

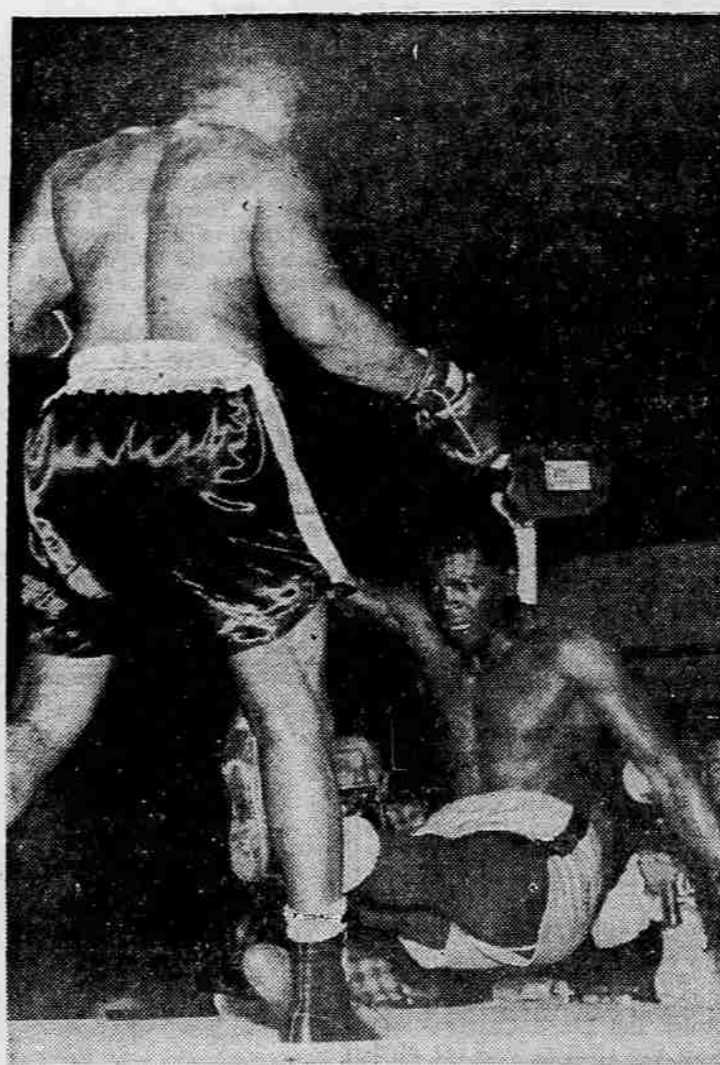
Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — Branch Rickey who broke the color line in baseball when he signed Jackie Robinson, received the National Human Relations award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Thursday night. "I didn't bring Robinson into baseball to break the color line," he said. "I brought him in because I wanted to earn a pennant and he could help us. I am color blind as far as baseball players are concerned," he added.

**Syracuse Helped By Piston Jinx**

By UNITED PRESS  
Use of a long-standing "jinx" enabled the Syracuse Nationals to open a 1½ game lead over the New York Knickerbockers today in their battle for a play-off berth in the National Basketball association.  
In the only game played in the league Thursday night, the Nationals came from behind in the closing minutes to beat the Fort Wayne Pistons, 94-92. It was the

**TO PLAY FOR EAGLES**

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Bob Stringer and Willie (Big Train) Irvin, both recently released from Army service, will play again with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football league next fall. Stringer is from Tulsa while Irvin played his college ball at Florida A&M.  
seventh straight win for the Nationals and their 25th straight over the Pistons on a Syracuse court.



**HE BOUNCES!**—Light-heavyweight Howard King is caught by Photographer Sam Mikulin sitting in midair a split second before bouncing off the canvas in the ninth round in San Francisco. Archie Moore, responsible for King's position with a solid left hook to the jaw, stands over his victim. King took a nine-count and Moore took the fight via the unanimous decision route.

