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THE WORLD TODAY

International

In Paris

U.S. envoy to the Paris Peace Talks, Averell Harriman, led off the second round of the talks by accusing the Hanoi delegation head, Xuan Thuy, of wasting time by "rehashing old grievances and distorting history."

Thuy responded with what has been termed by observers as "one of the toughest statements ever delivered by the Communists." Each side listed the conditions they considered necessary for reaching possible agreement. Numbered among the American proposals were the right of South Vietnam to decide its own affairs and a peace based on the 1954 Geneva Treaty. Communist stipulations included a halt to all bombing attacks and reconnaissance flights, an end to attacks from the sea and from below the Demilitarized Zone and complete U.S. withdrawal from the DMZ.

National

RFK Blasts HHH

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, fresh from a triumph in the Nebraska Primary, blasted Vice President Humphrey in a Detroit speech Tuesday. Kennedy told a rally of more than 10,000: "If you want to be filled with pabulum and tranquilizers then you should vote for some other candidate."

Criticizing the Vice President, who has called for a "politics of happiness," Kennedy stated "There are some who say everything is peaceful. They say we should practice the politics of happiness, the politics of joy. Well, I don't think you can go to the American people and tell them that everything is satisfactory in the United States."

Draft Calls Down

The Defense Department announced that draft calls for the remainder of the year will be reduced. The June call-up has already been cut from 29,500 to 20,000. There will only be 15,000 July inductees, the lowest since April, 1967. However the callup for this month remains at 45,000.

The Pentagon said the reduction of inductees was made possible because of an unexpected rise in reenlistments. Also there are fewer draftees to replace because of the relatively low calls in the first half of the year.

Gun Control Debate

In the Senate yesterday debate centered on the highly salient issue of gun-control legislation. The discussion focused around two points of view: whether stringent regulation or complete prohibition would most effectively curb the misuse of mail order sales.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass favored a provision which would ban the mail-order sales of all firearms, restrict over-the-counter sales within state lines, and establish 18 and 21 year age limits for rifles and handguns respectively.

FSU Pres. Backs Down

Following a week of student demonstrations the president of Florida State University John Champion has stepped down. The campus agitation had been touched off by Champion's censor of an article in the school literary magazine.

Students, backed by faculty support, immediately responded, by parading across the lawn of the administration building, and threatening further resistance.

Dow Jones Averages

Dow Jones closing stock averages: 30 Industrials 907.82—down 0.24; 20 Rails 245.14—up 0.32; 15 Utilities 123.05—down 0.10; 65 Stocks 318.04—up 0.26.

Riot Insurance

The American Insurance Association announced yesterday that it will pay out 67 million dollars in damages for the riots in 110 of our nation's cities last month. The Association had originally estimated the cost at 51 million dollars.



A loaf of bread, a jug of apple cider, and thou in the Notre Dame wilderness. The thou is missing, but the dangerous spring seems to have taken one man from his books and placed him and gallon jug on the shores of St. Mary's Lake.

Nominations Tomorrow For New Sr. Class Fellows Award

Nominations for the Senior Class Fellow will open Fri. according to Senior Class Fellow Committee chairman Chuck Sheedy. Any senior-to-be is eligible to nominate a person as a Fellow. The nomination should be in letter form, including a rationale, and addressed to Sheedy.

The Senior Class Fellow Award was brought into existence following a referendum in which the seniors voted overwhelmingly to revise the present Patriot of the Year Award. The final vote was 503 to 68 for retaining the present format and 63 for abolishing the award altogether.

Sheedy said, "The persons nominated should be those who have contributed to the common good of society. It should be someone who can contribute to the intellectual or social life at Notre Dame through vital discussion and by his presence on campus." The emphasis is not on the Fellow being a patriot but someone who can offer Notre Dame something.

"The idea of the Fellow is not to abolish tradition. The program was originated by Fr. Sorin but has been under the control of the senior class for the last 30 years. The revision will make the Award much more meaningful to the class," Sheedy said.

The Senior Class Fellow Committee will select the best five nominations from all those submitted and will begin contacting individuals over the summer. The committee is comprised of John Sturm or his representative from WSND; senior associate editors of the SCHOLASTIC and the Observer; Gordon Hunt, president of the Hall Presidents' Council; Student Body Vice President Chuck Nau; senior class vice president Tom Breen and Sheedy himself.

