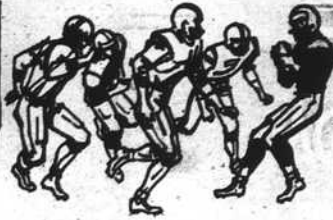


# SPORTS



## Chuck Harris

FIGHT FANS around town are still talking about the series of "Fights that Never Happened" as reported by Chuck in the past few weeks... Pro and Con arguments are still pretty warm about the most recent--"The Fight of the Century" between Champions Muhammad Ali and the Brown Bomber. To please (and stir) the fans, coming up soon will be an account of the "Greatest Middleweight Bout" that never happened--Sugar Ray Robinson, the Harlem Dandy vs Mickey Walker, the toy bull dog. Mickey Walker was rated as a ring terror with a K.O. in either mitt. Ray Robinson (whose real name is Walker Smith) was such a superb fighter that at the beginning of his phenomenal career a famed sportswriter was moved to say that he was "so sweet in the ring, he should be called sugar", and so he was known from that time. Watch for the reported battle between these two great gladiators in this space.

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FREDDIE LITTLE, the fighting school teacher, still waits for a match with Ferd Hernandez, the Nevada Middleweight Champion... No one more deserves a break than Freddie who, I believe, will dethrone Ferd if ever given the chance... Even those who disagree with me about Freddie's chance against the Champ (claiming that Hernandez is a much underrated fighter) agree that Freddie is entitled to a match. But with Bill Miller pulling the strings, he can just about forget it. Sorry, Freddie, better luck somewhere else. Miller is the Hitler of boxing in Nevada--and I thought all the dictators were dead; or are they?

SONNY LISTON arrived home here in The Best City Of Them All from a very successful campaign of foreign competition. It's really a ridiculous situation when Dictators of American Boxing can declare who is champion and who should be named as qualified competitors to fight for the vacant heavyweight championship--declared vacant, by the way, by the same dictators.

All those non-fighters who call the shots for sport's world of boxing are still drinking too much booze to really know what's happening, especially when they announce their decision

that Sonny Liston will not be declared an entry. Well, so-called, Commissioners, remember Liston could destroy all those fighters you have named to an elimination tournament for the heavyweight title--in one night... Floyd Patterson--he has already knocked out twice in less than a round... Thad Spencer--was dethroned right here by Big Train Lincoln, who, himself, was recently KO'd by one Jim Fletcher who has been defeated by some nobodies... Karl Mildenberg--Muhammad toyed with him as a cat toys with a mouse before destroying him... Poor Oscar Bonavena--he was lucky to get a close decision over Chuvalo who Muhammad felt sorry for and made it possible, in spanking him, for him to get another pay night... Joe Frazer--the best of the lot, but still too far away from the day he can even be considered for championship laurels, and he was defeated by Buster Mathis, but after Mathis was disabled, they sent Frazer to the Olympics. However, Liston or Muhammad Ali would ruin his budding career in seven rounds.

SO FANS, just keep your eyes on those Boxing Dictators who are drunk with booze and power and false patriotism, yelling about Democracy. Muhammad Ali, remember you are still Champion. Just as stars on a baseball field are not made by Commissioners' opinion (their playing ability determines their stature), the same goes for fighters. It is not what the Commissioners think, but what's accomplished in the ring by fighting skills... Certainly, the ratings should not be made by those who I doubt ever had two winning bouts in the ring or outside of one.

Muhammad Ali can't be too far off base... Martin Luther King said more should do the same in being conscientious objectors. If more people had been in the Service before or have had sons in the Service, they would realize what's happening. Everybody gets rich but the Serviceman when peace is declared.

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Mrs. Katherine Todd of Andy's Liquors arrived home from visiting her husband in Minneapolis, Minnesota just in time to help his mother celebrate her 84th birthday.

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