

Head of World Ring Unit Proposes Greene as U.S. Boxing Chief

SENATE TO HEAR LASSMAN'S PLAN

W.B.A. President to Testify Before Subcommittee—Clay Action Deferred

By GERALD ESKENAZI

Ed Lassman, the president of the World Boxing Association, said yesterday he would recommend the appointment of Abe Greene as Federal boxing commissioner when he appears tomorrow before the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee.

Lassman stirred a controversy Sunday when he said he would recommend that the W.B.A. executive board withdraw recognition of Clay as world heavyweight champion.

Speaking by telephone from Miami Beach yesterday, Lassman said he had decided not to press for quick action on Clay. He said he would wait until the Senate hearings were concluded and the findings published before making public the re-sponse of the W.B.A. Board to his recommendations.

Lassman, a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., restaurateur, is a member of the Miami Boxing Commission. Greene, the managing editor of the Paterson (N.J.) Evening News, has been a boxing official for more than 40 years. He now holds the post of commissioner of the W.B.A.

Greene said yesterday he felt there was not enough justification for withdrawing recognition of Clay. He said a poll of the W.B.A. executive board should be deferred until the Senate subcommittee had finished its investigation.

The subcommittee will look into an agreement made before the Feb. 25 title bout at Miami Beach, in which Clay stopped Liston for the championship.

Intercontinental Sports, Inc., of which Liston is a large shareholder, paid Clay \$50,000 for the right to promote Clay's next fight.

Lassman said Senate investigators had told him privately that "there was a deal and they are looking into the possibility of anti-trust violation."

He said he had received more than 20 letters from Senators who said they favored Federal legislation on boxing. He said the appointment of a commissioner such as Greene would be the first step toward "putting boxing back in the hands of boxing people and out of the clutches of the get-rich-quick boys."

He said the use of closed-circuit television for title fights had become such a multi-million-dollar operation that "it is getting out of hand."

New York Holds Firm The New York State Athletic Commission said yesterday it would continue to recognize Clay as champion. New York is the only state whose commission does not belong to the W.B.A. State law forbids its association with a national organization, a commission spokesman said.

"Within the limits of the Constitution, the right to freedom of speech and religious beliefs is inviolate. No title has ever been violated because of religion, race or personal beliefs."

The commission said Floyd Patterson, the former champion, Doug Jones, Eddie Machen and Cleveland Williams would appear before the commission Thursday to discuss an elimination series of bouts, with the winner to meet Clay. Liston is not licensed to fight in New York.

Muslims Not Issue Lassman, as well as W.B.A. board members polled by the Times, insisted that the W.B.A. was not seeking to take away Clay's title because of his ties with the Black Muslim movement.

"Clay's conduct has been detrimental to the sport," Lassman said. "He is not someone the youth of the world looks up to. His antics have given a bad name to the sport when it had become a face-lifting after being saddled with Sonny Liston."

The W.B.A. publishes ratings of fighters and recognizes champions. Under its rules, if it withdraws recognition of a boxer as champion, a promoter in a member state or nation is not permitted to bill the boxer as the champion.

Ramsey of Celtics Set To Quit After Playoffs BOSTON, March 23 (UPI)—Frank Ramsey, the former Kentucky all-American who has played nine seasons with the eight-time champion Boston Celtics, announced today that he was retiring from the National Basketball Association after the playoff series.

Eugene I. Sugarman, a former deputy city controller, was on strike. But the campus wasn't shut down. It was being used as a gathering place for anti-war organizers.

The Champion Looks Down at His Title

Muhammad Ali Also Speaks of Cassius Clay the Fool

By ROBERT LIPSYTE

While political, social and religious controversy rocked his throne, Muhammad Ali, the 22-year-old heavyweight boxing king, spoke quietly of his people, his God (Allah), and of Cassius Clay the Fool.

For calm and measured hours last week, in a crowded and spartan Harlem hotel room, the young champion talked of the paths that led him—as a Negro—to Islamic teachings; of the realization that "the heavyweight championship is nothing, it only lasts for a little while, so I must prepare myself for the hereafter."

And then he said: "A wise man can act as a fool, but a fool can never act as a wise man." Half-a-dozen silent followers if Islam, including his brother, Rudy Clay, agreed.

