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## JOE LOUIS-MAX SCHMELING FIRST INDUCTEES IN HALL OF FAME AT DUNES HOTEL



The International Boxing Hall of Fame saluted all former world's heavyweight champions last Friday at the Dunes Hotel with the unveiling of murals at the south rotunda of the hotel.

The event also marked the installation of the charter inductees (all below, left to right): the late Joe Louis, considered by many as the greatest heavyweight champion of all-time; Max Schmeling, veteran referee Harry Kessler, late founder and publisher of Ring Magazine Nat Fleischer and Don Dunphy, the dean of world boxing announcers.

Dignitaries in attendance included Mrs. Martha Louis, widow of the former champion, Morris Shenker, Dunes' chairman of the board, and Jim Caufield, president of the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

Clay busts of Louis and Schmeling were unveiled during the ceremony along with mural (below) showing the great fighters of the past and present.



## Caesars Palace Receives County OK For Formula One Grand Prix

After nearly four years of negotiating with various racing and government entities, Caesars Palace added another crown in its promotional list of sporting events when last week the Clark County Commission approved a request to construct a 2.57 mile Formula One grand prix track on a parcel of land adjacent to the resort.

Following the decision, Caesars Vice President William D. Weinberger showed optimism that auto racing sanctioning bodies would authorize a Oct. 17 race in Las Vegas.

The Automobile Competition Committee of

the US could be a stumbling block in the final sanctioning but Weinberger said the ACCUS could be sidestepped.

"Anything can happen between now and the time the cars get on the track," he said.

FISA, the international auto racing federation, is expected to approve the race at an executive committee meeting in Paris later this month.

A temporary facility, which will be disassembled after the race, will seat about 45,000 people.

Caesars officials hope to generate about \$150 million from the race — the same amount raised

from the Muhammad Ali-Larry Holmes boxing match last year.

If Caesars Palace hurdles the remaining obstacle, the Carrao Construction Co. of Las Vegas will have the job of completing the race track by Aug. 16 (for inspection). Ron Harris, Corrao construction manager, envisions many long, hot days in the near future.

Although work will be performed by Carrao, all labor will be supervised by Chris Pook, the mastermind behind the annual Long Beach Grand Prix. The event is expected to be the biggest athletic event

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