

Five Former Fighters Split on Banning Boxing in Oregon

Salem — Five former boxers split here Wednesday over whether boxing is "a brutal sport" that should be banned. They agreed, however, the ring and the fighters should be better padded.

The testimony came before the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on a bill by Sen. Tom Monaghan (D-Milwaukie) to ban professional boxing in Oregon. He called

it "legalized potential murder." Could Be Improved Former fighters Phil Moyer, Jimmie "Bang Bang" Walker, and John Gabel said boxing should remain. But they said it could be improved by requiring four-strand padded ring ropes, protective headgear, larger gloves and a softer canvas.

Former fighters Tommy Moyer (uncle of Phil and Denny Moyer), and "Mick" Monahan said boxing leaves some fighters "hurt, destitute, penniless or blind."

Small Percentage Phil Moyer, now a Eugene businessman, replied that only the smallest percentage of fighters suffered permanent injury or death.

He and Walker, a journalist,

said fighting made them what they are today. Monaghan called professional boxing "deadly serious business." He cited cases of fighters left hurt or broke,

culminating with the death last month of Davey Moore, a father of five. Other Deaths Noted He said if Oregon doesn't act, the championship matches

that are being banned elsewhere could come to Portland, and "a Portland, Oregon, killing could be seen nationally on television." Dr. Jack Battaglia of the

Portland Boxing Commission replied there are more deaths per year, per capita, in football and baseball than in boxing. He said the national board of underwriters rates boxing seventh among hazardous sports. Football is first. Well Controlled Dr. Battaglia said boxing is

well controlled in Portland. Most witnesses praised the commission. Battaglia said, however, he would approve of rules requiring more safety equipment. He said he would like to see the Portland commission more strongly backed up on the state and national level in taking new safety steps.

There is no state commission. About 90 per cent of the bouts in Oregon are regulated by the Portland commission.

Phil Moyer said he thought fighters would accept new equipment if they had to

choose between wearing it or not fighting. Co-sponsor Ken Maher (R-Portland) said professional fighting should be banned on "medical and moral grounds." He said brain damage leaves some fighters permanently punch drunk. He said there is a correlation between boxing and crime. Tommy Moyer said fighters can be victimized by managers and promoters. Walker countered by saying if his son wanted to be a professional athlete he would choose boxing.

Phil Moyer, who appeared

in the best of health, conceded he might have a detached retina but "nobody knows." He has been retired by the Portland commission.

Oakridge Man Killed As Tractor Overtakes

Oakridge — Oakridge contractor Adam J. Bean was killed Tuesday when his tractor overturned 19 miles east of here. Bean was 54.

Authorities said he was clearing a roadway when a bank gave way.

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Vote in California Senate Ends Controversy Over Braden

Sacramento — Gov. Edmund G. Brown's reappointment of Thomas W. Braden to the state board of education had Senate sanction today, ending a bitter controversy.

By a vote of 33-7, the upper chamber voted late Wednesday to confirm Braden. Six Republicans joined the Senate's 27 Democrats approving the reappointment and seven GOP members voted against it.

The action kept Brown's record of never having an appointment disapproved, although he has withdrawn some under pressure. The fight against confirma-

tion of the 45-year-old publisher of the Oceanside Blade-Tribune was principally carried by freshman Sen. Jack Schrade (R-San Diego).

Although he lost the campaign, which included an extensive letter-writing campaign against Braden, Schrade said he still had not changed his mind.

"He brought politics into education," Schrade told newsmen after the vote. "The governor had a hand in this and he has done his homework very well."

Other action: Consumer-Governor Brown sent to the legislature a nine-point program to benefit consumers including a study of interest charges which he said reach as high as 30 per cent.

Billboards — Assemblyman Robert W. Crown (D-Alameda), ways and means chairman, announced his support of Brown's proposal to eliminate "billboard alleys" along the state's highways. He said they were "polluting" a natural resource.

Foreign Briefs

DOCTORS STAGE PROTEST STRIKE IN ITALY Rome — Italy's 85,000 doctors today staged a 24-hour strike to protest red tape under the widespread health insurance and medical assistance programs. The strike began at midnight. Doctors have pledged to maintain all necessary emergency services.

HUNGARY MARKS LIBERATION WITH PARADE Budapest, Hungary — Communist Hungary celebrated the 18th anniversary of the country's liberation from the Nazis today with a one-hour military parade featuring supersonic jets and ultra-modern anti-aircraft rockets.

FRANCE, UAR TO RESUME RELATIONS Paris — France and the United Arab Republic have decided to resume the diplomatic relations they broke off seven years ago at the time of the Suez crisis, it was announced today.

POPE TO VISIT SUBURBAN CHURCH Vatican City — Pope John XXIII will leave the Vatican Palm Sunday to visit the suburban parish church of the Quarto Miglio. The Pope has been making a series of such short trips during Lent.

BOYS SWIM FOR LIVES AS FIRE GUTS SHIP Lisbon — More than 130 young boys were forced to swim for their lives Wednesday night when fire gutted the training ship Dom Fernando, anchored in the Tagus river. Ferry boats plucked the boys from the river. Authorities said 10 persons were burned, one seriously. There were no reported deaths.

New Highs Reached On Heavy Trading

New York — Stocks rose to their highest levels in about a year today on heavy trading.

Oil and steel set the pace for the rally. Texaco, Universal, Amerasia, Standard Oil of Jersey, and Standard Oil of California were all up large fractions to a point.

Steels got a late start but Republic, Youngstown Sheet, Bethlehem and U.S. Steel all managed sizeable gains by the close. A great deal of interest continued to center on the auto group where most companies are reporting record or near-record March sales.

Chrysler broke 100 earlier in the session but closed unchanged.

DOW JONES AVERAGES New York — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 Industrials 697.12, up 6.61; 20 railroads 154.26, up 0.89; 15 utilities 136.81, off 0.19, and 65 stocks 245.79, up 1.54. Sales Thursday were about 5.3 million shares compared with 4.66 million shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:

Alum. Co. Am.	54 1/2
American Air Lines	20 1/2
American Can	45 1/2
American Motors	19 1/2
A. T. & T.	123 1/2
American Tobacco	21 1/2
Anaconda Copper	45 1/2
Arco	36 1/2
American Standard	15 1/2
Bendix Corp.	33 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	30 1/2
Bearing Air	36 1/2
Brumswick	16 1/2
Caterpillar Corp.	37 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	99 1/2
Coca Cola	94 1/2
C. B. S.	33 1/2
Columbia Gas	28 1/2
Continental Can	42 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	32 1/2
Crucible Steel	10 1/2
Curtis Wright	21 1/2
Dow Chemical	61 1/2
Du Pont	24 1/2
Eastman Kodak	113 1/2
Furstone	34 1/2
Ford	49 1/2
General Electric	74 1/2
General Foods	70 1/2
General Motors	60 1/2
General Portland Cement	21 1/2
Greyhound	38 1/2
Gulf Oil	42 1/2
Homestake	49 1/2
Idaho Power	34 1/2
I. B. M.	429 1/2
Int. Paper	31 1/2
Johns-Manville	48 1/2
Kennecott Copper	73 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	51 1/2
Martins	20 1/2
Merck	83 1/2

U. S. Denies Plotting Laos Assassination

Vientiane, Laos — U.S. Communists accused the United States today of plotting the assassination of anti-American Laotian Foreign Minister Quinim Pholsena, but a U.S. Embassy spokesman promptly labeled the charge "baseless and entirely false."

Pholsena was killed by a neutralist Laotian army corporal Monday night as he returned to his home with his wife. Mrs. Pholsena was wounded.

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