Silhouettes, Skirt Lengths, Hairdos For Fall Make Hat Top Fashion

The young Beret look for Fall — High crown fedora adds finishing touch — Magic in a white mink shovel brim — Zippy mob cap for all kinds of weather

Knee, knee-first you see; then you don't

LONDON (UPI) — Britain's fashion world rushed to the defense of the mini-skirt last week.

Italian designers unveiled their new fashions and some had recovered the knee.

The British were counter-attacking and all the Queen's men who design dresses were coming to the aid of the above-the-knee hemline.

Mini-skirts forever.

So predicted Edward Rayne, chairman of British haute couture, just before the top London designers showed their fall fashions today.

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RAYNE said he thought it an absolute certainty that short skirts would dominate the London and Paris couture collections next season and "maybe forever," despite the efforts of some to take the hemline down to the calf.

Rayne is not a couturier himself. He makes shoes for such people as Queen Elizabeth II. But he is chairman of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers (ISLFD), which represents the leading clothes and accessory makers.

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NORMAN HARTNELL and Hardy Amies, the two best known members because they design for the Queen, both show their new styles this week.

The youngest and liveliest couturier, Clive, 33, is not showing until September because he has been busy doing a ready-to-wear collection on the side.

"I have been invited to take the collection to the United States," Clive said. "Three stores have asked to have it for their British week in the autumn."

Ready-to-wear has gone a long way toward killing off London couture. Only seven designers remain in the top clique, compared with 12 just five years ago. Yet a small market remains for their tailored elegance and glittering evening gowns, even at up to $840 a dress.

The short skirts of the London couturiers might be called "the maxi-mini" because their clientele prefer a low level to the 10 or 12 inches above the knee that Carnaby Street can get away with. The Queen's hem just touches the knee, going no shorter.

And most other couture wearers do not venture more than four inches above.

Beef reported good buy now

WASHINGTON

An economical and seasonal menu suggestion is beef for barbecuing. The Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service reports that beef is still a good buy for budget-minded homemakers.

It's not hard to decide which cuts of beef to use for outdoor cookery, for almost any cut is adaptable to barbecuing. Steaks, roasts, cubes or ground beef can be marinated for a real flavor surprise.

When selecting barbecue meat, allow 3/4 to one pound per serving of beef cuts with bones in them; 1/3 to ½ pound per serving is enough for boneless cuts. If cooking time is limited, steaks, cubes and patties are best.

When time doesn't matter, roasts or larger cuts can be used.

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FOR VARIETY, MARINATE beef cuts in any favorite marinade, for several hours in the refrigerator. A marinade accomplishes a dual role. It helps tenderize the connective tissues which hold the meat fibers together and it imparts a special flavor.

The acids in marinades can react with metals, so when marinating meat, always use a glass, pottery or enameled container. Marinate food covered in the refrigerator, overnight, or, if the recipe calls for it, at room temperature for a few hours.

Be sure to turn meat regularly, so the marinating will be even.

Drain marinated meat well before cooking. Save the marinade for basting or for gravy. If the marinade contains a lot of sugar, it may have a tendency to burn. In this case, baste the meat just once during cooking, about five minutes before cooking is finished and then just before serving.

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Stops Tormenting Rectal Itch

Exclusive Formula Promptly Stops Itching, and Relieves Pain of Piles In Most Cases

New York, N.Y. (Special): One of the most tormenting afflictions is the burning itch caused by piles. It's most embarrassing during the day and especially aggravating at night. 'Scratching' only makes the condition worse. No matter what you've tried without results—here's good news.

A scientific research institute discovered a special medication which has the ability, in most cases—to promptly stop the burning itch, relieve pain and actually shrink hemorrhoids.

Tests conducted on hundreds of patients by leading doctors in New York City, in Washington, D.C. and at a Midwest Medical Center proved this so. And it was accomplished without narcotics or stinging astringents of any kind.

The secret is Preparation H®—an exclusive formula for the treatment of hemorrhoids. There is no other formula like it! In case after case, Preparation H promptly stops the burning itch, relieves pain—as it gently reduces the swelling. Preparation H also lubricates, gently soothes irritated tissues and helps prevent further infection. In ointment or suppository form. No prescription is needed.

