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Enthusiasm Is Running High Over Title Fight

To Study Here

Kathleen Dorn (seated), blind since birth, has been accepted as a postulant at the Roman Catholic order of the Sisters of Mercy in Portland. The 19-year-old Albany, N.Y., girl is shown with her employer, Albany Corporation Counsel John W. Hacker, and Miss Joan Flitti, who helps proofread Kathleen's work. (AP Wirephoto)

AUGUSTA (AP) — Official enthusiasm over the Clay-Liston title fight May 25 in Lewiston is running high with an official governor betting the other.

Gov. Reed said Monday that "this is one of the few things that's ever happened in Maine . . . Maine has always been a sports-minded state and there has been a great deal of interest by the people."

The governor, who has received a number of inquiries many for tickets to the Central Maine Youth Center bout — and Reed himself has been unable to secure the answer to one weekend he had an interview for a television network (NBC) show.

Monday he gave a telephone interview to Gerald Manning of the Lewiston Evening Daily Mail, who asked the governor that his newspaper will be well represented at ringside.

Reed said Manning asked about the effect of this bout on Maine's membership in the World Boxing Association. The governor relayed the opinion of the state Boxing Commission that the bout was "only one of probably millions in many branches" but the value of having the fight will be rewarded that."

Manning commented that prize fighting started under a cloud as far as the law was concerned. Reed said, and asked whether the legal troubles for this bout in Massachusetts meant that the sport was "coming full circle."

"I don't know. I didn't see it that way," the governor said. "But they were not running away from the law but running from what was almost harassment by the law."

One of Monday's calls, Reed said, was from James Austin, president of Northeast Airlines, who asked if he could charter planes from New York City to Lewiston for the fight. The governor said he has assigned a Department of Economic Development staffer to work on other transportation arrangements.

Reed said he has been informed that Liston is expected to arrive at Pease Field to open his Maine training camp early this week.

"I hope to get over and see some of the training activity," Reed added.

Harold L. MacDonald, a member of Maine's three-man boxing commission, said the commission has received hundreds of requests for tickets, including referrals from Reed, but has turned them over to the promoters.

The commission will meet this week, he said, to select the fight officials—a referee and three judges. The referee will probably come from outside Maine but the commission hopes to select the judges from Maine.

In addition to the main bout between heavyweight champion Cassius Clay and contender and ex-champion Sonny Liston, the commission will have to make arrangements for the four preliminary fights. Manager Donald Clay and Lisbon native, four returning partners each, four lightweights for the preliminary bouts.

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Wessin Quits Dominican Army Under Reported U.S. Pressure

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Brig. Gen. Elias Wessin y Wessin quit the Dominican Army Monday and retired to the luxury first days of his exile in Puerto Rico, a spokesman for the armed forces Monday reported. The spokesman said his retirement appears to have removed a major obstacle to peace-seeking talks.

Wessin's resignation came after meetings with US Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett and Lt. Gen. Bruce Palmer, commander of the 21,000 U.S. Marines and paratroopers in the city troubled Caribbean country.

Wessin, who had been considered by the U.S. government as his pro- son commander of the Dominican Army, reportedly will be bolted at leaving the country. A spokesman for Dominano Dero rebel proclaimed provisional president, has been demanding that Wessin go.

Holed up in a mass of crowded buildings, the rebels showed no buildings, the rebels showed no [illegible] to capitulate in a tank and bowitzer-backed force of U.S. and Dominican troops overwhelmed them.

Scoffing at officials who quit the revolt, Camaano's insurgents appeared to be digging their strongholds in Ciudad Nueva, a low-income residential and business section in southern Santo Domingo.

A U.S. military spokesman said American forces had hurled 105mm howitzers and six 90-recoilless rifles against the 20-accepted international cease-fire, now west of Ciudad Nueva. The guns are "aimed at selected targets," the spokesman said.

SHELLS HARMLESS

In addition, 12 U.S. Mar tanks rumbled into position in the city.

