# Moore blasts Olson title fight hopes

## 3-round KO proves ancient ring axiom

By SAM LACY

NEW YORK The fistic axiom that a good big man can always beat a good little man, was borne out here Wednesday night at the Polo Grounds as 27,435 perspiring witnesses watched Archie Moore knock out Bobo Olson in a successful three-round defense of his world light-heavyweight title.

The end came at 1:19 of the third, with Olson down on all fours pawing frantically at the floor in a desperate and futile effort to get up.

He succeeded only in inching his way along the canvas toward his corner, like a drunken man aiming for a lamppost that keeps backing away.

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**FOR MOORE,** it as a workmanlike job, done as casually as a bookkeeper goes about his routine day. To look at him before, during and after the action, it would be difficult to believe that this was a night on which he was staking his entire fistic life.

Nobody, observing Moore, would have believed that this was the one big event of his boxing life. That of all the 120 fights he has won since 1936, victory here and now was the most important.

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**THERE WAS** no evidence that this 39-year-old Gypsy of the prize ring knew, like everyone else, that beating Olson was a "must" for him. That anything but victory—and a decisive one at that—would be fatal to his hopes for a September bout with heavyweight king Rocky Marciano.

The calm exterior belied the innermost fears—if any there were—that one Olson punch, lucky or otherwise, could erase a million-dollar dream.

**BUT THAT** is Archie Moore, cool, calculating, methodical, at one and the same time a gambler and an artist.

He is neither braggart nor shrinking violet.

Throughout the days before the fight, he would make no dire predictions as to what he would do to his smaller adversary. Yet, in all his words there was the definite, unmistakeable self-assurance that is, and should be, part and parcel of all champions.

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**ARCHIE** continued this role in his dressing room after the fight. There was neither gloating over his "manhandling of Bobo, nor braggadocio with respect to his aims concerning Marciano.

"Of course, I want to fight Rocky," he told newsmen clustered about him in the steaming/visiting baseball team's clubhouse which was serving as his quarters for the evening.

"That's what all this is for. Everything I do now is another step in my hope of forcing a fight with 'Marciano,' he continued, lifting his voice occasionally in response to pleas from writers on the outer ring.

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**DOES ARCHIE** think he'll knock out Marciano?

"Oh, I never predict knockouts. I thought I'd stop Olson, but I never predicted it. I said only that I'd lick him.

"I've always felt that I can lick any man I can hit, and I can hit any man. As for knocking 'em out, that's for you fellows to predict."

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**WHEN MOORE** figured to himself that he would knock out Bobo, did he think it would come so early?

"No. I had no idea it would end like it did. I thought I'd get to him about the eighth or ninth round," was Archie's reply.

Was it a left hand that knocked out the challenger?

"The left hook was the finisher," said Moore, clearing up a much disputed point at ringside. "I hit him with two short rights, and he started to move away from a third, and moved right into the left.

"The short rights probably set him up because the left landed squarely on the mark," the champ explained.

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**"YES, HE HURT** me with a left hand in the second," said Archie replying to an AFRO question. "It was a pretty good punch, but I've been hit by pretty good punches before, so I wasn't bothered too much by it.

"No," he continued in answer to a second AFRO query, "he's not as good a boxer as Harold Johnson. That is, he didn't appear to be from what I saw of him. Of course, I had lot more rounds with Johnson.

Except for the drama attached to the gamble Moore was taking, there was little of a story connected to the actual fight.

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**NEITHER MAN** landed with any appreciable effect in the opening round, one in which the tactics employed by both must have caught the experts by surprise.

Olson, with his noticeably shorter reach, had been expected to try to get inside. He didn't. Instead, the Hawaiian-born California man made Archie bring the fight to him.

Moore, on the other hand, had been figured to stand off and pepper his smaller rival at long range. But he did the opposite.

Bobo, back-pedaling throughout the stanza, flecked Archie with a harmless left jab, thus catching what few points there were to score.

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**THE SECOND** round was a repition of the first. Moore continued as the aggressor, landing with left hook in the early stages but concentrating, for the most part, on stalking his man and probing with light leads.

