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Bout Promoters Find Haven In Maine

By NORMAN FOURNIER
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LEWISTON — Desperate and carrying a bagful of money, promoters of the Sonny Liston-Cassius Clay heavyweight championship fight have found a haven here.

"Money is no problem, they've got to stage the fight," said one source close to Inter-Continental Promotions Inc., the organization promoting the fistic spectacular.

Many local residents, some of whom make no more than $50 a week will probably see more money pass hands in the next couple of weeks than they've ever seen.

The Dominican Fathers, proprietors of the Central Maine Youth Center, got the first taste of the "big time money."

THEY NORMALLY CHARGE $250 a day for use of the arena. But, without batting an eye, Inter-Continental Promotions said it was willing to pay $2,500 for the one-day use of the building.

THE FATHERS, noted for their astute business sense, promptly accepted. They asked no questions.

More of the same money deals appear in the offing.

Despite a seating capacity of only 5,200, promoters expect the fight to gross more than $5 million, most of it through closed-circuit television.

Copromoter Sam Michael of Auburn looks for the local gate to bring in more than a quarter of a million dollars. More than half of the tickets—about 3,000 — will be sold as "ringside ducats" at $100 each. Other tickets will be sold at $50 and $25 each.

Michael reports the $25 tickets already been sold out. And, he adds, "with the response

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we're getting from Maine residents alone, we should have a sellout house in a few days."

A sellout crowd, at the $100-$50-$25 scale, would bring in a bigger gross than what promoters expected in Boston Garden with its 13,909 seating capacity.

Boston tickets would have sold at $50-$30-$10.

Robert Nilon, Inter-Continental president, said Saturday "the reception we've received here has been tremendous . . . out of this world."

Local and state government officials, he said, "have treated us royally . . . they've made us feel welcome . . . I can't say the same for some of the other cities we looked at."

Nilon spent most of Saturday inspecting and surveying the Central Maine Youth Center.

"There isn't a bad seat in the house," he said. "The farthest seat is 130 feet away from ringside. In Boston, our ringside reserved section extended more than 100 feet away from ring center."

Michael, who says he resigned Friday as Lewiston's Economic Development director to devote fulltime to the fight, asserts "this championship fight will mean more than $1 million in publicity for Lewiston-Auburn and the State of Maine . . . they couldn't buy this publicity for all the money in the DED budget."

Michael predicted several years ago that big-time fights would eventually be staged in small cities like Lewiston.

THE ADVENT of closed-circuit television, he has steadfastly maintained, "will be the salvation of professional boxing."

When the Clay-Liston rematch ran into some legal difficulties in several states, Michael was on the phone selling Lewiston as a possible site. But Boston got the "sale."

Last week when it appeared that Inter-Continental would have a legal battle in Boston, Michael again got on the phone and repeated his sales pitch.

The offer was taken under consideration, but at the time promoters appeared more interested in Cleveland.

"We had an appointment with the mayor of Cleveland Thursday," said William Cherry, secretary of Inter-Continental. "But when the mayor failed to show up, we decided to call up Michael."

State boxing commission chairman George Russo, Gov. Reed and other state officials quickly made the necessary arrangements to clear the way for the bout to be held in Maine.

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Rebels Claim Cease-Fire Void

Dominican Showdown Looms

SANTO DOMINGO (UPI) — Rebels killed a U.S. Marine and wounded three paratroopers during the night, then announced Saturday they are no longer bound by the cease-fire because of the change in the rival Dominican government.

A showdown neared in the Dominican power struggle between the rebel "provisional president," Col. Francisco Caamano, and the new "loyalist" junta of military and civilian leaders.

A rebel spokesman, Hector Aristy, minister to the presidency, said Saturday the new junta is totally unacceptable and there is no chance of negotiating with it.

He said since the old military junta of Gen. Elias Wessin y Wessin signed the cease-fire originally, and has now been dissolved, the rebels consider the truce abrogated.

He also charged the United States violated its neutrality by permitting eight truckloads of Wessin troops to pass through the American-held corridor to establish the new junta within the international refugee zone Friday.

Caamano, who was proclaimed provisional president by his supporters Friday, flatly rejected the new ruling group headed by Maj. Gen. Antonio Imbert Barrera.

The rebels charged that Imbert "betrayed the people" and was financed by the United States.

The Marine, a chief warrant officer, was killed by rebel in-

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New Dominican Government

The Dominican Republic's new loyalist "government of national reconstruction" joined in a five-way handshake in Santo Domingo. From left are Alejandro Zeller Coco, 41, engineer, Julio Pospigo, 61, former mayor of Santo Domingo, Gen. Antonio Imbert Barreras, 45, president of the new group, Carlos Grisolia Poloney 51, former governor of Puerta Plata Province, and Col. Pedro B Benoit, 44, holdover from the old three-man junta. (AP Wirephoto)

Rusk Would Like OAS 'Ready Force'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk Saturday said the Organization of American States (OAS) should consider forming "standby forces" to deal with future emergencies in the hemisphere.

He also cited a need for "political arrangements" to enable the OAS to make decisions and act in emergencies "with a speed required by the course of events."

Rusk said the U.S. action sending troops to the Dominican Republic was first "aimed at saving lives." He said that later the purpose of the mission "did expand" to include setting up a neutral zone requested by the OAS and providing food and medicine.

"Meanwhile," he said, "the evidence was mounting that the Communists had captured the revolution according to plan, and the danger of a Communist takeover was established beyond question."

Rusk said U.S. actions "have had nothing to do with 19th century forms of intervention for the purpose of collecting revenues, protecting concessions or changing governments."