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Wessin fought army rebels and armed civilians who tried to oust Provisional President Hector Garcia-Godoy in the return of the revolution.

His opponents said he was the main responsible for the bloodshed and destruction in a fight that took more than 1,000 lives in the first week of fighting.

U.S. Marines and paratroopers were sent to the Caribbean island to protect Americans and other foreigners in the country. U.S. officials charged Communists were trying to seize key positions of the rebel movement.

The U.S. Embassy had no immediate comment on Wessin's retirement as a means of removing roadblocks to make arrangements for the four preliminary fights. Manager Donald Clay and Lisbon native, four returning partners each, four lightweights for the preliminary bouts.

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Sisters Of Mercy Here Accept First Blind Girl As Postulant

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Kathleen Dorn, blind since birth, has been accepted as a postulant at the Roman Catholic order of the Sisters of Mercy in Portland.

The 19-year-old Albany girl is believed to be the first blind person to enter the order of the Sisters of Mercy. She will begin her studies at the mother house of the order in Portland, Maine.

Kathleen has planned on being a nun since she was in the first grade at St. Joseph's Parochial School for the Blind, Jersey City, N.J. Her acceptance by the Sisters of Mercy — after several refusals from other orders — was a great thrill, she said.

"I wrote the Sister Mignon Hacker" said yesterday, "would be missed," "and only for the work she does but for her pleasant personality. She has an adopted herself we who are close to her have forgotten her handicap."

Sister Mignon, to whom Miss Dorn wrote, has been a teacher at blind children since 1954. She established a class at Cathedral Grammar School, Portland, and is director of the teaching of the blind in the Portland diocesan parochial schools throughout the state.

She was on a trip and unavailable for comment Monday night, said sisters at the motherhouse of the order, St. Joseph's Convent, Nevena Ave., where the girl will study.

cap, much as she has herself."

Kathleen, who dances, swims and water skis, says she has avoided getting a seeing-eye dog because if she became dependent on the dog she would not be able to adjust to life in a convent with so many others.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Dorn of Albany. Her father died several years ago.

Viet Town Held 7 Hours By Reds; 5 Yanks Killed

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — A large Viet Cong force battled overrun a provincial capital 50 miles north of Saigon early Tuesday killing five U.S. military advisers and wounding 11 other Americans.

The Communists, held most of the town for more than seven hours before government forces reinforced by jets and helicopters drove them out.

Casualties suffered by the Vietnamese defenders were not known, but they were presumed sadly heavy.

U.S. Air Force jets began pounding the city of Viet Cong guerrillas and mortar fire and machine guns and some of the Americans were killed.

The provincial capital was defended by a force of 300 regional and popular forces. Reinforcements were rushed to the area by helicopter and armored personnel carriers.

The guerrillas moved in on the town after a fierce battle with government troops in the nearby hamlet of Binh Gia.

The Americans were killed and 11 wounded when the guerrillas overran a U.S. Special Forces camp at Binh Gia, 40 miles southeast of Saigon, on Friday.

REGIMENTAL STRENGTH

The attack is regimental strength, was one of the hardest blows suffered by U.S. troops mounted in the five-year war.

One group of guerrillas broke into the area hall of the U.S. Special Forces detachment and all were reported killed in hand to hand fighting. Another group tried to take the town hall and stayed long enough to loot it of military secrets in Binh Gia.

The invaders occupied the headquarters of the provincial government and seized the armored cars there. With the capture of the armored cars, which are equipped

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Walch's Advisory Panel Compromise Is Rejected

By WILLIAM B. WILLIAMSON
City Hall Reporter

A suggestion by City Council Chairman J. Weston Walch that representation of the poor on the City Citizens Advisory Committee might make the city eligible for anti-poverty funds appropriation was turned down Monday night.

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The council head also broached the idea to fellow councilors at a special session Monday night.

WALCH WILL SUGGEST the establishment of the advisory committee when it meets at noon Wednesday. It's a federal requirement, Walch said.

"If we show them we're willing to do it, maybe we'll be able to get it started," he said.

