

# "Heaven Can Wait" - Crappie Catcher



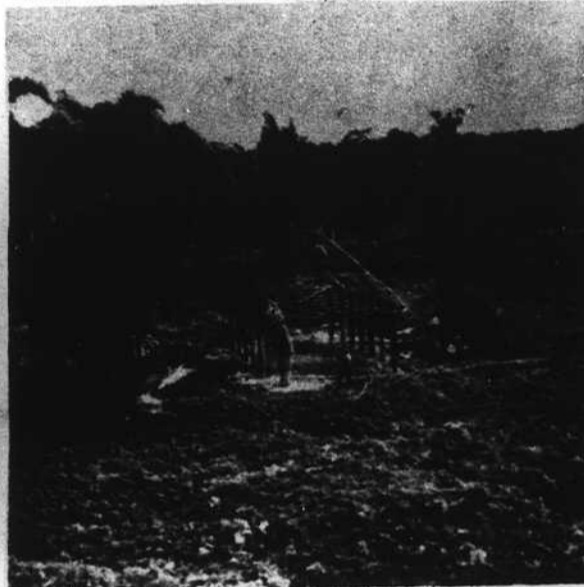
**FORT GEORGE HOTEL**, Belize City...Top hotel in nation. Small, but top cabin. 34 rooms - excellent cuisine; 14 to 24 clams per day, Modified American Plan, which includes breakfast and dinner where you pitch till you win. They couldn't stand Rocci - he would murder 'em (Rocci West, that is).



**NEWTON UNDER BANANA TREE** (ain't no apples in this paradise)... These banana trees are near Maya city of Altunha. Note that the bananas grow with their free ends pointing up - not as seen in market... Check right over CC's head - you probably missed them on first inspection.



**PARTLY EXCAVATED TEMPLE** at Altunha, 30 miles from Belize City. Maya ruins at Altunha are the most recent discovery... Excavation has been going on for 3 years - will probably go another 5 to 10 years before completion.



**GOVERNMENT INFORMATION BLDG** under construction at Altunha Maya ruins. They are getting ready for the Yankee suckers... Will probably have a pile of do-dads from Japan that will be sold as genuWINE Maya "whatsamanames".



**NATIVE LOBSTER DIVER** hunting over Barrier Reef about 15 miles out... Gadget in hand is a viewing box which lets him see bottom with no sun reflection. When he spots one, he takes off his hat, dives in and catches the spiny tail with a hook made of a piece of bent wire.



**UNCOVERED TEMPLE** in background. Texas Guinan's joint under construction in foreground (The reader should know of the Crappie Catcher's adoration for Texas Guinan).

## The Sports Parade

By NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

### ALL THE WAY

**CLEVELAND - (NPI)**--Ferguson Jenkins, the man who set a Chicago Cubs club record in 236 strikeouts while pitching the Cubs to a third place finish last season, predicted last week that the Wrigleys will be National League contenders all the way in 1968. "There will be nine teams trying to knock off the Cardinals and we'll be one of them," said Fergie, who also topped the Cubs with a 20-13 won-lost record last season.

### NEGROES EXCLUDED

**ATLANTA - (NPI)**--The American Civil Liberties Union last week charged that Negroes are systematically excluded from military draft boards as the basis of an appeal to the Fifth U.S. Appeals Court to reverse the conviction of heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali (Clay) for refusing induction into the Army. The ACL, teaming with Ali's lawyers in making the appeal, cited the champ's own home state of Kentucky--with only two per cent Negro board membership--as an example of the Negro exclusion.

### NAMED TO "HALL"

**LOS ANGELES - (NPI)**--Jim Brown, former National Football League champion groundgainer turned actor, last week was elected to the Helms Major League Football Hall of Fame, along with ex-Cleveland Browns teammate Art Hunter. Brown became a movie star after retiring from active playing with the Browns.

### TROTTER SHOWMAN

**CLEVELAND - (NPI)**--Bobby Joe Mason, teamed with hilarious Meadowlark Lemon, to put on an outstanding performance of basketball sharp-shooting and comedy, as the Harlem Globetrotters played the Washington Generals last week. Mason, ex-Bradley University star and All-American, is one of the top Trotters showmen, topped perhaps only by Meadowlark and dribbler Freddie Neal.

### "RUBBER" MATCH

**NEW YORK - (NPI)**--Middleweight champion Emile Griffith of New York will meet Italy's Nino Benvenuti in a traditional "rubber match" for the title on Feb. 23, or March 8, if current plans materialize. The bout, to be staged in the "new" Madison Square Garden, will be the third meeting between Benvenuti and Griffith.

## A Charger In '68

**JOLIET, Ill. - (NPI)**--John Knight, a former Bethune-Cookman College football player, has completed a successful first year in professional football.

A running back for Joliet of the Professional League of America, he lead the league in touchdowns with 10, and was the third high scorer. He rushed for 705 yards in five games.

Knight was signed by San Diego of the American Football League last year; then sent to the Joliet farm club. Missing the first four games because of injuries, Knight says, "He missed the magic 1000 mark."

Sid Gilliam, head coach for San Diego sent an official to watch Knight during the PL championship game which Joliet won, and he was signed immediately to a 1968 contract to rejoin the Chargers' parent club.

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