Suddenly, Muhammad Ali jumped from a straight-backed chair, his bright orange sport shirt taut with the quick motion, and he side-stepped an open suitcase. He closed his eyes, and the center of the hotel room became the weigh-in platform in Miami Beach's Convention Hall on the morning of the title fight between Sonny Liston and Clay the Fool.

A Repeat Performance "Hold me from behind," he told a member of his hotel retinue. The man pinioned Ali's arms to his sides, just as a trainer named Bundini Brown had done to Cassius Clay at 11:15 A.M. on Feb. 25.

"Hey, sucker, you a chump, you a chump," screamed Clay the Fool. "Are you scared?" He turned to the man holding him and whispered, "Now hold me good, don't let me go."

He strained forward toward the imaginary Liston, "Sucker, I'm the champ, I'm the real champ." Muhammad Ali laughed, and returned to his chair. "For 35 minutes I put that on, and Liston was searching my face for fear. He saw none. This is what destroyed him."

At that weigh-in, a boxing commission physician said that Clay's pulse rate, normally 54, had jumped to 120 beats a minute. In the hotel room, Ali said that was true. "I was a little worried about the pulse. I was tired after the weigh-in, and I thought I might have burned up too much energy acting the fool."

But, of course, he hadn't. Clay went on to score one of boxing's most memorable upsets when a battered Liston, his left shoulder



Cassius Clay at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem yesterday.

injured, failed to answer the bell for the seventh round. In the month since that battle, many things have happened. The loud, poem-spouting, "I-Am-the-Greatest" cant has all but disappeared, replaced by the quietly insistent parables and tenets of the separatist group known as Black Muslims. Cassius Clay became Cassius X, symbolic of full-member status in the religious order. Liston, a ballyhooed superman, tumbled into disrepute, police difficulties and proposed Congressional investigations.

And Floyd Patterson, twice beaten in the first round by Liston, challenged Clay. Patterson's challenge particularly irked Ali last week, because it was made more on religious than pugilistic grounds. Patterson is a Roman Catholic and an advocate of "peaceful integration."

"It wouldn't be fair," said Ali, "for a man of his abilities—such a puny, light man who can't take a punch—to stand up for all the Catholics in the world. Besides, I don't want no religious war."

He bounded off the chair again, past empty containers of orange juice, en route to a mythical ring between the twin beds.

"In this corner, weighing 215 pounds, the heavyweight champion of the world, Muhammad Ali."

He savored his new name. It means: worthy of all praise most high. He likes the name Cassius Marcellus Clay, which he grew up in Louisville, Ky. But Muhammad Ali was bestowed by Elijah Muhammad, the leader of the Islamic movement, and must be borne in honor.

"It's funny," said Ali, "if I changed my name to Jimmy Jones or Calvin Washington nobody would say nothing. They wouldn't introduce me in Madison Square Garden the other night by my new name."

And then he was back in the mythical ring, fighting, as he expects to, as Ali. "And in this corner, weighing 190 pounds, the challenger, Floyd Patterson."

Patterson never had a chance. Ali took one step forward, leaned over slightly, dropped his right hand to his side and pumped five quick jabs ("Brrrr") to Floyd's head, then one left uppercut ("Choo") to his chin. Ali stepped back, the consummate actor, and let his eyes follow the descent of his opponent.

"Come on, you chump, get on up, you sissy," he pleaded, slowly his eyes followed the labored rise of a hurt and wobbly Patterson.

Four more jabs and one left hook and Patterson was down again. This time he couldn't get up, and Ali returned to his chair by the window. Shafts of late afternoon light filtered through a dusty window and silhouetted the smooth, handsome face that had been in conversational repose since noon.

The interview had begun then. Ali was sitting on a bed, putting on his shoes and listening to a 23-year-old woman fan read a poem called "Cassius Clay." The moral code of the Muslims is rigid, and to forestall gossip there were at least eight other men in the room.

"He's got more than just a swift hammer for a fist. He's got faith and truth to stand up with," read Marjorie Hawkins, an actress. Ali grinned and clapped his hands in amusement and slight embarrassment.

"Faith in the fact that he is great," she went on, "while others try to debate. Truth in the fact that his people are great, too. Great enough to deserve the peace and happiness overdue."

"Isn't that wonderful?" said Ali, who once wrote some poetry himself.

