

JOYCE REMATCHED
Chicago, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Willie Joyce, No. 3 ranking lightweight contender from Gary, Ind., and Joey Barnum, Los Angeles, have been matched for a return bout at the Chicago Stadium, Nov. 23, Promoter Irving Schoenwald said today.

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SPORTS

NOVIKOFF SEEN IMPORTANT COG IN BALL DRAFT

Chicago, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Lou Novikoff, the colorful "Mad Russian" who claimed the Cubs expelled him to Los Angeles last February, will get a chance at the freedom he once demanded tomorrow when major league club owners meet in the commissioner's office for baseball's annual draft.

Novikoff, who played the first part of the 1945 season with the Cubs' Los Angeles farm team before entering the army in July, is eligible for the draft and probably will be one of the few players sought after in the grab-bag festival.

It was even doubtful that Novikoff, the most publicized player never to star in the major leagues, will be considered extra special. He has always been a thundering minor league hitter although he developed holes in

his bat and glove when with the Cubs.

Clubs Reluctant
Tomorrow's draft, the first to be conducted at Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler's desk, probably will see few purchases. In addition to the scarcity of good material, most clubs will be reluctant to add any players to their rosters inasmuch as they are faced with absorbing returning servicemen.

The New York Yankees have a typical expansion problem. The Yanks have a backlog of 268 players coming back and the Yankee chain probably will have a big enough problem absorbing them without drafting additional men.

The two Philadelphia clubs will get the first and second grabs. The Athletics, last-place American league team, will receive first choice in the draft and the Phillies, as National league tailenders, will get second. The right to draft passes on up the standings, alternating between the American and National league.

Chandler Ruling Nets Cincinnati 7 Ball Players

Chicago, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—The Cincinnati Reds were seven players richer today as the result of A. B. (Happy) Chandler's first official decision as baseball commissioner.

Chandler turned down the claim of the Birmingham, Ala., club of the Southern Association to the players, deciding that the Reds had fulfilled all obligations to Birmingham under their working agreement.

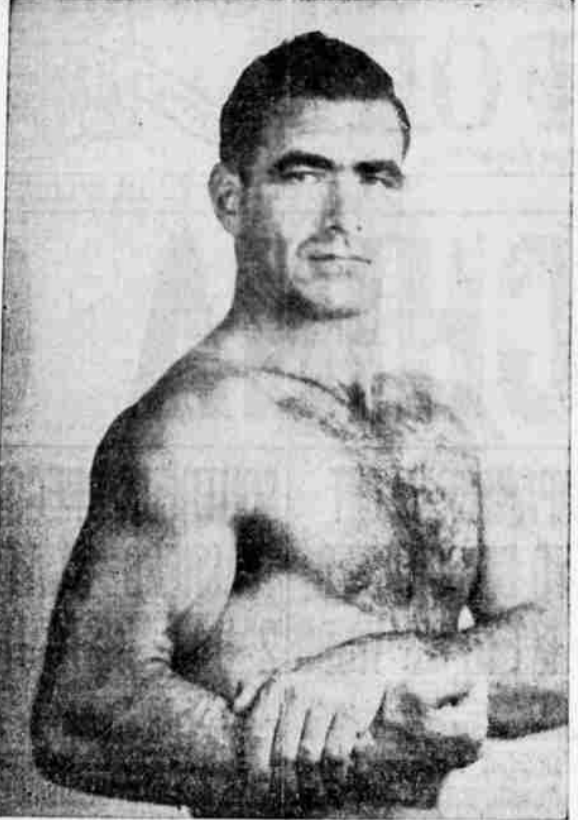
Chandler, who resigns his senatorial post tomorrow to devote full time to his commissioner job, telephoned his decision from Washington here to Leslie O'Connor, special assistant, who relayed it to the two clubs.

PEP POUNDS OUT EASY EIGHT ROUND VICTORY

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Willie Pep, 130, Hartford, world's featherweight champion twice inducted into the army and twice discharged, made his second "comeback" an impressive one last night as he chased Paulie Jackson, 133, Reading, Pa., around the ring for an easy eight-round decision before a capacity crowd of 3,500.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:30 Saturday afternoon Please remember.

Lynam Faces Gorilla Poggi



Joe Lynam, the "body beautiful" from Redmond, Ore., will face Gorilla Poggi in the opening bout on tomorrow night's wrestling card at the armory. Jack Lipscomb and The Gray Mask will square off in a grudge rematch that promises to rival anything seen here in a long while. Rough Rufus Jones tackles Herb Parks in the other half of the double main event. At Lipscomb's insistence, a new referee will be on hand.

West Point Silent On Bid Rumors For Rose Bowl Contest

West Point, N. Y., Oct. 31—(U.P.)—West Point officials were silent today on the possibility of the Army football team appearing in the Rose Bowl. The nearest thing to an official statement was line coach Herman Hickman's "We've got to win a few more."

A spokesman for Maj. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, academy superintendent, said Taylor had no comment. The spokesman refused either to confirm or deny the report.

Other West Point officers said they were "highly pleased"—unofficially—that Army was being mentioned in connection with the New Year's Day game at Pasadena, Calif., but that "Army still has a number of games to play."

At Washington, war department officials were equally close-mouthed on whether West Point had asked—and received—permission to play "if invited."

Beavers Practice For Hoop Season

Corvallis, Oct. 31—A 32-man Oregon State basket-ball squad swung into daily practice this week in preparation for the 1945-46 hoop season. Coach A. T. "Slats" Gill, starting his 18th season as head basket-ball coach at Oregon State, will construct his squad from seven returning lettermen and a large number of promising freshmen from last year's high school clubs and discharged war vet-



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ARMY RELEASES SHELL CONTROL

Washington, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—The war production board today lifted controls on the manufacture, delivery and sale of ammunition but warned hunters that supplies still would remain short.

The WPB said it did not know how much ammunition will be released because of a shortage of lead. Most military ammunition is not suited to civilian guns.

Hunters heretofore had been limited to eight boxes of ammunition for the 1945 season. The industry plans to increase production later this year and in 1946 when lead is more plentiful, WPB said.

Crosby Head Denies Plans to Purchase Major League Club

Hollywood, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Crooner Bing Crosby, although anxious to sell his interest in the Del Mar, Calif., race track and retire from racing, has no

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ORTIZ TO DEFEND BELT AGAINST LUIS CASTILLO

San Francisco, Oct. 31—(U.P.)—Manuel Ortiz, world bantam-weight champion, will defend his crown against Luis Castillo, the Mexican slugger, in a bout here Dec. 10, it was announced today.

It will be Ortiz' first title defense since getting out of the army.

plans to buy into a major league baseball club, his brother Larry said today. "Bing has decided he's had enough of racing," the director of the Crosby enterprises said. "Negotiations for the sale of his interests are well underway." "However, that business about his buying a part in a baseball team is pure fiction—there's no deal like that even under consideration."

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