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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sugar Ray Regains Middleweight Crown

UPPERCUT FLOORS OLSON AT 2:51 OF SECOND ROUND

CHICAGO, Dec. 9—(AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson rolled back the years and summoned one swift burst of violence from his youth to knock out Carl (Bobo) Olson in 2:51 of the second round tonight to become the first man ever to twice win back the middleweight title.

Sugar Ray Robinson, again the middleweight king, was led into his dressing room after his smashing knockout over Bobo Olson tonight with tears streaming down his face.

He couldn't speak. One veteran ringman said:

"He looks more like after he exhausted himself against Joey Maxim than like a guy who just won the title."



RAY ROBINSON

Big George Gainford, who always has been closest to Robinson since his start in the ring, finally gathered the Harlem dandy to him and elbowed through the mob of reporters to a table. There Robinson sat down facing the audience.

He didn't speak for nearly five minutes as Gainford and others hid him from view, wiping his face, patting his back and getting him off the emotional jag.

Then the new 160-pound king spoke quietly over a public address microphone.

"I had to cry," he said, "I just couldn't believe it was all over. This comeback has been a ghost of a thing with me ever since Tiger Jones licked me here (in Chicago Stadium) nearly a year ago."

"Only a few people thought I should continue after that and to them I owe thanks. But many others said I didn't have a chance, that I should quit for good. It was a very hard thing to swallow and very hard getting ready to continue."

FRONTIERS' AWARD

TO DR. BUNCHE

Dr. Ralph Bunche, permanent under-secretary of the United Nations, was one of the five Michigan men who received the New Frontiers Day Award for their contributions to American life.

Governor G. Mennen Williams made the presentation to Dr. Bunche last month in Flint. New Frontiers Day was celebrated last May 21 on the final day of Michigan Week, the observance dedicated to reminding Michigan citizens of their state's greatness.

Other recipients were Edgar A. Guest, poet; Walker Cislser, president of Detroit edition; Prentiss Brown, Mackenzie Straits Bridge Authority chairman, and Dr. Thomas Francis, famed for his research on virus diseases.

XMAS CAROLS — A TRADITION

The carol, or Christmas song, was already popular before the fourteenth century and it has retained this popularity through succeeding centuries. More than a hundred carols have survived and have been part of the Christmas service ever since. They are also kept alive by young people of the church, who march in groups and peel out the inspiring melodies on Christmas eve as pauses are made in front of neighbors' houses or on the street corners of the city, town or village.

In England this singing of carols is an important part of the festive season. The singers or "waits" as they are called go from door to door and anticipate gifts of money for their sacred melodies.

Recitals in Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's and Temple Church in London, are always inspiring.

Did He Know?

Robinson was asked if he knew he had Olson after the first round. He smiled:

"You never think you have a champion lighed until it is all over. I didn't think I had beaten him until he was counted out."

"But I was very confident for this fight — and I am certain that I was fit to go 15 rounds if necessary."

"I'm not sure what punch did the damage. I hit him once and he was wobbly and I kept hitting him — and down he went."

Gainford said a right and left hook did it, and it was the left that was the real damaging blow.

"I don't think I ever felt any better for a fight," continued the 35-year old Robinson.

"The comeback after the Jones licking was a ghost, now I've got rid of the ghost."



OUR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"GREETINGS IN OUR SAVIOUR'S NAME"

And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh. —Matt. 2: 11.

The birth of the Christ child heralded by the Star in the East and made known by the singing of angels, still arouses the spirit of giving in everyone of us, as it so moved the hearts of the three wise men of long ago. So great is our enthusiasm for tangible offerings that it is not strange we lose sight of the simplest and most obvious gift of all. It is the gift of ourselves. Surely it is the one most acceptable to Him who was born in a manger and who ultimately gave us His very life. We are none of us so poor in spirit that we cannot afford to give more of ourselves in loving kindness, in sympathy and understanding, in compassion, tolerance, tenderness and charity. We are none of us so burdened that we cannot share in a measure, the burdens of others. We are none of us so impoverished that we cannot offer gifts of mind and heart to a common humanity. It is within the power of each of us to give and receive of these gifts freely and generously. They are simple, abiding and never failing treasures.

At this most beautiful and joyous of seasons, we send greetings to everyone, with the hope that these gifts may be yours in abundance, with the hope that the Spirit of Christmas may fill your hearts and strengthen your courage and resolution to regain health and happiness for all the years to come.

REV. F. O. STEWART,
General Superintendent of the
B.M.E. Church in Canada.

BELAFONTE, WATERS GET MORE PRAISE

Hollywood — Teevee critics here are still raving over the brilliant dramatic acting by Ethel Waters and Harry Belafonte on the General Electric Theatre presentation of "Winner by Decision" over CBS.

They say it was one of Ethel's greatest triumphs after a long career. And for Belafonte, the critics in the know say that his performance even excelled his good work in the film version of "Carmen Jones." Credit Don Medford for a fine job of directing.

GRANDMA CHRISTMAS

Maybe you know the house where Elizabeth Carver lives. It's over on Cedar street—about halfway up the hill.

She lives there alone a good part of the time because her two daughters are married now—one to a contractor up state and the other to a doctor in Ohio—and although the girls have often suggested that she pack up and move closer to one of them, she has never gotten around to it.

You get used to a place. And when that place has been home for as many years as it has been to Grandma Carver, the rooms become filled with memories that you hate to leave.

She sometimes visits her daughters in turn for short spells during the year. But always at Christmas time the girls come home with their husbands and their children to spend the holiday with her.

They trim a big tree, put holly and fir around, and the house is filled with a mixture of never-to-be-forgotten fragrances. Hot mince pie and roasting turkey. Cranberry sauce and spice cake.

On Christmas morning they all go into the living room. There are always gifts galore for everyone — and there is always much laughter and excitement.

And there are always some very specially wrapped packages under the tree for Elizabeth and her children and her grandchildren. These packages are saved for last and opened very carefully.

The cards on these very special gifts all say, "From Santa Claus"—as the cards on packages such as these have said for over fifteen years.

POPE REQUESTS

SOCIAL ACTION

VATICAN CITY, (Reuters) — Pope Pius has urged business executives to "contribute" to help to "destroy the roots of hate which feed the class struggle."

In an address made public today, the Pope told members of the Italian Federation of Business Executives that they were called upon to make their contribution in order "that the clash of classes may be contained, that all may in confidence resolutely take the road leading to the hoped-for aim of dynamic co-operation among all living forces of the nation for the common good and that the social doctrine of the church may be recognized and applied as being really able to destroy the roots of hate which feed the class struggle."

The Pope told the executives that harmonious co-operation among the various classes of society is a problem which "keeps many people in anxiety."

A HAPPY NEW YEAR