive)

The race everyone's been waiting for, Juantorena versus Boit, the world watching and they are together on the inside, with Juantorena keeping an eye on Boit and setting the early pace. He knows Boit's got the finish... but, once again, it's the Indian, Sriram Singh taking the lead, he did this in Montreal last year. Juantorena strides majestically as they approach the bell, Mike Boit tucks in behind, watching him like a hawk.

00:32:45:07

Alberto Juantorena

We was together, the first lap almost together, we really had a big battle. But, I never be afraid to compete, never, never.

00:32:55:10

Commentator (Archive)

300 metres to go, here comes the move from Juantorena, Boit goes after him but Juantorena's found another gear.

00:33:02:02

Mike Boit

He would not let me take the lead and with 200 metres to go, I started my kick now.

00:33:09:23

Commentator (Archive)

Here comes the big attack from Boit, Juantorena looks over his shoulder, he knows he's right there with him. 100 metres to go, Boit with him right to the last, Juantorena responding, Boit's got

something to prove, but, he's not gonna get there, Juantorena holds on.

00:33:29:04

Mike Boit

He won by one hundredth of a second.

00:33:31:10

Commentator (Archive)

An incredible race.

00:33:33:09

Mike Boit

He was a little bit stronger, much taller, than I was and I think that gave him the leverage.

00:33:43:03

Alberto Juantorena

I did it. I proved I was stronger than him. No more question, no more doubt, you know? [LAUGHS]

00:33:56:24

Sebastian Coe

It was a wonderful race and it was a shame we didn't see it in Montreal. I think Alberto would still have won on that occasion, because I think there are moments in your career and he was in that zone where you're just not gonna get beaten, and, he knew it, and worse than that, so did the rest of the field.

00:34:07:21

CAPTION

Sebastian Coe

Olympic Champion &
World Athletics President

00:34:19:17

CAPTION

Havana *

00:34:31:00

CAPTION

Elige diario frances

"L'Equipe" a Juantorena

como el atleta de 1976

00:34:36:01

Commentator (Archive)

As Juantorena begins to stretch his legs, this is astounding, look at the stature of the man, as he overtakes the leader now

00:34:39:18

CAPTION

Rome *

* Paris

* Nice

Sofia *

Prague *

Munich *

Berlin *

00:34:48:05

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

All the races were exciting for us...

00:34:48:08

Caridad Juantorena Danger

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:34:50:19

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

they had the same tension, the same emotion...

00:34:55:11

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Even though he couldn't hear us, we would shout...

00:34:59:23

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

"Run! Don't look back!"

00:34:59:24

CAPTION

* Milan

* Brussels

00:35:01:19

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Because he was always looking back.

00:35:04:23

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

"Go! Faster!"

00:35:07:17

CAPTION

Budapest *

00:35:23:14

CAPTION

Warsaw *

* Vienna

00:35:25:24

CAPTION

REGRESO JUANTORENA

DE SU

BRILLANTE GIRA POR

EUROPA;

GAN0 13 MEDALLAS DE

ORO

00:35:31:17

Male Athletics Coach - red and white T-shirt and cap
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:35:31:23

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

No one in the world dominated two events like he did.

00:35:43:08

CAPTION

* Kiev

Sofia *

00:35:49:03

CAPTION

NEW WORLD RECORD

1:43:44

00:35:56:15

CAPTION

JUANTORENA

"CABALLO"

CABALLO

HORSE

00:35:59:14

Alberto Juantorena

Suddenly, they called me, 'the horse', in Spanish, 'El Caballo'. Maybe someone saw me running, with that long stride, they compare me with a horse. Which is an animal I love, because the horse is a beautiful animal.

00:36:19:04

Commentator (Archive)

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:36:31:04

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Juantorena has been a leader in athletics for our Revolution.

00:36:31:09

Male - green vest top

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:36:37:12

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

He is a comrade who means everything for Cuba and for the world.

