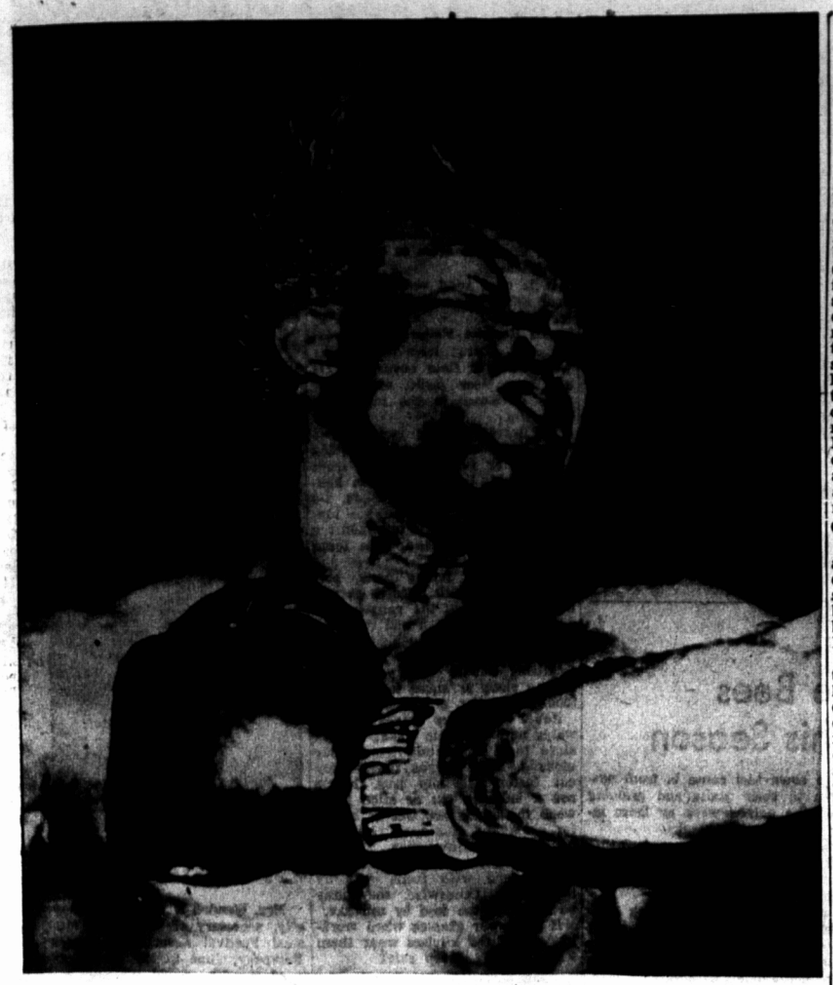

HAIR RAISING ADVENTURE

Jersy City-Kid Gavilan's hair-stands on end as he recoils from a left tossed by Vince Martinez in the seventh round of their welter weight title bout on June 18. Martinez gained the decesion his second straight 10 round verdict over the former welter king. (AP Wirephoto).

HUNTER'S CORNER

Animals And Birds Like To Dine In Comfort And Plenty

The first broods of black ducks, for this season were reported this week. They were spotted by "Tuddy" McKinnon, a city angler, on Dingwell's Mill, Fortune. One brood held 8 and were a week or 10 days old. The other brood scurried for the shelter of the alder fringed shoreline and the number and size could only be guessed at. Both mother ducks must have been setting when the early May blizzard struck.Black Ducks will frequently nest under impassable windfall tangles; on thorn protected dykes or in thickets a rabbit has to cut roads through they are so dense. It is expected that a larger number of duck broods will put in appearance during the last week in June and the 1st week in July then in normal breeding seasons.

COMFORTABLE SKUNKS

Skunks are past masters in the art of insulation. They will not tolerate a draft. If their bed is constructed under a barn or other building the opening will face a blank side. If there is an eddying like dead leaves or old fur.

A few days ago a farmer friend told me he was dismantling an old house at the rear of his farm. Under the floor he found a skunk den or nest. It held 5 young about six inches long and they were snuggled cosily in a mound of old rabbit fur. Apparently a fox had used the house for a den last spring and had fed her offspring on rabbits, mostly. The mother skunk had constructed a nest of fur and sections of dried skin with the fur attached so warm and comfortable even a baby would be cosy therein.