He Re-enacts Antics at Weigh-In, Says It Was Planned

Miss Hawkins left, and the telephone rang. The fighter picked it up himself. "This is the heavyweight champion of the world, Muhammad Ali, speaking... yes, I used to be Cassius Clay."

Cassius Clay was first introduced to Islam when he was 17 years old in Atlanta, Ga. In the intervening years he sought other faiths and other answers, but eventually found, he said, that Muslim philosophy "fits us (Negroes) like a glove."

He indicated that there had been racial slights after he returned from the 1960 Rome Olympics with a gold medal. Last month, driving home from Miami, he was forced to eat bologna sandwiches in the car because of segregated restaurant facilities.

He marched for integration in 1960 in Louisville (someone threw hot water on him during the demonstration). Last week, he said he was still for integration—if it worked. But he cited failure to solve last September's Birmingham church bombings; the resistance to passage of civil rights legislation; and the murder of President Kennedy as reasons why he believes that Allah, the Islamic God, was the only answer for himself.

"I offer \$50,000 in cash to anyone who can prove my God is wrong," he said last week.

'I'm Not a Leader' He admits pride in the public identification of his beliefs: "I'm not a leader, but it makes me proud to answer questions about Islam. Usually, they only ask a fighter how big are his muscles and how does he feel."

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RADIO-AID CHARGE STIRS SOCCER FANS

Roma Says Banished Coach Plotted Bologna's Plays

By PAUL HOFFMAN

ROME, March 23—Did a disqualified soccer coach clandestinely direct his team by walkie-talkie in an important championship game yesterday?

This seemed to be the only question that interested Italy today. The House refused today to accept a Senate amendment calling for withdrawal of troops from Vietnam in nine months if American prisoners of war were released by North Vietnam.

By a 219-to-176 vote, the House defeated a motion calling for acceptance of the Senate troop withdrawal amendment to the Selective Service bill. The amendment, sponsored by Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana, the majority leader, was adopted by the Senate last week by a 57-to-42 vote.

For the critics in the House of the Vietnam war, the vote was their best showing in nearly two years of trying to press the issue. They gathered 20 more votes than on a similar but more binding troop withdrawal amendment that was rejected by the House two weeks ago. They contended that if it had not been for absentees their total would have been around 190, just 14 short of a majority.

'Dope Fiends' Fans Roar But the vote was still a clear victory for the White House, which worked actively to defeat the Mansfield amendment in the House. President Nixon, for example, called Speaker Carl Albert this morning, asking him to intervene in the debate against the amendment.

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British Soccer Standings

By The Associated Press

ENGLISH LEAGUE

First Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, D, P. Rows include Everton, Liverpool, Tottenham, Blackburn, Man. U., Sheff. W., Arsenal, Leicester, W. Brom, Burnley.

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Fourth Division

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First Division

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Second Division

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IRISH LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, D, P. Rows include Everton, Liverpool, Tottenham, Blackburn, Man. U., Sheff. W., Arsenal, Leicester, W. Brom, Burnley.

Yesterday's results not included.

British Soccer Results

By The Associated Press

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Cup Semi-Final, Second Leg

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, D, P. Rows include West Ham 0, Leicester 2 (Leicester City wins on 6-3 aggregate and will meet Stoke City in Final).

First Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, D, P. Rows include Manchester United 1, Chelsea 1.

Third Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, D, P. Rows include Petersborough 1, Port Vale 1.

Fourth Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, D, P. Rows include Darlington 3, Newport 1.

Hartlepool 3, Tranmere Rovers 2.

When It Comes to Indoor Track, The French Run Only for Cover

By ROBERT DALEY

Special to The New York Times

PARIS, March 23—Senate Armed Services Committee, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird said, "From first hand accounts of the nine men released by Hanoi we know that our men have been tortured, kept in isolation, denied adequate medical care, and kept on diets that have caused weight losses of as much as 60 pounds in just a few months of captivity."

To dramatize their condition, he reversed the previous policy of discouraging public discussion of POWs by their wives and mothers. Instead, the Nixon Administration, with the strong support of Congress, began a nationwide campaign to focus attention on the prisoner issue. At the direction of Secretary Laird, Pentagon officials began traveling to all sections of the United States meet with the wives, mothers and fathers of POWs. The families themselves have traveled abroad and contacted the enemy's representatives in hopes of breaking the impasse.