A clean left to Archie's jaw slowed up the champ just before the bell and Moore was forced to grab momentarily. And the crowd reaction was such that neither man heard the bell, though no damaging blows were struck in the brief exchange that took place after the signal.

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**IT WAS** a sudden switch in Olson's plan of battle that brought him his first loss in third. At least, that is the view of this writer.

Bobo stopped backing up. He sought to take the initiative from Archie and this was his undoing.

With his man coming to him, Moore resorted to countering. And when one of his left's stung Bobo, the latter elected to swing it out. That's when the clever champion ripped over the two rights that set up his opponent for the kill.

After that, it was off to the dressing rooms.

## Fight payoff Archie's biggest

NEW YORK — Archie Moore drew down the biggest pay check of his 19-year indic career for knocking out Bobo Olson at 1:19 of the third round here Wednesday night at the Polo Grounds.

A crowd of 27,435 paid a gross of $206,784 at the gate. With an additional $100,000 thrown in for television and radio rights, the gross receipts were broken down to an estimated $81,000 for the champion. The latter's take was a flat 40 percent, or $72,000.

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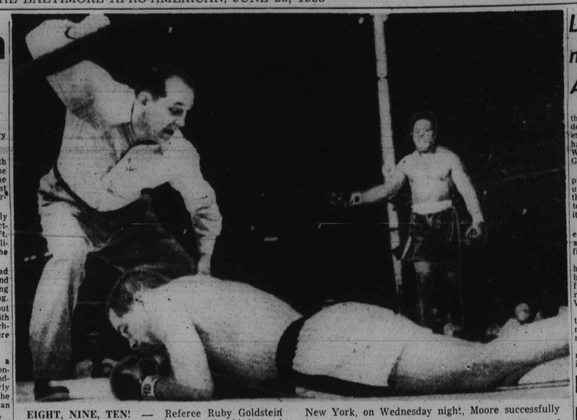

EIGHT, NINE, TEN! — Referee Ruby Goldstein counts out Carl (Bobo) Olson at 1:19 of the third round as light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore looks on his handiwork. Action took place at the Polo Grounds, New York, on Wednesday night. Moore successfully defending his 175-pound title against the challenge of the middleweight king.

# 'Bobo' Olson was 'out' for 30 minutes following KO punch

NEW YORK — If 10 seconds constitute a knockout in the rules of professional prize fighting, no one can say how many kayos could be credited to Archie Moore as a result of his light-heavyweight title bout victory at the Polo Grounds Wednesday night.

Moore's opponent, in the fight, Bobo Olson, was out for more than half an hour.

Newsmen assigned to cover the middleweight champ's dressing room after the fight, had to cool their heels neath sweating brows while three doctors ministered to Olson for 40 minutes.

Even then, the early departures had to be satisfied with interviewing Bobo's manager, Sid Flaherty.

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**"THE BOY'S** pretty well shaken up," Flaherty explained, coming into the steaming ante-room where desperate reporters were waiting to make deadlines.

"The doctors are in there with him—Dr. Samuel Sherman, Dr. Alexander Schiff and Dr. Vincent Nardiello—and they want him to rest a while.

"I don't know for how long; it's in their hands now. I can't say when they'll let you in. They're the doctors, you know."

Another fight with Moore is undoubtedly out of the question, Flaherty admitted. It was simply the old story, he said: "Good big man, good little man."

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**DID THE** pilot think it was a bad match

"No, I wouldn't say so," was Flaherty's reply. "He just took the risk any professional fighter takes and got hit. That's all.

"The fight didn't go as we planned it, naturally. Nobody plans to get knocked out. But that Moore's a smart fighter. He sees one opening and boom!

"We wanted Bobo to stay in close; we all agreed you can't fight Archie at a distance. It went well the first couple of rounds. But then Bobo pulled out of an exchange and pulled right into the left.

"There's nothing to be ashamed of in that. It's like I said, it's a risk a professional fighter has to take. There's always the risk of a bad move and a good punch from the other fellow."

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**WAS THIS** the first time his man had been knocked out

"Well, Sugar Ray Robinson than 30 minutes—LACY"

scored a kayo, but it was a technical knockout back in 1950. This was the first time he was actually stopped."

