'Man, The Only Threat Is For That There Liston...'

By WALDO E. PRAY
Staff Reporter

CHICOPEE, Mass.—If anyone's concerned about an attempt on the life of the World Heavyweight Champion Cassius Clay by followers of the slain Malcolm X, there's no evidence of it at the champ's training quarters here.

To the contrary Clay's entourage says the only one who needs to be concerned about health and limb is challenger and former champion Sonny Liston.

Colorful Drew Bundini Brown, the champ's trainer, and nearly the champ's equal in murdering the King's English, put it this way.

"Man, the only threat going on in this globe today is for that there man up in Lewiston. That Sonny Liston, man, he's scared to death," Brown declared.

The occasion to call Clay's camp was repeated rumors and anonymous tips that followers of Malcolm X would try to avenge their slain leader by killing Clay.

CLAY IS the most notable member of the Black Muslims, a group of Negro extremists. Malcolm X, a Muslim defector, was riddled by gunmen during a New York rally by a group believed to be Muslims.

"I'm telling you, man," Brown rattled on, "no man need to be afraid with a clear conscience, and Cassius got a conscience as clear as a mountain stream—just like mine.

"We are walking with that man above. We don't need to be afraid. We are always on the right side of the door and we don't have cops kicking the doors in," he said.

Brown said the only concern in the Clay camp was "that phone booth they want us to fight in in Lewiston."

"Man, this is the space age. We want space."

Brown's remarks concerned the 20 by 20 foot ring for the fight Tuesday night. He indicated the Clay camp preferred a ring 21 or 22 feet square.

"YOU JUST give us a good size ring with a stool in each corner and the champ will take care of the rest," Brown said.

"And while you're at it you all better tell them to put a safety belt on Liston's stool because, man, he's sure going to need something to hold him on it when Cassius gets after him," Brown boasted.

As far as the Clay entourage is concerned the rumors of attempts on the champ's life are old hat.

Veteran newsmen are also aware that the rumors and tips could also be the product of an over zealous but not particularly scrupulous publicist trying to build added interest in an event that needs no extra ballyhoo.

Lewiston Police Chief Joseph Farrand said he hasn't received word from any official or unofficial source that there might be any attempt to harm Clay.

Farrand is coordinator for a security force of about 200 consisting of his own regulars, Androscoggin Sheriff's Department, Lewiston, Auburn and County Civil-Defense auxiliary police and 20 to 30 State Troopers.

"IT'S STRICTLY a force of the size needed to cope with any event of this importance in the city," Farrand said.

Farrand said that even if special precautions were to be taken he wouldn't be at liberty to discuss them.

Liston is training in a 15-foot ring at Poland Spring, his training headquarters, a miniature phone booth in Brown's unrestrained estimation.

Clay is due in Lewiston Sunday but it's not been divulged where he will stay until the fight.

Brown, who prefers to be called Drew, but is always called Bundini predicts Clay will—if you'll pardon the expression—"murder the bum."

"I'm telling you that Clay is a born champ. Champs are always born not made. Just like me. I'm a born trainer," he added as a modest afterthought.

"Good food (steak)—clean living—that's what champs are made of," Brown confided.

Despite the belittling of the death threat reports by the Clay following, Chicopee police are giving the champ's headquarters at Schine Inn special attention during his last days before heading for Maine. Extra police were assigned to the camp Friday after a tip that a car full of armed men might have been headed that way.

THIS WILL not be the first time a championship fight has been fought under reported death threats to one of the battlers.

Just 50 years ago it was rumored that Jack Johnson was told he would be shot if he didn't lose to Jess Willard.

The fight was fought under a blistering sun in Havana, Cuba. Johnson was felled by a barrage of Willard blows in the 26th round. But as Johnson lay on the canvas he was reported to have thrown his arm across his face to keep the sun out of his eyes as the referee counted him out.

Rumors persist to this day that Johnson was threatened with death by a betting combine, obviously with a bundle wagered on Willard.

Drew Bundini Brown claims Liston won't be bothered by the sun but will see stars Tuesday night shining right through the roof at the Youth Center.

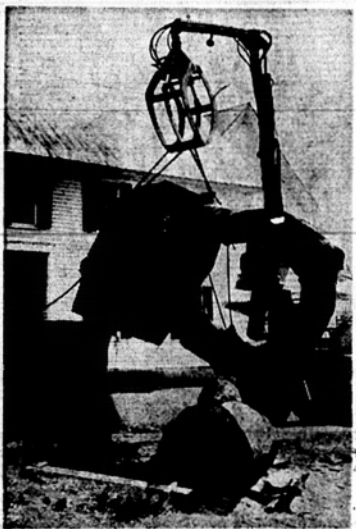
Liston forces obviously feel that Gaseous Cassius will be the only one to see that celestial spectacle.

