



Fight Probe Tries to Link McCoy to Racketeers

Los Angeles, March 30 (AP).—Matchmaker Babe McCoy's past and present life, including associations with Frankie Carbo and Mickey Cohen, came under fire again today before the governor's committee investigating boxing in California.

McCoy testified that at one time he had a share as a booking agent for wrestler Primo Carnera and he earned "maybe as much as \$100,000 in commissions over a five-year period." Carnera was once world heavy-weight boxing champion.

CHIEF INVESTIGATOR James J. Cox, former football player, touched off the heated session when he asked McCoy how many times he had been arrested.

"I have never been convicted for a felony," the 56-year-old McCoy told Cox.

McCoy admitted Carbo and Cohen on occasion had been visitors in his hotel room. He admitted under questioning that today Cohen still owes him \$5,000. He did not elaborate on the loan to the ex-convict and former Los Angeles gambler.

COX PRODUCED records showing McCoy was convicted in New York twice in 1920 on auto theft charges. Sentence was suspended in each instance.

Cox charged that after the second case McCoy jumped \$5,000 bail and it was forfeited. McCoy said he came to California and it was seven years before he went back.

"Isn't it true that you ran away and forfeited \$5,000 bail?" Cox asked.

"I didn't run away, I got on a train," McCoy cracked back.

AT THIS POINT, defense attorney Jake Ehrlich accused Cox of failing to read that both cases were misdemeanors and that sentence was suspended for good behavior by McCoy following the convictions.

"I'd like to point out that I was

Ban 5 Cagers

Five members of the East-West squads who are scheduled to meet in the Fresh Air Fund game at the Garden tonight have been declared pros by the AAU and will not be permitted to play.

Called pros "by intent" because of their plans to make a tour with the Harlem Globetrotters starting Sunday afternoon and night in the Garden were Si Green, Daquesne; Tom Heinsohn, Holy Cross; Darrell Floyd, Furman; Julius McCoy, Michigan State, and Ron Sobieszczyk, DePaul.

The AAU has ruled that even if only one of the five competed in tonight's game every man who played against him would be ineligible to appear in the Olympics tryouts in Kansas City next month.

20 years old at the time," McCoy interjected.

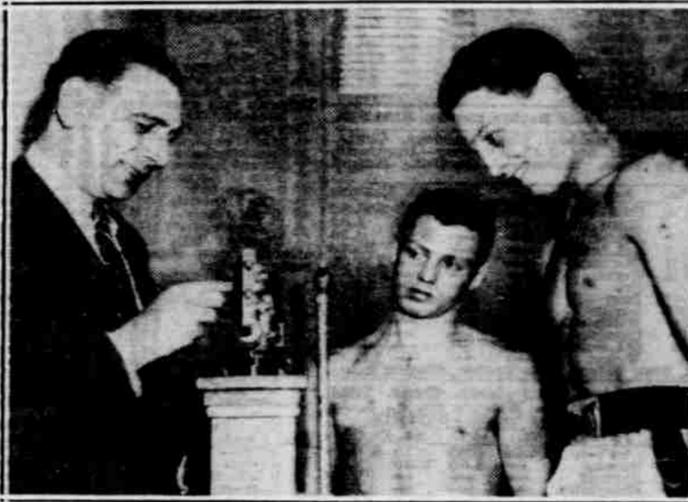
In 1942 in Los Angeles, Cox continued, McCoy was arrested in a case of receiving stolen property.

"I was acquitted by a court of justice," McCoy declared.

COX ASKED HIM about Carbo, a New Yorker who has figured in many boxing investigations. McCoy said he hadn't seen Carbo in three or four years.

"When Carbo came to your room, was it business or social?" Cox asked.

"I don't recall what the nature of the calls were," McCoy replied.



Casbah Clouter

Deputy Boxing Commissioner Joe Pepper checks scales as Algerian Cherif Hamia weighs in at 126 1/2 for last night's feature ten rounder at Garden. Looking on is opponent Carmelo Costa of Bensonhurst who weighed 130. Costa ruled 2-1 favorite.

(NEWS photo by Tom Watson)

Canucks 3 1/2-1 to Clip Wings in Cup Finals

Montreal, March 30 (U.P.).—The Canadians and the Red Wings, who are getting as used to meeting one another in post-season playoffs as the Dodgers and the Yankees are in the World Series, open the best-of-seven Stanley Cup finals here tomorrow night.

This marks the third straight year in which the two teams faced each other in the big struggle for the battered silver cup dominated by Lord Stanley of Preston. THE RED WINGS have won the last two years, both in seven games. This is the sixth year in a row the Canadiens have reached the finals and only in 1953 did they win it.

Detroit qualified for the finals Thursday night by coming from behind for the fourth time in five games to down the Maple Leafs,

NHL Playoffs

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*Montreal 4	1 24 9	*Detroit 4	1 14 10
RANGERS 1	4 9 24	Toronto 1	4 10 14

*Clashed series.

TONIGHT
Detroit at Montreal.

3-1, at Detroit. The Canadiens also needed five games to move into the finals, although they eliminated the Rangers last Thursday.

THIS YEAR the Canadiens ended Detroit's seven-year grasp on the national hockey league championship, finishing 24 points ahead of the second place Red Wings. Montreal is a 3 1/2-1 favorite to halt Detroit's bid to become the second team in NHL history to win three consecutive Stanley Cups.

The Canadiens were in top shape for the vital series.