**AAU Heads Extending Track Probe**

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The AAU is pushing an investigation of track and field meet directors at major events around the country as a result of the Wes Santee ban, Carl Hansen, AAU president, said today.  
Hansen said that as a result of the "big pay" to Santee revealed by several meet directors in California last spring, the so-called "secret seven" of the organization, is looking into the pay athletes have received from other meets.  
He refused to name the events, but the other "major attractions" might include the Knights of Columbus meet and the Millrose Games, both held in Madison Square Garden; the Penn, Drake, Kansas and Texas relays. Brundage Warns  
Hansen also revealed that Avery Brundage, president of the International Olympic committee, had warned him last December that "Santee never would represent the U. S. in the Olympic Games."

"If the AAU doesn't ban Santee," Brundage told Hansen, "I have enough evidence myself to make sure that he never represents the U. S. in the Olympics."  
Santee, banned for life from competing in AAU meets for taking too much "expense" money, was "very dumb" at the AAU hearing that resulted in his expulsion, Hansen said.  
"Even with a photostatic copy of a check for \$400 in front of him, made payable to his father-in-law," said Hansen, "Santee said he didn't know anything about it."

**Rocky Castellani Battles Sullivan**

New York — (U.P.) — Rocky Castellani, an English-styled American, and Johnny Sullivan, an American-styled Englishman, fight tonight at Madison Square Garden in a middleweight TV-radio 10-rounder.  
Castellani of Cleveland, fifth-ranking contender, is favored at 2-1 over England's unranked but dangerous Sullivan, ex-British champion.  
Ex-challenger Rocky, trying to start another campaign for his second shot at the 160-pound crown is favored because of his speed and tricky elusiveness. Also because of his effective left jab at long range.  
But Sullivan, 23, is five years younger than Rocky; and he, too, is exceptionally fast.

**McMURTY INKED**  
Portland — (U.P.) — Promoter Tex Salkeld said today that Pat McMurtury, sensational young Tacoma heavyweight, had signed to fight here March 13 against an opponent yet to be named.

**FIGHT AT LONDON**  
London — (U.P.) — Moses Ward of Detroit has signed to meet Yolande Pompey of Trinidad in a 10-round bout at Harringway arena, March 13.

**Jack Dragna, Reputed Mafia Chief, Dies**

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Jack Dragna, reputed West Coast Mafia chief, was found dead in bed yesterday, an apparent heart attack victim.  
Dragna, 65, once was called the "Al Capone of California" by the California Crime Commission. It charged he controlled bookmaking, narcotics and other rackets.  
A maid, Alice Dick, found Dragna dead in bed in his hotel room. Dragna's Cadillac was parked outside the hotel where he had registered Feb. 10 as "Jack Baker."  
Dragna apparently died of the heart ailment which he had been suffering for several years. He was under orders for deportation to his native Italy at the time of his death. Dragna, who had been arrested 13 times but convicted only twice, also was under federal indictment for income tax evasion.

**Raider Duo 2nd, 3rd in OCC Records**

By UNITED PRESS  
Eastern Oregon dominates the Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball scoring for games in league play to date, according to statistics released today.  
Ted Schadewitz, the Mounties' top point collector stood at the top of the list with an average of 24 points per game. Two other Eastern players were in the upper 10. Lowell Kolbaba was in fifth spot with a 17.4 average and John Reinking in 10th place with a mark of 12 points per game.  
Hollingsworth 21.2  
Portland State placed two men in the top 10, Jack Viskov in fourth place with an average of 17.6 and Jack Parker averaging 17 points per outing, good for number six ranking.  
Southern Oregon's Bill Hollingsworth and Lloyd Hoffine ranked number two and three in the loop figures this week. Hoffine averaging 18.1 and Hollingsworth 21.2.  
Filling out the top 10 producers in the conference were: Charlie Foster, Oregon Tech, 17.2, Cecil Miller, Oregon College, 14.7 and Ron Jones, Oregon College, 13.2.

**BOUT ARRANGED**  
New York — (U.P.) — Welterweight contender Isaac Logart of Camaguey, Cuba, and Gaspar Ortega of Tijuana, Mexico, have signed to meet in a 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden, March 16.  
Michigan's exports are close to \$2,000,000,000 annually, nearly seven per cent of the national total.

**MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS**

**ANNUAL SPRING SHOOT TO OPEN ON SATURDAY**

State of the weather will have much to do with the success this week end of the early spring trapshoot of Medford Gun club. The scattergun rivalry is set for Saturday and Sunday.  
If weather is fair a good representation of shooters is expected from outside this immediate area. Entry of shotgunners from the Umpqua and upper Willamette valleys is anticipated with others possibly coming from the southern Oregon coast region. Some shooters could come from the Eureka and Crescent City, Calif., areas.  
PLTA Registered  
Sixth annual early spring tourney of the Medford club, the shoot will be Pacific International Trapshooting association registered. A total of 500 targets, 250 per day, will be offered each shooter. Saturday shooting will be 100 targets at 16 yards, 100 handicap pigeons and 25 pairs of doubles. The program will be repeated Sunday.  
Saturday starting time is 10 a.m. Events will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Lunch will be available at the grounds.  
There will be class competition in both 16-yard and doubles participation. A trophy will go to the winner in each grouping. Winner and runner-up in handicap firing get doubles.  
This week's shoot is the first one of the season drawing shooters from out of the area.

**Ducks Face Bruin Quint**  
By UNITED PRESS  
Oregon invades UCLA and Idaho comes to Corvallis for Pacific Coast Conference basketball series this week end.  
The Ducks of Bill Borcher are decided underdogs against the Bruins, who have yet to lose a PCC game. Tomorrow afternoon's game will be televised from Los Angeles.  
Oregon State is favored over Idaho, a team which was good enough earlier in the year to down Oregon.  
Other PCC series match Stanford against Washington State and Washington against California. Southern Cal meets Loyola in a non-conference game Saturday night.

**Public Grounds Provide Hunters Excellent Season**

Portland—Waterfowl hunters enjoyed an excellent season this past year on the three public shooting grounds operated by the Oregon Game Commission according to final figures compiled at Sauvie island, Summer like, and Warner valley.  
Total figures show that 15,200 hunters shot the areas harvesting 36,228 waterfowl of all species. Of this number 25,767 were ducks and 10,461 were geese. The success ratio was 2.38 birds per hunter, which was the highest success ratio ever recorded on the public shooting areas.  
The best shooting was had at Summer Lake where 6,342 hunters took 9,484 ducks and 9,407 geese for a total of 18,891 birds and a success ratio of 2.98 birds per hunter.  
**Sauvie Kill Highest**  
Despite flood conditions which existed almost the entire last half of the season, the hunter kill on Sauvie island exceeded that of previous years. A total of 8,297 hunters took 16,438 birds of which 16,191 were ducks and 247 were geese. The success ratio was 1.98 birds per hunter.  
In the main, Warner Valley was a disappointment to hunters because of clear weather and lack of water throughout most of the season. A total of 561 hunters checked in at Warner and took 82 ducks and 807 geese for a total kill of 889 birds.  
Last year on these shooting areas, 18,477 waterfowl hunters took a total of 35,613 birds, 24,381 of which were ducks and 11,232 were geese.

**Portland Defeats Gonzaga 85-70**

Spokane—(U.P.)—Jimmy Winters and Jack Scrivens led Portland University to an 85-70 basketball victory over Gonzaga here last night.  
Winters plopped in 27 points and Scrivens added 24 as the Pilots score their third straight win of the season over the Gonzaga club. Gene Kutsch hit 13 points, including 11-for-11 from the free throw line, for Portland.  
The Pilots led at half 47-32.  
**ST. MARY'S VICTOR**  
St. Mary's of Medford seventh and eighth grade basketball team defeated St. Catherine's of Martinez, Calif., 80 poundsers 31 to 15 Tuesday night in the last game played by the California group before it ended several day's stay in the vicinity.  
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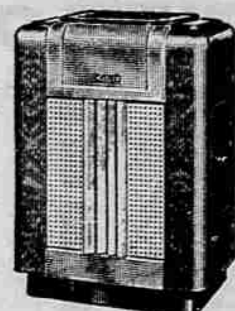
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