I inquired as to what he did with the skunk family. He told me he destroyed the five young and let the mother alone. I asked him why. His reply was enlightening. "If I had killed her she'd have sprayed all over the place and I couldn't have completed dismantling the house." This farmer uses his head for something more than putting his hat on.

The old skunk hung around for several days. He didn't molest her and she didn't bother him although she was in range most of the time.

FISHING MINK

I love watching mink while engaged in fishing for a meal. Some years ago I visited a beaver dam in late March. There was a small patch of open water about 30 feet from the embankment. I approached very cautiously as I fully expected to catch a two footed fisherman at work.

I found a four footed angler instead. A large mink was seated at the edge of the open patch. Suddenly he dove into the water as cleanly as a knife no splash, no ripple, the water just parted and he slipped in. A minute later he emerged with a 5 inch (approx) trout in his mouth. He started at its head and chewed down to its tail just like a cat. I could hear its teeth grinding. When the tail disappeared he sniffed the snow and liked the discoloured spots. He dove in again and repeated the performance.

On the third dive he was so long in coming to the surface I stepped out of the bushes. Instead of surfacing at the same spot he had come out at the spillway over the embankment and was eating his trout there. He got a fright and submerged. It was the last I saw of him. I'd have liked to have seen how many trout he would catch and eat.

LARDER

Sometimes they'll store trout a way, but not for long, if the fishing is particularly good. A fisherman friend of mine was angling on a Mill Pond last season. He was having no luck and began to think ther ewere no trout in the dam. He was sitting in a boat enjoying the scenery when he saw a mink hump itself out on a long with an 8 or 9 inch trout in its mouth. He carried this trout back into the bushes and returned to the log a minute or so later. A second trout, slightly smaller then the first, was caught and carried back into the bushes. A third trip was made and a third trout caught. On the last trip into the bushes he stayed there—at least he didn't return to the log.

I figure he cashed his first two trout in some nook and when he had the third, decided it was enough for a good square meal. I never knew of a mink to kill more trout then they could eat at one sitting but have known them to catch enough trout for a meal without having to leave the table for a second helping. Animals and birds, especially the predatory species, like to dine in comfort and plentitude just like us humans.

Mink also vary their diet with frogs, mice and squirrels but are tough on muskrats and will prowl the woods and swamps for rabbits. I have examined mink scat that was composed almost entirely of muskrat fur of both adults, and kits. Mink will never become too numerous as the mother mink has to hide her young from the male. Those roving males are tough customers but their pelts, if one can catch enough of them will fatten a pocket book with paper money. A mink can teach a fox tricks on how to avoid getting ones toes pinched in a trap and it takes a skillful trapper to collect many mink pelts.

May Accept Russian Plan But With Qualifications

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials here today said the United States is prepared to accept suspension of atoimc weapons tests only under a first - step disarmament agreement providing also for halting production of nuclear weapons.

President Eisenhower created the impression at his press conference Wednesday that the U.S. might have reversed its policy on banning tests and might be about to accept a Russian proposal for a test moratorium separated from other major disarmament proposals.

A few hours later, however, the White House explained that the president "did not imply and it was not intended to imply that we would consider suspension of tests in isolation" from other arms control considerations. James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said there had been no change in policy.

Hagerty said in response to questions that the problem of halting production is linked with the problem of stopping tests. But he would not spell out U.S. policy on these crucial points.

HOPEFUL SIGNS

Eisenhower was asked about a week-old Soviet proposal for a two- or three-year moratorium on test explosions, along with establishment of an international commission to manage the agreement and an inspection system to police it.

"These are hopeful signs, as I see them, and they deserve the most earnest and sympathetic study," the president said. The U.S. wanted to know all the details because "generalization is one thing, to see how it works is another."

Then, in response to a series of inquiries, Eisenhower made the point that with an adequate inspection system to guard against seiret testing it might be possible to work out an arrangement for suspending the tests in advance of some other aspects of a disarmament agreement.

He spoke of suspension under a system which would assure the U.S. and Russia that each knew exactly what the other was doing. Both countries could then use the period of the suspension "to work out something in which we could have real confidence."

A test suspension then, he commented at another point, "would naturally not be isolated (from other disarmament steps) because after all everybody wants to know whether the other fellow is keeping safe, so there would have be some kind of inspectional bar with it."