Stopped is right — for more

## Archie promised Marciano fight

NEW YORK — Assurances were given Archie Moore here Wednesday night that he will get a heavyweight title bout with Rocky Marciano, probably in September.

Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, and Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, joined hands in promising the light-heavyweight king his much deserved shot following Moore's three-round knockout of Bobo Olson at the Polo Grounds.

Norris, Helfand and Truman K. Gibson, the latter secretary of the IBC, visited the dressing room of both fighters after the Wednesday scrap. Norris and Helfand agreed that there is little doubt now that Moore is entitled to a fight with Marciano."

## Last 3 miles made it for Archie Moore

NEW YORK — "I had to run three miles this morning in order to make it, but I made it," exulted Archie Moore after he had knocked out Bobo Olson here Wednesday night at the Polo Grounds.

The light-heavyweight champion was referring to the wind-up of the weight-reducing ordeal through which he went in order to make the 175-pound legal limit for the bout.

**ARCHIE** tipped the scales at exactly 175 at the noon weigh-in at the Boxing Commission offices.

It marked the end of a long haul in which the 39-year-old battler had to peel of 21 pounds from the 196 he toted into the ring against heavyweight Nino Valdes last month.

Asked when he actually made the weight, Moore said: "At noon. That's when I said I'd make it, isn't it

"I had to run three miles this morning to make it, but I made it."—LACY.

## HU social work prof selected

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ruth R. Adams, assistant professor of social work at Howard University, has been selected as one of 75 medical social work specialists who will participate in the American Association of Medical Social Workers' training course for institute leaders.

## New Oriole in quick trip home

BALTIMORE — Dave Pope, newly-acquired Baltimore Oriole, was back in the city Tuesday morning after a quick trip to visit his family in Pittsburgh.

The bird outfielder, traded to the local club by the Cleveland Indians last week, took advantage of Sunday's rain-out to rush home. Pope said he had some "pressing business" to attend to.

"I was in the act of transacting a deal for a new home," Dave told the AFRO, "and I had to straighten out some matters connected with that. We can't

plan to move right away after this turn of events.

"Besides," Pope added, "I hadn't seen my family but twice during spring training and I was anxious to be with them for the two days it gave me."

## Opera group hears speaker from Chile

WASHINGTON

Mr. Jillian Monticino, a member of the press staff of the Pan American Union, was guest speaker at the social hour of the National Negro Opera Company Foundation, Inc., Saturday evening. The group met at the 13th Street YWCA.

Mrs. Monticino, a native of Chile, talked about the music of her country.

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NAHODAH—Toss out last
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KING MOWLEE — May surprise

AT CHICAGO
MENOWN —May upset
SIXTY TWO — Good now
LOCO — Fast trials
LADY OF CHANCE — Last a pip
WILLIAM MORTON — Fit
DALCAR — Just missed
NICKIE'S BOY—Last good
SMOKE SCREEN—Likes track
ARETE — Disappointed
MY FAULTS — Steady
BON ZEVAL — Good stable
HEAD FOR HOME — May upset
MIGHTY TOM — Needed last
TATTENHAM — Last not true
ASKING — May surprise

AT NEW YORK
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DARK RULER — Disappointed
FIRST AID — Better than rated
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GASCONY — Just missed
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HI-ROCK — Good now
ITOBE — Fast
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# Lightweight Title Defense Slated Wednesday

By SAM LACY

BOSTON—Jimmy Carter, the young man who rewrote the record books of professional boxing, launches the eighth defense of his world lightweight title here Wednesday night at the Boston Garden.

Carter, 29 years old, is the only man in the annals of the sport to win the 135-pound crown three times. It became necessary for Jimmy to do so after twice being dethroned from the champion's seat he took away from Ike Williams back in 1951.

He had that title lifted from his head by Lauro Salas, a flashy little Mexican, in May, 1952. But five months later, in October, Jimmy re-won the crown by taking a 15-round decision in relatively easy fashion.

But things were still not to run smoothly for the transplanted South Carolinian. Last year, 1954, Jimmy was again unseated. This time it was rugged Paddy DeMarco, of Brooklyn.

DeMarco, however, like Salas, made the mistake of climbing back into the ring with Carter and the story became the same. Jimmy whipped him to a fare-thee-well.