00:36:43:06

Commentator (Archive)

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:36:44:06

CAPTION

Havana *

00:37:15:16

Narrator (Archive)

Running, mile after mile of it, there's no physiological mystery about this man's phenomenal ability. Politically, he is totally committed to the Revolution, ask him his proudest moment and he would tell you, presenting one of his Olympic gold medals to Fidel Castro. Juantorena lives with his wife and her family, in a house given to him by the government. It's not a very private life, sharing with so many relatives, but this doesn't worry him. Family life for him is extremely important.

00:37:18:06

CAPTION

1977 BBC Documentary

00:38:20:03

Alberto Juantorena

This house brings a lot of memory to my head, you know? Because it was the first house I lived when I got married, 1972... And then, my first child was born here, in this house, full of memory, full of good things, full of things that touch my heart, touch my soul, touch every sensitive cell in my body, you know?

00:38:56:01

VOX-POP Female - blue patterned top

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:38:56:08

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It was permanent parties.

00:38:58:17

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It was a time of strong emotions, of happiness...

00:39:03:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

not just for us, everyone felt it,

00:39:08:12

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

the neighbourhood... the whole country!

00:39:11:16

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

They were showing the admiration they felt for him.

00:39:16:13

Male - striped shirt

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:39:18:21

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Remember the last time you were sent to the Amazon?

00:39:21:19

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:39:23:00

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Yes, Humberto was president at the time.

00:39:26:00

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

We did a trip through all the 24 states.

00:39:31:06

Male - striped shirt

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:39:31:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Wherever you went, people always associated you with the Revolution and sport.

00:39:35:21

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

You would always leave a mark on the youngsters.

00:39:38:12

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

You left a mark to remind them, that the Revolution was with them.

00:39:44:17

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

The Revolution gave birth to sport in Cuba, before that there was none.

00:39:49:14

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Fidel had the idea that athletes should lead sport.

00:40:17:16

Alberto Juantorena

Sport prepares you for life. In every detail of the life, sport teaches you and trains you to be strong, and to keep going, and never, never, never give up, never give up.

00:40:39:15

Male - blue shirt and white cap

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:40:40:22

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Right now Alberto arrives and what have we done?

00:40:45:02

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

We haven't progressed at all. We need to do more!

00:40:53:02

Alberto Juantorena

I always say, you belong to Cuba, to Fidel, to Raul, to the social system that provides anything that they need to compete, to train, to travel because I feel that they must to feel something in their heart when they are competing, because they represent the country, they represent Cuba.

00:41:17:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

The greatest of the greats!

00:41:17:11

Male - beige shirt

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:41:25:00

Alberto Juantorena (on the phone)

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:41:25:04

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I want to discuss having the track repaired.

00:41:28:11

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Let's see when we can do it.

00:41:35:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

We need to do some more work in the hospital
so we can send the injured athletes there.

00:41:42:03

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

We need to design a programme for this, my brother.

00:41:50:17

CAPTION

US Embassy, Havana - 14
August 2015

00:41:52:09

John Kerry – (then) US Secretary of State

My friends, we are gathered here today because our leaders,
President Obama and President Castro, made a courageous
decision to stop being the prisoners of history and to focus on the
opportunities of today and tomorrow. The time has come for us to
move in a more promising direction.

00:42:23:24

CAPTION

The US Embassy reopens
for the first time in 54
years

00:42:31:14

VOX-POP Female - red top

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:42:32:04

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I feel so happy about this. It's a possibility for change.

00:42:37:11

VOX-POP Male - dark blue top, black hair

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:42:37:22

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

The beginning of negotiations between
the United States and Cuba is great

00:42:42:03

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

now we have the
possibility of lifting the blockade

00:42:46:04

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

and then great things will come to both countries.

00:42:48:22

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Nothing is going to change for us.

00:42:49:02

VOX-POP Male - black tshirt

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:42:52:19

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

We will continue being as marginalised as always.

00:43:01:23

Alberto Juantorena

I'm very reluctant to recognise that the relationship with the United States will flourish. We can benefit, like, normal, like, each other, you know? Like friends, benefit for both sides in every aspect; politically, economically, everything. They raise the flag, okay, no problem, they open an embassy, but the embargo is still in place. We are facing the same problem like before.