Feminine Front

It's year of legs in fashion, but there's something for all

By GAY PAULEY

NEW YORK (UPI) — It's all over now but the buying.

New York's apparel industry has paraded full-scale its feminine fashions for fall and winter for both store buyers and news media.

Now all you women need to do is assess, assort, and line up the assets for additions to your wardrobes.

Will it be mod and mini skirts? Will it be the new, longer and prophetic midi-skirts? Go for all the glitter of hosiery and footwear accents that draw full attention to legs? Bare shoulders or cover them for evening? Wear hair straight or curley? Elect basic black or dare some of the wild, "psychedelic" colors? Belt the waist, or stick with the loose silhouette?

For, there's something for everyone in a season in which some of the kookiest of clothes have emerged, and scared women half to death at the thought of wearing them. Be assured, not all hemlines are at mid-thigh. And there are some of the most beautifully cut, handsomely designed, and becoming clothes any fashion season ever has produced.

If you have good legs, THIS IS YOUR YEAR. Never has fashion lavished so much attention on this part of the anatomy. Stockings glitter, are patterned and shoes come in a wide variety of shapes and materials. David Evins (CQ) does an evening pump using 18 carat gold — $65 per pair. Add in the great hemline interest and this will be called the year of the leg.

Hemlines showed in three definite lengths in the just completed series of style shows for the nation's press, radio and television reporters. The series is a semi-annual event with all phases of ready-to-wear displayed.

First, there is the predominance of the short, short skirts, these ending anywhere from three to seven inches above the knee, a smidgin higher in some collections. Then there are the designers who show hems splitting the kneecap or an inch or so above. And, feature along with short skirts in many collections is the "midi-skirt," a new name for an old length, about mid-calf.

The "midi" usually was shown as a coat, paired with a very short dress, "as a logical way to indulge the love of the short . . . yet point the way to the lowered hemline later." That's the way the American designers' group prophesied.

But a drastic drop soon? No, said some individual designers and manufacturers. "Skirt lengths won't change much," said Vincent Monte Sano, "even though Paris may try to give longer skirts a big push." Paris couturiers begin their fall and winter showings this week.

MONTE

IN ARMY — Sp./4 Raye Monte of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Sp./4 Anna McPherson of D.C., interviewed by AFRO's Mike Davis in Vietnam, confessed they joined the Army for 'adventure.'

Barbecued turkey for picnic fun

WASHINGTON

No matter what the occasion: summer is always the best time to enjoy fun-filled picnics. Now during Picnic Month, the perfect dish for any outing is barbecued turkey. Budget-wise homemakers should take advantage of the currently attractive turkey prices, advises the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service.

A turkey barbecue is a delicious yet economical addition to any picnic. The essential ingredients are young, tender turkeys, and slow cooking to make sure the birds are cooked all the way through. The turkeys should be halved or quartered for grilling ease and cooking thoroughness.

If uncooked turkey is to be carried to the picnic site, it should be carefully wrapped and chilled beforehand. In fact, if it is frozen first, it will keep the cooler's temperature low.

The fire or coals must be kept very low, so that the bird won't scorch or cook on the outside before it is done near the bone. The grill should be at least 14 inches from the source of heat, and pieces should be turned occasionally so that they will cook evenly. Frequent basting with sauce will help bring out the richest flavors.

Allow 2 to 2½ hours cooking time. When the turkey is done, the drumstick will twist readily out of the thigh joint, or the wing out of the shoulder joint.

An after-the-picnic reminder: If you plan to use leftovers at home, be sure to refrigerate them all — otherwise, discard them.

DIRECTS MODELS — Mrs. Carol Gerdes, Bergenfield, N.J., has been named director of the Grace Del Marco Model Agency in New York City. Mrs. Gerdes brings to her new position a wealth of experience in the charm and beauty field. Prior to her appointment, she was a director of the Ophelia DeVore School of Charm.