Then, in August, President Nixon asked former astronaut Frank Borman to undertake a special mission to enlist the aid of foreign governments including the Soviet Union, in securing the release of American POWs.

George Putnam, the baritone newscaster from the Dr. Ross school of political theory, interviewed Los Angeles police chief

The chief picked up the ball. "Well, I think there's certainly a common purpose and design behind the Marxists and the revolutionaries. The interesting thing, George, about these revolutionaries—the original American revolutionaries knew, when they revolted, that they were very much, very likely to be hung by the neck until they were dead if they failed."

Florida Finds No Evidence Of 'Fix' in Liston-Clay Bout

MIAMI, March 23 (AP)—State Attorney Richard E. Gerstein said today a month-long investigation of the Sonny Liston-Cassius Clay title bout showed no evidence of a fix. Gerstein said "there was little doubt" Liston entered the ring with a sore shoulder. He said, however, that he had found several other events associated with the fight "questionable."

"A well-known gambler and bookmaker enjoyed the full run of Liston's training camp and was present in Liston's dressing room prior to the fight," Gerstein's report said. "No effort was made by the Miami Beach Boxing Commission to prevent his presence."

Gerstein said he wondered why Liston paid \$50,000 for the right to select Clay's next opponent, "unless he or his managers knew the outcome of the fight in advance."

Sports Today

BASEBALL

Mets vs. Yankees, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Radio—WCBS, 1:25 P.M., WBN, 1:30 P.M.)

BOXING

Irish Bob Cassidy vs. Johnny Torres, middleweights, eight rounds at Sunnyside Garden, Queens Boulevard and 45th Street, Long Island City, Queens. First preliminary . . . 8:30 P.M.

HARNESS RACING

Roosevelt Raceway, Westbury, L.I. . . . 8:30 P.M.

ROWING

St. John's vs. Purdue, at Pelham Bay Lagoon, Bronx . . . 6 P.M.

SQUASH RACQUETS

Interscholastic tournament, at Racquet and Tennis Club, 370 Park Avenue . . . 11 A.M.

THOROUGHBRED RACING

Aqueduct (Queens) race track. 1:30 P.M.

WRESTLING

Exhibitions at Italian Lyric Theater, Third Avenue and 72nd Street, Brooklyn, 8:30 P.M. (Television—Channel 9, 9:30 P.M.)

St. John's Oarsmen Will Oppose Purdue At Orchard Beach

The dredges that are clearing the 2,000-meter (2,187-yard) rowing course at Orchard Beach Lagoon in the Bronx will move over this evening for the first formal race to be rowed over the new straightaway.

Supreme Court decisions on aid to parochial schools yesterday threw doubt on the future of New York State's newly enacted parochial school law — and of similar programs under way or planned in the other states.

A spokesman for Governor Rockefeller, who signed the New York bill into law last Friday, said that, because the Court's decision involved "an extremely complex area of the law and since we have not yet had an opportunity to study the opinion of the court, we are not in a position to comment on" its impact.

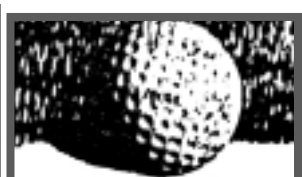
But comment from other sources in the state ranged from describing the decisions as a "disaster" for parochial schools to discounting the decisions' relevance on New York's aid program. Much the same range of opinion came from other states, especially those 14 in which more than 10 per cent of the enrolled students are in parochial schools.

Organizations and persons who have aligned themselves on opposing sides of the long and bitter dispute about the constitutionality of public aid to parochial schools called the decisions "a landmark victory" or expressed "keen disappointment" with the rulings.

"This is a real rat race," said John Sulger yesterday. Pennsylvania was one of the two states of the United States of America whose laws and regulations of all kinds in these matters were directly invalidated by the rulings. "It will probably take them another week or 10 days to complete the operation, but we hope to be able to move them over to permit the shells to go straight down today."

Spectators will be able to view the race tonight and tomorrow from the Orchard Beach parking area.

Peralta Nears Fighting Weight Gregorio Peralta of Argentina boxed four rounds today with Jimmy Clemente and by the end of the workout his weight was down to 178 pounds. He has to make 175 for his light-heavyweight title fight with Willie Pastrano in New Orleans April 10.



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