Sheedy said the date of the Fellow's visit is tentatively sche-

duled to begin the Mon. Following Washington's Birthday in Feb. However Sheedy is allowing a leeway of four or five weeks before and after the date so that the Fellow may make his visit at his convenience.

The Fellow is scheduled to spend Mon. through Fri. on campus in various activities with the seniors. Sheedy hopes to have the Senior Class Fellow stay in a hall rather than at the Morris Inn or at a local motel. He prefers that the Fellow stay in a prefect's room in a hall with a large percentage of seniors.

Arrangements are being made for the Fellow to eat in the South Dining Hall, preferably with the seniors. Hopefully the Fellow will lecture at several classes during his stay on campus.

In the evenings there will be informal discussions in such pla-

ces as the Blue Room at Holy Cross Hall and other appropriate lounges. The emphasis on the week is informality and casualness. There will be no strict schedules to follow.

The Senior Class Fellow Committee has no funds at the present but Sheedy will apply for financial support from Student Government. He expects the expenses for the week not to exceed \$1000 with \$500 set aside for the honorarium. He expects the transportation to run more than \$300.

Sheedy explained that while the Patriot of the Year Award had the approval and support of the Administration, the Senior Class Fellow Award does not as yet. Sheedy plans to submit a rationale and explanation of the new Award to the Administration for its approval soon.

Dome: Design Oriented

The Dome, 59th volume of the University Yearbook, will be published tomorrow, May 17. It is 352 pages long, weighs nearly 4½ pounds, and is 2/3 inches thick, the biggest Dome since 1927. It contains records and reviews of nearly every significant event at the University this year.

One of the outstanding college yearbooks in the United States, the Dome has won "All-American ratings from the major critics for the past five years. It takes a different approach than most annuals, with much more writing. The amount of copy in the 1968 Dome led editor Heskin to announce recently that the Dome had set a new intercollegiate verbiage record, beating the 1966 Yale Banner by more than 1200 words per page. "It kept growing and growing," Heskin moaned at the annual banquet. "I feel like Robert McNamara!"

Heskin has persisted in calling the Dome "design-orientated." The layouts are bold, with large pictures and stunning headlines. The amount of words, however, is deceptive: in producing a design-orientated book, the staff was rumored to manufacture well over half the facts used. David Ward, Managing Editor, was responsible for producing what K.C. Flynn, an Associate Editor, calls, "the first non-non-fiction yearbook."

The yearbooks will be distributed from the ugly red van parked in the parking lot of LaFortune Center, tomorrow between 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Among the special features of the book are the smallest football section ever published; a perforated 8x10 glossy print of everyone in the band; an autographed football designed and executed by Zack Brown; and six shots of the Paris A' Go Go.

News In Brief:**ASP, CCP Meet**

There will be a joint meeting of the Action Student Party and the Campus Coalition for Peace tonight at 7:00 om in Room 102 of O'Shaugnessy Hall.

ASP chairman Jon Sherry said that the most important point of discussion at tonight's meeting would be the merger of the ASP with the CCP. Sherry said that most of the membership of the two organizations was overlapping and that a combined leadership would make a more effective merged organization.

Also scheduled for this evening's meeting are nominations for next year's ASP officers, and a discussion of future plans.

Sherry said that election of officers would take place early next week.

Busing Vote

A poll will be taken at dinner tonight to determine whether students would be willing to cooperate in self-busing. Each student will tell the checker on his line whether he would be willing to bus his own trays. Student self-busing would involve the student taking his tray to whatever conveyance used for the self-busing system.

An Address

It was announced Wed. that University President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., will be the commencement speaker at the University of Southern California's 85th annual graduation exercises June 6.

Brislin Tops

Thomas D. Brislin will be the valedictorian of the University's 1968 June graduation class, it was announced yesterday by the Registrar's Office.

Brislin, who has a 3.97 academic average, is a government major.

The Class Orator will be Brian P. Schanning, an electrical engineering major with an academic average of 3.95.

CA Honors

Annual awards to students in the Department of Communication Arts at the University of Notre Dame have been announced by Prof. Thomas Stritch, department chairman.

The Hugh A. O'Donnell medal and cash award, given to the senior with the best academic record, goes to Lawrence D. Maloney, 100 N. Grant Avenue, Kittanning, Pa.

The J. Sinnot Meyers Bursar for public service goes to Charles J. Perrin, 2101 Independence, Pekin, Ill.

