AT THE RINGSIDE

BY Luix Overbea for ANP

LOUIS GROUP WANTS BOXING MONOPOLY

Evidently the Joe Louis and International Boxing club intend a monopoly on the boxing industry. The IBC has offered to buy out its only remaining rival, the Tournament of Champions, Inc., since Mike Jacobs sold out to IBC.

Only snag in the new deal is the Columbia Broadcasting system which owns one fourth of T of C. The CBS will agree to the sale and television rights to fights provided it can share in the radio proceeds with the IBC.

It has such a contract with T of C, but another broadcasting company has a contract with the IBC combine at present.

If these details can be ironed out, it is estimated that the IBC can take over the T of C for about $275,000. The National Broadcasting company has a contract with the IBC from the Twentieth Century Sporting Club that will expire May 31.

If the deal is completed Louis will have control of the middleweight champion, Marcel Cerdan, and welterweight champion, Ray Robinson. It would give a non-New York group control of the leading boxing bouts and arenas for the first time.

When Mike Jacobs sold out to Louis, he sold to the man who made him famous and whom he made famous 12 years ago. He had under his control such great fighters as Louis, himself, Henry Armstrong, Beau Jack, Billy Conn, and others.

How the new IBC intends to operate has yet been revealed. Indications appear that it may operate in conjunction with local promoters thus maintaining a sort of decentralized control over the game.

TICKET SALES FOR CHARLES-WALCOTT FIGHT GOOD

Ticket sales for the Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott heavyweight title fight are reported to be good, particularly at the $22.75 level. Both men will open training camps in the Chicago area soon.

Charles fought his last exhibition bout against Jackie Wyons in a six rounder in Gary, Ind., Wednesday night.

Rocky Graziano, who has already been reinstated by New York may soon be reinstated in Illinois. The rule which banned him has been repealed by the Athletic commission. It barred all persons with dishonorable discharges from fighting here.

New evidence revealed here verified Rocky's statements that he tried to volunteer for overseas service, but was given the DD instead.

QUICK ROUNDUP

Lightweight champion Ike Williams has set up training camp in Los Angeles for his May 26 title defense against Enrique Bolanos at Wrigley Field. He is training at the Main Street Gym.

Bolanos is training at Soper's ranch near Ojai, Calif. This fight is for the benefit of the Lou Costello Jr. Youth foundation.

Joe Louis celebrated his 35th birthday Friday, May 13. The heavyweight title fight date will be billed as "Joe Louis Night."

Making a very good comeback is George (Sugar) Costner. On his way to a very promising career, Costner ruined it a few years ago when he forgot about training rules. Kayoed at the hands of Ray Robinson and Jake LaMotta, sent him to the bottom of the ladder.

He is now doing a good job on the road back. Recently he knocked out Chico Varona in Philadelphia and looked as good as he did in his early days in Chicago. He is still young, only about 25.

Boxing commissioner Ralph Metcalfe is now manager of two south side hotels in Chicago. He says these new jobs will not interfere with his duties as a member of the Illinois Athletic commission.

"The President has to be careful that he goes to church for the purpose of worshipping God and not of being a circus." —Harry Truman.

Thousands of U.S. Savings Bonds are being purchased by parents for newly born infants.

EAGLES VICTORS IN N. CAROLINA TRACK CARNIVAL

DURHAM — North Carolina College's ten man track team registered 63 points to take first place in the 14th annual North Carolina Colleges Track and Field Carnival here on the N. C. C. track last Friday.

Second place went to A. and T. College with 45.5 points. Shaw University was third with 10. Winston-Salem Teachers College and St. Augustine's College garnered 11 each. Hampton Institute came through with 7, and Virginia State settled for 4.5. West Virginia State, who entered only one event, scored one point.

The winning Eagles took first place in 7 events, second place in 3 and third in 3. Their first place victories came when Charles White won the 100 yard dash in 9.8 seconds outclassing the favorite, Dave Neville of Winston Salem; Robert Hill won the mile run with a time of 4.38; Donald Leake took the 120 yard high hurdles in 14.9; Hill came back to win the 880 yard run in 2.04; George Johnson won the 2 mile run with a time of 10.38; Leake returned to win the 220 yard low hurdles, and the NCC team won the James E. Shepard Memorial Medley Relay.

Other first place winners were Dave Neville of Winston Salem who won the 440 yard dash in 50.5; Lonie Alexander, St. Augustine's, shot put, 41.4. Ernie Simmons of A. and T. set a new record, NCC Track Carnival record, in the broad jump with 23.3; Johnny Seay of A. and T. won the 220 yard run, 22.5. Saunders Mitchell, Shaw, javelin throw, 162.9; Richard Garner, A. and T., high jump, 6.3. Hampton Institute won the mile relay, 3.27. Clayton Davis, Shaw University, was the winner of the discus throw.

The award for the Robert L. Vann Memorial Mile Run was donated by the Pittsburgh Courier Publishing Company and was presented by Miss Doris DeLaney. The trophy for the Robert L. McDougald Memorial Mile Relay was donated by Mrs. R. L. McDougald and presented by her daughter, Miss Dorothy McDougald.

