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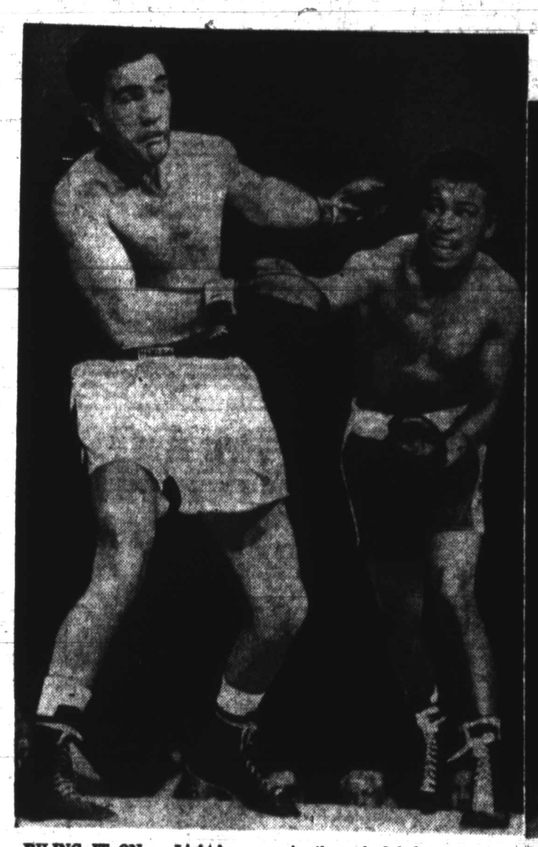

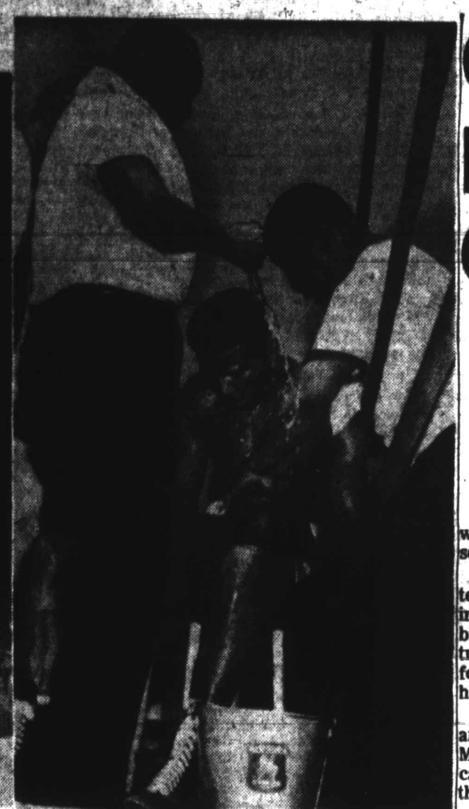

No Body Blows Did This

FILING IT ON — Light-heavyweight Champion Joey Maxim (left), in obvious pain, is driven back by a hard right by Challenger Ray Robinson early in the scheduled 15-round title fight at Yankee Stadium Wednesday night. Sugar Ray continued this type of attack for 11 rounds.

UNLUCKY THIRTEENTH—Beaten by the heat and his own swift pace, Challenger Robinson collapses on the canvas in the 13th round of the bout after missing a swinging right to the champion's head. The 104-degree heat of the spotlight-seared ring was beginning to take its toll.

TOO WEAK TO CONTINUE — Ray Robinson slumps in a state of near collapse as his handlers, George Gainford, and Harry Wiley, work feverishly over him at the end of the 13th session. Their efforts proved futile as Sugar Ray couldn't make it, failing to answer the bell for the 14th. Pee Wee Beale, Ray's trainer, is partially hidden.

Collapses In 13th Round Of Title Go With Maxim

47,983 Compose Largest Crowd In Light-Heavy History; Lacy Says Ray Did All The Fighting

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Joey Maxim successfully defended his world light-heavyweight title by letting Sugar Ray Robinson do all the fighting.