OPERATION ON TWINS

BOSTON (AP)—A kidney transplant operation, in which Leonard Masden, 19, of Shepherdsville, Ky., donated a normal kidney to his ailing identical twin brother, Leon, was performed Thursday at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

Back Stretch

(Conitnued from page 6)

ey, O'Brien bought the best, and as a result developed some of the finest in the past five years. . . Scott Frst was the first two-year-old trotter to win in 2.00 in a race, Diamond Hal, 1.57 2-5, is the fastest son of Hal Dale, and there are others." Ed Binneweg predicts that the ninth race will be a permanent part of the harness racing picture before the season ends. That fact was driven home during the last week, when 27,000 showed up to bet over $2 million at Yonkers. Roosevelt, which follows Yonkers, will makenine races their standard practice and Doc Robbins, who puts out the programs at Roosevelt and Yonkers, states that nothing caught the eye of the public as much as the nine-race deal, and it is his opinion that it should be a permanent part of the program as long as the public desires it.

CAN TAKE IT

Frank Jevons is a man that nothing can daunt in his resolution to continue as a harness horse driver. He has a stable of 12 at Saratoga Raceway. Seven years ago, he took up training and driving and lost a valuable horse in a fire in 1951. He suffered a cervical disc injury in atraining mishap in the spring of 1955, and could only drive one race that season. Early last year, one of his horses ran away from the farm and died from exposure after crashing through the ice on the Mohawk River. And last summer a Saratoga Raceway, the night of August 3, he was thrown from the sulky and suffered a skull fracture and concussion. Jevons says he is feeling very good, and believes he is safer on the race track than on the highway. On the race track, people observe the rules better. He is certainly a bear for punishment.

Monday night's race program at Saint John drew a good attendance. Following are the winners. Race No. 1, Hero's Child (C. Wimmons) 1, Totem Boy (O. Morrissey) 2, time 2.19. 2 and 6 Dashes, Tinky Hal (M. Coughlin) 1.6, Scott Dolly (C. Wood) 2-1, Guy Adam (E. Kirkpatrick) 4-2, time 2.16 1-5 and 2.15 1-5. Dashes 3 and 7, Holbert Grattan (J. Lang) 1-4, Flaming High (E. Kirkpatrick) 81, Sep Hanover (T. Scovil) 2-2, times 2.-12 and 2.13 2-5. Dashes 4 and 8, Tom Day (B. Andrew) 1-3, Daniel Hal Scott (W. Carr) 4.1, Hi Lo's Baron (C. Wood) 2-4, Ramona Chips (M. Lawson) 5-2, times 2.18 and 2.15 3-5. The fifth dash was won by Stephen W. (H. Jones), Jimmy Hal (M. Lawson) 2, time 2.16. Holbert Grattan has arecord of 2.07 2-5, and is owned by Douglas Colwell, Saint John, N.B. last year he had 8 firsts, 3 seconds and 3 thirds, and is now one of the holders of the season's fastest mile—2.12.

NO STRIKE

There was a threat of strike action at Yonkers by members of the Standardbred Owners Association, who wanted increased purses and other benefits from the management. But it has been pointed out that under the contracts which they signed in order to ge stalls and racing privileges, the strike cannot take place this season. We do not know anything about the claims of the dissatisfied horsemen, but it seems tous that the purses, which run from $2,000 up to $21,400, are very liberal indeed. According to USTA figure, published in Hoofbeat in April, the Yonkers percentage of purses paid in 1956 was almost 32 percent, based on the trecks mutuel share, breakage, and the amount returned to the track by the Construction Fund.

From the latest issue of The Harness Horse there is a fine tribute to Joe O'Brien. It reads as follows: "Joe O'Brien made a triumphant return to the sulky Saturday night at Yonkers, reining the crack three-year-old Adios Express 2, 2.01, to a blazing 2.03 1-5 score over an aged field in a $4,500 A Pace. The Adios-Shy Ann colt was driven in come-from-behind style from post seven and stayed seventh at every call, including the head of the stretch. O'Brien then cut him loose and the chestnut colt rocketed from six lengths back to win by three-quarers, going away. Winner of $56,192 las year.