Miss La Ruth Rex of Baltimore, Md., presented the award for the James E. Shepard Memorial Mile Relay which was donated by the sports department of The Carolina Times. North Carolina College donated the trophies for first and second place in the meet, and these were presented by President Alphonso Elder.

During the week ending May 7, trailer truck placements in the Catawba area totaled 226,000, a decline of 11 per cent from placements for the previous week.

TO PLAY PRE-JUNE GERMAN — Above is shown the new King Cole Trio who will make an appearance at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium for the 16th annual Pre-June German on Monday night, June 6th. Since the above picture was made "Nat" King Cole has added the former Stan Kenton Congo player Jack Costanza to the trio and they are now billed as "Nat" King Cole and the Trio.

As added attraction Hal Singer and his Orchestra will appear on the same bill. Singer who has been in Raleigh with several of the name bands is well known throughout the country for his sensational recording "Corn-Bread."

The Melting Pot

BY AL MOSES

THE JOE LOUIS STORY

NEW YORK (ANP) — What say they now — these local scribes who felt Louis made a mistake in casting his lot with IBC of Chicago? Great champion, perhaps the very greatest, Louis is destined to become a millionaire unless the old world is cast in the rip-tide of another world war. Unthinkable up to two weeks ago that Louis, with no distinguishing scholastic background, should step into the brogans of MIKE JACOBS.

Jacobs needed no background other than "Abe's Irish-Rose" luck and workability; he was blessed with plus brains in the fight-selling racket second to no other person. Congratulations to you Joe—and to your great attorney, Truman Gibson, the Miles brothers, Rex Lorough and your other battery of fange-men in a fringe. Raise green there on that Madison Square sward back and add to the trade lists names solid American dollars. Hello, Ruby Dallas, howya cute, pert and sincerely said I do mean sincerely—cute Joe Louis recently honey.

CAMPANELLA RAMPAGE

Back in 1944 Roy Campanella cut his fabulous JOSH GIBSON in the NNL (Negro National League) roundup; he banged out something like 18 doubles, 4 triples, 3 round-trippers, went to bat 163 times, in 45 games, had 36 runs, 57 hits, 37 RB's, 24 RBI's, and 6 stolen bases.

Now, after close friends said he could not cope with major league fielding, the mack-truck built Campy is wheeling that ole-rutabaga at a murderous pace with home runs flying all over the landscape. Bully for you Roy, and keep that punch in there for those of us who never lost faith in you from second fella.

HESS HAS SUCCESSOR

Mel Patton, University of Southern California sprint meteor, who was a dismal failure in the '48 Olympics 100 meter test (Won the 220 meters), electrified the cinder-path world on Saturday, May 7, at Los Angeles. During a dual meet between USC and UCLA (Jackie Robinson's old school) he flew 220 yards in 20.2; shortly afterwards he skipped 100 yards in 9.4, with a 5.5 miles per hour wind at his back. The wind gauge for the 220 only registered 3.3 miles per hour, which is under the 4.473 allowable. This record (220) will most likely be accepted.

NAT FLEISCHER, called by many the "Bible of Boxing Information" was heard over all waves on Bill "This Is New York" Leonard's program recently. After telling the listeners how he believed Jack Dempsey would have triumphed over Joe Louis and listing the five times Louis was floored by men not nearly as fast or as good a puncher as the legendary "Manassa Mauler," he further said:

"In reply to your question Bill Leonard as to whom I consider the greatest fighter of all time, the answer is JACK JOHNSON for he had everything."

PENN RELAYS had its moments that brought forth sad tugs at the heart. An example was Mal Whitfield's unexplained running flights and mental lapses that brought sorrow to his Ohio State mates as well as poor press notices from wires that nation over; also, the disqualification for obvious fouls of a great-great Morgan State relay quartet capable of a 3:16 performance in the mile-relay event.

NCC ATHLETES TO GET LETTERS FRIDAY MAY 20

DURHAM — Athletes at North Carolina College will be given special recognition for their participation in intercollegiate sports at a two day series of programs and activities on the NCC campus Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20.

At a special program in B. N. Duke Auditorium on Thursday afternoon trophies, letters and awards will be presented to outstanding athletes, and there will be the presentation of additional gifts to the members of the 1949 basketball team which won the CIAA visitation championship and second place in the CIAA tournament.

On Friday night the college dining hall will be the scene of a banquet to be attended by more than two hundred persons, including the athletes and their guests, members of the athletic council and their guests, and cheer leaders and their guests. Speaker for this occasion will be Irwin R. Holmes, All-CIAA end at North Carolina College in 1933, who is now supervisor of recreation for Negroes in Durham and director of the W. D. Hill Recreation Center. Following the banquet the athletes will be guests of honor at a dance in the women's gymnasium.

