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TALL JOKES:

Looking up at you fellows, I've come to the conclusion this is one team I never would have made center on.

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This is really something. I'm six feet one and a half and standing here I feel like Mickey Rooney.

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If I were that tall, I'd be afraid to look down.

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POLITICAL OBSERVATION:

I just wish Congress passed bills the way you fellas pass that ball.
AD-LIBS:

WHEN GLOBETROTTERS ARE PASSING THE BALL:

* Be careful not to break anything. We don't own. We just rent.

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IF THE PRESIDENT DROPS THE BALL:

I have an excuse. I'm just not used to a round ball.

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Now you know why they put me in the line instead of the backfield.

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It doesn't take you long to go from "right on" to "right out," does it?

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