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Clay Insured For Million For Fight Tonight

Ready For Tonight's Action

This is the view from the back of the 5,900-seat Central Maine Youth Center at Lewiston where Cassius Clay will defend his World Heavyweight Championship title against Sonny Liston. Prices for the Tuesday night bout will range from $100 at ringside in the converted ice hockey rink to $25 for the folks in the back. (AP Wirephoto)

Clay 'Taken In' By Muslims, Say Parents

They Fear Islam More Than Liston

LEWISTON (AP) — "He's always been easy to get along with," said Cassius Clay's parents in Louisville, people. We guys he's never the-light-of-our-life, we think he will."

This was a mother's concern over her son.

The son, heavyweight champion Cassius Clay, Muhammad Ali for the Black Muslim sect, makes his first title defense here Tuesday against Sonny Liston.

Cassius Clay and her husband, Cassius Marcellus Clay Sr., here from Louisville for the fight, admit that their greatest concern is not the formidable fists of Liston, but what they call the poison of Elijah Muhammad's Islam religion.

CONVINCED HE'LL WIN

"I am convinced Cassius will win in four rounds," said his father, a husky man in his mid-40's of 185 pounds. "He will knock Liston out cold. He is the most fastest, most shrewdest, most accurate fighter boxing has ever known.

"Don't you agree with me, honey?" he asked, casting a glance at his wife as they sunned themselves beside the swimming pool of Clay's motel on Lewiston's outskirts.

"I don't know about four rounds," Mrs. Clay said. "I am sure he'll win.

"No, I never worry about him — neither does his father. We know he is fast and good. We know he can take care of himself — against everybody except Elijah Muhammad. I'm afraid Elijah has him in his clutches."

MUSLIM LEADER

Elijah Muhammad is leader of the Black Muslim movement, of which the heavyweight champion is perhaps the most famous disciple. Malcolm X, a former follower of Elijah, was shot to death in New York after quitting the movement.

There have been reports that Muslim supporters were planning an assassination attempt against Clay as revenge. The champion is guider almost constant police guard.

"This Muslim stuff is a phony religion," said the elder Clay. "They brag that they don't drink, smoke or fool with women. Christians don't, either. We are Christians. That's the Ten Commandments.

"We have tried to tell Cassius about his mistake. We think it's hurting his image and morality. But he is adamant. After all, he is grown and must wait for him to find out himself."

FATHER A DANDY

Clay's father, a commercial artist, is a dandy. He was dressed in light-fitting trousers of black and white checks, dark vest, striped shirt and white shoes. His hair was slicked back to his head.

Mrs. Clay is a plumpish but very attractive woman. She wore a gray mink stole across her shoulders. She wore large pearl earrings. Her gold watch was encrusted with diamonds.

"Ever since Cassius and his brother Rudy were small fellows we have taught them to be good boys," Mrs. Clay said.

"My husband is a Methodist. I am a Baptist. We brought the boys up in a Baptist church. They went to Sunday school every Sunday. I don't know how in the world they got caught up with those new ideas."

The father said he first met Cassius four years ago.

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Liston Odds Shortened To 13-10

By BLAINE DAVIS
Evening Express Sports Editor

POLAND SPRING—A pool of 20 domestic insurance companies bet $1,000 to one Monday that Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay would be alive to defend his heavyweight championship against Charles (Sonny) Liston in the Lewiston Youth Center Tuesday night.

Clay's life was insured for a million dollars by SportsVision Inc., which owns telecasting rights to the championship fight and has arranged more than 400 outlets for the closed-circuit telecast in 21 countries.

SportsVision is not a beneficiary. The premium was $1,000. Clay's life is insured for the three days ending Thursday at midnight. Clay reportedly has been threatened by colored nationalists who oppose the Black Muslim sect to which he has been converted.

Fight time for the 15-round bout is 10:30 p.m. The action will be beamed via Early Bird satellite to the greatest foreign television hookup ever arranged.