Spray sizing eases ironing, most irksome household task

By ROSE HAWKINS
NPI

What is the most disliked household task? Ironing, according to a recent survey. While automatic washers and dryers have relieved women of much washday drudgery, ironing is still a chore which has not been automated.

Manufacturers, however, are constantly working on ways to solve this problem, and recent products designed to ease ironing is spray sizing.

Spray sizing is a combination of chemicals designed to replace starch, to give fabrics body without stiffness and to help shorten time spent at the ironing board. Unlike starch, it may be used on all fabrics, including synthetics.

Time will fly as you zip your iron over clothes treated with spray sizing. It restores the "body" to fabrics to make your washables look new and stay crisp the day through.

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GARMENTS WILL be comfortable, not scratchy, for there isn't a starchy buildup. Wrinkles will fall out more easily. Wash-and-wear and permanent-press can be quickly revived, even without a tumble dryer.

Used instead of starch, spray sizing can be applied to dry fabrics, eliminat the time spent dampening. It can also be used on damp fabrics. Use it on cotton, linen, silks, wools, and synthetics such as dacron, nylon, and orlon.

When using spray sizing, be sure to set the iron temperature control one notch cooler than that indicated for the fabric you are ironing.

White clothes will stay white longer, for spray sizing does not hasten yellowing. Dark apparel will not have white flecks, such as are left by starch. Spray sizing won't flake, stick to, or buildup on the iron to cause scorching.

Lemon-lime flavor due

WASHINGTON

Lemons and limes rank among a cook's best friends. These brightly colored fruits can add eye appeal and distinctive flavor to any dish.

And as members of the citrus family, both fruits are rich sources of Vitamin C, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service. Both are also now outstandingly plentiful and reasonably priced.

Lemons and limes have long been used as seasonings, with both juice and rinds used to impart a tangy flavor. Wedges and slices make a tasty complement to just about every mealtime course.

Here's what to look for when buying lemons and limes. The best lemons have a fine textured skin and are heavy for their size. Those with deeper yellow color usually have less acid and more juice than lighter colored fruit. Firm limes, with good green color, that are heavy for their size are the best. Limes that are yellowish in color are less acid.

Adventurous WACs ready to return

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Correspondent

BIEN HOA — Two young Army women stationed in Vietnam said that they joined the service for "adventure" but now admit that they have had their shares of adventure and are ready to return to the routines of civilian life.

Miss Anna McPherson of 2106 Savannah Terrace, Washington, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McPherson and is a graduate of Spingarn High School and a member of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church.

"I joined the Army for adventure and curiosity" she said, "and all of that is now satisfied and I am ready to return to civilian life. Vietnam is enough. I don't need anymore adventure."

SP/4 MCPHERSON said she believed that the United States is doing "the right thing" in Vietnam.

"Communism is spreading" the Washingtonian said. "I think they should move all of the refugees out of the North and then bomb Haipong and Hanoi. They should wipe them off the map," she said.

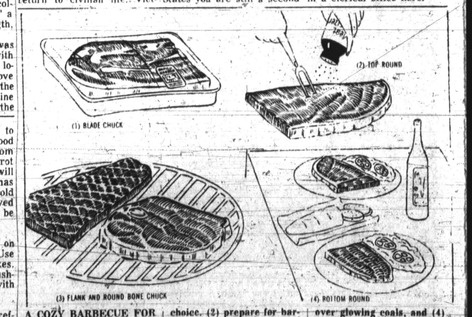
She said she felt "bitter" about white and colored relationship back in the United States.

"No matter how many purple hearts you get," she said, "when you go to the southern part of the United States you are still a second-class citizen.

"We come over here and fight and die with white people but when we go back home we can't move next door to them or rent an apartment in the same building."

SP/4 RAYE MONTE, a native of Brooklyn, New York, also joined the Army for adventure, and like her friend, SP/4 McPherson, she too, has had her shares of it.

She has been in the Army for two years and has spent six months in Vietnam. She is an administrative specialist in a clerical office here.