00:43:49:19

CAPTION

2 May 2016

00:43:58:21

CAPTION

The first US tourist cruise
ship to sail
to Havana in more than
fifty years

00:44:45:06

Female - sunglasses

It's a joy to be in Cuba, this is fantastic. Thank you!

00:44:59:17

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I send them greetings.

00:45:00:00

PROTESTOR - sunglasses, holding US flag

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:45:04:02

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I'm proud that relations with
the USA are finally materialising.

00:45:09:14

Interviewer

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:45:09:16

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Can you tell the truth about what is going on in Cuba?

00:45:12:10

PROTESTOR - sunglasses, holding flag

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:45:12:15

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

The government wants to keep the
Cuban people under control.

00:45:22:04

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

They know when the Americans bring prosperity
they will lose control and they don't want that.

00:45:29:15

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

This is the reality. If they really wanted to do
something for Cuba, they'd have done it long ago.

00:45:35:01

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I am the one chosen by God to tell
Cuban people to stop being hypocrites.

00:45:40:00

Male - glasses, cap

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:45:40:04

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

You're the hypocrite wearing a flag that isn't yours.

00:45:43:09

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Walk with the Cuban one, the one you were born with!

00:45:51:13

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Clown!

00:45:52:07

Male

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:45:53:09

Female - white top

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:45:53:13

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It's a lie... he is lying!

00:45:57:09

Male - grey Polo tshirt

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:45:57:17

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It's thanks to Cuba this is happening, not the USA!

00:46:03:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Cuba not the USA!

00:46:05:22

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Cuba should never have
forbidden the USA in the first place!

00:46:06:00

PROTESTOR - sunglasses, holding flag

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:46:13:23

Male - glasses, blue shirt

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:46:14:01

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

You're a clown... a clown!

00:46:16:09

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

All you need is a red nose, because
you're already wearing the outfit.

00:46:25:07

Male - glasses, moustache

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:46:25:22

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

This is a historical event... a historical event!

00:46:32:08

PROTESTOR - sunglasses, holding flag

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:46:32:22

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Yes, and it shouldn't be!

00:46:41:11 **PROTESTOR - sunglasses, holding flag**
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:46:41:11
LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:
No, no, no... I will say whatever I want!

00:46:48:20 **Male - blue and yellow stripe tshirt**
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:46:49:04
LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:
Did you see the main road in the port?

00:46:53:18
LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:
And think about the cruise ships...

00:46:55:24
LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:
they didn't come to Cuba in the 1970s.

00:47:00:00
LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:
Look at that cruise ship port!

00:47:01:23
LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:
It needs doing up, but still...

00:47:03:03 **Alberto Juantorena**
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:47:03:14

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

And all the tourists!

00:47:06:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Cuba has become a worldwide attraction.

00:47:11:01

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

People are still curious about what's happening here,

00:47:13:15

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

the relationship with the USA...

00:47:16:21

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Think about what it'll be like once
there are no restrictions for US tourists

00:47:21:06

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Now there still are, but can you imagine in the future

00:47:26:09

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It's fresh money for us!

00:47:28:14

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

We need to make sure it goes

towards improving the economy,

00:47:33:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

and the living standard for the average Cuban.

00:47:37:01

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It's important.

00:47:39:11

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Neither you nor I decide the law,

00:47:41:12

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

but we can have an opinion, right?

00:47:44:24

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I really trust that things will get better.

00:48:14:22

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:48:19:15

Alberto Juantorena

In Cuba, the people restore the car like new, you know? My car was destroyed, corrosion in the body, no paint, no colours and they restore everything. They restore everything now it looks like new. I can sell again to the Chevy corporation. [LAUGHS]

00:48:55:17

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Will you join us for a photo?

00:48:55:19

Male - grey hair, khaki shirt
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:48:58:04

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I'm afraid there's a problem...

00:48:58:11

Alberto Juantorena
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:48:59:23

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

you need a license to take my photo!