The F. A. Miller awards in practical journalism have been given to Gary M. Campana, 719 Iowa Street, Oak Park, Ill., for writing; David L. Annis, 412 Linda View, Lance, Utica, cinema; Donald A. Johnson, 1225 Broadway, Fargo, N.D., design; T. David McGovern, 445 Sunset, Barrington, Ill., broadcast journalism.

Union Social Commission Plans Big; ND's First Grand Prix Set For May

The 1968-69 Student Union Social Commission will hold its first Fall Concert on Friday evening, Sept. 20. Lou Lanwermeyer, Social Commission, said that the concert will be held by St. Joseph's Lake after the pep rally.

"Weather permitting," he said "we hope to make this the first outdoor concert ever given by the Social Commission. Right now, plans call for the performers to be out on the pier and the audience to be seated on the beach. Hopefully, the entertainment will be of the folk variety — something like Ian and Sylvia."

Lanwermeyer also outlined his concert schedule for next year's six home football games. "At this point, I can't say anything definite about what groups

we will be having because it would weaken our bargaining position with their agents. But negotiations are underway with the Four Tops, Lou Rawls and the Fifth Dimension.

Lanwermeyer said that the traditional Homecoming I and II dances were being abolished in favor of two dances of "equal elegance and price, each with a different theme."

The feasibility of a Student Union Social Commission sponsored train trip to the Michigan State game at East Lansing is also being looked into. Lanwermeyer said: "Anyone who went on the Purdue trip last fall will remember that it was the biggest moving party ever seen in Northern Indiana. But with the growing number of student cars on campus we have to assume that a lot

of guys will be driving up to the game. I've got a feeling there are about 700 people who won't soon forget the Purdue trip and I feel it is my personal responsibility to give them something similar next year."

The Social Commission will also sponsor a new Spring event on the second weekend in May of next year. This event is to be called the Grand Prix and will be modeled after the European road race of the same name.

"The only difference," said Lanwermeyer, "will be the cars. We have obtained twenty-go-carts and the University's permission to use the campus roads for the race. Each hall will be given a cart and all they have to do is tune it up and provide the drivers." He said that the race will be

held on the Sat. afternoon of the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Prom weekend and there will be a trophy given to the winning hall by the winner of this year's Indianapolis 500 race. The Social commission, which operates out of Student Government funds, has a yearly budget of over \$75,000. Lanwermeyer said that every event is budgeted to break even. When asked if any of next year's concerts would be held in the new Convocation Center, Lanwermeyer said: "No, because we have never even sold out a concert in Stepan Center which only seats 3800. The Convocation Center will hold 11,500 and will cost a lot more to rent. How can we realistically hope to sell more seats in there than we already do in Stepan?"

The Mail

On Petitions

Editor:

Congratulations to the 1000-plus brave and patriotic "freedom fighters" who signed the ROTC-inspired petition condemning those demonstrators who would show a "basic disregard of human freedom" by non-violent direct action.

Signing such petitions is a Notre Dame tradition. Back in 1938, 600 students heroically went on public record as opposing the lifting of the U.S. embargo on arms shipments to Spain, thereby demonstrating "to the appropriate authority" the Notre Dame man's devotion to human freedom and the cause of the Fascist Franco and his reactionary allies viz. the Church, the Army and the landowners.

More recently, in 1965, 3000 blindly signed a petition supporting the US adventure in South Vietnam — like Spain, a "defense of freedom" which will go down in history as America's Hungary.

A Notre Dame petition is comparable in weight and honor to a HUAC citation. To borrow from a famous comment on the latter, let me say that I think it may be fairly observed that any Notre Dame demonstrator who is not at one time or another, for one reason or another, condemned by a student petition may be regarded as having wasted his time here and its opportunities for progressive citizenship and service to god(s), country, and Earth Mother University.

Yours in ND,
Howard J. Dooley

Senate Notes

Editor:

Tuesday morning's Observer was headlined "Senate Enacts \$6 Fee," and was accompanied by the account of the previous evening's debate. From this account it would seem that the in-

tegrity of Senator De Sapio was unjustly impugned. Implying fiscal irresponsibility on the part of the Senate, Mr. De Sapio specifically mentioned "flagrant misuse of money" as an objection to the activities fee increase. The mere fact that Mr. De Sapio knows of illicit allocations is enough to warrant an investigation. Whether he needs lawyers to help him level his charges of corruption, as Senator Kendall suggested, is constitutionally, and morally, doubtful. Mr. Kendall appears to be hiding the larger issue of honest government behind his indignant rhetoric. With only two weeks of school left, positive action cannot be taken. However, Mr. De Sapio will be back next year, and I urge him to carry on his crusade. Moreover, I urge his constituents to fully support him.

