

# Police Attempt To Link Boxing With Underworld

NEW YORK (AP)—The man who broke the 1951 basketball record has turned his searchlight on boxing in what ring officials say is a new attempt to establish underworld links with the sport.

A quiet, mysterious fashion, Attorney Frank S. Hogan ordered a grand jury hearing at Manhattan criminal court last week. A dozen summonses have issued—to fighters, managers, promoters.

A spokesman for Hogan's office said the investigation was not the result of Friday night's fight at Madison Square Garden which Virgil Akins, a 2-to-1 underdog, scored a surprise sixth round knockout over Isaac Logart. But there was a tie-in.

The odds favoring Logart shifted from 7 to 5 to 2 to 1 before fight time.

**SECONDARY**

The subpoena may have had something to do with the betting on Friday night's fight but that would be secondary," the spokesman said. "This investigation has been going on for some time."

The New York Journal American reported the investigation dealt with "underworld tieups" during the recent months.

The paper said telephones in the Garden lobby were tapped Friday night and conversations were heard concerning last-minute changes in odds.

Both fighters, their managers and several other persons, including matchmaker Billy Brown of the International Boxing Club, were reported served with subpoenas, but the co-managers of Akins denied it.

St. Louis, The Post-Dispatch said it learned that police officials received veiled reports Friday of "something unusual" about the Akins fight.

**FINANCIAL INTEREST?**

St. Louis police were attempting to determine, the newspaper said, whether St. Louis gamblers and hoodlums had a substantial financial interest in the fight's outcome.

Akins' co-manager Eddie Parviz at first denied receiving a subpoena but admitted it before boarding a plane for St. Louis.

Logart and his manager, Eddie Mazur, could not be reached for comment.

Brown was matchmaker of the Garden fight which was televised. He acknowledged he had been served.

Others receiving subpoenas included Jackie Barrett, International Boxing Club assistant matchmaker; Mushky McGree, NBC publicist and fight manager; Willie (Ketchum) Friedland and Jimmy White, both of New York.

## AIMING AT 4,000 . . . By Alan Maver

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# Patterson Jolts British By Not Knowing Champion

LONDON (AP)—World heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson jolted British boxing pride Friday night when he admitted he did not know who is British heavyweight champion.

"I'm sorry, but I just don't know what your champion's name is," Patterson said.

A large group of eager boxing writers heard this when he arrived at Tilbury docks. They were stunned.

Patterson, who if the price is right will fight anyone, hopes to arrange terms to defend his title in London in June.

**THREE EXHIBITIONS**

He also will give three exhibitions for promoter Harry Levene. "Have you ever heard of Joe Erskine?" Patterson was asked. "I don't recall the name."

"Well, said one of the writers who expect Americans to know as much about British fighters as Britons do about American fighters—"Erskine is the titleholder."

"Humm," said Patterson.

**END OF TALK**

That about ended Patterson's department in the talks.

Manager Gus D'Amato took over.

He agreed the pickings certainly were slim among British heavyweights right now.

So, for an opponent, he said, "we will take an American if necessary. We want to prove that Patterson is the greatest heavyweight the world has ever seen."

**Favors Strike By Train Crews**

TORONTO, (CP)—Albert Wren, Liberal-Labor member of the Ontario legislature for Kenora, said Monday night CPR train crew members should strike rather than run diesel locomotives without firemen.

Mr. Wren spoke to a meeting of 200 members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) from the Toronto area.

The CPR's plan to eliminate firemen as unnecessary on freight and switching diesels resulted in a nine-day strike last year. A royal commission later upheld the CPR claim.

Mr. Wren said the CPR seeks to save \$10,000,000 yearly by 1961 through elimination of firemen. "But the saving would be paid in the flesh and blood of employees and passengers."

# Robinson And Basilio Are All Ready For Big Battle

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

CHICAGO (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson will try to reclaim the world's middleweight boxing title for the fourth time Tuesday night in an encore with champion Carmen Basilio.

Chicago Stadium will provide a dramatic setting for the rematch. Basilio never has won a fight here. Robinson won the crown, successfully defended it, and regained it twice in the arena.

The scheduled 15-rounder will be on theatre television in 38 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Chicago and a 100-mile radius will be blacked out, but will be in on the national radio broadcast by CBS. Fight time is 9 p.m. MST.

Scoring will be on the five-point must system: The winner of a round receives five points, the loser any lesser number, and there are five points each for a draw.

**TOP CROWD EXPECTED**

A standing room crowd of 21,000 is anticipated, contributing to a record indoor gate of about \$435,000. The record is \$422,918 for the Tony Zale - Rocky Graziano battle in Chicago Stadium in 1947. The biggest indoor crowd was more than 23,000 for Robinson's defence of the 160-pound crown against Graziano in Chicago Stadium April 16, 1952.

Robinson and Basilio each will receive 30 per cent of everything, including movie rights which have not yet been estimated. Their shares figure to be well over \$200,000.

The grace of Robinson, now 37, and his chilling punches in either fist have made the Harlem dandy one of boxing's all time greats.

In 149 bouts he has 140 victories, 91 of them by knockouts.

He can be considered the most remarkable middleweight of all time on his ability to destroy opponents in rematches to regain the title.

Basilio became the third fighter to lift the crown from Sugar Ray, taking a split 15-round decision in New York's Yankee Stadium last Sept. 23.

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# Hopes To Make Football Deal

MONCTON, — (CP) — Howard Dobson, President of the Nova Scotia Football League, declined. Interested are Acadia University and St. Mary's. They were given a week to decide what they are going to do.

St. Thomas, UNB and Mount Allison were members of the NB F1last year. If they withdraw it would leave Moncton and Saint John without a league.

"We haven't heard anything official from the colleges," said Dobson, "and are awaiting official word before we can act. I hope some kind of an agreement can be reached between us and the colleges."

Four universities, St. Thomas, Mount Allison, the University of New Brunswick and St. Dunstan's University of Charlotte-town agreed during a meeting of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union to operate as a league during the 1958 season.

Dalhousie and St. Francis Xavier, members of last year's

# International Rules Are Great Success In Calgary

CALGARY (CP)—John Watson, president of the Big Six Intermediate A Hockey League in Southern Alberta, said Friday an experiment using international hockey rules in league games this season was a huge success. He said fans were overwhelmingly in favor.

In a report to the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association, he said fans "enjoyed the much faster action, fewer numbers of whistles causing play stoppages, more goals and the free-wheeling style of hockey that to a great extent did away with the old clutch-and-grab style of hockey."

The seven-team league used rules of the International Ice Hockey Federation in the last 32 games of the regular season. It was on a trial basis only. The league reverted to Canadian Amateur Hockey Association rules for the playoffs.

**MAIN DIFFERENCES**

Here are the main differences between the two sets of rules.

International rules do not allow icing the puck, provide for a full two-minute penalty and body-checking is restricted to teams' defensive zones.

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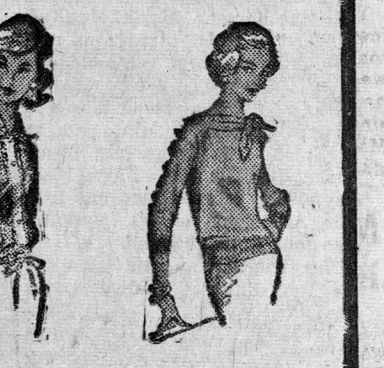
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