He said it would "serve no useful purpose" to speculate what the United States might do if Communist revolutions started in any other Latin American countries. But as for the initial dispatch of Marines to the Dominican Republic, Rusk said that "governments from time immemorial have been recognized to have not merely the right but the obligation to take whatever action is necessary to save the lives of their nationals."

New Supplemental Budget May Exceed Reed Request

By DONALD C. HANSEN
State House Reporter

AUGUSTA—The Democratic-controlled Legislature's supplemental budget for new services — a budget expected to cost several million dollars more than that asked by GOP Gov. John H Reed — may be unveiled this week.

The budget, expected to provide funds for a crash program at the University of Maine, increased state aid to local public schools and an employe pay raise, will probably call for financing by limited new taxes and state surplus funds.

Late last week Democratic legislative leaders huddled privately for the first time this session with Gov. Reed on their financial program, sounding out the Governor for his reaction.

ALTHOUGH THE DEMOCRATIC leadership is known to have settled on its program, nobody has spelled it out yet.

It's likely, however, that the proposal will contain these financial ingredients.

- Limited use of state surplus funds, certainly no more than $5 million and perhaps considerably less.
- New taxation, either applying the sales tax to telephone bills, applying the sales tax to auto trade ins, or adding the sales tax to coal and oil used for heating.

The surplus and the new taxation would be used to finance a supplemental budget perhaps $8 million higher than the $9.6 million asked by Gov. Reed.

The Appropriations Committee has already agreed to give its approval to the Governor's supplemental budget with only minor modifications. The budget, when it is reported out of committee early this week will be around $200,000 larger than the Governor's request much of the increase aimed at a State Police pay increase.

GOV. REED HAS ASKED for the increase in his current services budget that has already been passed by the Legislature, but the Appropriations Committee shoved it back into the supplemental budget.

Passage of the Governor's budget will clear the way for the Democrats to release their own supplemental budget most likely as a "package" instead of as separate legislation.

How well the Democratic proposal fares depends in large measure on how vehemently the Republicans will oppose the

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East Berlin Parade

In the biggest military display in East Berlin since the end of World War II, Soviet and East German troops march together past the reviewing stand Saturday in observance of the 20th anniversary of V-E Day. Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin and East German officials watched. U.S., French and British protests were lodged over presence of German troops in the divided city. Story on Page 16A. (AP Wirephoto)

Vets' Tax Exemption Cost Soars

Telegram News Service

AUGUSTA — State reimbursements to towns hard-pressed by tax exemptions to war veterans aged 62 have increased more than 1,000 per cent since the law went into effect some 10 years ago.

In 1955, the state reimbursed 14 communities a total of $2,373. The largest payment was $338.

Before the 102nd Maine Legislature adjourns, some 160 Maine communities will be receiving reimbursing payments amounting to $292,695. The largest will be $23,459.

The growth of the reimbursements has some municipal and state officials worried.

No one knows how much more the state may be called on to pay in future years.

STATE TAX ASSESSOR Ernest Johnson says the picture appears stabilized for the next few years. But after that when World War II and Korean War veterans become of age for exemptions payments are expected to soar.

There is some official fear here, and elsewhere in the state, that this soon may become a sizable fiscal problem.

The state reimbursement law was passed in 1951 to prevent any municipality from getting badly hurt by the veterans' exemptions.

The law provides that if a municipality loses more than three per cent of its tax levy through the veterans' exemptions, it may present a claim to the legislature for 90 per cent of the loss above the three per cent.

In other words, the towns must absorb the loss up to three

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Fight May Be Windfall For State

By MAXWELL WIESENTHAL
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A windfall in cash and publicity was "dumped" in Maine's lap when state officials agreed to permit the Sonny Liston - Cassius Clay heavyweight title fight to be held in Lewiston May 25. Some say it may amount to as much as $1 million.

Already hotels and motels in Portland and Lewiston are being flooded with request for reservations.

The Poland Spring House has been designated as press headquarters for the visiting sports writers. Harold Conrad, publicity man for Inter-Continental Promotions, Inc., the promoters of the fight, said 700 will be registered there.

Add to the room rent the amount which out-of-state visitors will spend for food, entertainment and incidentals and figure in a lot of other extras which a fight crowd generally goes for, and the cash outlay will really mount.

COMMISSIONER Standish K. Bachman of the Department of Economic Development said Saturday the fight "unquestionably will mean much to state publicity - wise."

"The state certainly will reap some benefits from the fact that the fight is being held in Lewiston," Bachman said. "It's difficult to estimate in dollars and cents what it will be worth. But it will be sizable."

Already communication engineers, traffic experts, security forces are at work mapping plans for the event.

LEWISTON police do not anticipate any big problem. They've handled much bigger crowds in recent years.

The telephone company's crews will be in Lewiston Monday setting up preliminary facilities in the Central Maine Youth Center for the working press.

Special crews will be setting up the facilities for the Mutual Broadcasting Co which has the exclusive rights to broadcast the fight over radio.

The long lines department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co will handle the special coaxial cable which will carry the television signal to Boston for retransmission to more than 220 closed circuit TV points.

FOR THE independent Poland Telephone Co. the prefight hoopla presents a challenge. The small company provides service to the Poland Spring area where press headquarters will be located.

An official of the company said Saturday that by a cooperative arrangement with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co his firm will be able to borrow equipment to increase the telephone facilities at the hotel.

"There's bound to be a bottleneck," he said, "because we're limited to the number of outgoing lines but everything will come out okay I'm sure."

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