Director of athletics at North Carolina College is John B. McLendon, Jr., who also coaches basketball. Herman H. Riddick is head football coach; Floyd Brown who assists with football and basketball and is director of intramural sports, is in charge of North Carolina College's first tennis team; E. C. Turner is baseball coach, and on this season Coach McLendon has been in charge of track in the absence of Leroy T. Walker, who is on leave.

TENTH ANNUAL ALL STAR GAME PLANS BREWING

GREENSBORO — Several of the top teams in the nation are under consideration by the selection committee of the 10th annual All-Star football game which will be played at Memorial Stadium here August 14th, according to A. J. Hammonds, promotional director.

Hammonds said efforts are being made to secure a top ranking club from the North or East to play an All-Star aggregation composed of the finest baseball talent in Dixie.

The game, which has grown every year since it was inaugurated, is expected to top all previous marks in attendance this year, and from preliminary plans already laid, hold promise of being the best ever played in the series.

Hammonds said it is too early to make a prediction as to the club which will be selected, but he emphasized that the sponsors are now negotiating with several top ranking nines. At the same time preliminary reports are being received on the South's Baseball players.

Hammonds said efforts would be made to bring the All-Stars from all sections of the South to give the game as wide interest as possible. He indicated that the selection of the fixed team would be made within a short time.

RAY GETS CHANCE TO REDEEM HIMSELF

HOUSTON, Tex. (ANP) — Sugar Ray Robinson, World's welterweight boxing champion, who failed to show for his appearance here April 27, will get another chance to redeem himself on May 24.

M. B. Morgan, state labor commissioner, and Alton B. Erickson, state boxing supervisor, rendered a decision on the Robinson case last Wednesday. The state officials gave Robinson and his manager, George Gainsford, a chance to make up the appearance on May 24. They decided to withhold action on the recommended indefinite suspension, which would affect Robinson and his manager in all National Boxing Association states until it was lifted.

Jack B. Schwartz, deputy state boxing commissioner for the Houston area, last week recommended the indefinite suspension and Morgan, Erickson, Schwartz and Boxing Promoter Ralph Smith held a meeting here.

Morgan contacted Gainsford and the manager agreed to have Robinson in Houston for a 16 round over-the-weight fight against an opponent suitable to the commission. Gainsford assured Morgan, who governs boxing and wrestling in the state of Texas, that Sugar Ray would definitely go through with the May 24 date.

Robinson and his manager have reached an agreement with promoter Ralph Smith to reimburse him for all the losses incurred on the promotion when the welterweight champion "skipped" the original date.

NITE LIFE IN N. Y.

BY ALVIN MOSES

HARLEM PROFILES AND SILHOUETTES

NEW YORK (ANP) — HARLEM, that city within city where some of the nation's best people live in crowded oldtime tenement and private houses is sprinkled, as is every other metropolitan community, with folks who make us hang our heads in shame. Made the brunt of big-name magazine writers for its ability to play hard, die young, Harlem stands out as the fascinating center of Negro America. One rarely evaluates some of its real citizens and their daily contributions on the rising interracial front that spells a better world for all of us.

This week we planned talking to you about "Bullmoose" Jackson, a musician (whose discs sell) way into the thousands. Instead, we want to say a word about a woman well known in the social and business life of the malignant ghetto that I have called home for 10 there many years. Her name — Byrd V. Harris, financial investigator, O. P. D., of Mount Sinai hospital, a great Jewish-controlled institution of mercy that was incorporated under state laws back in 1852.

Tawny of skin and statuesque of figure, Byrd Harris is the sort of person who creeps into your affection and takes longing there. While we try of get away from reference to so many "firsts" and "bests" that we feel quite proud to note that she is the first colored financial investigator this important hospital has had on its payroll. Most of my life, dating back to the 20's when her daughter Alice was born, has been that of the average American working hard for the better things of life. Our friendship for her, Byrd Harris, dates back to just before the financial crash and the lusty, bloodthirsty era that spawned an Al Capone, a Dutch Schultz and a "mad dog" Vincent Coll.

If you live in New York stroll over to Mount Sinai hospital, and walk into a large section fronting the mirror, a waiting area and take a chair and just watch Byrd Harris as she interviews people needing medical aid and supervises the welfare of many employees. Listen to the heartaches and heartbreaks of people of all nationalities: Jewish, Irish, German, Italian, Polish, Lithuanian, Dutch, Swedish, Swedish, English, southerners, northerners, etc., men and women of all creeds but with one common problem, the need for hospitalization.

She is the "top drawer" in my reporter's notebook for often have I sat and watched her without her having the slightest knowledge of my presence. That she is a metaphysician at heart one taught to allay one's fears in hunch, though by better understanding of the Cosmic laws revealing God's plan for us, I'm not admirably for her position. People sick in mind are lavish in their praise of this amazing Harlemite living in the midst of some half million souls of her own blood lines.

She is never hasty with irritable notes that many ills are of the mind's making sort of imaginary. Byrd Harris matriculated at Cornell Teachers university, had come from a distinguished family, Virginians. This great woman wears her position with humility and becoming dignity.

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