



A FRIENDLY SPARRING SESSION — Two aging heavyweight boxing champions, Max Schmelling, 68, and Joe Louis, 59, (left) join in a friendly sparring session as they meet August 8th at Kennedy Airport. The outcome was an affectionate draw. The two who fought in widely celebrated championship fights in 1936, when Schmelling kayded Louis and 1938 when Louis retaliated with a one round knockout, will appear together at the West German-U.S. Amateur Boxing Matches at the Nassau Coliseum, August 9 in Uniondale, N.Y.

Questions Raised About Future Of Publicized OMBE Program

With the recent announcement of the decentralization of the Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) in which scores of staff members will be transferred or dismissed, one wonders whether there are quiet efforts to dismantle the widely-publicized program.

Veteran Washington observers, especially those familiar with OMBE operations, point to several decisions which raise serious questions about the future effectiveness of the program which was designed to give minority businessmen a piece of the economic pie.

In recent weeks, Alex Armendaris the new OMBE director has:

- * Formulated plans to decentralize the OMBE staff of approximately 250 employees, with some 195 of the Washington-based staffers being transferred to one of the six regional or 11 satellite offices. Or, if they do not wish to be transferred, they may "involuntarily separate" from the government.

The implications of such a move are that no black businessmen or leaders involved in minority business development were consulted by the OMBE Director before the decentralization plan was announced.

In addition, there is some speculation that there are two orders in reference to the OMBE program. The "A" order authorizes the abolition of OMBE, while the "B" order would set up an entirely new organization. Consequently, all OMBE staffers would be without a job unless and until appointed to the new organization.

Civil Service retention rights would help protect employees against immediate termination; however, with minorities comprising about 70 per cent of the OMBE senior staff, the reorganization would result in mass demotions.

- * Terminated without notification 10 OMBE contracts with black firms.

The impact of this act is that terminated contractors received no criteria from OMBE during their contract term, thus giving them no opportunity to take any corrective action if, in fact, they were not measuring up to OMBE standards. According to

a source, termination was arbitrary and Armendaris has refused to meet personally with any of the aggrieved contractors. Instead, he hides behind a contract review committee, which he stacked, to do his bidding.

By defunding a certain number of businesses, Armendaris, who came to the program from CREEP (also known as the Committee to Re-Elect the President), is freezing millions of dollars for a new political patronage system.

However, you can't really blame the man. He learned well from what happened to his predecessor, John Jenkins, who was shafted by his political peers for not turning the OMBE program into a political pork barrel.

Since most OMBE funds for this fiscal year were committed last year, the defunding process becomes a necessary evil if Armendaris is to develop a budget for new funding grants.

- * Developed a new rationale and substantial list of organizations to be considered for defunding.

A memorandum from G. T. Richardson, assistant director for contracts and grants management division, to Armendaris states in part: "...given your interest in



AID TO EDUCATION — Jerome Wilson (second from left) of Hanham, Md. was one of two winners of this year's F.W. Woolworth-sponsored National achievement scholarships. Under the auspices of the National Merit Scholarship Foundation, the company annually awards \$1,000 achievement scholarship to two outstanding black students in the country. William M. Lofton of Chicago was the other winner this year. Presenting the award to Wilson is C.H. Hullhorst, personnel director in the company's Philadelphia regional office, as the young scholar's mother and Woolworth district manager, C. Brennan, join in extending their congratulations.

pursuing this strategy, or, in fact, any strategy which requires a substantial amount of new project funding, we must address the question of fund availability.

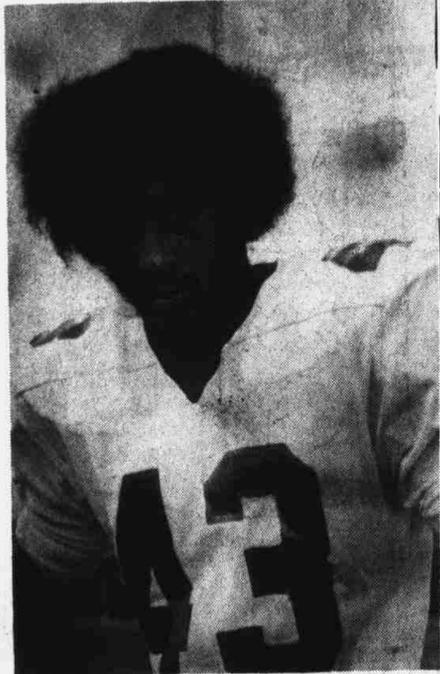
"As we have discussed before, the Fiscal Year 1974 budget primarily affords budget balancing possibilities

and new funding possibilities are severely reduced.

"However, there are a large number of projects which will come due for refunding consideration during FY 1974 which do not contribute substantially to the attainment of OMBE's primary objectives, at least as presently measured

by the PMS (Performance Management System) indicators.

"Exhibit I is a list prepared by Mike Montross' (former acting assistant director for administration) office which shows a number of these low PMS producing organizations.



DEFENSIVE-MINDED BRONCO is Richard Johnson, senior co-captain and defensive back for the '73 edition of the Fayetteville State University football team. Johnson is a native of Wadesboro and is seeking a pro football career.

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That was not his style. For anyone who would listen, he asked only to explain the hard facts and their effect on the lives of human beings.

But my thoughts dwell particularly on that evening just weeks ago when George sat telling of his plans for his new Movement for Economic Justice, carefully mapping out the areas where low and middle income Americans hold a clear common stake in economic change. He spoke at some length, I recall, on how everyone with an income of \$15,000 or less could benefit if we replaced the standard income tax exemption with a refundable tax credit. And he explained with equal patience and clarity some of the principles of grassroots organizing he had come to recognize over the years. He was a man totally absorbed in what he was doing.

With his tragic, untimely death the nation, and particularly its poor people, have lost a militant leader who

Our Health

by C. H. Tracy, M.D.

One of my students has contracted chickenpox, which I never had. Is there a vaccine, or shot such as gamma globulin, to prevent the disease yet? Are chickenpox dangerous in an adult?

Unfortunately, there is no vaccine to prevent chickenpox, and neither gamma globulin nor antibiotics have any effect on the disease. Though chickenpox may be severe in adults, complications are very rare. Occasionally there may be a secondary infection of the blisters, or inflammation of the middle ear. (Pneumonia and encephalitis are two extremely rare complications.) The spots, or blisters, may itch; but whatever you do, don't scratch them, as that may cause permanent scarring. Apply calamine lotion or a solution of bicarbonate of soda and water locally to relieve the itching. Antihistamines, applied locally or taken systemically, also help to relieve itching.

This summer my husband and I are planning a 2 week back-packing trip in the mountains. My skin is very fair. What can I do to prevent severe sunburn? I can't bring along anything greasy or messy.

Mr. & Mrs. Toole Are Proud Grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Toole of Pekoe Street are highly elated over the arrival of their ninth great grandchild. The grandparents of the baby boy who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garfield High Hunt on August 12 at Lackland Air Force Base are Dr. and Mrs. Edward Garfield High of Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Edward Garfield High will be remembered as the former Miss Kathryn Toole of Durham.

Other grandparents are Dr. Robert Hunt of Raleigh and Dr. Robert W. Hunt Sr., of Orlando, Florida.

The new arrival has been named Edward Garfield High Hunt.

Maya, have lost the warmth of his love and the companionship he gave them with joy.

His friends and colleagues have lost the comradeship of a man who, with their help, achieved magnificent things in his 42 years.

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