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Landmark Comes Down

Special tree-moving crane lifts the section of stump from which Fryeburg's famed Doughnut Tree got its name during Saturday's operation in which the landmark was felled. (By District Correspondent O. B. Denison Jr.)

Fryeburger Saves Doughnut Tree For Posterity

By CLAYT CRESSEY
Area Correspondent

FRYEBURG — Motivated by family connections and a firm belief that an historical landmark deserved a better fate, Harry K. Eastman, treasurer of a local tree and shrub nursery, Saturday went through with his plan to rescue this town's historic Doughnut Tree from cremation at the local dump.

Eastman is a direct descendant of Dr. Ira Towle, who has been credited with forming the doughnut tree by twisting one of its branches nearly 200 years ago.

Following the annual town meeting in March Eastman arranged to salvage the remaining stump containing the twisted section. He intends to have it scientifically preserved before relocating it in its final resting place on his estate off Portland Street.

TOWNSPEOPLE voted not to preserve the ancient tree, and because it had been stricken with Dutch Elm disease relegated it to an ignominious demise.

Saturday, at his own expense, Eastman had the gigantic stump — more than six feet in diameter — cut down, placed aboard a truck and carted off for treatment.

Later it will be set into a cement base in a shelter designed by Henry McIntyre and George Roberts, local carpenters.

Employing a huge, specially designed tree-moving crane owned and operated by Mervin Bresette of Lovell, Thomas McSherry, tree surgeon and arboreculturist, directed the removal of the 7,000-pound stump.

Using extreme care, the McSherry crew cut the big tree

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No Record Set But 'Twas Balmy

Balmy spring weather graced the Maine scene Saturday as temperatures rose generally into the high 70s beneath clear skies.

The Portland Weather Bureau recorded a high of 79 in midafternoon. It did not approach the record high of 91 set in 1921, but it was a welcome relief from several days of cool weather and overcast skies.

The Weather Bureau forecasts clear and cool weather for most of Maine Sunday.

Rumford's 81 was the high temperature recorded in Maine. Other high readings were Greenville 77, Millinocket 76, and Houlton 74.

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Discussions Are Goal Of Tough Move

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker said Saturday that American troops would use force if necessary to bar any attack by the Dominican Junta on rebels behind the Santo Domingo neutral zone.

He told the Organization of American States instructions had been given to prevent any land, sea or air attacks.

Bunker's statement came after reports from the Dominican capital that junta leader Brig. Gen. Antonio Imbert Barrera had rejected all pleas to extend the 24-hour-medical-air truce which ended at noon Saturday.

But the OAS was told by Jose A. Mora, its secretary-general and official Dominican mediator in Santo Domingo, that forces loyal to the junta have pledged not to launch any military action.

Bunker said rebel forces led by Col. Francisco Caamano Deno now appear to be concentrated in the downtown area of Santo Domingo.

"United States forces have been instructed to prevent any attacks on the forces in that southern portion of the city," Bunker told the OAS meeting. "We will prevent any such attacks by land or sea. As far as air attacks are concerned, U.S. forces have effectively blocked the use of San Isidro airfield for combatant purposes."

The U.S. representative to the conference said he hoped "an effective end to the fighting among the Dominican factions will permit political discussions to continue."

PROTECTIVE MOVE

U.S. troops were sent into the Dominican Republic, President Johnson announced after their landings, to protect Americans and other foreign nationals and to prevent establishment of another Castro-type Communist

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Nursing Isn't Only For Women

BOSTON (UPI) — A 10-year-old veteran of the Air Force and the father of three children will become the first male alumnus of Boston University's basic professional nursing school when he receives his nursing degree in June.

Charles E. Douglas of East Boston is the only man in the class of over 60 girls. He decided to enter nursing because of experience gained in the service.



Bottle Babies

Peter Wills, 12, feeds a contented porker to help his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Wills of West Buxton, keep an eight-piglet litter bottle fed. Mrs. Wills says the brood sow has to be destroyed 24 hours after the baby pigs were born. Peter's sister, Sherri Ann, 11, also takes her turn at feeding the lapful of eager eaters. (Vic Richards Photo)

—They Don't Know My Name!—

Students Are Revolting Against Being 'Numbers'

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
Associated Press Writer

William Faulkner, whose novels outsell all others in college bookstores across the land, once told what was entailed in his title of writer-in-residence at the University of Virginia.