00:49:02:22

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

You can pay me in two ways...

00:49:06:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Men with 10 pesos, and women with kisses!

00:49:19:10

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I will make you do weights!

00:49:19:11

Male - black and yellow cap
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:49:23:09

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Even if I wanted to, I couldn't do it anymore.

00:49:23:15

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:49:28:03

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It's hard to believe, but that's the way it is.

00:49:31:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

My feet are worn out, my knees are worn out...

00:49:36:06

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I went to buy some new knees but they had none.

00:49:39:10

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

No seriously, sport burns you out like a candle.

00:49:42:22

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

The time comes when you must stop.

00:49:45:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

When I ran, I was proud...

00:49:48:00

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

But then I began to see the numbers on people's backs,

00:49:51:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

when before it was them who saw my backside!

00:49:55:02

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

And then I said: "That's it. I'm done".

00:50:04:15

CAPTION

Hampered by injury,
Juantorena could only
finish
4th in the 1980 Moscow
Olympics 400m Final

00:50:13:08

CAPTION

Then in 1983 he broke his
ankle

00:50:37:18

Alberto Juantorena

You, cannot fight against the age, against the injuries. I was thirty three, it's the time to go... Bye, bye... It's impossible to admit that this thing is over... you say, "Oh my God, my life is over." And suddenly you feel like the bottom of the cliff, and then it's like a hole, big hole, black hole that you fell down and you never find the bottom of this hole, you know? And then, sometimes, you cry, because you say, "How I can be so successful and now, retired, watching the race from the stands," it's like a horse inside the fence, and sometimes is very hard to admit that everything is over. And then, you realise that something of your soul, and part of your heart, die.

00:50:50:02

CAPTION

"THE END OF THE MAN
CALLED 'THE HORSE'"

00:53:01:24

CAPTION

Berlin - 1989

00:53:15:13

Alberto Juantorena

Suddenly this socialist system collapse and we feel alone. I was part of this situation. Suddenly all my sport material disappear, suddenly we don't have nothing to provide to the athlete all the material came from the social system in Europe, specifically from Soviet Union. We have a very bad period, special period, you know? And due to the economical situation we didn't have the resources. I think we need to postpone all of our dreams. Everybody was thinking that, after the collapse of the social system, Cuba would also fail, but we survive, we are still here, smiling and fighting... I start to live a real life after I retire and I enjoy the life and enjoy my career. I enjoy working with Fidel and then I was Vice Minister for Sport in my country, in charge of physical education, of course, and mass participation. I tried to promote the health among the population using my own example... I was always travelling, representing my country. From 1971 up to now, every year travelling. I know more than 80 countries.

00:55:16:14

CAPTION

Cuban Athletics training
camp
Guadalajara, Spain

00:55:30:14

Alberto Juantorena

Of course, when you're travelling too much it's very difficult and sometimes you are not in the right moment, the right place, to support your family... You pay a lot of pain for that situation... I am the man who has seven kids, I have divorced four times. It's when I am not so very good, so, I am not Olympic champion in that sense, you know? I am a disaster in this situation because the people who have four time divorce, seven children with five wife, whoo, it's meant that you are, like, fire, you know? Something wrong, you have been doing there my, brother. Of course, I make a mistake in these four divorces, of course. I'm no pure gold.

00:55:37:14

CAPTION

2017 World
Championships - London

00:55:52:01

CAPTION

World Athletics Congress,
Monaco

00:57:17:19

SUBTITLE:

I'm not old, I'm a classic

00:57:22:22

Yohandra Ortiz del Pozo

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:57:23:00

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I work at the VIP lounge of the Jose Marti Airport,

00:57:27:20

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

where we often coincided when he was travelling.

00:57:35:05

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I have a lot to thank him for in this life...

00:57:39:08

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

all the happiness I've felt by his side in marriage...

00:57:45:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

but especially for the little one we have.

00:57:45:14

CAPTION

Yohandra Ortiz del Pozo

Juantorena's Wife

00:57:48:21

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

That boy, that treasure of ours.