A COZY BARBECUE FOR TWO may be prepared from any one of these five beef cuts. (1) Take a package of the steak of your choice. (2) prepare for barbecuing with instant Meat Tenderizer (Adolph's Seasoned), (3) cook outdoors over glowing coals, and (4) cut in half to serve—the most tender and juicy steak of the summer.

A CASE OF 'SLANTING BY OMISSION'

In our business, questioning Red Smith's view on a given subject is like debating Webster on the definition of a word. But, also in our business there comes a time when each of us in the profession of sports columning, has to search hard for something to write about . . . even the estimable Red Smith . . . I think it was such a time and situation that prompted the gifted New York columnist to attack the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) the other day . . . Red was miffed over CORE's position in opposing colored participation in the so-called elimination tournament to find a successor to deposed Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay as world heavyweight champion.

He quoted Wilfred T. Unse, CORE's national chairman, in the latter's assertion (that no (colored) heavyweight should fight in a sport which so flagrantly disregards the rights of black people . . . Smith then went on to ridicule Ussery for "hollering copper in one of the few areas where the (colored man) has enjoyed not only equality but pre-eminence."

"If the Congress of Racial Equality," Red continued, "were to search for one area where racial equality has been truly achieved, the hunt would have to lead to the ring . . . Whether it be Joe Louis out of a Detroit slum or Dick Tiger off a chicken farm in Nigeria, Emile Griffith from the Virgin Islands, or Sonny Liston, the Missouri jailbird, the fighter is judged and rewarded according to what he can do, and there is no other criterion."

SAM LACY

The 'right' point

Up to a point, Red is entirely right, but he stops at what is for today's purpose the right point . . . Were he so inclined, Smith could go on and relate the beginnings of Gotham's hallowed Jack Dempsey in Midwestern hobo jungles . . . He could recall the birthrights of Nazism and Fascism that belonged to two guys named Max Schmeling and Primo Carnera, who also succeeded, in turn, to the heavyweight throne.

But little else

There were men, and I'm sure Red remembers as well as I, who were familiar with the inside of Sing Sing and whose last name wasn't Liston. . . . And boyhood days on a chicken farm in Nigeria are not too dissimilar to being reared on an onion farm in New York, at least as far as the application goes here. And the fact that a colored fighter was born in the Virgin Islands doesn't mean that he was granted a special privilege because he is colored. . . . Boxers who managed to attain stature as champions have come from foreign shores of every description and distance, and they weren't all colored.

In every case, it was money, that dictated the bookings, not a commitment or a desire to provide equal opportunity for anyone. . . . Even in darkest Dixie, the long green opens gates.

Perhaps it wasn't so intended, perhaps even the piece had been edited into the sort of propaganda vehicle we're exposed to day after day during this period of racial unrest . . . We have had so much of business like the TV superimposition of "Negro Leader" on the images of illiterates and hoodlums at riot scenes, that we are beginning to suspect the motives of even longtime friends . . . particularly when they commence slanting facts through omission.

For example, the reference to Sonny Liston could lead only to the conclusion that the former heavyweight champion is the only fighter who ever served a prison sentence and was later accepted by boxing . . . For the information of A to Z readers, let me hasten to assure you that he isn't . . . . Moreover, that the sport is loaded with white hooligans, and that these hooligans handle the money, and the fighters, and the politicians who handle the commissions who control the race which has achieved "equality" and "pre-eminence" . . . but little else.

Never say 'no'

What did I mean when I mentioned the propaganda technique of "slanting by omission" you ask? . . . Simply that Red might have gone on from his "Missouri jailbird" reference and added that boxing, through the years, has given chances to "dope addicts, barroom brawlers, wife beaters and rapists" . . . but those categories didn't fit the purpose or the complexion.

When Red becomes truly ridiculous, though, is the moment he takes issue with CORE chief Ussery's assertion that boxing "is controlled by whites". . . Says Smith: "Even the statement (concerning the control of boxing) is open to dispute. . . If Cassius Clay can be said to be controlled at all, then he was controlled in his most recent fights by the Black Muslim heirarchy."

