

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Mr. Carter

Date 3-24-39

Attached is our copy of the O'Brien story as submitted to the AP and copy as it left the Dallas office ~~of the AP. Flem says~~ Department th AP was offered the entire story but naturally couldn't use it ^{any} ~~all~~ took two sheets of it. It carries the place of signing and your remarks to O'Brien. It doesn't carry the fact that it was signed with the same pen that was used by Dempsey. Flem says when you first mentioned this fact you said you did not know whether it would be well to use in the story or not, in view of what happened to ^m Dep~~p~~sey etc (you were probably kidding) but that later you called up to use it and that it was inserted in our story. JMN

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Note lead

It was with considerable ceremony that David O'Brien, Texas Christian University's 1938 All-America quarterback, was transformed into a professional football rookie here Wednesday afternoon. Cameras, movie and stills, ground and clicked as he signed a two-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National League, the club that selected him in the draft three months ago.

Bert Bell, owner ~~and~~ and coach of the Eagles who has been in Texas since Monday seeking the signature of O'Brien and a number of other Southwest ~~stars~~ stars, was the party of the second part.

The signing took ~~place~~ ^{at 2:15 o'clock} place in the office of Amon Carter, publisher of the Star-Telegram, and was attended by Coach Dutch Meyer of T. C. U.; Boyd Keith, uncle and business manager of O'Brien; I. B. Hale, captain and All-America tackle with Davey at T. C. U. and a half dozen others closely associated with the ~~right~~ 150-pounder who was ~~named~~ crowned as the Nation's foremost college footballer last season.

Financial terms of the contract were not announced, but it is understood to have a clause that will give O'Brien a share of the Eagles' gate receipts, and it was estimated by Bell that it would result in the ace forward passer making

