

### Sugar Ray Banned In Massachusetts

BOSTON, (AP)—The state boxing commission Monday handed Sugar Ray Robinson what amounts to a lifetime ban in Massachusetts for his last-minute pullout from last Saturday night's scheduled bout with Georgie Small of Brooklyn.

But Robinson will be free to fight in any other state because the commission will not press for a commission ban by the National Boxing Association.

Robinson withdrew shortly before the bout, complaining he had a sore throat and virus symptoms which he said made him too weak to appear. Dr. Edwin Hommel of the boxing commission examined the ex-middleweight and welterweight king and said he found "no evidence of sickness or injury which would warrant me to postpone the fight."

The commission based its relatively light ruling on Robinson on the fact that Silverman released the boxer from his contract after being assured Robinson would make good costs of advance promotion and other expenses.

Robinson is scheduled to meet Johnny Lombardo March 15 in Cincinnati and also has a Milwaukee bout scheduled later with Ted Olla.

### Unevenness In N. B. Schools

FREDERICTON, (CP)—The New Brunswick royal commission on education said Tuesday it was struck during 16 months of public hearings by the "unevenness" of the province's school facilities.

The report of chairman William H. MacKenzie of Saint John and his two associates was tabled in the legislature by Education Minister Claude D. Taylor.

It said some consolidated school areas had adequate "or even luxurious" school buildings while only a short distance away were hopelessly rundown schools staffed by teachers some of whom had not gone beyond Grade 7.

The commission noted a tendency to "splurge" on high schools and skimp on elementary schools.

SOME SPRUCED UP

It also said many buildings had been sprung up or replaced by excellent ones. This had led to "gaps and discrepancies as well as duplications."

The commission said southern New Brunswick is "well provided for" with some exceptions. But rapidly-growing Saint John and Moncton would soon need more classrooms.

### Burnt-Out Allowances Reviewed

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada sent 400,000 soldiers overseas in the First World War.

Of these, 60,000 were killed in France and Belgium; another 180,000 were wounded. Pensions were provided for the widows and the men who suffered disabilities.

What of the remaining 240,000, most of whom served for months or years in the front-line trenches? Many suffered shell-shock or, in the parlance of the Second World War, battle fatigue.

By 1927, it came to be recognized that these men had been aged prematurely by trench warfare. In 1930, the government brought down legislation to provide allowances for these men and their dependents if they were in financial need.

### 41,487 NOW ON LIST

These war veterans' allowances are paid at the age of 60 or in special cases at 55. Down through the years, the government has awarded pensions to 113,636 veterans or their dependents. Death has taken its toll and the number now stands at 41,487.

The maximum monthly allowances now are \$50 for single veterans and \$90 for married veterans. Permissive ceilings on income to be able to receive the allowances are \$720 for single veterans and \$1,200 for married veterans.

The Commons Friday debated a government bill to raise the allowances to \$60 for single and \$108 for married veterans or their widows and the permissive incomes to \$840 and \$1,440 respectively.

The main opposition criticism was that the permissive ceilings should be raised to \$1,200 and \$2,000. Also requested was an allowance increase for married veterans to \$120.

WOULD ADD \$6,250

Veterans Minister Lapointe said the ceilings proposed by the opposition would increase the number of recipients of war veterans allowances to 56,250.

Since 1930, the allowances have cost the government nearly \$242,000,000. In the last fiscal year, the amount was \$26,500,000.

Mr. Lapointe said the increases proposed by the government would cost an additional \$9,250,000 to \$9,500,000 a year. The opposition proposals would increase this amount by a further \$13,000,000.

Col. A. J. Brooks, Progressive Conservative veteran's affairs critic, said the bill is disappointing and three years too late.

### Sugar Ray's Bout Postponed

CINCINNATI (AP)—The 10-round boxing bout scheduled for next Tuesday between Sugar Ray Robinson and Johnny Lombardo, middleweights, Tuesday was postponed until March 29.

Robinson's handlers in New York asked for a change in date, saying the former welterweight and middleweight champion needed the time to get in better condition.

### Ethics of Medical News and Pictures

LONDON (Reuters)—The British press council has called for a conference to discuss the ethical questions involved in gathering news and photographs in medical cases.

The call came in a statement issued after a meeting of the council's general purposes committee Wednesday which discussed allegations made against some British newspapers in the recent case of Siamese twins born to a British couple.

Dr. Guy Dain, chairman of the British Medical Association's public relations committee, said he has asked 10 press organizations to a meeting March 29 to discuss the subject.

WANT POLICY DEFINED

The press council also called "for common principles and policy" to be formed concerning medical cases which have attracted public interest.

It repudiated any suggestion "that unseemly behavior is general among newspaper representatives, on such occasions."

Professional experience, it said, "shows complaints are often exaggerated or arise from reluctance on the part of those concerned to supply reasonable information on matters of legitimate public concern."

### HISTORIC ISLAND

Mauritius in the Indian ocean was discovered by the Portuguese in 1511, but settled by the Dutch in 1598.

### Nfld. Not In TV Network

OTTAWA (CP)—Newfoundland will not be included in Canada's planned 3,800-mile transcontinental microwave television network, a CBC official said Tuesday.

Telephone companies participating in the three-year construction program were not asked to tender bids on extending the network to Canada's island province because of difficulties in bridging the mainland and the island, he said.

Moncton will be among the Maritime cities to be linked in the network announced Monday night by Revenue Minister McCann. The transcontinental link-up of CBC and private TV stations is to be completed by early 1958.

In the Maritimes, the microwave network will be developed from Quebec City to Fredericton thence to Saint John, N. B., Moncton and Sydney, N. S., with a spur running off to Halifax.

The microwave relay station will be spaced about 25 or 30 miles apart along the relay route.

### All Provinces Should Gain

TORONTO (CP)—Allan J. MacEachern, Liberal member of Parliament for the Nova Scotia riding of Inverness-Richmond, said Tuesday night the next federal provincial conference should try to draw up a scheme whereby the provinces will benefit more from Dominion-provincial tax agreements.

Mr. MacEachern said the tax agreements, instituted in 1947, have greatly benefited the provinces, particularly the poorer ones. Nova Scotia, he said, receives two-thirds of its revenue from these agreements.

He added, however, that modification of the agreements would benefit some provinces and bring their economies more in line with those of the richer provinces.

Mr. MacEachern spoke at a meeting of the recently-formed West York Young Liberal Association.

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