

THE WORLD TODAY

British to invade rebel Anguilla

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (UPI) — A battle ready company of British paratroopers boarded two Royal Navy frigates yesterday preparatory to invading the breakaway Commonwealth possession of Anguilla, a 35 square mile island in the Caribbean.

The former British representative to Anguilla, Tony Lee, said the troops would move against Anguilla within 48 hours unless Anguillan President Ronald Webster and the 6,000 other residents of the island abandon their declaration of independence.

Residents of this British island possession greeted the British military force with catcalls and hoots, shouting, "Hired murderers!, Go to Rhodesia!" and "Shame on Mother England!"

In London, Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart made a last minute peace offer in hopes of drawing Anguilla back into the Commonwealth fold.

But in Anguilla, Webster vowed to defend the island's independence and promised to greet any invader with a volley of grapeshot from the island's most potent weapon, a Napoleonic age cannon.

The British military force of 210 paratroopers and a contingent of civil policemen arrived at mid-afternoon aboard two Royal Air Force planes. They unloaded riot control and military equipment under strict security guard and transferred immediately to the frigates, HMS Minerva and Rothesay, in St. John's harbor.

Nixon; cut federal aid to protestors

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Nixon was reported yesterday to feel the best way to cope with campus disorders is to cut off federal aid money to disruptive students, but he decided against issuing a promised statement on educational unrest.

After a White House meeting with Nixon, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen and House GOP leader Gerald R. Ford said the President favored stricter enforcement of existing laws providing for withholding aid funds.

"The previous administration did not implement the laws Congress passed last year," Ford told newsmen as he and Dirksen left the White House.

White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler, announcing Nixon's decision against issuing a statement on the matter said: "The President is concerned with the problems that are occurring on our campuses. And . . . there is a very definite desire on the part of the President to see that those laws are enforced."

GM to recall 1.1 million more cars

DETROIT (UPI) — General Motors Corp. yesterday announced it was recalling more than 1.13 million cars, trucks and school buses for correction of possible brake malfunctions. It was the second massive recall campaign announced by the world's largest automakers in less than one month.

At least one death and three injuries may have resulted from the failure of a rubber-type seal which controlled hydraulic pressure in the braking system of a school bus carrying 46 persons, GM said.

The recall included all 967,000 regular size Pontiac cars for 1965 and 1966; 164,000 Chevrolet and GMC truck and coach bus chassis and medium duty trucks; 1,450 Chevrolet and 590 GMC truck and coach division 1969 four wheel drive light duty trucks, and 630 heavy duty highway tractors.

Reduced sentence in Presidio case

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Army, target of growing criticism for its handling of the San Francisco Presidio Stockade mutiny case, announced yesterday a reduction in the sentence of one of the soldiers involved from 15 to two years.

The reduction was granted to Pvt. Nesery D. Sood, 26, of Oakland, Calif., one of 27 prisoners charged with mutiny for staging a sit down to protest the fatal shooting of a fellow inmate by a guard, who claimed the man was escaping.

Sood's case now goes to the Army Review Board, which could further reduce the sentence but cannot increase it.

The Army gave no explanation for reducing the punishment of Sood, who was the first man tried on the charges of conspiring to disobey orders. But public protests have mounted steadily following his sentencing to 15 years hard labor Feb. 13.

White House egg roll date April 7

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The annual White House Easter egg roll will be held on the South Lawn Monday, April 7, it was announced yesterday.

The rules are traditional: An adult must be accompanied by a child under 12.

The youngsters will be entertained from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by the Army Navy, and Air Force bands and the Air Force bagpipers.

Presidential families have sponsored egg rolls, although eggs no longer are actually rolled since the Rutherford Hayes administration in 1878.

Lindsay to run for second term

NEW YORK (UPI) — Mayor John V. Lindsay announced yesterday he will seek a second term as mayor of New York City, the "toughest job in the world."