Controversy still surrounds this rematch of the battle which ended so weirdly in Miami Beach Feb. 25, 1964. The rematch scheduled for Boston was postponed last November when Clay underwent emergency surgery for a hernia.

Then the bout later was transferred from Boston when it ran into legal difficulties and found a haven in Lewiston, a city of 41,000.

LISTINER'S CUT of the live gate was held up by court action Monday because

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Talks For Coalition Regime Pushed At Santo Domingo

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Backstage negotiations moved ahead Monday for creation of a coalition government under Antonio Guzman, wealthy planter and political liberal, despite objections from the military-conservatives.

Guzman, minister of agriculture in the government of deposed President Juan Bosch, met with Col. Francisco Caamaño Deno, leader of the rebels' "constitutionalist" government.

A rebel spokesman said afterwards the talks aimed at restoring a single government after more than a month of fighting were "very satisfactory."

MAS L. A. BAGNINO

Guzman reportedly has U.S. support, although the United American Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett has reported to Sen. Antonio Imbert Barrera, the military-conservative, that the United States was not trying to impose a well on the Dominican Republic.

Noting Imbert's strong opposition to Caamaño, Bennett said it also described prospects for a quick final settlement as good.

Caamaño meanwhile spoke briefly over the rebel radio saying his side was willing to negotiate with the various military and civilian personnel. He said they have "the fundamental duty of helping in the search for peaceful solutions and agreements which will not injure the dignity or the sovereignty of our country."

Caamaño also charged that the United Nations and Organization of American States representatives in Santo Domingo were pressing for a coalition regime.

Imbert, president of the military-civilian junta that ousted the rebels, apparently was taking no part in the talks.

He called in Bennett and the secretary-general of the Organization of American States, Jose Mora, and was reported by informed sources to have asked them for an explanation of the negotiations.

Bennett spoke to Imbert and he had not been consulted on this matter, the sources said. Imbert was said to have asked Mora for a statement by the rebels, demanding that they stop talking.

Imbert also has refused to recognize the rebel government.

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Death Toll Climbing In Fighting Between Bolivian Troops And Rebellious Workers

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Government troops and rebellious workers battled into the night in and around La Paz Monday and the confirmed death toll rose to 18. More than 10 persons were wounded.

A spokesman at the general hospital morgue said that some of the dead apparently came from the Milluni mining area 24 miles south of the capital.

Many other casualties were reported in other turbulent mining centers further south of La Paz.

Machine guns and automatic weapons clattered into the night in the hills surrounding the capital.

Snipers battled police on the rightish day of a general strike called to protest the expulsion of the leader of the leftist tin miners' union, Juan Lechin. The rebelling military joined ranks with the miners in their revolt against Lechin, undermined six mines on Sunday, and the army reported processing. "This is unfortunately no longer a general strike or state of emergency but a state of civil war, which is what the extremist leaders wanted."

He rejected a miners' appeal for a 48-hour truce. "We have exhausted our means of persuasion," he said. "The miners' leader is 'off' but here to come to the negotiating table."

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City Council Approves Amendment To Bid For Antipoverty Plan Funds

By WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON
City Hall Reporter

An amendment to the city's application for federal antipoverty planning funds calling for the creation of an independent Community Action Agency (CAA) — received City Council approval Monday.

The amendment states the CAA, not the council, will plan and conduct the city's antipoverty community action program. It would enter directly into contracts with the federal government.

The question of who should sponsor the antipoverty program been was the subject of a protracted debate between the city and the federal government. The city wanted to retain control while the government asked that a new agency be created.

Mayor Clifford McKinnon, Graham W. Wash and United Community Services director Joseph E. Kiug drafted an amendment to the city's original application, providing for the new and independent agency.

THAT AMENDMENT was approved, with minor technical revisions, by the city's antipoverty advisory committee.

The new CAA would be a nonprofit corporation with 32 members representing public and private organizations and agencies in the area.