At the same time, a word of praise is in order for Senator Richard Storatz. While I favor the activities fee increase (primarily because of the excellent work of the SUAC and SLFC), I commend Mr. Storatz for defending the rights of the majority of the student body, who opposed it. Too, this Senate fiscal watchdog valiantly attempted to slice pork-barrel appropriations by suggesting economical alternatives to the proposed Student Union office expenditures. These are only two examples of the fine service he has performed for the students of Notre Dame. For four years this vigorous, pragmatic visionary has served his school. His work must not be unheralded.

Donald Graham

Love Letter

Editor:

Your paper is getting more interesting to read every day, from the international and national news section to the editorials to the mail. I never thought I would see the day when I would rather read the Observer than the Scholastic.

My purpose in writing though, is not to laud the Obser-

ver with praises. I wish to comment on some of the latest campus happenings, and your Wednesday issue is a good reference point. I read that Doug Marvin is against radicals, John Rank leads the Senate to censuring the Presidential Review demonstrators, Jim Polk and Tom Chema are getting signatures by the thousands, Mike Kelly already has his signatures by the thousands, and Sam Boyle is taking his pot-shots from the other side.

I am a conscientious objector to war, from the inner depths of my Christian soul to the tips of my toenails. I signed the "We won't go" petition, took part in the Dow demonstration, marched in the Presidential Review demonstration (although I did not go out on the field), and have filed for CO status from my local draft board. I simply do not believe in war, and that includes the war that is being fought right here on the Notre Dame campus. I propose that we try to live in peace. I respect the ROTC students, although I do not think they are right. At the risk of losing some "radical" friends, I do not think they are right either, replacing one form of militarism with another, but I respect them too. Conservatives think I am a radical; radicals think I am a "fuzzy-headed liberal"; if it means war, I am not interested in these political games. It is important to take a stand on issues, but let us respect people.

The sun is out, the trees are getting green, and flowers are blooming. But most of all, Jesus died so we might live. Why don't we try to take advantage of it all? Let us love one another as He loved us.

Des Lawler

Hate Mail

Editor:

Well, I'm finally riled enough to actually sit down and write one of those very powerful and influential letters to the omni-

potent editor. And although your issue of Wednesday, May 14, incensed me on a great many issues, I will make a very noble attempt to confine my remarks to one point in particular, that being student responsibility. I'll even go to the point of limiting it even further . . . student responsibility at Notre Dame (if indeed such a thing really exists.) I direct my comments to the editorial entitled, and very well I might add, "Shutout."

If you will be so kind as to recall that the subject matter of the aforementioned work of sheer literary genius dealt with the exclusion of student from the selection of a new Arts and Letters Dean. May I be so bold as to inquire whom you would like to see appointed to the post? Now may-haps you don't feel personally qualified to make such a decision. Then may I suggest that we the students be represented by that man about campus, famed arbitrator, Mr. Tom Brislin, who only a few short months ago showed typical Notre Dame tact in dealing with the administration when he shouted, "all or nothing!" in refusing the administration's offer of four to seven parietal hours. Or maybe we could all sit down with Father Hesburgh as Mr. Marvin seems to suggest in his column, parting shots."

My contention is simply that the vast majority of students don't give a [good damn] what happens around here and even if they did they wouldn't know how to go about making changes. After all, this is the student body which elected J. Richard Rossie. And as long as I'm off the subject I would just like to ask why Mr. Rossie is not listed among the names of your many editors since he writes many of your editorials. I refer in particular to those editorials dealing with the student activity fee raise.

The Observer, an independent student newspaper. Independent of whom?

Lee Poehlman

ND Grad School Dean Explains Predicament

By TED PRICE

Rev. Paul E. Beichner, CSC, Dean of the Graduate School, said yesterday that the graduate student draft situation was an "impossible predicament." He said, "If you think the seniors and first year grads are up in the air, how about us (grad school deans)?" He said that the admissions policy on graduate students has not been changed here at Notre Dame, but that the grad school would suffer because of the Draft.