I am extremely fond of Smith and have long admired his ability to do best what I and many others like me, attempt to do. . . But, without realizing it, Smith has put his finger on the real source of Muhammad Ali's (Red calls him Clay) troubles. . . The moment any colored man in public life stops saying "yes" to White Power, he becomes unpopular, . . . and expendable. . . He should never say "No" as did Ali and Adam Clayton Powell.

They could do nothing about Sugar Ray Robinson and Jackie Robinson, both of whom possessed the kind of talent that couldn't be swept under the rug of propaganda, although the effort was made to do so.

That's some control

Max Baer was a harmless playboy. Jim Braddock was a Frank Merriwell hero, Tony Galento was a loveable tub, Rocky Marciano was a gentle tiger. . . . On the other hand, since Joe Louis established himself as one of the best-liked athletes of the generation, the parade of tan champions has been comprised of "colorless" Ezzard Charles, "old man" Jersey Joe Walcott, "tenderfoot" Floyd Patterson, "jailbird" Sonny Liston and "mouthy Muslim" Cassius Clay.

Needless to say, the foregoing descriptions of the various fighters were born in the white press. . . . and this is very definitely, the most trivial of all the evidence that Ussery is not nearly so wrong as Red Smith would have one think about who controls boxing. . . . Right up among the strongest cases to be made in support of the CORE claim is the fact that nine of every ten colored fighters who made money in boxing (for their white managers and the white promoters) have absolutely nothing to show for their years of "pre-eminence."

And last but not least by any means, it is always easy to recall that Ezzard Charles today is forced to eke out a living as a whisky salesman, and that Louis, Liston and Clay wound up in trouble with the government.

That is some control, isn't it, Red?

Afro Sports

'Prima donnas' blamed for long NCAA-AAU Fuss

WASHINGTON — Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey voiced "deep concern" Saturday over the effect of continued AAU-NCAA bickering on American amateur athletes in general and U.S. prospects for the 1968 Olympics in particular.

Humphrey told UPI in an interview that he had been in "close and continuous touch" with Theodore W. Kheel, New York lawyer and arbitrator who heads the blue ribbon commission named by Humphrey in 1965 to see a settlement in the long jurisdictional squabble between the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

The Vice-President is known to be hoping for an early report from the Kheel group. Humphrey made no secrets however, of his concern over the continued wrangle and U.S. chances of sending the best possible team to the 1968 games in Mexico City.

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THE DELAY meanwhile has brought a rash of renewed demands for action and several new bills in Congress. The bills range all the way from compulsory arbitration to creation of a special new group to take jurisdiction away from both warring amateur factions.

The Senate Commerce Committee, headed by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D.-Wash., will open hearings Aug. 17 on the bills. Kheel is expected to testify the first day.

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SEN. JAMES B. PEARSON, R-Kan., a committee member and an outspoken critic of the AAU-NCAA bickering, said he did not care which bill was adopted if the 60-year-old dispute could be ended.

"The most important thing is to get rid of the prima donnas in both outfits who place their own power structure above the welfare of the athletes."

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WHILE WANTING to give the Kheel commission every chance to settle the prolonged deadlock where others have failed, Humphrey also was described as sharing the feeling of many that time is running short.

One member of the original five-man commission named by Humphrey under a Senate resolution has resigned and probably will not be replaced.

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RETIRED Gen. David M. Shoup, former Marine Corps commandant, disclosed earlier this week that he had resigned but said he was available to testify if Congress wanted him or to help otherwise if he could.

Shoup would not make public his reasons for resigning. But it was reported that the stocky Marine hero, a quiet but firm man of action and few words, felt that the commission had done enough talking and should act.

Patterson and Jerry Quarry sign for afternoon rematch

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Former champion Floyd Patterson and rising newcomer Jerry Quarry have signed for a 12-round rematch on the afternoon of Oct. 28, in another bid for a shot at the world heavyweight crown taken from Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay.

Mrs. Aileen Eaton, Olympic Boxing Club promoter, said the aging ex-champ and 22-year-old Irishman would meet at a site suitable for a color telecast. She mentioned the Olympic and the Sports Arena as possible sites.

THE REMATCH was a natural following their June encounter at Memorial Coliseum where they fought to a draw. Young Quarry scored two knockdowns and Patterson one.