00:57:53:10

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:57:55:03

Yohandra Ortiz del Pozo

[SPANISH DIALOGUE] [LAUGHS]

00:57:55:14

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Everything revolves around Albertico.

00:57:59:24

Alberto Juantorena

Gracias. [LAUGHS]

00:58:11:23

Yohandra Ortiz del Pozo

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

00:58:12:00

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

My life with him has been...

00:58:17:23

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

complicated.

00:58:21:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

but full of love and understanding...

00:58:27:18

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

a marvellous relationship.

00:58:30:08

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I don't have the words to explain.

00:58:55:15

CAPTION

November 2016

00:59:17:01

CAPTION

Monaco - December 2016

00:59:23:07

Alberto Juantorena

My wife called me, you read the news? You saw the television? I say, "No." "Fidel Castro die." I was in shock. And then I was really, really sad because, you know, we believe a little bit that he is immortal.

00:59:48:09

Sebastian Coe

I heard the news and I immediately texted him because I just, instinctively knew, this was a seminal moment in his life. He was clearly shaken and he said I don't remember a time when this guy hasn't been there.

00:59:50:12

CAPTION

Sebastian Coe

Olympic Champion &
World Athletics President

01:00:05:01

Male - suit

Before we start the meeting, I would like to respect to our dear friend, Alberto and the Republic of Cuba, to observe a moment of silence on behalf of, and in the memory of, Commander Fidel Castro pass away, this past week, okay.

01:00:38:01

Alberto Juantorena

He created a system that really produce athlete, physical education, mass participation and then, this possibility touch me.

And then I have the opportunity to express my ability in the field of sport. We are a really poor country and you have 80, 85 Olympic champion. I believe that the best way to honour him is to do the job, to honour his legacy and everything that Fidel dedicated and devoted to our country. As soon as I can I will go to Santa Ifigenia to pay tribute to him.

01:01:30:24

CAPTION

In January 2017, Donald Trump became President of the USA

01:01:38:10

CAPTION

Soon afterwards, he imposed new travel and trade restrictions on Cuba

01:01:52:23

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

No one feels good with Trump, nobody.

01:01:53:03

Female - black curly hair

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:01:56:09

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Not just Cubans, but the whole world.

01:01:59:07

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Even his own people are trembling.

01:02:03:11

Male - blue T-shirt, black cap

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:02:03:11

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

When Obama was president there was
hope of getting rid of the embargo.

01:02:07:23

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Hope for unification between the countries.

01:02:13:01

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Now with Trump, Cubans have lost all that hope.

01:02:19:15

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

What are we to do?

01:02:20:01

Female - very short hair, patterned top

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:02:22:05

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Tell me, what are we to do?

01:02:25:02

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

We have to give up and wait for God's will.

01:02:45:14

CAPTION

East Waverley, Texas

01:02:53:24

Fred Newhouse

In my track days, I did spend a lot of time on the road travelling, but I've always dreamed of, one day, owning a ranch... Being out here just gives you solace in your life... It's been more than 40 years since I competed in the Olympic games against Alberto Juantorena and my friends from other countries. And I've always wanted to go to Cuba but now seems like the right time, with all the things going on in the world about trying to mend the fences between Cuba and the United States.

01:03:30:11

CAPTION

Fred Newhouse

Former Olympic Athlete

01:04:00:15

Alberto Juantorena

Sport breaks down all barriers, to look at the culture of another people, the behaviour of one another people, you know? This is very important, very important, very important. For me it's a privilege to have Fred Newhouse here. It's a big privilege for me.

01:04:21:10

Fred Newhouse

Alberto.

01:04:21:24

Alberto Juantorena

How are you?

01:04:25:11

Fred Newhouse

Hey, how you doing, buddy? Good to see you, man.

01:04:54:17

CAPTION

Parque Central, Havana

01:05:01:20

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Gentlemen, let me introduce you to...

01:05:02:01

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:05:06:03

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

Fred Newhouse.

01:05:07:03

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

He won the silver medal when I ran in '76.