The policy of the Selective Service System is that all college students who did not enter their second year of graduate school in September, 1967, will automatically lose their 2-S deferment on June 1, 1968. This means that all present first-year grads and seniors will become

draft-eligible at the end of the current academic year. The effect of this policy is the impossible predicament to which Fr. Beichner referred. Many of these persons remain undecided regarding graduate school, and this has caused much consternation in graduate school offices across the country.

Fr. Beichner said that although there has been no change in the admissions policy at Notre Dame, the makeup of the graduate student body would undoubtedly change because of the draft. He said that he expects a shift in favor of women and foreign students and that the relative number of American males would be significantly lowered. "We can only accept a certain number of students and we will continue to try to accept the

best of those who apply," he said. "There has been no significant decrease in the number of graduate applications, but there has been a rise in the number of persons whom we do accept who cancel out after notifying us of an intent to attend. Still others have been more cautious than usual about even sending a notice on intent."

When questioned regarding the possibility of being deferred as a teaching assistant, Fr. Beichner said that occupational deferments are granted only for full time teachers. Such a deferment requires a confirmation from the Dean of the college where the person is employed that the subject is a full time teacher and that he cannot be replaced. The decision is left to the conscience of the Dean, but it is the policy of the Selective Service that no one can be a full-time teacher and a full-time student concurrently. There is no provision for deferring teaching assistants as such. "What often happens," said Fr. Beichner, "is that if a particular board does not need men, they may let teaching assistants ride for a long time, or even, perhaps, defer them. But there is nothing in the law that requires them to do so. So when a TA says that he has been defer-

red, you have to take it with a grain of salt. He may be lucky enough to be filed with a board that does need men to fill its quota, or he may be physically ineligible, or have some other deferment. There is no provision for TA's as such."

Research assistants must also run the I-A risk. Again, there is no provision for deferring these persons. Those who are also working under Federal research grants are included in this category. "The only possibility of deferment is that the Dean of the College certify that the subject cannot be replaced and that his research is necessary in the interest of the public! Further, he must be a full-time researcher." How can I certify to one Federal agency that a person is a full time graduate student, in order to help him get a grant and then turn around and certify to another Federal agency that he is a full-time researcher?

Fr. Beichner said that certain departments would be harder hit than others, but not because anyone was making a value judgment on the relative merits of the various disciplines. Surprisingly enough, the AL departments would probably feel the pinch much less than science and engineering. These depart-

ments have a much higher female-to-male ratio than do the others. It is a fact of life that more women enroll as graduates in liberal arts than in say, chemistry. However, for this reason, the departments who would not feel so put out for lack of students would find themselves more drastically changed in make-up than would others.

The American Council of Graduate Schools has been corresponding with General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of the Selective Service System regarding this situation. He was the one who has set down the guidelines for teaching assistants, etc. They have initiated action to have the law changed or at least clarified, since it is very often contradictory. However, it appears that the situation will remain as it is, at least in the near future.

"This impossible situation has just about everyone concerned with graduate education frustrated," said Fr. Beichner. Deans are unable to project the size of their graduate classes almost until registration day itself. Cancellations are up. First year students are leaving, or worse, won't inform us of their plans. However, the Graduate School will endure."



Tom Figel

For What It's Worth

Monday night five friends of Eddie Kurtz presented his play *The Rocking Horse* in the Law Auditorium. The play, which was also presented last night at Webster's Last Word, is supposed to be a repeat of *No Exit* and some in the audience disliked it for that reason.

There are five characters in the play, all trapped in one room, cared for by another character named Smiley. One of the five is new to the room and the play revolves around his eventual submission to the room and its rocking horse, an absurd but relaxing occupation. At first John, the new arrival, wanted to reason his way out of the room but in the end he rides the horse as the others do, not because it goes anywhere or uplifts but because riding the horse is something to do.

The point of the play, whether it is Sartre's or not, is disappointing, probably because it is a true one. There is something about man that puts him in a room without an exit, yet makes him expect one. Possessed of a bit of the divine, he wants to be totally divine, eventually arriving at the point of being most human when he thinks he's more than that. Hitler was the epitome.

Ultimately, nothing seems to work and the rocking horse is left. Such a realization does not make the horse acceptable, even if it must be ridden. Things stay very much the same, causes coming up against blank walls after short gains but not before they have been negated by the causes emanating from opposite principles. What goes unnoticed is that the sameness is the result of effort.