Mrs. Eaton said both Patterson, 32, and Quarry would be guaranteed $50,000 apiece.

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COINCIDENTALLY, shortly before Mrs. Eaton's announcement, Madison Square Garden in New York said it was offering Quarry a $70,000 guarantee to fight Joe Frazier in September or October.

"I didn't know about it," Quarry said, shaking his head. "It's not the money so much but I'd probably have been willing to fight Frazier for nothing."

Cut by Chiefs, he's too big

LIBERTY, Mo. (UPI) — Ed Pope has found out how serious the Kansas City Chiefs were when they told him last winter to check into football training camp at 283 pounds.

Pope, a defensive tackle from Jackson State and a ninth round draft choice of the Chiefs, came to camp less than a week ago with his 6-foot-8 frame carrying more than 300 pounds.

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HOW MUCH more than 300 pounds was never entirely certain because the Chiefs' scales only reach the 300 mark. They estimated he weighted about 320.

After two days, coach Hank Stram decided Pope was too heavy and dropped him from the squad.

"Because of his excess weight, he was unable to make a contribution to the squad," Stram said.

Frazier victim under knife

TORONTO (UPI) — Canadian heavyweight George Chuvalo, stopped for the first time in his career by Joe Frazier at New York last week, underwent surgery Saturday on a fractured bone in his eyeball socket.

There appears a good possibility the injury may bring to an end Chuvalo's boxing career.

His manager, Irv Ungerman, said Chuvalo "would be out of the picture for six to eight weeks at the minimum and maybe completely if doctors recommended it."

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HE COMPARED Chuvalo's injury to that received by Ernie Terrell in his title bout with deposed champion Cassius Clay.

"If the injury is not really serious but if the bone isn't cleared it will result in double vision," said Ungerman.

Chuvalo had X-rays of his eye taken by two doctors Friday. Both recommended surgery.

DON WILSON
he was 'washed up' at 16

Boy who'd 'never make it', gets no-hitter, record

NEW YORK (UPI) — At 15, he was a high school pitching star. At 16 he was still in high school but "washed up" because of an arm injury. A scout for the California Angels said he'd never make it in the big leagues.

But last June 18, 22-year-old rookie Don Wilson of the Houston Astros fired a no-hitter against the Atlanta Braves and Thursday night he coasted to a two-hit, 7-0 triumph over the New York Mets to run up a streak of 25 scoreless innings — a club record.

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GOING INTO the weekend, nobody — not the Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers, nor the Mets — had scored a run off the big righthander since the second game of a doubleheader at Philadelphia July 4.

"My arm," he said with a broad grin, "feels just fine. But that no-hitter was the worst thing that ever happened to my pitching, and I hope I don't get off the track because of this scoreless streak."

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AFTER THE no-hitter, achieved strictly with his fast ball, Wilson says he was "bad, really bad at times" because he was going too much with his fast ball.

"I had to go back pitching my own kind of game, mixing curves with the fast ball," he said. "Now, I'm okay again. But once in awhile I lose my concentration."

Ace receiver in fold of Oakland Raiders

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (UPI) — Lionel Taylor, one of the American Football League's top pass catchers, has joined the Oakland Raiders.

Taylor, obtained in a trade with Denver last week, checked in at 213 pounds which is close to his usual playing weight.

Huge U.S. team in Pan-Am Games strong favorite

WINNIPEG, Canada (UPI) — The United States, fielding 402 athletes in 20 different sports for the largest delegation it ever has had, is expected to dominate the 5th Pan-American Games which opened in this hot prairie city on Sunday and will run through Aug. 6.

The Yanks have been the No. 1 athletic power in these "Olympics of the Western Hemisphere" at each of the four previous conclaves and they are again expected to rule in the competition of some 2,400 athletes from 29 nations.

faced a tough job to come

HOWEVER, IN the face of a strong Canadian entry and tougher squads from other nations, the United States faced a tough job to come also to its amazing total of 109 gold medals in the last Pan-Am Games at Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1963.

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AS WAS to be expected, Uncle Sam appears to dominate the basketball picture.