Make what you will of Wednesday night's 14th round technical knockout of the Harlem Dandy—mystery, drama, intrigue or what-have-you—but that opening paragraph embraces the naked story, minus wordy frills and superfluous trimmings, of the historic Yankee Stadium battle, fought before 47,983 persons, the largest crowd in light-heavyweight history.

By the simple expedient of using the year's hottest night and his opponent's insatiable heart for fighting as allies, Maxim retained his 175-pound crown when Robinson, because tof sheer exhaustion, was unable to answer the bell for the 14th session.

Missed Title By Two Rounds

Actually, it would be more accurate — though not in as good taste — to say the 30-year-old Clevelander regained, rather than retained, his title. For, truth to tell, Sugar Ray had unquestionably won the championship and needed only to remain on his feet long enough to make it official. This he couldn't do.

He couldn't do it because the intense heat thrown off by the 35 kleig lights (of 1,100 watts each) which served to light the ring for the television and news photographers, had run the ringside temperature to an unofficial 104 degrees.

He couldn't do it because Maxim compelled him to force the fight all the way, and because the strain of striving for a knockout from the very opening gong, which holding up the weight of his heavier adversary in all the clinches, took its inevitable toll.

Won 10 Of 13 Rounds

He couldn't do it because, after winning ten of the 13 complete rounds and squaring another on the AFRO score card, he ran out of gas, as the saying goes. Fully spent, Robby had to be assisted to his corner after a hectic 13th stanza. There he plopped down on his stool, legs outstretched and arms limp at his side.

Actually, it was nothing Maxim did to hiim that deprived Sugar Ray of his will or ability to an-

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'He Had Me All The Way,' Joey Admits

NEW YORK—Joey Maxim entertained no illusions whatsoever when visited in his dressing room following the successful defense of his crown against Sugar Ray Robinson at Yankee Stadium Wednesday night.

The light-heavyweight king freely admitted that it was primarily the heat that enabled him to beat off the challenge of the sensational Harlem Dandy in their historic title brawl.

"I figured I could take it better than he could," Joey told a jam-packed room of sweaty boxing writers. "I felt sure the heat and my body punching would nail him in the long run. And that's exactly what happened.

'Didn't Hurt Me'

"Sure, I knew I was behind all the way. My corner kept telling me I had to come and come fast, but nothing I could do seemed right. Ray was too fast for me. I couldn't hit him because I couldn't catch him.

"Only thing I could do then was to wait for the heat to catch him for me, and for my inside

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Moore Easily Whips Henry

No. 4 Heavyweight Gets Boxing Lesson

Archie Moore, pretty generally recognized as the uncrowned light-heavyweight champion of the world, tossed another wrench into the nation's boxing machinery here Wednesday night when he handed Clarence Henry, the fourth ranking heavyweight contender, the classiest fistic lesson the Californian has absorbed in his four year career in the squared circle.

The perennial St. Louis Challenger of Joey Maxim, by now looked upon as a real thorn-in-the-side of those who continue to ignore his rightful claim to a title bout, won an unanimous decision before a relatively small crowd of less than 7,000 at this city's huge Municipal Stadium.

And he did it with almost ridiculous ease, winning no fewer than seven rounds on the card of any of the three officials.

Joe Louis, guest referee for the affair, scored Moore the winner by a 7-2-1 margin. Judge Eddie Leonard tallied it 8-1-1 for Archie, and Judge Benny Goldstein called it by the overwhelming margin of 9-1.

The AFRO card had Moore the winner by seven rounds to two for Henry, with one even, matching that of Louis's.

More started the action, tossing a straight right that landed high on Henry's head immediately they met in midring. Henry, however, quickly found himself and, using his weight to advantage, forced his opponent into the ropes, where he punished him severely inside.

Holds Own In Close

Archie, though realizing he was fighting the bigger man's fight, also moved in close for the second round. And in the frequent exchanges that took place the St. Louise hope more than held his own.

Moore actually outfought Henry in the second and repeated in the third. In the latter heat, Archie took a solid right in trading at long range. But he retaliated smartly with lefts and rights to the head.