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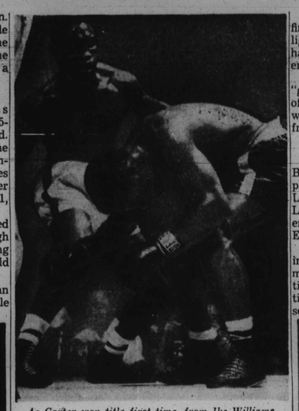
**CARTER WILL** be making his eighth start in defense of the 135-pound crown of which he's so proud. At the same time, it will mark the eleventh time he has figured in a championship bout, counting the three times he appeared as challenger to other kings of the class—Williams in 1951, Salas in 1952 and DeMarco in 1954.

Although he is grossly underrated because of his methodical, yet thorough style, Jimmy is no disgrace to the long line of great champions who have held the title.

Despite his lack of color, Carter is an expert boxer and packs a respectable punch in both hands.



As Carter won title first time, from Ike Williams.

## Bud waited years for title shot

"Since winning '47 amateurs," vows Smith

BOSTON — Ever since he won the AAU lightweight championship in 1947, Wallace (Bud) Smith has kept his eyes focused on the world crown in that division.

Awaiting his Wednesday night fight with champion Jimmy Carter, the former amateur king from Cincinnati feels that victory in this one is a "must" for him.

"It doesn't matter so much what I've done in the past —how many I've won or how many I've lost — what bounts in this one. I've waited years for Wednesday, and now here it is just around the corner," says the 26-year-old Cincinnatian.

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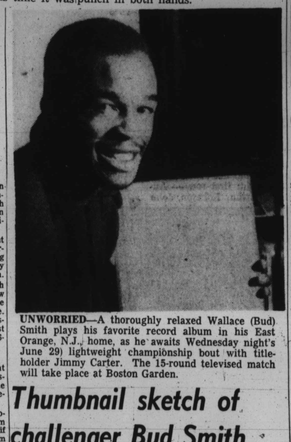
**SMITH GETS** his crack at Carter's 135-pound crown in Boston Garden, in the first of the new series of nationally - televised mid-week boxing bouts.

"Carter's a good fighter. Nobody can take that away from him, least of all me. But it there's any way to lick him with his title at stake, I'll just have to find it. I've waited years for this, and I think I'm in the best shape of my career.

Smith has come along fast in the past few years, having beaten the likes of Orlando Zulueta (twice), drawn Sandy Saddler and Luther Rawlings, and having stopped Arthur King, British lightweight champ, among others.



UNWORRIED—A thoroughly relaxed Wallace (Bud) Smith plays his favorite record album in his East Orange, N.J., home as he awaits Wednesday night's (June 29) lightweight championship bout with title-holder Jimmy Carter. The 15-round televised match will take place at Boston Garden.

## Thumbnail sketch of challenger Bud Smith

Wallace Smith, middle name, Bre, was nicknamed Bud early in life and has carried that tag with him into the ring.

He was born in Cincinnati on April 15, 1923 and now makes his home in East Orange, N.J. Wallace stands 5 feet, 7 inches in height and is the son of Vanderbilt and Willa Smith, Father Smith is a piano tuner by trade.

Wallace has an older brother John, and one older sister, Edna. Bud himself has been married almost 7 years and he and his wife Betty have three girls, Jacqueline, 6, Gayle 5, and Colette, 4.

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**BUD ATTENDED** Woodward High School in Cincinnati and graduated in 1948. It was the same school that produced Ezzard Charles. He starred in football, baseball and track for Woodward. He specialized in the hurdles in track.

Outside of doing some partime jobs in his father-in-laws funeral home, Bud never worked for a living except for boxing.

He began his ring career as a flyweight in the amateurs in 1945, had 70 amateur fights and won 65. He was National A.A.U. Featherweight champion in 1947.

In 1948, he won the lightweight crown and made the American Olympic team. He lost to a Belgian in the semi-finals at London.

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**SMITH BECAME** a fighter because of his liking for Charles. His favorite fighters are Charles, Tony Zale and Ray Robinson.