Eugene McCarthy, for example, will not receive the Democratic Party's nomination for president; but his campaign probably served to make the eventual nominee a better candidate than he would have been otherwise. The effort of good men is required simply to keep things from becoming as bad as, neglected, they will become.

Not that everything is hopeless or life is a barren room. Camus was half right when he encouraged rebellion against things as they are because of the universal cry of grief life contains. But mixed with that cry of grief is a universal cry of joy because life seems to balance out, neither totally happy nor totally miserable. Man, because of what he is, expects total happiness and is as a consequence of the way things are, unhappy.

Of all the creatures, man is the only one who seems incapable of doing anything with his world. Only he must worry about overpopulation or the bomb, must find ways to cleanse rivers or air once pure. Every incurable disease for which a cure is found adds to the problem of overpopulation. The invention of the atom bomb, which is said to have saved lives by bringing WW II to a quick conclusion, endangers other lives. Man only half succeeds, as if success were not allowed.

Man attempts the divine but fails because what he is makes him live partially according to the now of material and partially according to values which come from someplace outside. Every life sums up the conflict which keeps things stagnant regardless of the skyscrapers, submarines, and rockets to the moon. Men do more for their fathers than they do for their sons, those who could accomplish something as lawyers find it easier to be truckdrivers.

There is a need for that, a need to concentrate on the universal cry of joy connected with things as they are. The rocking horse has to be rejected for the sake of the hopeless attempt which makes man most human.

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Ali: Somethin' Better Than Fightin'

(Editor's Note: Muhammad Ali, world heavyweight boxing champion to some, Black Muslim minister to others and neither to still others, will address a Notre Dame audience Sunday at 4 p.m. He will speak from a platform erected just in front of the Stepan Center's main parking lot. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Fieldhouse. Muhammad's topic is, "The Solution to the Black and White Problem as Taught by Elijah Muhammad.")

BY TERRY O'NEIL

He sounded tired, almost exhausted, as he answered the telephone last Saturday. Perhaps its ringing had awakened him. Nevertheless, Muhammad Ali (ask Ernie Terrell what happens when you call him Cassius Clay) was on the line.

It was the sixth time in 10 days I had called in an effort to schedule him for a speech here. Belinda (his 20-year-old wife) and Herbert Muhammad (his former manager and now housekeeper) were, by now, first-name acquaintances.

Muhammad Ali does not spend much time at home these days. And, because he does not possess the abundant wanderlust of his camel-driving religious forefathers in Africa, it was a weary man who mumbled, "Hello."

Weekdays, and even some weekends, are for travel. The man who built his fame as the Louisville Lip and discarded that image during three years of title defenses now sustains himself as the Muslim Mouth.

"I can make about \$10,000 a week these days if I really hustle," he says. At some of the bigger schools, like UCLA, I can get \$2,500 for one appearance. And at schools as small as C.W. Post, I've gotten \$1,000."

Indeed, money has become critical for the man who once posed on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* surrounded by a million dollars. The first three questions he asked me were (in order): "How big will the crowd be? Do you have any Negroes there? How much can you afford to pay me?"

"I made \$2,500,000 fighting and the government took 90 per cent of it," he explained. "Now I'm giving them the other 10 per cent and everything else I can raise just so I can exercise a right they should give me without any questions."

"So far, I've spent \$90,000 of my own money and \$100,000 I borrowed from Elijah Muhammad (America's Black Muslim leader) in appealing my draft status."

"Besides that, Hayden Covington (his ex-attorney) is suing me for \$280,000. The man's nuts. He says I owe him legal fees for the past five years. In that

whole time, he never won one case for me."