The fourth was scored even on the AFRO tally card, Henry offsetting several good uppercuts by Moore with a barrage of lefthand counters. Both men, though, land-

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Railroad Employee Hangs Himself

Body Suspended By Clothes Wire From Drain Pipe

Suicide Note Left To Wife In Hospital; Son Says Father Had Tried Act 10 Years Ago

A phone call to an only son, and a cryptic note to a hospitalized wife, were the last worldly deeds performed by Benjamin Smith, Monday, before taking his own life.

The body of the 46-year-old B. and O. Railroad worker was found by his son Lawrence Smith, hanging from a drain pipe with a length of clothesline wire around his neck.

Nearby, an envelope was also found containing the enclosed message: "Goodby Eliza, I can't go no further. I am worried to death. May God have mercy on me."

Wife Not Informed

Mrs. Smith a patient at University Hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown, has not been notified of her husband's death. Both resided at their home in the 500 block of Calhoun St.

The son Lawrence Smith of the 2500 block of Lauretta Ave., stated that his father called earlier in the evening and said that he had something important to tell him.

When he arrived at the home around 9:20 p.m., he found the front door closed but unlocked. After entering, he went to a back room where he found his father.

Stood In Chair

According to Officers William Lowe, Joseph Farrace, and Robert Kuhn, Mr. Smith, from all indications attached the wire to the pipe while standing in a chair and then kicked it away from himself.

The three stated that there was a distance of 18 inches from the victim's neck, to the pipe where the wire was attached, the body was suspended eight inches from the floor.

Death was from strangulation, officials at Franklin Square Hospital revealed.

Pawn Tickets Found

Among Smith's personal effects, police found eight insurance policies, seven pawn tickes, a check for forty cents, and a bank book from the Union Trust Company.

In a statement given to authorities, Lawrence Smith revealed that his father had attempted suicide in a similar manner less than 10 years ago.

Recently he had hinted that he was thinking of doing the same thing again, but as Smith stated, "no one believed him."

Relatives attributed Smith's morbidness to the fact that his wife was under treatment for a nervous disorder, and "petty" financial matters.

Funeral Services Friday

Funeral services for Smith have been scheduled for Friday at Cooper's Funeral Home.

He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith of Temmonsville, S.C., Two brothers, Fred Smith of Mount Vernon, N.Y., and Douglas Smith of Baltimore; and a sister, Mrs. Alberta Jenkins of New York.

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Workers Drop As Mercury Soars

800 Attending NAACP Confab

Group Takes No Political Stands

By JAMES L. HICKS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Averell Harriman, is the only Presidential candidate whose stand on civil rights can be considered as right, Walter White declared at a press conference Monday as the 43rd annual NAACP convention opened here.

Mr. White, who called a press conference at the Calvary Baptist Church, the convention site, told newsmen his statement was not a convention indorsement of Mrs. Harriman.

Instead, he pointed to the nonpartisan stand of the organization and said it is the sole function of the NAACP to investigate the records of the candidates and lay them before its members.

The NAACP executive stated bluntly, in the home state of Senator Kerr, that Senator Kerr's civil rights record is "unacceptable," had failed to vote right on cloture.

800 Delegates

More than 552 delegates from 48 states had registered by the eve of the convention, and official prediction that the total number would reach 800 seemed correct.

Largest pre-convention delegation to arrive was led by Franklin Williams, NAACP West Coast representative, who showed up at the convention site wearing cowboy boots and a ten gallon hat.

Plan St. Louis Convo

He convoyed a bus load of delegates from the West Coast who were followed by a caravan of 15 carloads who could not get in the bus.

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Victim of Trolley-Truck Mishap

Mrs. Isabele Cook, 70, of the 700 block Spring St., suffered injuries to her right arm Tuesday when a truck and a No. 21 trolley, on which she was riding, collided at Dolphin and McCulloh Sts. Mrs. Cook was treated at Provident Hospital and released.

Torrid Heat Turns Killer

Two Dead; Many Others Collapse

With the mercury nibbling at the 100-mark late Thursday, the hottest Baltimore June weather in half a century took a terrific toll of heat victims.

A 64-year-old Locust Point stevedore, Benjamin Stokes of the 1000 block McDonough St., died early in the day after he became ill on the job.

