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BY THIS TIME you have read and re-read accounts of the "very close" encounter between Emile Griffith and Luis Rodriquez. Take it from your old bearded buddy, Luis was never in this fight! I saw their first three encounters on television and honestly thought Luis had won all three. I felt Rodriquez would win this one as well, although I must confess that I could not resist putting down a few bob on Emile at 2-1, Griffith on the short end.

Watching a fight on the TV tube can be most misleading as any fight expert will testify. You get a one sided view of the proceedings. It is for that reason that I can understand Judge David Zenoff scoring this last fight 71-70, Rodriquez; he was on the opposite side of the ring from myself. I cannot understand the other judge or the referee scoring it as a close fight. Griffith was at least five points the better of the two, this time.

Griffith landed the only decent punches of the evening. He made Luis fight the way Griffith wanted. Emile had the only good long range shots and all the better of it inside. Rodriquez' back was to Judge Zenoff a good deal of the time and thus it may have appeared that some of the punches thrown by the Cuban were striking home. Practically every punch landed on an elbow, a forearm or one or both of Griffiths' hips. John Romero, the other judge, should have seen this.

Romero, the other judge, should have seen this. AS FOR HARRY KRAUSE, he was an unseeing referee. Once Griffith became aware that Krause was missing many maneuvers that would and should bring censure and possible loss of a round, he used them all quite adeptly. He made use of his head, his elbows, he held on and hit, he hit during and after the break, he hit low. Rodriquez restricted his foul tactics to low blows which were wild, ineffective and, I think, unintentional.

I submit that whatever Griffith did was intentional and therefor, more censurable. On the other hand, under today's moral standards, the champ played the game "properly". He won. That he did and anyone who states that it was "close" was watching some other encounter.

Example: One of our local political figures was sitting next to me in the second row of the press section (C). During the fifteenth round, I checked the scorecard that he was maintaining for hos own satisfaction and noted that he had Luis ahead by a slight margin (remember that he and I were on the same side of the ring) and I inquired whether he had bet some money on the challenger. When he answered that he had, I

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(CANNON, from page 1)

zation that he did the RIGHT thing by ALL the people he represents in the U.S. Senate. By doing what he knew in his heart to be morally right, Sen. Cannon provided himself with peace of mind unattainable to those who voted against cloture for reasons of political expediency or downright bigotry.

downright bigotry. In joining the other 70 Senators who voted "Yes" on the motion to invoke cloture, Sen. Cannon helped to improve the American image in the eyes of peoples throughout the world who stood confused by our lip-service to democratic principles amid practices of racial discrimination.

The VOICE humbly tips its hat to the statesmanlike action of Sen. Cannon and commits itself to support of this courageous crusader for Civil Rights in his bid for re-election to the Senate. We firmly believe that the vast majority of Nevadans, both black and white, will vote for Sen. Cannon not only because he did what was right for Nevada, but for all humanity, as well.

Sen. Cannon well deserves to be rewarded for his support of the ideals of democracy in this republic. His reward should be a sweeping victory in his campaign for re-election to the U.S. Senate. We cannot afford to lose such a capable legislator in the upper chamber of the Congress. We cannot afford to lose such a valiant defender of the rights of ALL the people of Nevada.

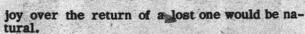
The Hon. Howard Cannon should and must be returned to the Senate of the United States of Americal

merely smiled. I feel that those in our beautiful Convention Center who disapproved the decision were disgruntled Rodriquez bettors.

THIS BEARDED FELLOW has been a fight buff since the days of Jackie Kid Berg and Kid Chocolate. We have seen them all and most of the time, live rather than on the tube. We are so sorry that a great sport has fallen into such a fallow time. The TV tuve did it by busting out the small clubs which were the proving grounds.

The same thing has happened in the entertainment field. Ask any of the real pros in entertainment and they will tell you that the newcomers are really not equipped because there no longer exists facilities for proper training and seasoning. Ask Red Skelton, a true pro, headlining at the Sands currently and he will tell you that part of what you are applauding today is the result of his own basic training at the Camden Convention Hall in New Jersey during the Danceathons of the 1930's.

Perhaps this is why the column this week entered the Sports area. The entertainment value of the title bout last week was nil. It was dull and dirty and poorly performed. Only the refereeing was worse. Next week, something else. Something better, we hope.



(PULPIT, from page 12)

In conclusion let me remind you, that you, too, can receive a father's gift. Remember John 3:16--"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Then and only then can you say like the Hymn Artist.

"My father is rich in houses and land. He holdeth the wealth of the world in his hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full, he has riches untold. I'm a child of the King; A child of the King; With Jesus my Saviour I'm a child of the King."