01:05:11:00

Fred Newhouse

How you doing, my friend, how you doing? How you doing my friend? So tell him, we gonna run again, on the street, right now.
[LAUGHS]

01:05:18:21

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:05:29:01

Fred Newhouse

Ask Juantorena, what happened in the relay? The four by 400 relay.

01:05:33:12

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:05:36:20

Fred Newhouse

We go way out.

01:05:39:04

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:05:39:13

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

It's true, they were a great team...

01:05:43:02

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

but let me tell you...

01:05:45:13

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

My friend, my friend...

01:05:48:15

LANGUAGE SUBTITLE:

I nailed him!

01:05:59:03

Fred Newhouse

So they're renovating the whole stadium?

01:06:01:03

Alberto Juantorena

We put the roof, some carpet you know. For to avoid the water flowing down, you know?

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- 01:06:07:14 **Fred Newhouse**
Sure.
- 01:06:08:17 **Alberto Juantorena**
Then we paint everything, you know?
- 01:06:10:21 **Fred Newhouse**
Yeah. Who is that with the flag?
- 01:06:14:20 **Alberto Juantorena**
Ernesto Che Guevara, the Argentinian became a commander of our Revolution too.
- 01:06:19:16 **Fred Newhouse**
Ah.
- 01:06:20:09 **Alberto Juantorena**
He died in Bolivia in 1967.
- 01:06:22:10 **Fred Newhouse**
Okay.
- 01:06:23:00 **Alberto Juantorena**
1967 in La Higuera, Bolivia. Was in the Guerrilla there (fades out)
- 01:06:45:16 **Alberto Juantorena**
You know what I love the most, the privacy. To be relaxed, to be unknown...
- 01:06:50:22 **Fred Newhouse**
Yeah.
- 01:06:51:06 **Alberto Juantorena**

... to be in a place without everyone notice that I'm here, you see?

01:06:56:01

Fred Newhouse

No, no, they notice.

01:06:57:06

Alberto Juantorena

No, no... Immediately. I tried to use some hat, nothing. Recognise me... "hey Juantorena!"

01:07:03:13

Fred Newhouse

But, but they're nice. But they're nice. They're very nice.

01:07:06:02

Alberto Juantorena

The most beautiful thing that happened to me is this, [SPANISH DIALOGUE]. Gracias.

01:07:13:18

Fred Newhouse

Everybody in this town knows you. Nobody has anything bad to say about you... except me. [LAUGHS]

01:07:20:01

Alberto Juantorena

[LAUGHS]

01:07:32:10

Fred Newhouse

So the harbour is over here?

01:07:34:01

Alberto Juantorena

The harbour is here.

01:07:35:21

Fred Newhouse

I see a cruise ship, some kind of ship over there.

01:07:38:06

Alberto Juantorena

Can you see?

01:07:39:00

Fred Newhouse

Yeah, I can see him over there. Yeah.

01:07:40:24

Alberto Juantorena

One day I will take a ferry and visit you without any problem.

01:07:44:07

Fred Newhouse

Well, that would be good.

01:07:45:00

Alberto Juantorena

It's mean that the relationship would be...

01:07:47:09

Fred Newhouse

Very good.

01:07:47:20

Alberto Juantorena

...normalised.

01:07:48:13

Fred Newhouse

Normalised.

01:07:49:15

Alberto Juantorena

And that the Embargo will be shut down.

01:07:50:24

Fred Newhouse

Yeah.

01:07:52:02

Alberto Juantorena

Stupid policy, condemned by the United Nation by the majority of the member of United Nation. Only two vote against the resolution to abolish, to shut down the embargo; United States and Israel, the

only two against.

01:08:08:23

Fred Newhouse

We live in different worlds. He has a much better appreciation for my world than I do of his because I have rarely travelled to countries that have been trapped in time, almost, for 50 years with very little change and there's something very beautiful about that and something very sad about that.

01:08:36:14

Alberto Juantorena

That's my '54 Chevy, that blue one.

01:08:39:03

Fred Newhouse

Yeah.

01:08:40:00

Alberto Juantorena

You want to drive this car here?

