

IN THE REALM OF SPORTS...

FIGHT MANAGER HOPS ON JOE LOUIS

I have been waiting for this all along. I had an idea it would be only a question of time before some bloke would start accusing Joe Louis of going high hat. The other charge, that of the Brown Bomber hurting the boxing game, is one I still have to shake my head over to get. These opinions, expressed by the same man, are important mainly because this man is Larry Morrison, manager of Oscar Rankin, the red-headed sepi middle-weight.

However, Morrison declares many tales of Joe's upstage tactics are current in fistic circles. One of the stories is that a recent trip to St. Louis as a guest referee, Louis roughly brushed aside a porter who sought to greet him at a railway station. It is declared that the sudden acquisition of several thousand dollars and world fame has turned the bronze youth's head.

The truth is that Joe doesn't care a cent about public life. Like Lindbergh, he wants only to be let alone to live his life in peace. This, of course, isn't what people want and this trait is unfortunate in those that have been thrust into the limelight. But a person has a right to his convictions and psychology. If Louis, before his rise to fame had been a publicity seeking social animal, then he could fairly be accused of turning snobbish. Fact is, Joe has always been a quiet person who wanted only to fight and come home to a very select circle of intimate friends.

After seeing the results of the supreme busy-bodies who brought to this nation a disastrous Prohibition and observing the Species Aframericans going about its gossip tactics, it seems to me the country could use a few more people who attend strictly to their own business as does Joe Louis.

Morrison's other charge, made despite the Detroit fighter's bringing back of the million dollar gate to the beak busting racket and a revived interest in boxing the nation over, is offered for what it is worth. Here is how Morrison sees it:

"We have got to admit that Joe Louis has boosted the gates for big heavy-weight bouts, but what has that meant to the other divisions which really are the backbone of the game? It has meant that anywhere where they hope to some day have a chance to see Louis, they save up their pennies for that opportunity and nothing can pry them loose from the price of a ticket for one of the regular cards."

"Take the case of Chicago. For weeks before Louis fought Charley Retzlaff they couldn't make card expenses at any of the other cards. The fans were all saving up just to see Louis. No sir! That boy has not done any of the rest of us any good."

To those who think that way, this inconsequential person's suggestion is to develop boys who will get the idea that a boxing ring is something other than an exhibition place for the Lindy hop or truckin'.

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There last week he was paid \$1,000. But the white promoter had to dig into his own pocket for \$650 as the show lacked that much of meeting expenses.

Gorilla Jones wasn't quite so lucky this time with Tait Littman in Milwaukee. Last week it took ten rounds to decision the white boy. On New Year's Day Gorilla flattened him in the first.

Those big bad Rens have been down Dixie way giving their annual lessons in the basket ringing art. Recently they snowed under the Knoxville college quint 36-20, and only mercy kept the score from being more.

Kingfish Levinsky has found people in California he can whip. He kayoted Butch Rogers in four rounds in Oakland last week. Gate receipts were only \$2,124 as contrasted with more than \$200,000 in the Louis-Levinsky fight last August in Chicago.

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By J. A. G. LuValle for A N P

St. Louis, Feb. 5—It is assumed that the United States should win 13 out of a possible 22 events at the Olympics in Berlin next August. Of this number Negro athletes should account for six or nearly fifty per cent of the first places accorded to the United States.

For the 100-meter dash we have Jesse Owens of Ohio State; Eulace Peacock of Temple; Ben Johnson of Columbia and Metcalf of Marquette. They will make it one, two, three.

For the 200-meter dash we have the same quartet and may expect the same results.

For the 400-meter man-killing dash, we have Jimmy LuValle of U. C. L. A., national champion of the I. C. 4-A meet and the N. C. A. A. meet. His competitors will be O'Brien of Syracuse and Hardin of Louisiana and McCarthy of Southern California.

For the broad jump Jesse Owens and Eulace Peacock will find it rather easy for them to be one, two.

For the high jump there is Cornelius Johnson, the present title holder who should defeat Marty of Fresno.

For the 200-meter low hurdles, Jesse Owens should defeat Hardin or Moore, taking it for granted he can repeat his iron feat of winning four events, since he did it twice last year, against Michigan and Frisco.

Summing up, this would give the Negroes six firsts, three seconds and two thirds in the coming Olympic.

WITH THE BANDS

THINGS THEATRICAL

Chicago, Feb. 8.—On the heels of the record cold wave here in Chicago will come to this windy city for the remainder of the winter season, two name bands of radio, stage and cafe fame. They are Fletcher Henderson and his orchestra opening at the Grand Terrace on the south side and Noble Sissle and his band making their debut in one of the favorite exclusive spots in the loop, the Congress hotel.

Henderson will replace Earl Hines and his organization who leave the Terrace for their annual tour of the South and East. The National Broadcasting Company will provide their nightly radio broadcast from the south side cabaret. This is Henderson's first Chicago night club engagement in many years.

Noble Sissle is by no means a stranger to the Windy City's night-lifers. Last year his MCA vaudeville bookings brought him to the city several times, and in 1934 he held down the dansapoint spot at the French Casino on the north side of the city for several months etherizing through the NBC facilities.

Jimmy Turner and his "Three Flats and a Sharp" who have been doing some sustaining programs from local NBC studios and the smaller Chi studios, were kicking with Irvin Mills' New York booking agent and manager of the Mills Blue Rhythm Band, Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway and many others along the Rialto. It is reported that Mills has signed them up to play with Cab Calloway and aggregation when they hit back east from the coast where they are at present finishing some films and winding up their vaudeville tour of the west. Last year the Flats travelled with Duke Ellington for a few weeks through the middle-west.

The philosophical saying of Uncle Joe over WJJD, Chicago, are receiving a great amount of plaudits from listeners around Chicagoland. His wise cracks on the news of the day are similar to the Hoosier Philosopher, white, from WAAF. Uncle Joe is portrayed by Dr. Andrew Dobson, who for the past few years has been devoting himself to radio work. He has conducted programs over several of the Chicago stations.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers and the Fisk University Choir provides a delightful musical treat every Tuesday evening at 9:00 over WSM at Nashville. Magnolia Blossoms, features the singers every Monday night over the blue web of the National Broadcasting Company at 10:00 p. m., CST.

Lon Rood, now in Harlem, got himself something of a Joe Louis reputation at Dave's Cafe last Saturday afternoon. It seems that Francois and his Louisiansans kicked to the musicians union about spending so much extra time at those rehearsals for the last show produced here by Rood, and the union's business agent came around to take it up.

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If the nightory which the Two Thunderbolts left quietly owing \$40 and six weeks hotel bill will look on the west coast, they might find the boys out there. Operator 22 says the rest of the act, there used to be four in all, are hoofing in California and were looking forward to joining the Chicago lads.

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