



THAT'S TELLING 'EM, BART!

Alabama's racist chief executive, Gov. George Wallace, and his equally bigoted press secretary, Bill Jones, thought they had one of football's cleverest quarterbacks trapped for a big loss last week. But Bart Starr of the Green Bay Packers was more than a match for Georgia and Willie, leaving them red-faced and grasping for thin air as he tossed a touchdown pass for political decency.

Bart, a product of the University of Alabama who engineered the Packers to two straight National Football League championships, really blew his top when he learned that Wallace and Jones had tried to use Starr's popularity among the Wisconsin electorate to further Wallace's campaign in the Badger state's presidential primary race.

It all started when Jones disclosed to the press a telegram Bart and his wife, Cherry, had sent to Wallace when the Alabama governor filed his slate of delegates for the April 7 primary. The telegram, intended as a mere courtesy, read:

"Sorry we can't get to Madison today. Hope to greet you on your next visit up this way. If we may be of service, please let us know." It was signed by the Starrs.

IN REVEALING THE TELEGRAM, Jones cunningly inferred that Bart was supporting Wallace's bid for the presidency and had "offered his services" in the campaign.

"They've got a lot of nerve," Bart angrily snorted when he heard about disclosure of the telegram. "They know I turned them down flat and only sent that telegram as a matter of courtesy after they assured me it would not be used in any way with the governor's campaign and kept in strict confidence."

Bart, a native of Montgomery, Ala., characterized Jones' representations as "deceitful" and "completely erroneous."

"I absolutely have nothing to do with them," Bart said. "They called me and asked if I would appear at a press conference with Gov. Wallace in Madison on March 6. I flatly refused and told them I

would not be connected with the Wallace campaign in any way. Then they asked if I would send a telegram saying I was sorry I could not be there. That's all I did. It was only a matter of courtesy and nothing more was intended."

(Bart Starr was not the only one to hand Wallace a verbal shellacking in his Wisconsin campaign last week. Earlier, hundreds of Oshkosh State College students - some of them bearing signs reading "Racist Go Home"- hooted and howled at the segregationist champion on his arrival in Oshkosh for a speaking engagement at the city auditorium. They were finally driven off by police, who escorted a thoroughly shaken Wallace to his hotel.)

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WALT HAZZARD, sensational Negro captain of UCLA's undefeated (30-0) national basketball champions, has been named collegian "Player of the Year" by the United States Basketball Writers Association. Walt, the subject of an essay in this spot two weeks ago, will receive an award emblematic of this honor between games of the final Olympic trials at St. John's University, New York City, on Saturday.

The smallish (6-2, 188 lb.) Bruin flash also was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine this week. Despite his comparatively slight physique—by pro standards—we predict a great future in pro competition for Walt. And if the Los Angeles Lakers don't exercise their territorial right to his services under NBA draft rules, those in authority on the LA club should have their heads examined.

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ALTHOUGH we are still reserving judgment on the validity of Cassius X Marcellus Clay Muhammad Ali's heavyweight title victory over Sonny Liston, there doesn't seem to be much doubt that Sonny suffered a serious injury to his left arm in the controversial Feb. 25 fight at Miami Beach.

We have just read an exhaustive, technical resume in the authoritative Medical Tribune of the examination of Liston's arm made by eight qualified physicians shortly after the bout.

"Liston had ample cause to quit," was the consensus opinion expressed by the doctors after their three and a half hour examination. All eight agreed that Sonny

"had suffered serious soft-tissue damage . . . on the long head of the biceps tendon of the left shoulder, with the result there is a separation and tear of the muscle fibers with some hemorrhage (bleeding) in the muscle belly. This condition would be sufficient to incapacitate him and prevent him from defending himself."

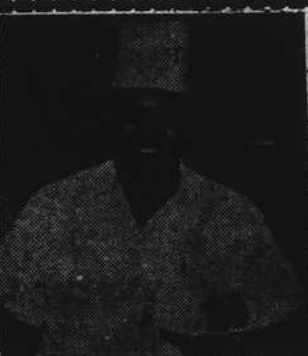
"None of us had any question about the damage and its seriousness," one of the doctors told the Medical Tribune. "It is my opinion that Liston could not have sustained this type of injury before the fight . . . It is possible that Liston had a bursitis or slight injury but definitely not a tear of the muscle fibers before the bout began."

So much for that. But there are still a lot of unanswered questions about the fight. As this is written, a Senatorial committee appears to be making a strong effort to get some of those answers.

One of the big questions is whether a substantial part of Liston's earnings from the promotion found its way back to the mobsters who allegedly controlled him at one time through his former manager of record.

It has been established that the man who received more than 50 per cent of Liston's share of the promotion has been very close to Frank (Blinky) Palermo, the notorious Philadelphia hoodlum. So close, in fact,

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