01:08:41:16

Fred Newhouse

No, no not me, not me. You drive it. No.

01:08:44:18

Alberto Juantorena

I give it to you, no problem, I give you the key right now, you want?

01:08:47:24

Fred Newhouse

No, no I don't want it, I don't want it.

01:08:50:23

Alberto Juantorena

I give it to you, you can drive an old car here. [LAUGHS]

01:08:53:05

Fred Newhouse

I don't want it, I don't want it. I'm gonna let you drive.

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- 01:09:07:06 **Alberto Juantorena**
No, first, to you.
- 01:09:09:04 **Fred Newhouse**
First, okay.
- 01:09:10:18 **Alberto Juantorena**
It's okay, let's go.
- 01:09:21:23 **Fred Newhouse**
So, do you know how I learned to drive? I learned to drive on my grandfather's tractor. So, I can do it, I can do a tractor. That's what I learned to drive, then his truck. [LAUGHS]
- 01:09:33:13 **Alberto Juantorena**
If you can drive a truck, you can drive everything in life, no problem.
- 01:09:39:06 **Fred Newhouse**
But, I was telling you, I never gave up the idea or gave up the dream of coming to Cuba.
- 01:09:43:23 **Alberto Juantorena**
Yeah.
- 01:09:44:15 **Fred Newhouse**
And when president Obama was elected president, and I see he turned the tide, he didn't turn it all the way, but, I think he made a great step in the right direction.
- 01:09:57:05 **Alberto Juantorena**
In the right direction.
- 01:09:58:09 **Fred Newhouse**

Yeah.

01:10:01:12

Alberto Juantorena

Good move, a great move, great courage.

01:10:05:01

Fred Newhouse

And I hope that one day, before we die, that I can come as many times as I want here and you can come as many times as you want there.

01:10:11:21

Alberto Juantorena

Of course, of course, of course. I thinking the same thing like you.

01:10:17:18

Fred Newhouse

Yeah.

01:10:18:08

Alberto Juantorena

It must to be abolished, it don't make any sense to do it.

01:10:21:11

Fred Newhouse

Doesn't make any sense.

01:10:22:01

Alberto Juantorena

Doesn't make any sense.

01:10:23:03

Fred Newhouse

No, none.

01:10:54:04

CAPTION

Roberto Chile

Photographer

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- 01:10:59:18 **Roberto Chile**
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]
- 01:11:05:11 **Fred Newhouse**
The Africans in Cuba, dedicated to the Africans in Cuba.
- 01:11:07:09 **Alberto Juantorena**
Yes. The Africans in Cuba.
- 01:11:10:11 **Roberto Chile**
[SPANISH DIALOGUE]
- 01:11:15:07 **Alberto Juantorena**
To the religions in African, brought by the slaves to Cuba.
- 01:11:21:04 **Fred Newhouse**
When I was a kid, we bathed in a tub like this. [LAUGHS]
- 01:11:25:19 **Alberto Juantorena**
[SPANISH DIALOGUE] [LAUGHS]
- 01:11:28:00 **Roberto Chile**
[LAUGHS]
- 01:11:31:09 **Fred Newhouse**
All of my mother's ancestry started in Africa, before being sold into slavery to New Orleans and up to Jackson, Mississippi. So, my grandmother was born in Jackson, Mississippi, on a plantation called the China Grove Plantation, but, right after slavery, she married a guy who was an Irishman and they married and had 11 children and moved to east Texas. So, my ancestry is pretty mixed up. I'm a true American. [LAUGHS]

01:12:06:14

Alberto Juantorena

[LAUGHS] In my particular case, it's almost the same, because from my father's side, they came from Basque Country in Spain, but the mother of my father, they came from Islas Canarias. From my mother's side, they came from a slave living in the Caribbean, you know? And then their grandfather, of my mother, was a slave and they mixed the two single mixes like you, but when the Spanish people and African people, that's why I sustain my theory that the people who had the origin in Africa, they are strong.

01:12:45:10

Fred Newhouse

Yeah.

