

AFTERMATH OF THE LOUIS-BRADDOCK TITLE BOUT

Joe's History-Making Punch In Eighth Round is Heard Around the World

Chicago, July 2 (By Albert G. Barnett for the ANP)—Last Tuesday night at Comiskey park's memorable heavyweight championship fight when Challenger Joe Louis ducked Champion Jim Braddock's vicious right swing in the eighth round, retaliated with a left to the body then a right to the Champ's jaw—Joe not only annexed the heavyweight crown but his glove bombardment—let out a salvo of rising intensity whose reverberations were heard 'round the world.

With the last down beat of Referee Tommy Thomas' fatal count of ten over the inert body of fallen Gladiator Braddock, there was a mighty surge forward estimated 10,000 colored fans among a total of 50,000, a wild, tumultuous roar that reached to the shores of Lake Michigan. Then followed wild shouts of joy as excited winners pulled down their "take," while other thousands of Louis fans rushed for the exits to hurry to other takeholders on the South and West sides where they had placed bets on the new champion.

All the streets in the Southside section soon became a mass of excited, cheering humanity. Traffic rules were suspended, street cars, buses and autos moved at a snail's pace, if at all, and all feet seemed turned in the direction of the Great White Way—South Parkway, at 47 51 or 55 street—where the scene took on the aspect of a New Year's Eve celebration and a Mardi Gras rolled into one.

Beer taverns, night clubs and the more pretentious cafes and amusement spots soon filled to capacity with singing, dancing, drinking throngs whose tinkling glasses were constantly raised in salute to the new champion. In the far Southside residence district, when Radio Announcer Clem McCarthy announced Joe Louis as the winner, it was the signal for a wild outpouring into the streets of men, women and children, who danced wildly to the music of radios or the impromptu tunes of the revelers. Fireworks were set off, guns fired and always, everything, was one wild scene but a duplicate of another farther up the street.

But the aftermath of the big fight had its tragic as well as humorous side. On Chicago's far Northwest side the excitement proved to much for John Swartz, 58, white, and the grandfather to

23 children. Listening to the radio broadcast at his home, Mr. Swartz heard Joe proclaimed the winner, died one minute later of a heart attack.

Another fan, living on the Southside and in whose mind there was never any doubt as to Louis being returned the winner, was worried about the seat sale at the big fight—he just couldn't understand why all the \$27.50 seats were sold, so many in the \$6.00 section were unoccupied.

In Lafayette, Ala., Joe Louis' birthplace, his fellow townsmen many of them related to him, "took the town," danced in the streets in celebration of his victory, while the whites lined the sidewalks, gave them encouragement, both by word and deed. Joe's uncle, Albert Barrow, who works the big Barrow farm of 320 acres, was in Chicago, the guest of Nephew Joe at the fight, going to the Windy City with a member of the teaching staff at Tuskegee Institute.

Samuel T. Boyea, a newsman, connected with the Georgetown Colon, British West Indies, and a correspondent for the Associated Negro Press, came to America for the first time, said after the fight: "Now that I've seen the pugilistic marvel of your country, I want to see Nature's marvel—Niagara Falls which I shall visit on my way home."

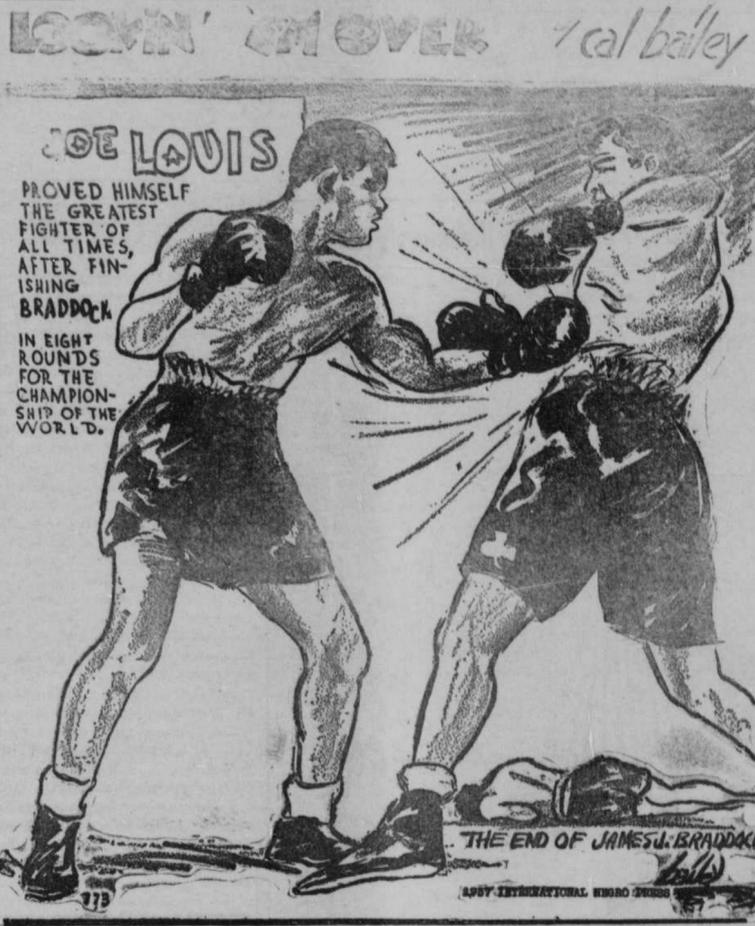
In Philadelphia, that city's 225,000 colored population paraded through the streets, shouted themselves hoarse, behaved generally as did their fellow racemen in other cities, elicited the terse comment, "noisy, but orderly" from tolerant police officials. In Detroit, home city of Joe's mother and her family, citizens took his titular knockout with comparative calm, little rowdiness giving the 52 motorcycle policemen patrolling the district, hardly anything to do.