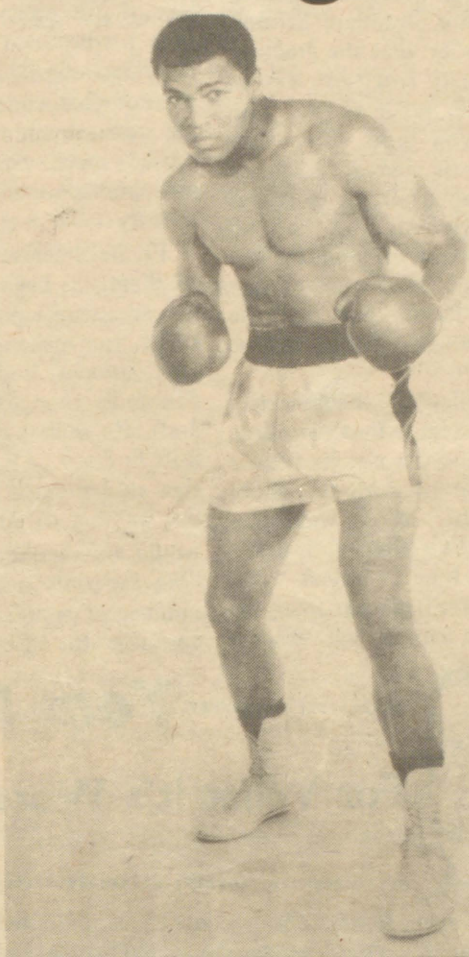
"Then, I'll still be paying my first wife \$1,250 a month for the next eight years." That's \$150,000 in alimony over 10 years.

Saturday, it appeared that the whole deal was just too much for him. Earlier in the week, Judge J.P. Coleman of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled, "There has been no administrative process which Clay has not sought . . . in an unsuccessful attempt to evade and escape from military service to his country. Being entirely satisfied that he had been fairly accorded due process of law, and without discrimination, we affirm his conviction."

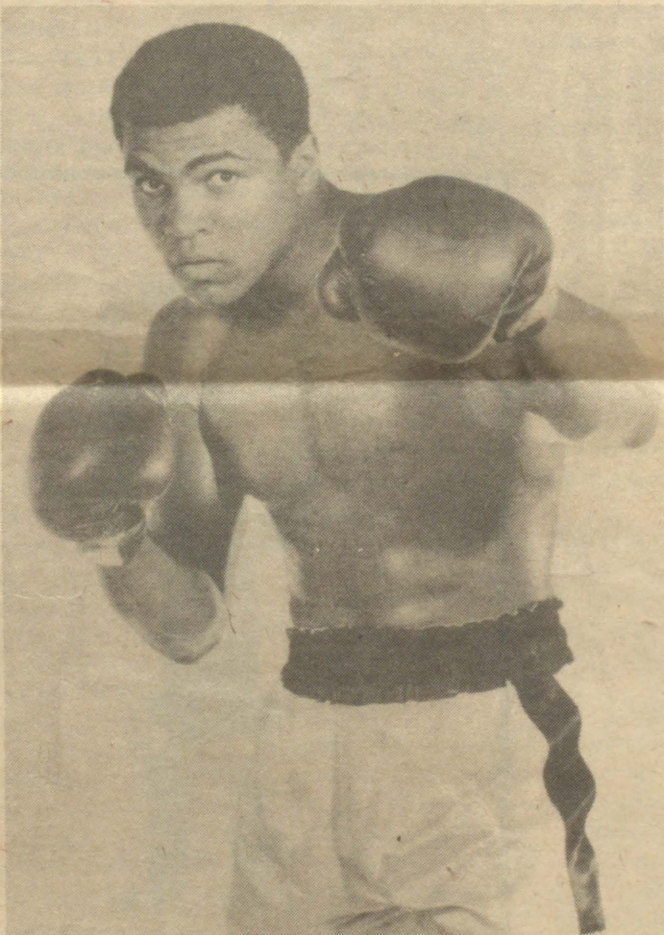
Ali has traveled a long, complicated and frustrating legal road. In January, 1964, he flunked an Army mental test and said he "had some trouble drawing those boxes." Two months later, he flunked the exam again and was classified I-Y.

In February, 1966, the Army lowered its mental standards and Ali became I-A. Three weeks hence, his local board in Louisville, Ky., refused to brand him a conscientious objector. The next month, he appealed his classification on grounds of hardship and service as a Black Muslim minister. Both appeals denied.

In January, 1967, his local board and the Kentucky State Board each turned down another conscientious objector appeal. In March, a U.S. District Court spurned Ali's claim that his local board included no Negroes. A few days later, Muhammad's records were



In gold on his personal stationery is this emblem. Has Muhammad Ali hung up his gloves for a higher crown?



"greatest" says it's all over.

I ventured, "That's too bad. I'm very sorry to hear that."

It wasn't the right answer. It stung him. Muhammad Ali is a proud man who doesn't need sympathy from any college kid.