Included in the amendment are three provisions which Council Chairman Weston Walsh said would protect the city's interests in the anti-poverty program here.

They are:

1. The Portland city government will concurrence in the establishment and operation of the new CAA.

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Today's Chuckle

Women are unpredictable. You never know how they are going to manage to get their own way.

John Norton Is Re-Elected To Water Board

John E. Norton was re-elected to a second five-year term Monday on the Portland Water District Board of Trustees Monday.

Norton, a local furniture executive and president of the PWD trustees, swamped his two opponents, George R. Vincent Jr., by 1,068 to 117, to win the job.

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Fireworks Bill Is Passed By Legislature

AUGUSTA (AP)—A bill to legalize fireworks — termed by the state psychiatrist as "a wonderful expression of violence"—received its final nod here.

The Senate of the State Business of Mental Health, Dr. William Schumacher, brought the bill's passage as "wonderful" but marks this is just a rationalization on my part because I like fireworks."

Schumacher proposed the bill which was spearheaded by his state-door neighbor Rep. Bennett D. Kain, R-Augusta.

The bill will allow the sale of what the Interstate Commerce Commission calls Class C fireworks, firecrackers up to one inch in length, and sparklers, roman candles and air rockets. Their sale will be allowed between June 20 and July 5 only and use will be limited to July 4.

Schumacher favored the bill in public hearing as a "wonderful outlet to express aggression to a socially acceptable way."

"Everybody needs this type of expression," he added.

Skowhegan Mother Suicide After Slashing 4 Children

SKOWHEGAN, Maine (AP)—Mrs. A "dependent" mother slashed three children to death and critically injured a fourth in a bathroom closed off by her husband Monday night, then killed herself with self-inflicted wounds on herself.

Dead at Skowhegan were as Mrs. Bernadette Ouellette, 32, the wife of Gerald Ouellette, 35, a sailor at the Naval Air Station Brunswick.

Mrs. Ouellette was found in a bathtub nearly filled with lukewarm water. Police broke into the house after hearing screams of the four children had run from the bathroom and locked themselves in.

CONDITION CRITICAL

All four children were taken to Fairview Hospital where they underwent emergency surgery. Officials said their condition was critical.

Officials said the four had been slashed with razor blades and knives and scissors with a butcher knife.

Besides Laura Anne the other children are Gerald, 3, Walter, 2, and 8 - month - old Joyce Ann.

The attic story unfolded when Laura Anne ran screaming from the Ouellette home. She pounded on the door as a neighbor's house but got no answer. Then she ran across the street and a "dependent" mother slashed her throat and stabbed her.

Finally, the little girl ran to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. McLaughlin, also of Skowhegan. Mrs. McLaughlin said "Mumma hurt us all and everything is covered."

"She just sat on the sofa

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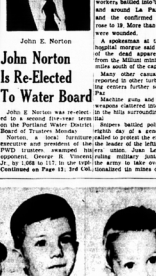
Prayer For Today

O God, Who sent Thy Son to proclaim liberty to the captive hearts, make us free! In our sins and our liberalism we have come to know that the man who is truly free will be a prisoner of Thyself. The sacrifice claims that we give unto such for us; we strength unto such for us; we walk with Thee. Hold our hearts and wills to Thy way. Help us to remember, O God, that we may be Thy people and indeed that we may come to know the truth that makes men free. Year by year in the name of our divine Leader Jesus Christ, we pray.

Lee Freeman Hastings, Mich., Lake Avenue Congregational Church



Principals In Stabbing Incident

Pictured are Mrs. Bernadette Ouellette, 32, and three of her four children, principals in a stabbing incident in their Skowhegan home Monday. The children are, left to right, Laura, 6, Gerald, 4, and Walter, 2.

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REPUBLICANS SHIFT STRATEGY away from a substitute bill while the Senate moves toward a vote to shut off debate on the voting rights measure. Back Page.

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