Lindsay made the expected announcement at his Gracie Mansion residence.

"I will run for reelection to the office of Mayor of New York City," he said. "I won't pretend my administration has been without error or disappointment. You cannot achieve fundamental changes in a city of eight million people without mistakes."

Attending the news conference in a display of party unity were Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Sens. Jacob K. Javits, Charles E. Goodell Rockefeller's appointee to finish the late Sen. Robert Kennedy's term and former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

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SMC SBP race coming up!

by Ann Conway

Two juniors, Susan Turnbull and Barbara Curtin, will place their names in nomination tonight for the position of Saint Mary's Student Body President.

Miss Turnbull's platform consists of two parts, one part dealing with the philosophy of Saint Mary's, and the other dealing with specific reforms.

"My general philosophy," said Miss Turnbull, "is that I feel that Saint Mary's has a number of good assets and a good foundation to work from. With effort in the right direction, we can make this an exciting place for educational experience." In connection with this, Miss Turnbull suggests that the Admission policy be more open to applicants from public schools, and various faiths in order to diversify the student body.

The more specific reforms which she suggests include:

1) that use be made of the Academic Appellate Board, a mediation board to settle differences between faculty and students. This Board is included in the present Community Government structure, but as of now it has not been used.

2) that an improved scholarship program with more outright grants rather than work programs be initiated because she feels that the present work program system is an unnecessary drain on the student.

3) that off campus housing be approved and in use by 1970.

4) that the Public Relations Board of the Student Services Organization initiate a weekly newsletter to be sent out to all students in order to keep the Student Body informed on activities of the Community Government.

5) The reform of the present pass/fail system for Freshmen and Sophomores. Instead of the

present system which allows Freshmen to take only English on a pass/fail basis, she suggests that there be one or two courses which the Freshman or Sophomore could choose to take pass/fail.

According to Miss Turnbull, "Community government is not complete. I'd like to see a fuller implementation of it next year and definitely have students seated on the academic committees and make sure the student

SBP candidate Barbara Curtin emphasizes that "work of the past has been to establish a workable structure in student government. It seems that now have it and we have an obligation to work with this structure."

She feels student government should concentrate on the academic issues, and not on what committee it belongs to, though she declined to release her actual platform until Thursday noon,



Two juniors, Susan Turnbull (left), and Barbara Curtin are the only two in the SMC Student Body Presidential race so far.

voice is heard and respected. I also feel that the choice of the students who will be sitting on these committees is crucial because it will have a tendency to affect the faculty and administration's attitudes toward student voice in years to come."

Presently Miss Turnbull is a member of the Campus Judicial Board and Chairman of the Freshmen Appellate Board. She is also on the Aims and Purposes Committee, a group formed to define the aims and purposes of Saint Mary's, and is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Liberal Arts Education. She was also instrumental in the drafting of the signout bill which went into effect this past semester.

when the campaign officially begins.

Concerning Community Government, Miss Curtin believes that "there is a real place for the students in which they can assume a significant role at Saint Mary's."

Presently Miss Curtin is the Secretary in Student Government which has placed her on the executive board. Her capacity on this board is to serve as a coordinator making recommendations to both the legislature and council. She is also a member of the space allocation committee.

The election itself will be held on March 28.

Hatcher, Gregory debate tactics

The Andrew Hatcher-Dick Gregory debate last night at Stepan Center centered around the "battle for the minds of Negroes" between moderatism and revolutionaries.

Hatcher, a vice-president of a large public relations firm and the former press secretary of John Kennedy, termed himself a "moderate, though 15 years ago I never would have been called moderate." In a smooth and composed tone, Hatcher gave a history of the "battle for Negroes' minds" from the conflict between the thinking of Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois down to the present day "black power." Hatcher called for new leadership in the mode of Kennedy to "answer the responsibility, the destiny, to improve relations between country and city, rich and poor, black and white."