NEW RECORD

They had an excellen card of racing at Truro Tuesday night, and two pacers took new records, Rainbow Clegg paced in 2.16 3-5 to win from a field of eight, and Johnny Conroy knocked some more off W. M.X.'s record giving him a new mark of 2.14. Races 2 and 6, Countessway (MacDonald) 1-3, W.M.X. (Conroy) 2-1, time 2.18 and 2.14; Countessway is owned by D. A. MacDonald, Sydney; W.M.X. owned by Thompson and MacNeil Southport, P.E.I. Races 3 and 7, Dominator Pick (P. Pinkney) 1-5, Adomite (MacLeod) 4-1, Danvil Delegate (G. Turner) 2-2, times 2.16 2-5 and 2.17 2-5; Dominator's Pick owned by Mrs. C. Richards, Truro, and Adomite by C. E. Bragg, Collingwood. Races 5 and 8, Rainbow Clegg (K. Pinkey) 1-1, Cash Hal (Williams) 2-2, times 2.16 3-5 and 2.19; winner owned by W.E. Piers, Pugwash. Races 1 and 4, Nova G. (P. Pinkney) 1-3, Silver Dawn Honor (Connors) 5-1, time 2.19 1-5 and 2.18 1-5. Nova G. owned by W.C. Betts, Truro and Silver Dawn by Ross and Connors, Amherst.

Driver Clayton Killam stole the shown at Island Park Raceway, Woodstock, Tuesday night. He had the honor of driving to the front in five of the eight dashes. Summaries are: Dashes 1 and 5, Belle Canuck (Trot) 1-1, Callie Hal, (Morey) 2-2, times 2.16 3-5 and 2.22 2-5. Winning owner Howe and Lawry, Houlton, Maine. Dashes 2 and 6, Hal's Mae (Killam) 1-2, Callie's Miss (MacArthur) 2-1, times 2.16 4-5 and 2.17. Hal's Mae owned by Valley Stables, Callie's Miss owned by Lorne Britton, Hartland. Dashes 3 and 7, Ritzy Bell (Killam) 1-2, Prime Leo (Harmon) 2-1, times 2.16 2-5 and 2.17; Ritzy Bell owned by Clayton Killam, Woodstock; Prime Leo is owned by Willard Wright, Caribou, Maine. Dashes 4 and 8, Hegewood H. (Killam) 1-1, Ima Bell (Troy) 2-4, Lesabel (Price) 4-2, times 2.16 2-5 and 2.15. Hedgewood H. owned by B. Dobson, Riverview.

BUSY DRIVER

Foxboro Raceway got underway this week and presented the 9,000 spectators with a splendid program. Harry Coleman, well known to many Maritimers, was the busiest driver at the track. He won the first event with Our Rib, was third with Maryland Lucy, finished in the money with Tabb Dircet, and won with Queen's Knight in the feature event. Coleman operates apublic stable with 19 in training. He has nine stable hands, and started racing back in 1926. Harry has things figured up pretty well. He says that counting feed, shoeing, help, and incidentals, h figures it costs $80 to train and race a horse weekly. Miltiply that by 19, he says, and you will see that we have to win many races. Harry was booked to perch on the sulky in four races the following night. The Inaugural Pace, with a big purse, was at hriller and an astounding surprise when Brooke's Honor headed such fast better-than-two-minute pacers as Dale Frost and Hillsota, and rewarded his backers with $43.60 for a two dollar bill.

Nominators to the P.E.I. Colt Stakes are reminded that the second payment falls due July 1st, so send in your $10 to Secretary Treasurer W.G. Gillespie and keep your entry eligible. Colts must be named. . .It is reported that Ted Gennesee, 2.10 4-5, is under negotiation for purchase by a Montreal party who has offered $5,00.0 for this outstanding horse. . . .Ike Moreside, who is training the Letcher Stable at Bay State Raceway near Boston, sends us the program of the opening night; his stable hasn't started yet, but expects to do so shortly. He considers the competition there very tough, Bob Ryan was third with Poplar Veep, time 2.05 3-5. The fastest mile of the night was by Brook's Honor (W. Haughton), time 2.03. The Class C Pace was won by Mighty Mist in 2.07 2-5, with the last quarter in 30 seconds.