## How rivals measure up

| CARTER | | SMITH |
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| 31 years, old | Age | 26 years old |
| 135 pounds* | Weight | 135 pounds* |
| 5 feet, 6 inches | Height | 5 feet, 7 inches |
| 69 inches | Reach | 70 inches |
| 34½ inches | Chest (normal) | 35 inches |
| 38 inches | Chest (expanded) | 38 inches |
| 27¾ inches | Waist | 28 inches |
| 15 inches | Neck | 15¾ inches |
| 20 inches | Thigh | 21 inches |
| 13 inches | Calf | 12 inches |
| 14 inches | Bicepe | 12½ inches |
| 11½ inches | Forearm | 12 inches |
| 9½ inches | Ankle | 8 inches |
| 8½ inches | Wrist | 7 inches |
| 11 inches | Fist | 10 inches |

*Exact weights will be announced at an official weighing in conducted by the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission at 12 noon, day of the fight, June 29. Each fighter must weigh 135 pounds or less.

## Carter highlights

Jimmy Carter started his professional career on March 14, 1946, shortly after his discharge from the service. He fought a draw with Sandy Saddler in 1947.

It cost his manager, Willie Ketchum, $19,000 for a chance at the lightweight title. Jimmy won it by knocking out Ike Williams in the 14th round in the Garden on May 25, 1951.

Carter is the only one in fistic history to hold the same title three times. He lost it and won it back twice. This marks the eighth defense of the title and his 11th appearance in a title fight.

RECENT FIGHTS

1955

April 20—Orlando Zulueta, Washington, D.C., lost, 10 rounds.

March 25—Paddy DeMarco, Boston, Drawn, 10 rounds

January 26—Bobby Woods, Spokane, Wash., won, 10 rounds.

1954

November 17—Paddy DeMarco, San Francisco, KO, 13 rounds. (Retain lightweight title).

September 23 — Freddie Herman, San Francisco, won, 10 rounds.

August 4—Giles Flanagan, Chicago, won, 10 rounds.

June 8—Charley Riley, St. Louis, K.O. 2, 10 rounds.

March 5—Paddy DeMarco, Garden, New York, lost, 15 rounds (Lost title).

RECAPITULATION

Fights—67, Won, 70, Lost, 18, Draws, 9, Knockouts, 28.

## Smith highlights

Wallace (Bud) Smith made his professional debut on November 29, 1948 in Cincinnati by knocking out Torpedo Tinsley in one round. He won his first nine fights.

His second loss was to Jimmy Carter on March 28, 1950. It was a close fight. Bud found it difficult to get lightweights to fight him. He had to battle welterweights.

He gained national prominence when he drew with Johnny Saxton. His victories over lightweights include Orlando Zulueta, Arthur King and Arthur Persley.

RECENT FIGHTS

1955

January 8—Johnny Gonsalves, Miami, draw, 10 rounds.

1954

November 20—Arthur Persley, Miami, K.O., 9 rounds.

September 11—Joe Miceli Cincinnati, lost, 10 rounds

August 31—Rafael Lastre, Miami Beach, K.O., 7 rounds.

July 27—Rafael Lastre, Miami Beach, K.O., 9 rounds.

March 1—Johnny Gonsalves, Cincinnati, lost, 10 rounds.

February 26—Joe Miceli, Cincinnati, K.O., 8 rounds.

RECAPITULATION

Fights—47, Won, 31, Lost, 11, Draws, 5, Knockouts, 18.

## Holly Hill Braves capture 4th straight

HOLLY HILL, S.C. — The Holly Hill Braves won their fourth game of the season by downing the Elloree Braves 7-5 Wednesday.

**SINCE ABE HICKEN** became the first man to earn recognition as world lightweight king, back in 1868, there have been scores of fine leather pushers in the ranks.

Joe Gans, frequently called the "greatest fighter of all time," did most of his campaigning among the lightweights, and held the 135-pound crown from 1902 to 1908.

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**OTHERS WERE** Henry Armstrong, Bob Montgomery, and Ike Williams, plus numerous great white ex-champs. Listed among the latter were Benny Leonard, Willie Ritchie, Tony Canzoneri, Barney Ross, Lou Ambers, Frank Erne and Kid Lavigne.