Dick Gregory contrasted the

academic speech of Hatcher by a fiery call to "change the stinkin', dogged, white racist system that you are responsible for." Gregory called the present young generation, "the finest, the most moral, the most responsible group of people that ever walked the face of the earth, and some of us old fools had a hand in that, and for that I'm thankful."

Gregory blamed the capitalists for perpetrating the racist system in the United States. "America is the only country on the face of the earth that lies, it says one thing in its Declaration of Independence and then turns around and does the other. Who do you think spent the most money on prostitutes in Chicago last summer? The hippies and yippies or the Shriners? But nobody gets upset at the Shriners, because they ain't trying to change nothing!" Why Why do

they all knock hippies for having beards anyway? Abe Lincoln had a beard, and he was ugly besides."

Gregory said, "Today the Negro doesn't have a hungry stomach, today he has a hungry mind. But everybody says 'Education is the problem.' Let me tell you, if education was the problem, the Jews would be running America tonight. If you train some nigger to kill foreigners so that they can be liberated, don't you think he's gonna come back and kill you to liberate his mammy?"

Gregory said that he was completely non-violent himself, that he "couldn't lay a hand on a man that came in to kill my wife and kids, but I'm not gonna put my non-violence on somebody else. Do you think some black is going to meditate for 15 minutes when you call him a

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Protestants in power

U.S. ruled by establishment

Louis Heren, chief Washington correspondent for the London *Times*, pinpointed what he believes to be the true ruling body of the United States in a lecture delivered last evening at 8 pm in the Center for Continuing Education. "This country is governed by an eastern Anglo-American establishment," he said, "despite the fact that most Americans are annoyed to hear that it is so."

Heren went on to show how

Australia, New Zealand, and "even Britain" have more open societies than the United States. "London has permanent heads of civil services who have come from poor, lower-class backgrounds," he stated, "but you don't often find such a situation here." He cited a recent Brookings Institution survey of the 1,000 persons who held the top 180 Washington jobs between 1933 and 1965. The results showed that the typical office holder would be a male from a large eastern seaboard city, educated at an Ivy League university, and a Protestant, probably an Episcopalian.

The British journalist concluded from the above that a small percentage of a certain social

class, in effect, runs the nation. He believes that one of the main reasons the establishment came to be is that in the early days of the country, "America's business was business, and government service had few attractions beyond the Appalachians. The eastern bankers and lawyers were almost the only people available."

Heren nevertheless defended the existence of such a ruling group as embodied in the establishment: "If the American establishment did not exist, it would have to be invented. Most of its members are serious, capable men. This institution is necessary, and I think it serves the nation well."

Junior Parents-Son weekend starts

This weekend the Notre Dame campus will be the site of the annual Junior Parents-Son Weekend. The Class of 1970 has prepared a program which will hopefully give the juniors and their parents a chance to pause and reflect on the quality of education offered at Notre Dame.

This year's weekend will involve approximately 1500 parents and over 750 juniors. The main attraction is the President's Dinner Saturday night in the Stepan Center.

In the booklet, entitled "A Weekend Preview," Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh addresses the parents.

His letter reads, "It is often very difficult to describe the elements comprising a Notre Dame education. It is more than just the lectures, books, and research; more than priests, lay professors, administration, and classrooms. A true Catholic education is promoted by the influence of each of these in proper proportions, together with the guidance of Catholic ideals and

Poetry is not poetry

"Some people argue that poetry is poetry, regardless of whether a black man or white man writes it. My poetry is a distillation of my own life . . . poetry that should speak to all black men."

This is how Gwendolyn Brooks, Pulitzer-Prize winning black poetess from Chicago, described her own poetry in the keynote lecture for the 1969 Black Culture and Fine Arts Festival last night in the Engineering Auditorium.

Miss Brooks' program featured a selection of her verse taken from her well-known books, "The Bean-Eater", "In the Mecca", "A Street in Bronzeville", and "Annie Allen". Rounding out her pro-

gram were her rendition of the poetry of contemporary black poets and several songs by Ronald Sherman, a young black Chicago pop singer.