Faulkner said he wasn't actually required to write anything, or to teach anything, or even to read anything aloud, but he did feel obliged to stroll across the campus twice a day, suitably attired in tweeds and a thoughtful demeanor, so the students could jab each other in delight and exclaim:

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"There he is!" "There he goes!"

Do students at Maine colleges feel remote from their instructors? Charles C. Sutton, staff education reporter has the answer on Page 24A.

In his customary circumlocutory fashion, the sage of Yoknapatawpha County had put his finger on one malaise of modern undergraduate life. By pointing at the fleeting figure of the Big Name on campus — the non-teaching teacher hurrying off to a world far removed from the student body — Faulkner was focusing attention on the feeling of frustration and abandonment that pervades many an undergraduate gathering these days and that seems to be growing even faster than college enrollments.

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Educators concerned with the changing characteristics of undergraduate life, the bigness and the intense pressure for grades, are beginning to wonder whether it is this feeling of facelessness and restlessness, of alienation from the faculty and of just being a number on a computer punch card, that causes students to rise and revolt and deans to throw up their hands and call in the cops when

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U.N. Council Acts After Truce Ends

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The 24-hour truce between warring junta and rebel forces to clear a battle area of dead and wounded ended at noon Saturday. Flushed with victory in week-long fighting that raged in the capital's battered northern suburbs, the junta rejected all pleas for an extension of the cease-fire.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council nevertheless requested that the halt in hostilities in Santo Domingo be transformed into a permanent cease-fire.

Col. Francisco Caamano Deno and his rebels were reported agreeable to an extension of the 24-hour cease-fire.

The U.N. request came on a resolution by France that made no mention of the role of the Organization of American States in trying to solve the crisis. The council vote in favor of the resolution was 10-0, with U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson explaining that he had abstained because of the lack of reference to the OAS.

U.N. Secretary-General U Thant told the council that the junta's refusal to extend the truce was "ominous."

In another effort directed at re-establishing order, the Roman Catholic Church in the Dominican Republic called on leaders of the civil war factions to help establish a provisional government in the interest of peace.

In a letter made public by the special U.N. representative in Santo Domingo, Jose Antonio Mayobre, the Church asked those "who consider they have the government of the country in their hands" to yield "in part" their rights in order to "democratically reorganize the country."

Signed by the archbishop of Santo Domingo, Msgr. Octavio Beras, and the nation's four

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Portland Marks Realtor Week

The National code of ethics, which covers transactions managed by members of the Portland Board of Realtors, is given special prominence in today's classified section.

The section also features biographical sketches of Portland board members as well as announcements of open house and other programs realtors are conducting in observance this week of National Realtor Week.

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Democratic Squeeze Catches Gov. Reed

By DONALD C. HANSEN
State House Reporter

AUGUSTA — Republican Gov. John H. Reed may have been neatly sandwiched by the Democratic legislative leadership in the battle over Democratic-proposed new state services.

The result of the squeeze play by the Democrats appears likely to have been a factor in the decision of the Governor to produce a compromise financing program for supplemental budget proposals advanced by the Democrats.

The danger Reed must have foreseen was passage of a Democratic proposal involving the heavy use of state surplus funds daring the Governor to veto the bill.

THE THREAT of such a package coming to his desk led to the compromise program agreed upon last week by Reed, the Democratic legislative leadership and the Republican minority.

The compromise program will allow a $2.25 million state employe pay raise an $880,000 "crash program" for the University of Maine, $3.7 million in increased state subsidies to local schools, plus $1.6 million to pay for "money bills" sponsored by individual legislators.

Instead of using surplus funds — money the State didn't intend to collect put did during the biennium just drawing to a close — Reed suggested upping the estimates of revenue the State should collect during the biennium beginning July 1 by $3.5 million.

Reed, the Republican legislative minority, and even Democratic U.S. Sen. Edmund S. Muskie in a pivate letter circulated among the Democratic leadership, had opposed the use of surplus. Reed, in a recent press conference, called the use of surplus for recurring state expenses "not sensible," "not responsible" and "a delusion."

Wryly commented Senate Majority Leader Floyd L. Harding, D-Presque Isle, on the new compromise plan: "It seems to be less wrong to spend money you haven't got than to spend money you've already collected."

FINANCED by the increased estimates of income will be the employe pay raise and the U of M "crash program" plus $450,000 for debt service. The in-

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