



**PUZZLE PICTURE**—This is a recent photo of a man now serving as player-coach and pinch-hitter for an International League baseball team who claims he is 53 years old. Pacific Coast and American League fans will remember him as an explosive slugger. Although baseball record books list him as having been born in August of 1921, he laughingly points out: "That's just my 'playing age.' I started with the St. Louis Giants in the Negro League in 1933 and I sure didn't make it that high when I was only 12. I guess I was born about 1911." Now turn to page 10 to see if you correctly guessed this veteran's identity.

**"NEW" MACHEN EYES SHOT AT TITLE**

Eddie Machen and life have been battling one another since the handsome Californian was a wild young kid. So far they've fought a draw. There was his adolescence of delinquency, in and out of institutions, and the early manhood or crime and prison. There was a prizefighting career shadowed by frustration. And finally, on that day of horrible despair 18 months ago, a violent mental collapse that sidelined him for more than a year. At 31 and with this back-

ground, Machen could be broken and bitter today. Instead, he's in the midst of a promising comeback, stands high among the heavyweight rankings, and exudes a personable, articulate confidence. "I've got Floyd Patterson in Sweden in July, and that's a big one for me—I honestly think the winner ought to get a title bout with Cassius Clay," said Machen. "Fighting Patterson is a dream I've been chasing for seven years, ever since he was first champion. I intend to go al out against him, for the knockout."

"And Clay? He's a good fighter, a very good fighter. But he's inexperienced and makes mistakes."

Somehow you get the idea. Machen has little doubt about his blueprint for success—first beat Patterson, then Clay. The optimism is there despite past frustrations, other title fights that didn't materialize.

Without a hint of playing for sympathy, the trim heavyweight talks candidly of his disappointments, his lawless youth, his breakdown. But his favorite subject is his newest comeback—five straight knockout victories—and his new style—the cautious boxer turned aggressive puncher.

"Actually, that's the real me in there now. If I have any instincts as a fighter, it's to be a slugger. That's the way I was as a kid street fighter in Redding—a wade-in battler."

"But when I turned pro, I decided I had to be smarter. My theory was if I didn't get hit I couldn't get hurt, that I couldn't afford to get mad and lose my self-control."

"I won that way but it really wasn't the way I fought best—and I didn't have anyone around me to tell me, to help me develop a different style. I wasn't a popular fighter, wasn't accepted as a fighter."

"So when I started this comeback I did some re-evaluating. There's good money in boxing if you're a crowd-pleaser, and to be a crowd-pleaser you've got to be a puncher."

"I don't rush in there with my chin hanging out, but I'll meet my man at least halfway. And where I used to wait for an opening, I now create my own."

"I love boxing. It's my life. And now I feel more fulfilled as a fighter. Finally, it's the real me in the ring."

**News Items From Near And Far**

Bradley University basketball star Laverne Tart, named "most valuable player" in this year's National Invitational Tournament in New York for leading the Indians to the championship, has signed to play pro football with the Cleveland Browns.

Nevada Sen. Howard W. Cannon has revealed that teachers will be allowed to deduct from their gross income the costs of evening and summer courses if legislation he has cosponsored is approved by Congress.

Cannon noted that many school districts require that teachers maintain and advance their skills by taking a minimum number of hours in refresher or other courses.

"For those teachers," he said, "as well as for teachers generally, the expenses of enrolling for special courses should properly be considered a business expense."

After three years of negotiating, Atlanta's Grady Hospital is operating its medical clinic on a racially integrated basis.

Former Vice President Richard Nixon told a Brotherhood dinner in Omaha, Neb., that Congress will pass a civil rights bill and that it will be a "meaningful law."

However, Nixon said "irresponsible extremists" are recreating race hatred that will make a civil rights law difficult to enforce.

"What we need now is to reverse this trend of hatred," Nixon said.

He called for "an offensive to create understanding and personal responsibility."

Mrs. Charlotte Moulton Hubbard has been named Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs by Pres. Johnson. Mrs. Hubbard is the daughter of Dr. Moulton, who succeeded Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee Institute.

In announcing the appointment, Pres. Johnson referred to Mrs. Hubbard's "distinguished record in education, civic affairs and government."

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the advisability of high WBA officials serving as judges for these international title bouts. Boxing needs a strong WBA. In this instance, the WBA's authority and influence has suffered a severe blow, deserved or not. The possibility of such situations arising should be avoided.

If memory serves correctly, this matter was discussed at a WBA convention several years ago. As we recall, most of the delegates, including Jim Deskin of the Nevada commission, agreed that it was an undesirable practice for WBA officials to accept offers to judge these big fights. It may be a good idea for Deskin, now fourth vice president of the WBA, to introduce a hard and fast rule to that effect at the 1964 WBA convention at Norfolk, Va., next August.

BELATED congratulations to coach Dick Truman and his Las Vegas High track team for their victory in the state meet at Boulder City last weekend. Also to Joe Louis on the occasion of his 50th birthday.

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