"We still got a chance," he said, coming alive. "I got the same lawyer Martin Luther King had (Chauncey Heskrige) and he knows what he's doin'. I got the Civil Liberties Union workin' on the case now and we got enough money to hold us in. I got three oil wells in San Antonio."

"I'll go to jail ragged, hungry and broke down to my last quarter before I denounce Allah and sell out the black man."

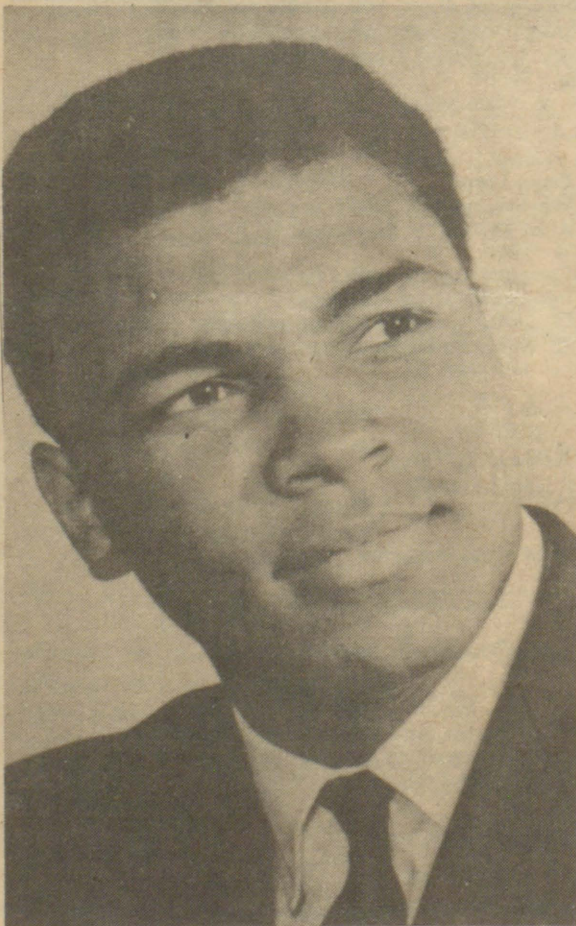
Suddenly, it was Gaseous Cassius Clay, the brash 22 year-old just before his first fight with Liston. He was campaigning again — but this time he wasn't building up the gate; this time the words held some meaning.

"I'm defendin' the cause of people all over the world — black and white. The government don't have any right to do what they're doin' to me. I'm goin' to go down in history as a symbol of courage. I'm not like a lot of other black athletes who wasted their money chasin' white women. I'm just givin' it all back to the government in court. I'm just doin' the will of Allah. This relaxes me when I think about goin' to jail."

Yet, in another way, this is not the Cassius Clay who "floats like a butterfly and stings like a bee." He's lost most of his competitive desire. Despite Howard Cosell's pleas for an Ellis-Ali fight in three years with Angelo Dundee caught in the middle, boxing no longer holds great attraction for Muhammad.

"I don't think too much about it anymore. Right now, I'm just tryin' to meet people and spread the word of Allah. If I go to jail, I'll spend most of my time readin' the Koran and studyin' all the prayers we have. Maybe if my body hasn't deteriorated too much and the food they give me isn't too bad, I'll try a comeback. But I think now I'm doin' somethin' greater than fightin'."

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transferred to Houston, his new residence.

The Houston board ordered him to report for induction and on April 28 he stood in line at the federal office building. When his name was called, Ali refused to take the traditional step forward, thereby incurring a maximum penalty of five years in prison and 10,000 fine.

On April 29, the World Boxing Association stripped the champ of his title and threatened to ban any boxer who fought him or any promoter who scheduled him.

Since then, he has filed several more appeals—all unsuccessful.

And so, last Saturday, his voice seemed to be saying, "Cut the gloves off and throw the towel in." The U.S. government had done what Liston, Patterson, London, Mildenerberger, Cooper, Chuvalo, Terrell and Folley could not. Uncle Sam had whupped Muhammad.

"I'm just getting ready to go to jail now," he sighed. "We're getting a few things straightened up around the house and I'll make a few more speaking appearances. My lawyers told me we only got one more appeal left and that's the Supreme Court. After that we're done."

There was a long silence. It was like watching the world's last dinosaur die a slow death on the beach or watching the Yankees of today struggle to stay out of last place. What do you reply when the self-acclaimed