

Sports round-up

THERE WILL BE talking—and writing --about the Cassius Clay-Sonny Liston title fight for many years to come. One of the more interesting commentaries on the fight was written by the Rev. Paul W. Egertson of Calvary Lutheran Church for his parish paper, "Cross Roads". It follows:

It wasn't exactly a "David and Goliath" match. At least not in terms of size. For Clay stood an inch and a half taller than Liston. If Sonny outweighed him by a few pounds it may have been fat and not muscle. David never had such advantages.

Nevertheless, the predictable result was no more in Clay's favor than David's. By any standards used to judge such things there was only one way the fight could end: the "bear" would whip the "baby."

But he didn't. SOME WILL CLAIM, "Clay did not win, Liston lost." And there is a difference. Still this fact remains: Clay is now the heavyweight champion of the world. One may question the degree of that honor. The distinction becomes more doubtful with every

waist that wears the belt. If boxing ever does die in this country, it may be due less to those who are killed in the ring than those who live in it. At any rate, the underdog has won again.

David went forth to his battle with these words: "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Clay came forth from his battle with these words, among others: "God Almighty was on my side."

THEY BOTH WON. But one declared his dependence on God before the fight, the other waited until after. Why the difference? Was Clay uncertain of where God had His money before the fight? If so, I sympathize with him. I'm still not sure.



IN SPORTS SPOTLIGHT--Photo on left shows (left to right) Frank Cottrell, past president Progressive Mixed Bowling League; John W. Johnson, who received \$150 league scholarship to Arizona Western College, and new league president Howard Wheatley, who presented Cottrell with plaque in appreciation for "job well-done" during his administration of originally named Bethel Baptist Church League. Photo at right shows Manager William Walker (rear) and his Merit Drug team which is bidding for honors in PeeWee League ball competition this season. Front row (from left) Robert Taylor, Johnnie Walker, Dennis Jones, Chuck Ottey and Willie Thompson. Second row (from left) Moses Foster, Randolph Carter, Carl Smith, Leon Cossoy and Joe McLaurin.

To be perfectly honest, I'm not at all certain the Almighty took sides in this one. I'm rather of the opinion that God loses every time men strive to glorify themselves at the expense of stomping on other men, whether it be through boxing, business or basket-weaving.

David knew where God stood before his fight because he

battled for God's glory, not his own. I'm afraid victory has gone to Clay's head. It has driven him to a welcome but inaccurate modesty. He'll have to take all the credit for this one himself. The most he can do is settle for his other post-fight claim: "I'm the greatest!"

THERE ARE some kinds of glory we must bear rather than share.

"SELF-HELP" PROJECTS PLANNED FOR STUDENTS

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS and high school graduates planning to attend college who need financial or other aid are invited to attend a meeting at Operation Independence headquarters at 408 Van Buren St. Sunday, June 28, at 3 p.m.

OI Director Mrs. Lubertha Johnson said plans will be discussed at the meeting to set up self-help projects for college students.

Mrs. Johnson also announced that 4,000 volumes are being shipped here from the Nevada State Library to organize a Community Library in West Las Vegas. This facility is scheduled to be opened to the public on July 15, at OI headquarters.

Mrs. Gloria Rome, director of the OI Child Care Center, has issued a call for toys, books or other items suitable for entertaining young children. Surplus articles will be gratefully accepted at the center, located in the Matt Kelly School, according to Mrs. Rome. Pickups may be arranged by contacting her at 1200 Leonard Ave., telephone 642-5988.

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