The theme of most of Miss Brooks' poetry centered around her native Chicago and the plight of the black community there. However, Miss Brooks also featured poems dealing with the broader spectrum of the black dilemma; Martin Luther King and his work ("He was a prose poem . . ."), the assassination of Malcolm X and a brilliant spoof on the white "liberals", who pretend to be the friend of the black man.

Roy Hill, the poet-in-residence concurrently at Kansas State University and Notre Dame and who is the featured speaker for Thursday's session of the Festival, aptly summed up Miss Brooks' role in today's literary hierarchy. "She is a black poetess for all seasons", said Hill.

Tonight, the Black Arts Festival presents a concert by the American Association of Creative Musicians (AACM) of "pure, black revolutionary jazz". The concert will begin at 8:00 pm in Washington Hall.

Hatcher-Gregory vie in debate

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nigger? Damn meditation! Sure, man in America willing to put his name on the line and tell America how it is. And if James Earl Ray killed Martin Luther King, me and my mammy did."

Gregory blamed the movies and advertisements for perpetrating "the white man's biggest hangup, a black man with a white woman. Maybe if you have black girls making love in your movies and black girls standing by all those shiny, new cars the black won't feel like getting himself a white woman."

Gregory concluded that America was not really working to change "the racist white system." "When America gets sincere about solving her race problems like she did with the missile gap - then she will solve them. And it's up to you young folks to do it."

The white man will react and sock back, but it's insignificant. We're moving into revolution - not evolution - and revolution is not controlled by man, but by the laws of nature. The black ghetto is like an oily rag that has spontaneous combustion, and I'm afraid we've gone beyond the point where we can stop the white reaction or the Negro revolution."

principles, Christian surroundings, and the peaceful beauty of the campus, inspired by the statue of Our Lady atop the Golden Dome. All of these factors tend to develop a graduate who is truly capable of the moral, responsible leadership he must assume."

Chairman of the Junior Parents-Son Weekend, Jay Fitzsimmons, also addressed the parents in a letter. He said, "The gleam of the Golden Dome, the roar of a pet rally, the peacefulness of the grotto are things that a student has experienced many times, but only their physical aspects are seen by visiting parents. . . . The attention of the entire university students, faculty, and administration is focused on you."

SMI starts Sun.

Seniors Joyce O'Donnell of St. Mary's and Bruno Eidiotis of Notre Dame have announced plans for a Senior Marriage Institute to begin this Sunday.

The four one hour sessions on Sunday evenings are intended to provide those who are planning for marriage in the near future with an opportunity to fulfill the requirement of attending a Pre-Cana without having to wait for the summer. Attendance at Pre-Cana Conferences is still required by most dioceses.

The talks are scheduled for 7:30. The first two will be held in the Library Auditorium. The second two will be held at St. Mary's.

Registration is planned for today through Thursday in the dining halls at Notre Dame. Registration will be held all week in the dining halls at St. Mary's and in the Notre Dame off-campus office.

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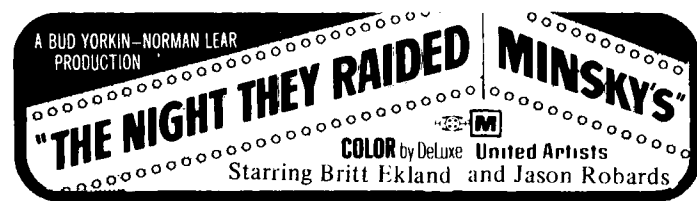
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Chris Wolfe Why Residential?



One of the problems that will soon be a major concern of student government, the SLC, and others is that of off-campus housing. This specific issue itself will be discussed, but hopefully within the context of a somewhat more important question, namely, should Notre Dame be solely a residential University?