01:12:45:23

Alberto Juantorena

The sprinter in the world...

01:12:47:17

Fred Newhouse

Yeah.

01:12:47:23

Alberto Juantorena

...always they look like black guy, you know, and if you revise the history of runners; Usain Bolt, you, and what they mix was different races, that produce good things.

01:13:02:03

Fred Newhouse

Very good things. Very good.

01:13:03:19

Alberto Juantorena

In my particular case, I have been blessed by God to produce some kind of body that I have to run against you.

01:13:12:07

Fred Newhouse

[LAUGHS] Oh no. It was very good, it was very good. Yeah.

01:13:12:18

Alberto Juantorena (to camera)

This guy, is such a special, very nice, this guy.

01:13:20:21

Fred Newhouse

Being here in Cuba for the last five days, I have a deeper appreciation for the Cuban history. The Cuban history chronicles *my* history, his family is of European and African descent, so is mine. His family were farmers, so are mine. He came from extremely humble beginnings, so did I. I am just so grateful that sport's brought us together. I think our friendship is exactly what the original founding fathers of the Olympic Games... *this* is what they wanted.

01:14:02:17

Fred Newhouse

[LAUGHS]

01:14:04:15

Alberto Juantorena (to young son)

[SPANISH DIALOGUE] Go away.

01:14:07:01

Fred Newhouse

No! [LAUGHS]

01:14:09:03

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:14:16:24

Commentator (Archive) as Juantorena & Newhouse watch TV

The men's 400 metres final. And they're away. Newhouse making a terrific start in lane four, Juantorena is slow out the blocks, but here comes the Cuban, finally getting into gear. He's still got a lot to do, Newhouse is streaking ahead into the lead, Juantorena is still two metres down on Newhouse, has he left it too late? It's Cuba against American, they drive for the line, Juantorena's on his way to a

second gold medal.

01:14:56:01

Fred Newhouse

It was a hell of a race. Was a great race.

01:14:57:08

Alberto Juantorena

Ah brother. And then I have, in my pocket here, the medal that I stolen from you. [LAUGHS]

01:15:04:09

Fred Newhouse

[LAUGHS] Yeah.

01:15:09:23

Alberto Juantorena

That's the medal.

01:15:10:24

Fred Newhouse

That's the medal. [LAUGHS] That's the medal. I should have two of these like you. [LAUGHS]

01:15:18:08

Alberto Juantorena

Yeah. [LAUGHS] But in the four by four you...

01:15:22:01

Fred Newhouse

Yeah, I got one in the four by four, yeah, yeah.

01:15:25:11

Alberto Juantorena

Okay. Okay.

01:15:25:24

Fred Newhouse

That was good, that was good. [LAUGHS] Thank you my friend, thank you very much.

01:15:30:04

Alberto Juantorena

Good, good, good... but give me back please. [LAUGHS]

01:15:33:17

Fred Newhouse

[LAUGHS] No, no! no! no! [LAUGHS] Ah, that was great.
[LAUGHS]

01:15:51:00

CAPTION

Santa Ifigenia Cemetery,
Santiago

01:17:07:16

Alberto Juantorena

[SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:17:19:11

Alberto Juantorena

Now this is my last chance to have a runner, an athlete. I will be happy if my son, also, is an Olympic champion.

01:17:28:02

Alberto Juantorena

Yay. [SPANISH DIALOGUE]

01:17:37:02

Alberto Juantorena

I'm very deeply aware of who I am and the impact that I have in the Cuban society to send a message, an example, to the youngster, specifically kids... I'm very proud of my country, very proud. I will live in Cuba until I will pass away. I hope it will be in 100 years, you know? [LAUGHS]

01:18:50:21

CAPTION

Alberto Juantorena's 400m
and 800m gold
double remains unique in

Olympic history

01:18:58:12

CAPTION

In 2015 a statue inspired
by his close finish
with Fred Newhouse was
erected in Detroit

01:19:06:15

CAPTION

In 2021 Joe Biden became
the new US president
bringing renewed hope to
the people of Cuba

01:19:14:15

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