A night pier worker, he was taken home where his heat cramps became steadily worse. Removed to Johns Hopkins Hospital, he died about five minutes later at 1:20 a.m.

Death also came Thursday to Elliott Chase, 38, of the 1300 block N. Gilmor St., another victim of heat prostration.

A construction worker, Mr. Elliott became ill at work about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and had to go home. He was treated by a doctor that evening, but Thursday morning he continued to complain of muscular cramps, and grew steadily worse.

He was then removed to Provident Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 11:50 a.m.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Elliott were still pending Friday morning. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Burlean Chase; four children, Ada, 9, Valerie, 5, Darlyn, 3, and Dwight, 15 months; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chase.

Funeral services for Mr. Stokes are to be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Elliott Funeral Home, Caroline and Biddle Sts. The Rev. Simon Williamson will officiate. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susie Stokes; six sons, Clarence, Warren, Russell, Lester, Howard and Robert; a daughter, Blanche, and a brother, Robert.

The mid afternoon temperature stood at 99 degrees Thursday, and the list of casualties—like the mer-

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The Weather

An 'H' Of A Week End

Hot and humid. That's the weather prediction for this week end from the Weather Bureau at Friendship International Airport. With temperatures ranging in the high 90's, only the slight chance of scattered afternoon or evening thunder showers may bring relief.

Slaughterhouse Worker Scalded In Huge Vat

A 41-year-old slaughterhouse worker lost his balance, Monday, and fell into a large vat of scalding water used to prepare hogs for dressing.

Although still in a serious condition, Lawrence Freeland, 600 block N. Appleton St., is recovering from second and third degree burns at Franklin Square Hospital.

When Mr. Freeland fell into the vat, two fellow workers, James Thomas, 23, and Louis Ross, 35, rushed to the man's aid and pulled him out of the scalding water.

Call For Ambulance

Calling to other workers to secure an ambulance, the two men hurriedly cut the clothes off the writhing, severely burnt man. In their haste, one of the men acci-

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since charges of improper conduct were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

Boys' Village

The January grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State Institution.

The AFRO Goes To New Bible School

DEAR BOSS:

Baltimore is not all bigotry.

Not by a long shot.

There is hope for this old city yet.

There is a chance that Baltimore might mend its sinful ways, racially speaking, if the vacation Bible School I looked in on this week is an indication of things to come.

Children Of All Races

What I witnessed was a small beginning of a wonderful idea.

It is—simply—that children of all races should be allowed to play, study and worship God together.

I saw the children do all this and enjoy themselves in the bargain.

Which proves among other things, that children are much more intelligent than their elders . . . a nation I have entertained since I was old enough to know that I was being segregated against.

But these are after-thoughts, what you want is the why and how. Here we go:

I arrived at the Catholic Cathedral School on Mulberry St. near Charles at noon, stepped into the

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Clean Block Drive Gets Solid Kick-Off

The 18th AFRO Annual Clean Block Campaign got a solid kick off Friday morning as its first meeting was held at 10 o'clock in the McCulloh Homes.

BULLETIN!!

About 200 youngsters attended the Clean Block meeting this morning. Governor McKeldin paid the group a surprise visit.

Earlier in the week, Mayor Thomas D'Alesando officially now ly 1 to Aug 31 as "AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Campaign."

The ceremony took place Wednesday morning in his office. Charles Bates and Irene Cooper, Clean Block captains, witnessed the signing together with Mesdames Dorothy Gibson and M. Francis Mackay, director and manager, respectively of the campaign.

At this first meeting held in the McCulloh Homes, Magistrate E. Everett Lane of Northwestern Police Station addressed the audience.

Bernard Mason, manager of the McCulloh Homes welcomed the Clean Blockers and wished them success in their current undertaking.

S. Edward Smith, AFRO personnel manager, also spoke.

Other Program Participants

Others appearing on the program were pianists Roland Franklin and Muriel Garland, Mrs. Adah K. Jenkins, AFRO music critic, was program accompanist.

Mrs. Gibson conducted the business session, explaining the purpose of the program, and acquainting Clean Blockers with their coworkers.

Contributors to the AFRO prize

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