The primary difficulty with the topic is that everybody's argument, no matter what the content, is based on copious appeals to the ideal of community. This idea is, of course, tremendously ambiguous, because everyone admits that community involves some sort of sharing, but few seem to agree on the content or method of sharing.

A case can be made against the idea of a residential University in this way: a University is a community of scholars, and the community should therefore involve a sharing of scholarly activities; since the sharing ought to be of this particular type, there seems to be no reason for demanding a residential community, which involves sharing of non-academic factors, i.e. hall life.

The alternative approach (demanding a residential university) might say something like this: a University is, granted, a community of scholars, but the community need not be limited to a sharing of just academic activities; the scholar is also a social animal, and it would also be beneficial for the community aspect to include the sharing of broadly social activities, e.g. hall life.

The question of which theoretical argument makes more sense is only going to be resolved ultimately by observing the effect that off-campus living has had on the "community" so far. Has this non-residential aspect of Notre Dame contributed to community, not affected it, or affected it for the worse?

The overall impression that one gets in observing Notre Dame now is that there are two distinct communities: hall life and off-campus living. One can debate whether hall life contributes positively to the overall existence of community, but it seems pretty obvious that the existence of off-campus housing has had a substantially negative effect. Living together in halls may or may not lead to a more communal spirit, but living separately, off and on campus, clearly leads to a separation of communities.

It would be nice if the only thing required for a closely-knit University would be a sharing of academic activities, and in theory that is all that is required. Unfortunately, if the idea of community is serious, and not just a campaign slogan for every senatorial, SLC, and SBP campaign of the last few years, then the only practical way of avoiding disunity and the creation of two distinct communities within the one University is a commitment to the idea of a residential University.

Soph. Literary Festival starts Sunday at 4 pm

Sunday afternoon Harold Hayes, the editor of *Esquire* magazine, will kick off the 1969 Sophomore Class Literacy Festival with a keynote address on "The Search for a New Literary Generation" at 4 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. Mr. Hayes will be the first of seven noted literary figures to appear at the six day festival, which gained national prominence last year with the premier of Norman Mailer's film, "Beyond the Law", now playing across the country in art theaters.

Sunday's program also features LeRoi Jones, well known militant black dramatist, poet, and social critic, who will lecture on black drama at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Jones' appearance is co-sponsored by this week's Black Arts Festival.

One of the highpoints of the festival will be George Plimpton's slide lecture in Stepan Center on March 26. Plimpton, editor of *The Paris Review* and probably the nation's most atypical sports writer, will talk about his personal experiences as recounted in his two best-sellers, *Paper Lion* and *The Bogey Man*.

In selecting this diversified collection of literary figures, Festival Chairman Jim Metzger said, "We tried to get away from a seminar on novelists. We wanted to present a picture of what literature is today. So we brought the bits and pieces of that picture together here." Metzger added that most of the writers will be making appearances in classes and at private parties, and that arrangements are now being made with the English Department to enable students to attend these functions.

John Knowles, who produced the award-winning novel in 1960, *A Separate Peace*, will lecture in Washington Hall on March 27. On the following day, John Barth, whose prodigious novel, *The Sot-Weed Factor*, established him as one of the nation's most promising young writers, will present a 90-minute program of reading from his works in Washington Hall on March 28.



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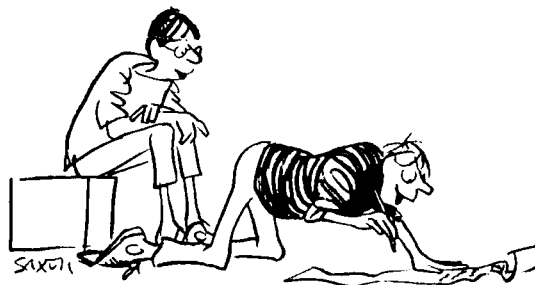


3. That's Browning.

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4. That's Omar Khayyam.