He said he was "scared" by the federal requirement in the term control of the antipoverty program over the committee. "I never watch the council would have that control."

Mayor Clifford G. Graham W. Wal, who said Friday his letter in connection with the federal officials in New York City, Washington and Portland Monday night he had been told

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Dirksen Predicts Defeat Of Bid To Ban Poll Taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — With- Mansfield, who hopes to see the Senate polled for a crucial decision on voting rights, Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen forecast rejection of a liberal bid to ban poll taxes in state elections.

Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield was optimistic — but cautious in his prediction on the outcome of Tuesday's test. "I'm reasonably hopeful," said Mansfield, who, with Dirksen, opposes the poll tax ban as a constitutional risk.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who proposed the ban along with 16 cosponsors, said he thinks the vote firmly supports it.

Kennedy offered no firm forecast on the outcome. He did dispute Dirksen's prediction, but said reporters some senators still have not decided how they will vote.

Dirksen conceded that the vote, due at 1 p.m., will be close one but told newsmen: "I think we'll win."

Mansfield said he did not see the administration's hand behind the challenge to the poll taxes. Opponent of state voters in Texas, Alabama, Mississippi and Virginia.

The poll tax issue has become the focus of controversy on the Johnson bill, which would suspend literacy tests for voters in "the federal registration of voters

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The Weather

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RED EFFORT TO TAKE OVER ALL OF VIET NAM organizes every village and hamlet, from cradle to schoolhouse, to grave. Page 3.

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View From New Highway

Mrs. Lee Chabot of St. George holds her son Marc as Federal Highway Administration Lowell Thomaston leads her other son Jacques to a picnic setting at the summit of 800-foot Mt. Batiste at Camden, reached via a new highway to be opened May 15 The mountain highway, which offers a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean, is approximately 60 miles from Portland. (AP Wirephoto)

Today's Chuckle

Being poor has its advantages. You never are new owner in your other pants.

"composing the situation," as a spokesman put it.

Gen. Wessin's quit from the armed forces was announced by Brig. Gen. Joaquin Juan Pagan. Pagan announcement of Wessin's resignation came after Wessin met with Ambassador Jackson Imbert Reyeros, head of the new civilian-military junta, as an indication of willingness to reach a settlement. Pagan said Sunday announced the dismissal of eight officers considered allies of leaders of the rebel movement.

PEACE CONTROL

They have killed the flies but they've killed me, too.

Sig had no immediate comment on Wessin's resignation.

In a news conference, Pagan said Bennett had told him the U.S. government supports the Communists.

It was completely sure that a dictatorship of the left is influenced by Communists. Page 11, 5th Col.

Chelsea Marine Latin Casualty

CHELSEA — A Chelsea youth was one of the U S Marines killed last week in the Dominican Republic, according to information received by his parents.

Pfc and Mrs. Pennick Allen Tonin Road were notified by a telegram that their son, Pfc Donald W. Allen, 20 died last Wednesday in Santo Domingo killed by a fellow Marine. No further details were given.

Pfc Allen was born Dec. 31, May 1963. He last wrote his parents April 29 and in that saying he was on his way to the Dominican Republic.

He most recently was stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, Kenneth Allen.

Survivors include his parents, three sisters, Mrs. Barbara Bailey, the Misses Karen and Sharon Allen; two brothers, Frederick and Ronald, all of Chelsea, his paternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs Clinton Cunningham, Augusta, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Allen, Chelsea, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Prayer For Today

Our Father, Who art in heaven, help us to find in our daily experience more fully the deepening of Christian faith to see that this is something far more than mere intellectual assent or belief. May we are more and more aware of Thy love and seek more to be known to us in Jesus Christ, and unreserved commitment in Thee of ourselves, of all we have and are and may be to Amen.

Jeffrey F. Macleod, Farmville, N. C., retired Methodist minister.

Comedy, In Or Most?

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7:30 P.M.

PETTICOAT JUNCTION
9:30 P.M.
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