"I don't think I have ever seen a Montreal team go into the finals in such good condition," said Capt. Butch Bouchard, a veteran of 15 years. At least there are no serious injuries or sickness yet.

ROOKIE COACH Toe Blake, who hopes to duplicate Jimmy Skinner's 1955 feat of leading the Red Wings to the title and the Stanley Cup in his freshman season, held a brisk workout Thursday.

The session was so lively that Rookie left wing Claude Provost suffered a five-stitch cut on his nose when he was nicked by Jean Beliveau's stick, and defenseman Dollard St. Laurent was struck on his recently-healed broken jaw by an errant elbow. Both resumed action and were expected to be ready for tomorrow's opener.

Cancel Lions' Opener

A scheduled baseball game between Columbia and Vermont at Baker Field, Monday, has been canceled because of wet grounds. Groundkeepers say that they will be unable to prepare the field, inundated by melting snow, in time.

Little Holds Stroke Lead

Wilmington, N. C., March 30 (AP).—Gene Littler of Palm Springs, Calif., clung to his 1-stroke lead in the \$12,500 Azalea Open golf tournament, posting a 2-under-par 70 today for a 136 total.

He was one stroke ahead of three rivals with about half the field of 140 still on the course.

Stan Leonard of Lechute, Canada; George Bayer of Cincinnati and Dave Douglas of Newark, Del., were tied at 137. Leonard and Bayer shot 70s today and



Gene Littler

Douglas carded a 69. Leonard had caught Littler at the turn with a 34, to a 35 for the California, but coming back Littler shot another 35 and Leonard needed 36, again sliding back one stroke.

Dick Mayer of St. Petersburg, Fla., with 70 today, and John Serafin of Fox Hills, Pa., who shot 69, were tied for fifth place at 139.

Littler was one of 41 players to beat par in yesterday's opening round over the Cape Fear Country Club course. He began play today one stroke ahead of three men, with eight others two shots off the pace.

Lakers Lost 80G But Won't Move

Minneapolis, March 30 (AP).—The president of the Lakers today said the National Basketball Assn. club lost about \$80,000 during the past two seasons but has no intention of moving to another city.

"We're going to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Lakers right here in Minneapolis," president Ben Berger said. "The club will not be moved. It will not be sold. It will not be abandoned."

He said the loss this year will be around \$40,000. That is just about what the club lost the year before.

Met Baseball Tilts

The 15th season of the Met Collegiate Baseball Conference gets underway today with Manhattan at NYU and CCNY at Wagner. Each team plays 12 conference games on a home and home basis. Next Saturday Wagner visits Brooklyn, NYU visits Hofstra and St. John's is host to CCNY.

Rocky's Retirement Still Indefinite

By Gene Ward

The subject of Rocky Marciano's retirement from the ring, which was brought up by the heavyweight champion himself after his knockout of Archie Moore last September, was resurrected again yesterday.

In a press interview in Rio de Janeiro, where he is vacationing with Mrs. Marciano, Rocky said he still is thinking seriously of quitting but that no decision would be made until he meets with manager Al Weill back in New York late in April.

ACTUALLY, THE latest retirement reports represented no new developments whatsoever. It long has been common knowledge among boxing writers that Marciano wanted to play it smart and quit while he was on top. He had said so before the Moore fight and had called a special press conference afterwards to make a public statement to that effect.

"It's a tough decision to make," Rocky told newspapermen in Rio yesterday, "and I won't make it here. There's no time limit. I've got six months or more and when, and if, I decide to retire, the announcement will come from my manager, Al Weill.

THE CHAMP denied the report of a rift between Weill and himself, and said he had talked with

the pilot by phone on March 20. He also said that taxes would not influence his decision.

Weill, contacted here, verified the phone conversation and said that Rocky didn't bring up the subject of retirement. "I've known all along that he was thinking about it, and I'd never stand in his way, which he knows."

ON MARCH 7, the day before his departure for South America, Rocky told THE NEWS he hoped to defend the crown in September. "I have no idea who the opponent will be," he said at the time, "but I definitely expect to fight and will put in a full three months of training at Grossinger's."

Marciano's first commitment on his return to the states is April 20 in Macon Ga., where he will appear at a YMCA charity affair, the "Y" being an organization in which the champion is vitally interested. He expects to meet Weill in New York a couple

of days before flying down to Macon.

OFF THE FISTICUFF: Carmelo Costa scaled 130 to Cherif Hamia's 126 1/2 for last night's featherweight 10, final Garden boxing event until May 25. . . . The new St. Nicks and Dumont matchmaker-promoter, Teddy Brenner, is presenting a main event with local boys as his first offering, April 9.

It's Rory Calhoun, unbeaten middleweight from White Plains (19-0), vs. Jackie LaBua of East Meadows, L.I., who sports a 25-9 record. . . . Jackie has been the victim of split-decisions in his last three outings. . . . The commission approved the match yesterday. . . . Teddy hopes to keep in the Tex Sullivan arranged match between Miguel Berrios and Bobby Bell for the following Monday, April 16.

The Bob Baker-Johnny Holman heavyweight scrap, originally slated for Syracuse, April 27, will be shifted to Miami Beach and a later date. . . . Baker informed matchmaker Billy Brown he wouldn't be ready. . . . The replacement match is Joe Micellisaac Logart. . . . Cleveland has snared a dandy for April 20, Gene Fullmer vs. Tiger Jones.