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Hoosier cage fans face jail

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Police will maintain a "floating jail" at the Indiana high school basketball tourney finals for anyone who misbehaves, according to IHSAA Commissioner Phil Eskew.

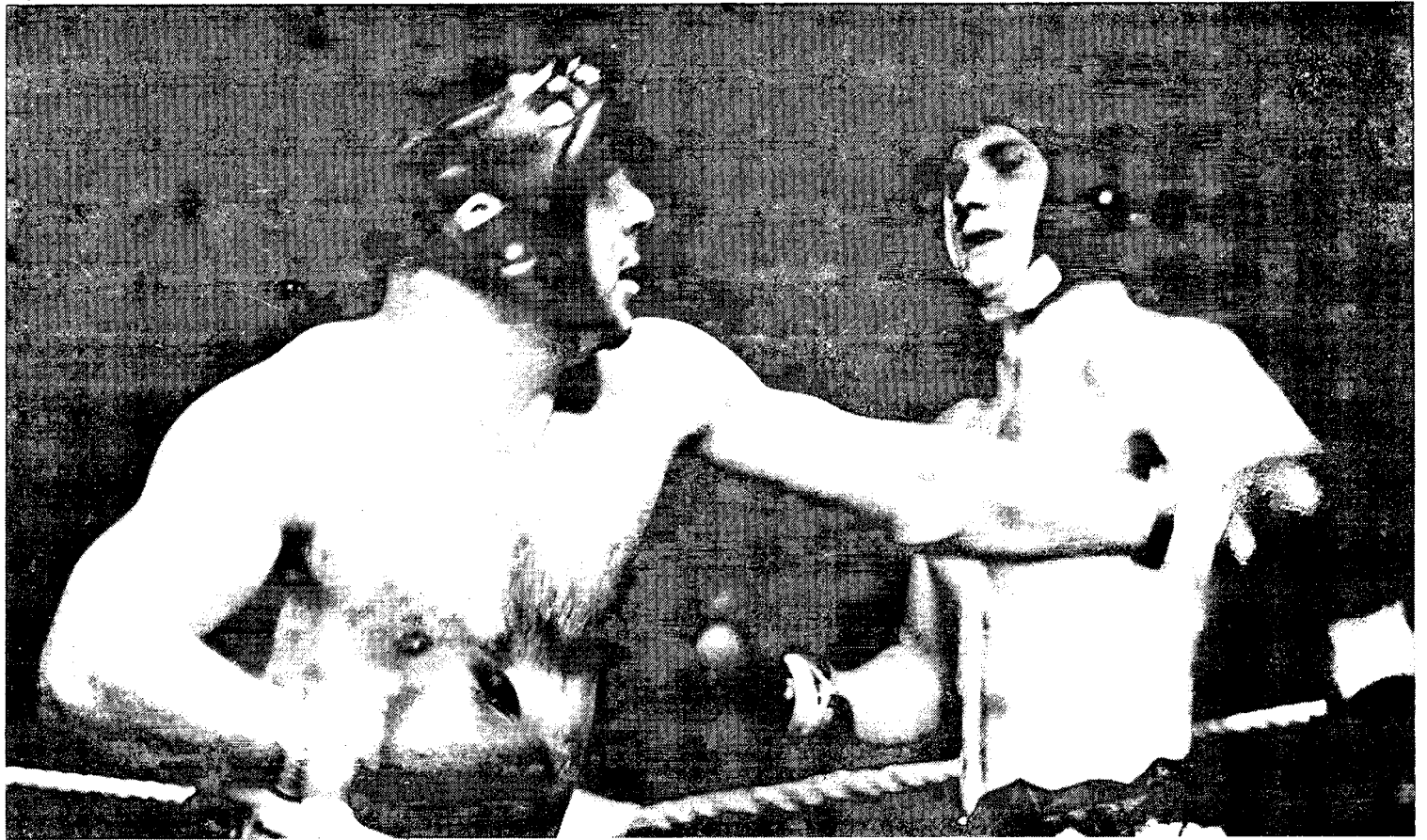
Eskew said "We won't put up with any horseplay," as preparations were being made for Saturday's three game finals between Indianapolis Washington, Marion, Vincennes and Gary Tolleston.