A hint of exactly why that's so came over the weekend when the U.S. basketball team, which is defending the team crown in that sport, barely flexed its mighty muscles in romping to an 84-24 victory over Argentina in a practice game on the Pan-Am court.

No one was keeping track of personal fouls, but otherwise all the regular rules were observed in the game and the whole thing was simply no contest right from the opening whistle even though Argentina had a seven-foot center named Ernesto Gehrmann to face the Yankees.

In the opening minutes the U.S. team zoomed to a 24-2 lead, which reached 42-7 at halftime. When the whole thing was over, one-time original forecasts were for 3,500 athletes, but as Prince Philip inaugurated the games officially on Sunday it appeared very likely that the all-time record of 2,583 athletes set in 1955, in Mexico City would not be surpassed.

Even so, the overall total was up sharply from the all-time low of 1,771 competitors at the 1963 games.

NATIONS SENDING athletes here included:

Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, British Honduras, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gautemala, Guiana, Jamaica, Mexico, Dutch Antilles, Panama, Venezuela, the United States, and the Virgin Island.

There will be competition in 20 sports:

Baseball, basketball, boxing, cycling, equestrian, fencing, field hockey, soccer, gymnastics, judo, rowing, shooting, swimming, water polo, tennis, volley ball, weightlifting, wrestling, yachting, and track and field.

There also will be exhibitions, but no competition, in canoeing and softball.

ONE GLOOMY aspect of the games is that a few of the best U.S. amateur athletes won't be here.

Among the more notable absentees are sprinters Tommie Smith and Jim Hines, co-world record holders in the short races.

Also missing are many of the top U.S. basketball stars, who do not wish to chance injuries that might jeopardize future pro careers. The Pan-Am fans won't see Lew Alcindor, the unanimous All-American from UCLA.

QB Washington Giant surprise

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — The New York Giants football training camp was given a pleasant surprise over the weekend by a tan passing combination of Hank Washington and Dick Stebbins.

Quarterback Washington, a free agent seeking a Giants job, was fourth in the nation in total offense at West Texas State last fall. He impressed the Giant coaches with his accuracy on both and long short passes.

STEBBINS, an end from Grambling, was Washington's favorite target, hauling in pass after pass. Stebbins, who has run the 100-yard dash in 9.2 seconds, was a member of the U.S. 400-meter relay squad at the 1964 Olympics along with Giant defensive back Henry Carr.

Among the standouts on defense was Fred Freeman, a defensive tackle from Mississippi Valley College.

Magicians sign Tulsa star Eldridge Webb

TULSA, Okla. (UPI) — Eldridge Webb, an all-Missouri Valley Conference guard for the University of Tulsa last season, has signed a one-year professional contract with the Harlem Magicians comedy basketball team.

Marques Haynes of the Magicians, indicated the contract, in the range of $12,000, was the best he had ever offered a rookie for one year.

"From what I saw last year, Eldridge is right at being the best guard in the country," Haynes said.

Also, he said, Webb is right in his belief that nine of every ten colored fighters who made money in boxing (for their white managers and the white promoters) have absolutely nothing to show for their years of "pre-eminence."

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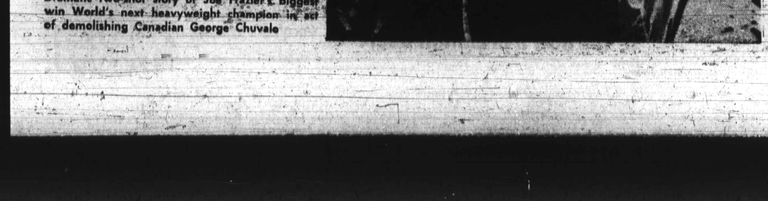

Dramatic two-shot story of Joe Frazier's biggest win World's next heavyweight champion in act of demolishing Canadian George Chuvalo

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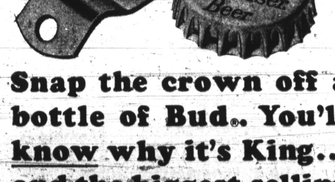

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