Leonard holds the distinction of having held the crown longer than any man in the division. Benny won the title in May of 1917, and retained it until January of 1925—seven years and seven-and-a-half months.

**ALTHOUGH** Benny lays claim to the longest reign, no lightweight in history is better remembered than Gans.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., November 25, 1874, the celebrated "old master" of the ring began his boxing career in 1891. Five feet, six-and-a-half inches tall, he had little difficulty holding his weight at 133 pounds, until late in his campaign.

Participating in a total of 155 bouts, and against all types, weights and ages, Gans lost only eight times. He died in Baltimore at the age of 36.

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**BY A STRANGE** coincidence, both Carter and Smith contend that the famed "Old Master" is their idol.

While neither is reported to fight in the style of Gans, each man insists he entered the game with the hope that some day he would occupy a position similar to that held by Joe in his heyday.

BUT SO IS HE — If the fellow he's meeting in Wednesday night's lightweight fight is "worried" as it says across the page, then so is Jimmy Carter. The champ doesn't appear the least bit nervous as he plays electric trains with daughter, Pearl.

## Thumbnail sketch of champion Jimmy Carter

James William Carter, lightweight champion of the world, is the only champion in history to hold the same title three times. He is called "Jay" by his friends and was born in Aiken, S.C., on December 15, 1923.

A Bronxite since he was a baby—he now lives in his own home in South Ozone Park, L.I., with his wife, Evelyn and their two children, Jimmy, 5, and Pearl, 3. Jimmy has two younger brothers.

He attended Patrick Henry Junior High School, and then spent two years at New York Vocational, studying auto mechanics.

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HE WORKED in a dress factory and then made frames for eye glasses. He began his boxing career with the Catholic Boys' Club in Harlem. When he won the title, Jimmy made an unpublicized $1,000 donation to the Church in Harlem.

Jimmy fought in the Golden Gloves but had only one bout and lost. He did the rest of his amateur fighting in 2½ years with the Army Engineers in France, England and the Philippines.

He had 12 fights in France, won the welterweight title at Camp Claiborne, La., in March, 1946, shortly after his discharge from the Service, he went seeking Willie Ketchum, his present manager, in a Bronx Gym. He found Ketchum and turned pro.

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JIMMY'S FAVORITE fighter is Joe Louis. He likes photography and plays records to relax. He spends most of his spare time playing with the kids. He says his toughest fights were with Ike Williams, Art Aragon and Luther Rawlings.

He won the title from Williams on May 25, 1951, in the Garden in New York. He had to guarantee Williams $25,000 and lost $19,000 as a result but it got him the title and the action that goes with it.

This is his eighth defense of the crown and the 11th appearance in a title fight.

## Fisk alumni head leads national panel

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — W. Dickerson Donnelly, alumni secretary at Fisk University, has been selected to lead a panel before the American Alumni Council's 40th annual conference at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, June 26-30.

Donnelly will lead the conference in discussion of "How to Supplement Your Budget Through Merchandising Programs."

## Just another fight for the champ

"No plans for fighting Bud," says Carter

BOSTON — It is not because Jimmy Carter holds his Wednesday night challenger, Wallace Smith, in disdain that he insists this is "just another fight" for him.

That is lightweight champion's way of looking on his impending fights.

"I've seen Smith fight and my handlers and I have gone over his record very carefully," asserted Carter a few days before his 15-round appointment at Boston Garden Wednesday night.

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"HE'S A GOOD, rough man to handle and handling him won't come easy. But that sort of anticipating is what I call putting the cart before the horse.

"It is my disposition to fight each fight as it comes. When the time comes to get into the ring, I just go on about my business and try to get it over with. I have no plans and, if I did, I'm sure I wouldn't even try to follow them.

"You can't plan these things in advance.

"The signs look all right to me, though. I beat a pretty good guy — Tommy Collins — right in this same ring two years ago. And four years ago, I licked another pretty good guy — name of Wallace Smith."

## Sentence priest, aide on homosexuality rap

CHARLOTTE, N. C.— A priest and his understudy — both of St. James The Apostle, Polish National Catholic Church, were given sentences, suspended on probation, of from two to five years on charges of attempted crime against nature.

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