"When we're in the finals, we're definitely in the major leagues," said Eskew. "It's of the utmost importance that everybody be on their best behavior. We won't take any sass or guff."

Eskew was referring to a chain reaction fight that broke out the night Washington beat city foe Indianapolis Attucks for the sectional crown. A number of persons were injured and several were arrested before order could be restored.

Eskew told the coaches that if a boy loses his temper on the playing floor, "I'd get him out for a few minutes and let him calm down."

"We'll have a great tourney. If it gets out of hand, those responsible are the officials, the coaches and the principals."



Denny Allan ducked this Chuck Landolfi left hook during last year's heavyweight final, but lost the fight on a decision. Will they meet again in the 1969 Bengals? Only if each wins a semifinal match tonight in the Convocation Center. Allan meets Hank Meyer and Landolfi battles Bill Gaul. Eighteen other bouts are scheduled, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

20 semifinals carded tonight

Semifinals of the 38th annual Bengal Bouts are slated tonight in the South Dome of the Convocation Center. The first of 20 bouts begins at 8 p.m.

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Ed Ferrer (junior; Panama, Panama; St. Ed's) vs. Ralph Bianco (junior, Peekskill, N.Y.; Sorin). Jack Griffin (sophomore; Man-

chester, N.H.; Off-campus) vs. Bill Golden (freshman; Dallas, Tex.; Off-campus).

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Bob McGrath (senior; Oak Park, Ill.; Sorin) vs. Val Bernabo (sophomore; Miami, Fla.; Breen-Phillips). Aaron Baker (sophomore; Cleveland, Ohio; Alumni) vs. Jim Hansen (junior; Northbrook, Ill.; Off-campus).

160 POUNDS

Tom Wagoner (freshman; Lakewood, Ohio; Breen-Phillips) vs. Jed Ervin (junior; Kansas City, Mo.; Walsh). Fred Deboe (sophomore; Hammond, Ind.; Off-campus) vs. Hal Smith (freshman; Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; Keenan).

165 POUNDS

Dan Johndrow (junior; Millbrae, Calif.; Off-campus) vs. Joe Murray (sophomore; Brockton, Mass.; Off-campus). Dave Snediker (senior; Edina, Minn.; St. Joseph) vs. Chris Servant (junior; Attleboro Falls, Mass.; Alumni).

175 POUNDS

Tom Breen (senior; Northbrook, Ill.; Walsh) vs. Bill Etter (freshman; Spokane, Wash.; Holy Cross). John McGrath (senior; Michigan City, Ind.; Dillon) vs. Bob Larson (fifth-year; Benson, Ariz.; Carroll).

185 POUNDS

Tony Kluka (senior; Kenosha, Wisc.; Fisher) vs. Joe Renice

(junior; North Massapequa, N.Y.; Off-campus). Matt Connelly (sophomore; Chicago, Ill.; Alumni) vs. Jack Pierce (junior; West Roxbury, Mass.; Dillon).

HEAVYWEIGHT

Chuck Landolfi (senior; Ellwood City, Pa.; Off-campus) vs. Bill Gaul (freshman; River Forest, Ill.; Cavanaugh). Denny Allan (sophomore; Ashtabula, Ohio; Keenan) vs. Hank Meyer (sophomore; Leonia, N.Y.; Off-campus).

Maybe 70 cars in 500 field

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Cars have been assigned to three more drivers in the Indianapolis "500" Memorial Day race.

Rookie Les Scott and veterans Roger McCluskey and Johnny Rutherford were added to the list of drivers Monday who will be battling for the 33 positions on the starting grid. Speedway president Tony Hulman speculates that 70 cars might be entered this year.