LIVELY STEPPING

There was lively stepping at Sackville Downs Wednesday night. In the junior free-for-all, Theo A. Nick (L. O'Brien) was 1-1, Beware (MacAlduff) 2-2, Super Hal (Daniels) 33, time 2.11 4-5 — a season's record for the Maritimes, and 2.13 1-5. The winner is owned by Laurie O'Brien, Lower Sackville. In Race 1, Richland (Ratchford) 1, Just Betty's Mark (Seaman) 2, Perfect Hal (L. O'Meara) 3, time 2.14. Winner owned by Ernest Smith, Sydney. Races 2 and 6, Wait For Me (O'Meara) 1-2, Eddie Hoosier (S. Walker) 3-1, Just Rita (Cruikshank) 2-3, times 2.16-4-5 and 2.17 2-5; Wait For Me owned by George Gregory, Parkdale and Eddie Hoosier by Sam Walker, Jr., Lower Sackville. Race 4, Watchim's Lassie (O'Meara) 1, Rochford (Johnson) 2, time 2.19-2-5; winning owner, Elliot Saunders, Lexington, Mass. Race 5, Pepper Shaker (Kaye) 1, Ramsay's Brown G. (H. Walsh) 2, time 2.19-2-5; winning owner Fulton Moreside. Lower Sackville. Race 8, Ethel M. (F. Daniels) 1, Jingle Cale (O'Meara) 2, time 2.22 2-5; winning owner S.D. Drake, Truro. Our readers will notice that the O'Meara Stable is starting to come to the front.

Angus Allen, who has been training and driving at Saratoga Raceway, New York, where he was leading race winner in 1955 and second in wins last year, has been ordered to hospital for an operation by his physican. We will all be hoping that our friend Angie will seeon be out again and driving winners.

Large Catch For Maritimes

HALIFAX (CP) — Maritime fishermen caught more than twice as much fish in May as in April.

The fisheries department announced today the total May catch in the area was 75,800,000 pounds valued at $5,700,000. In April fishermen landed only 32,800,000 pounds worth $1,900,000 to them.

The biggest part of the increase came from larger landings of lobsters, groundfish, herring and alewives. Groundfish included cod, haddock and halibut.

Fishermen caught 8,300,000 pounds more codfish in May than in April. Their lobster catch for the month was 12,700,000 pounds valued at $3,200,000.

Better weather and the general start of lobster and herring fishing put more fishermen to work.

More than half the total catch —47,400,000 pounds was made by Nova Scotia fishermen.

U. N. Also Will Put A-Weapons Into Korea

PANMUNJOM, Korea AP - The United Nations comand today formally told the Communists the Allies will introduce modern weapons into South Korea because of "complete disregard" by the Reds of the 1953 armistice ban on such arms.

U.S. Maj.-Gen. Homer L. Litzenberg notified the Reds in a prepared statement he read to North of the Korean joint aristmice Rok and 40 other Chinese and Korean Maj.-Gen. Chung Kook Korean Communists at a session Commission.

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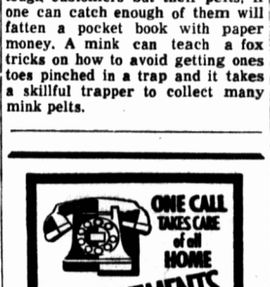

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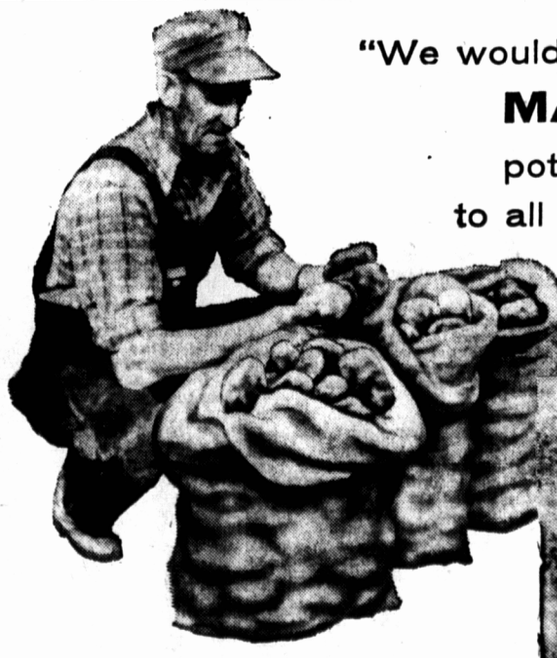

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