In Berlin, Germany, the official Nazi press, waxed sarcastic, on paper saying: "Louis' victory over Jim Braddock for the 'so-called world title' has no standing whatever." They want Max Schmeling to stage his own "championship" bout by meeting England's Tommy Farr in London. Said Der Angriff, German paper: "The German champion's answer is clear: 'We have had enough of your wire-pulling methods. Now we stage our own world championship and the victor of this fight will be the true world champion, recognized by all who set sport above the dollar.' "Pooh, Pooh! And a few more Poohs!" reply 15,000,000 American Negroes and countless other millions of Jewery throughout the world.

In Detroit, where he went two days after the fight, Champion Joe Louis rushed to the outstretched arms of his mother, Mrs. Lily Brooks, who the night of the battle turned off the radio when Jim Braddock had upset Joe in the first round, knocking him to the canvas with a short right uppercut. Said Mother Louis: "I'm glad you're all right Joe, but I hope you didn't hurt Mr. Braddock TOO MUCH!"

At the railroad station Thursday en route for their New Jersey home, former Champion Braddock and Mrs. Braddock paused to permit news photographers to snap them. Said game, pugilist Braddock: "I laid off too long. Give me six months, and two more fights to get in condition and I'll be ready for Joe again. I still believe I can beat him."

At his home on South Michigan avenue, early Wednesday morning, Champion Joe Louis got up shortly after daybreak, complaining of his



NAACP Warns of Unfairness of WPA Reductions

New York—Warning that the reductions in the forces of the WPA now taking place will work unfair hardship on Negroes on the WPA was contained in a telegram sent to Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, by the NAACP yesterday.

The NAACP points out that the proportion of Negroes absorbed by re-employment in private industry is far below that of whites and that this factor ought to be considered in eliminating Negroes from WPA rolls. The telegram urged that reductions, in order to be fair, should be made in proportion to the employment by private industry. The telegram was signed by Walter White, executive secretary.

Hands pain him, went to the bathroom to soak them in hot water. Said Champion Joe: "I hope Jim Braddock's head doesn't hurt as much as my hands." Later in the day Co-Manager John Roxborough, bedded with a threatened attack of pneumonia paid a glowing tribute to the new titleholder: Joe wears the same size hat now as he did before the fight." A remarkable appreciation of the world's most colorful fighter since Jack Dempsey and the first colored man in 27 years to be crowned Champion of the World.

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Washington, July 2—Two days after the Senate judiciary committee favorably reported on a federal anti-lynching bill by a vote of 12-3, Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, Majority Leader of the Senate, announced that the bill for changes in the Supreme Court would be called up for debate early in July.

Supporters of the anti-lynching bill were alarmed at this turn of events because it is generally agreed that the debate on the court bill will be long and bitter and that other legislation will have little possibility of crashing through. There is a possibility that the debate will run far into the hot days

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First Skirmish Won in Teachers' Wage Case

Rockville, Md., July 2—The first round in the court fight to equalize the salaries paid colored and white teachers in this state was won here June 21st when the circuit court for Montgomery county overruled the demurrer filed by attorneys for the county board of education in the case of William B. Gibbs, jr. vs. Edwin W. Broome et al.

Gibbs, who is a teacher-principal in one of the colored schools in this county, filed his suit seeking to have the board of education pay him the same salary paid teacher-principals in white schools doing the same work and having the same experience.

The board of education through its attorneys, filed demurrer to the Gibbs action which, if it had been sustained by the court, would have thrown the case out.

The action of the court means that attorneys for the school board must now prepare within ten days an answer to the arguments advanced by the Gibbs attorneys.

At present, Gibbs' salary is \$612 per year whereas white teachers doing the same work are paid \$1,125 per year. It is estimated the state of Maryland pays all its colored teachers a lump sum of \$500,000 less than it pays white teachers.

If the Gibbs suit should be won, it will mean that a half million dollars more per year will go into the pay envelopes of Negro school teachers in this state. It will mean also, that similar suits will be brought in other states maintaining separate schools for the races to get them to equalize the pay levels. Gibbs is being assisted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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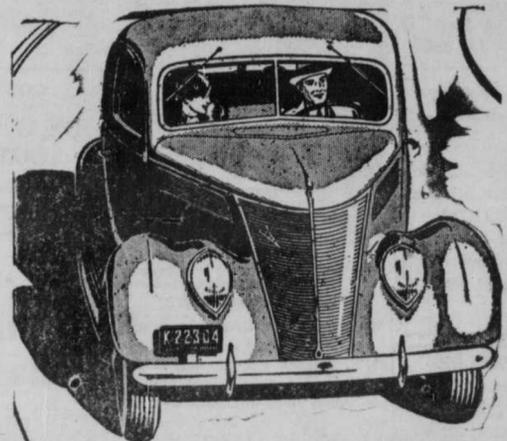
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To Riley McClung and John T. McClung, non-resident defendants and to their unknown spouses, heirs and next of kin:

Take notice that there is now on file in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court in Douglas County, Nebraska, in an action in which Halley M. Bliznak is plaintiff and Riley McClung and John T. McClung and their unknown spouses, heirs and next of kin, the petition of the plaintiff, the object and prayer of which are to obtain judgment declaring that all of said parties are interested in real estate situated in Douglas County, Nebraska, described as Lot Six (6) in Wohler's Place, an Addition in Douglas County, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded; that plaintiff owns an undivided five-sevenths (5-7ths) interest therein, and the said above named defendants each owns one-seventh (1-7) interest therein and praying further for the partition of said property, and if the same cannot be equitably partitioned, that it be sold by order of Court, and the proceeds of the sale be equitably divided between said parties according to interest and for equitable relief.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 9th day of August, 1937.

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