Scott, who passed his rookie drivers test in 1967, will be making his third attempt to qualify a machine owned by B. J. Navarro of Glendale, Calif. Navarro will also serve as chief mechanic for the car, which will be powered by a 200 cubic inch six cylinder supercharged Navarro Potter engine.

McCluskey will be aboard one of two cars entered jointly by A. J. Foyt and James H. Greer, both of Houston, Tex. A.J. Foyt Sr. will serve as crew chief for the 161 cubic inch turbocharged Fords.

Rutherford, a 31-year-old Texan bidding for his sixth "500" starting berth, will pilot a car entered last month by Michner Petroleum, Inc., of Jackson, Mich.



Sports Parade

By Milt Richman, UPI columnist

Rainy spring

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UPI)— Tom Seaver, the good right arm of the New York Mets, was driving out to the ballpark the other morning with Jerry Koosman, the good left arm.

The two of them talked about the kind of spring this had been.

They had no trouble arriving at the same conclusion. They agreed this had been a bum spring.

What they had in mind primarily was their pitching but they could've thrown in the Florida weather for the same money. It's been wretched. What with all the rain and dampness, some baseball people are going around saying this has been one of the worst springs on record.

The only other one close in recent times was that dreary, depressing dampener 10 years ago. Wally Moses, the Detroit ciach but then with Cincinnati, remembers that one well.

"It rained so much that spring, none of the clubs were getting any work," he says. "Gabe Paul, running the Reds then, flew the whole ball club down to Cuba. We were just getting ready to land in Havana when I happened to glance out of the window. I nudged Gabe and said, 'look, rain.'"

The bad weather isn't what's disturbing Seaver and Kosman so much, however. They're thinking about their performances this spring, which have been pretty much the same as the weather. Lousy.

"Jerry and I were talking about it coming out to the ballpark," said Seaver, who won 16 ball games for his second straight season with the Mets last year compared with the 19 wins Koosman clicked off as a rookie.

"I've been hit both times I pitched and so has Jerry," Seaver went on. "I worked three innings a piece against the Cardinals and Red Sox and gave up four hits and two runs in both games. Does it bother me? Let me put it this way: I'm concerned about what happens any time I go out to the mound. You always try to do your best. It's the ego factor. You don't want to be embarrassed because people in the stands are always watching and so are your teammates."

For a ballplayer, Tom Seaver has deep understanding about human capacities and emotions. For a 24-year-old ballplayer, he has uncommon understanding.

"I don't like to judge anything on a single basis," he says. "You draw wrong conclusions that way. But if things don't go right my next time out, I would say it possibly might be of some concern to me."

Next time is today and the opposition is the Los Angeles Dodgers, a club Seaver usually is at his best against.

Seaver's trouble so far has been that his ball hasn't been moving; Koosman's problem is different. He isn't getting the ball down.

"I think it's a matter of getting my timing and rhythm adjusted and once that happens I'll be all right," Koosman said.

He didn't have either his first two times out, the Phillies clubbing him for five runs in two innings and Kansas City's expansion Royals for three runs in three innings. Next time for him is Thursday when he gets another shot at the Phillies.

Koosman, a year older than Seaver at 25, barely missed being selected as the 1968 rookie of the year on the face of his 19-12 record and superlative 2.08 earned run average. He enjoyed a good part of the winter in New York as a celebrity because the people there aren't used to seeing anybody with the Mets win 19 games.

His only bad moment came when accidentally spilled hot butter on his left index finger while fixing some popcorn but everything's fine now except his ERA and Koos isn't particularly worried about that.

One reason he feels good is the Mets' hitting, up around .300 now.

"We're gonna do all right this year," Koosman says. "I think we'll finish in the money." Seaver goes further.

"I might be a supreme optimist, but I think we've got a chance to be in the World Series."

A year ago everybody would laugh at a statement like that. Now nobody laughs. Life is funny. So is baseball.