

SPORTS

All Americans Look Up To Him

Legion Honors Joe Louis



LOUIS HONORED — Nevada Commander for the American Legion, Henry Offenloch, left, presents the champ, Joe Louis, with special award, in front of the Statue of Caesar located in Caesars Palace, honoring Louis for his contributions to the Sports World and for his service to his Country. (Left to right) Commander Henry Offenloch, Murray Gennis, Caesars Palace Senior Vice President, Joe Louis, Gerald Osgood, Treasurer for Las Vegas Post 8 and Chuck Langel, National Committeeman (right).

Henry Offenloch, State of Nevada Commander for the American Legion, and Charles Langel, National Executive Committeeman, paid tribute to Joe Louis today for his outstanding contribution to the Sports World and for his service to his Country.

Offenloch stated, "Joe Louis is an all-American hero who has contributed greatly to the service of his Country in many ways. Every citizen of the United States can look up to Joe Louis as a shining exam-

ple for others to follow." Joe Louis, the undisputed world boxing champion from 1937 to 1948, received the award, which includes a lifetime membership in the American Legion, in front of the great statue of Caesar, located in the central area of Caesars Palace. There were many Joe Louis fans among the hotel guests & passersby who gathered for the nostalgic and heartwarming event.

Nevada State Commander, Offenloch, along with National Com-

mitteeman, Charles Langel, presented the Champ with a large and handsome plaque, which read: "In recognition of the outstanding contributions to the world of sports as a World Heavyweight Champion Boxer, 1937-1949, and for his many exhibition bouts for the American troops around the world during World War II."

"Presented during the 1980 Convention of The American Legion in the State of Nevada at Las Vegas."

KVOV Seeks Ring For Jean

By Ed Brown

KVOV Radio will soon be launching a drive to purchase a boxing ring for the inmates at the Jean Correctional facility.

According to the officials at the facility, they have an adequate supply of boxing equipment including gloves, shoes, bags and training apparatus, but lack a ring.

Headed by this writer, a drive will soon be underway to get donations from the various boxing organizations, hotels and

interested individuals to purchase the ring.

Tentative plans are underway to hold a boxing show at the Jean facility as soon as the ring is purchased. Target date for such a show is around the latter part of August.

North Las Vegas Constable Lou Tabat, veteran boxing judge and member of the Olympics Boxing Committee, has pledged to provide the judges and ring officials when the card is set.

Hal Miller, top official with the U.S. Olympic Committee and president of the Southern Nevada AAU, is working closely with this writer toward purchasing the ring.

Already a monetary pledge has been made by the Veterans Boxing Association and others have indicated similar support.

Complete details for the effort will soon be released.

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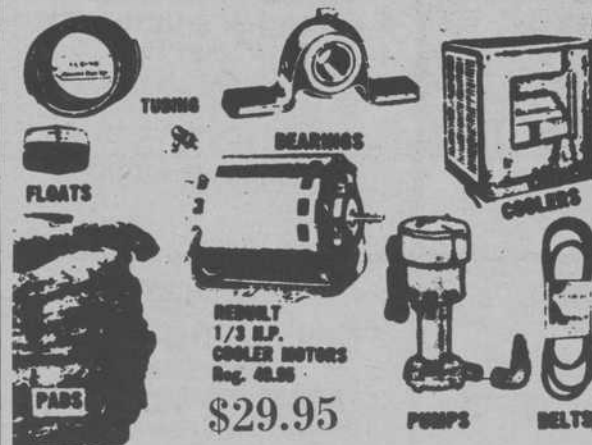
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