

The two thousand six hundred fifty-fourth meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 226 West 47th Street, New York City, Wednesday, March 22, 1967.

There were present Commissioner Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman; Albert Berkowitz, Commissioner; Chief Deputy Commissioner Frank Morris; Deputy Commissioners Daniel J. Dowd, Pasquale E. Mele, Joseph R. Sciacca, Albert Snyder, Harry J. Cohan; Marvin Kohn, Public Information Officer; Dr. Marvin A. Stevens, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board; Dr. Ira A. McCown, Medical Director; Peter Scalzo, Supervising Boxing Inspector, and Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dooley at 1 p. m.

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An agreement made on March 13, 1967 between Madison Square Garden Corporation and MSG-RKO of Madison Square Garden Attractions, Inc. and RKO General Productions was filed with the Commission.

Madison Square Garden Corporation has acquired the exclusive worldwide television and radio broadcasting rights to the Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay - Zora Folley World Heavyweight Championship Contest to be held at the Garden on March 22, 1967.

It is stipulated in the agreement that for all the rights granted by Madison Square Garden Corporation to MSG-RKO, said MSG-RKO shall within three days after the event, pay to Madison Square Garden Corporation a rights fee in the amount of \$175,000.00.

According to the provisions of the club contract, Muhammad Ali will receive 50 per cent of the gross receipts from this bout plus \$150,000 for all ancillary rights while Zora Folley will receive 15 per cent of the gross receipts plus \$25,000 for ancillary rights.

On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried by the Commission, said contract was accepted by the Commission as prepared.

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Weigh-in ceremonies were held at Madison Square Garden at 11:30 a. m. today participated in by Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) and Zora Folley, boxers, who will participate in the Heavyweight Championship Bout of the World to be held tonight at Madison Square Garden tonight.

All arrangements were completed for the assignment of physicians, inspectors, and deputy commissioners, as well as the other bouts on the card. The Commission will proceed to the assignment of referees and judges later in the day.

Doctors A. H. Kleiman and Edwin Campbell examined the boxers on the card for tonight's bout. They were found to be in good physical condition.

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It was moved by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried that Salvatore J. Rossano be appointed as an Inspector for the New York State Athletic Commission, effective April 1, 1967.

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The Commission reviewed and carefully considered the applications for licenses of the following:

Boxers:

Ismael Laguna  
Edmund Parotte  
George John Matisko, Jr.



Seconds:

Larry Woods  
Angel Rodriguez  
Carlos Struch

Commissioner Berkowitz moved to approve the abovementioned applications for licenses. The motion was seconded by Chairman Dooley, and unanimously carried.

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The Commission discussed a managerial contract made by and between Michael Capriano, manager, and Edmund Parotte, boxer. These individuals had appeared before Executive Secretary Armand J. Starace who interviewed and swore them. Mr. Starace acquainted them with the contents of the contract. When questioned as to Paragraph Ten, both testified that no other persons or parties shared directly or indirectly in the boxer's earnings and that no understanding or arrangement exists as to such sharing. Mr. Starace recommended that the contract be given favorable consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Berkowitz moved that the contract be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dooley and unanimously carried.

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The Commission discussed a managerial contract made by and between Alfred Dinzey, manager, and George Matisko, boxer. These individuals had appeared before Deputy Commissioner Joseph R. Sciacca who interviewed and swore them. Deputy Commissioner Sciacca acquainted them with the contents of the contract. When questioned as to Paragraph Ten, both testified that no other persons or parties shared directly or indirectly in the boxer's earnings and that no understanding or arrangement exists as to such sharing. Deputy Commissioner Sciacca recommended that the contract be given favorable consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Berkowitz moved that the contract be

be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dooley and unanimously carried.

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The Commission discussed a managerial contract made by and between Hector Valdes, manager, and Ismael Laguna, boxer. These individuals had appeared before Deputy Commissioner Albert Snyder who interviewed and swore them. Deputy Commissioner Snyder acquainted them with the contents of the contract. When questioned as to Paragraph Ten, both testified that no other persons or parties shared directly or indirectly in the boxer's earnings and that no understanding or arrangement exists as to such sharing. Deputy Commissioner Snyder recommended that the contract be given favorable consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Berkowitz moved that the contract be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dooley and unanimously carried.

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The Commission discussed a managerial contract made by and between Joseph Visalli, manager, and Michael Cortez, boxer. These individuals had appeared before Deputy Commissioner Albert Snyder who interviewed and swore them. Deputy Commissioner Snyder acquainted them with the contents of the contract. When questioned as to Paragraph Ten, both testified that no other persons or parties shared directly or indirectly in the boxer's earnings and that no understanding or arrangement exists as to such sharing. Deputy Commissioner Snyder recommended that the contract be given favorable consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Berkowitz moved that the contract be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dooley and unanimously carried.

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Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary, reported concerning the difficulty existing between Willie Grunes, manager, and his boxer, Jimmy Dupree.

MR. STARACE:

They wanted a separation some time back. Grunes said Dupree did not want to fight. Dupree will not accept fights that Grunes can get him. Grunes got him a bout in Baltimore. Dupree won. We cannot abrogate the contract in view of this fact. On March 15, 1967, Willie Grunes came in to reveal the latest on Jimmy Dupree, boxer. Grunes showed me contracts on a deal he made on Saturday for Dupree to fight Marian Connors in New Orleans on March 20. The contract offered Dupree 17½ per cent. Connors is ranked seventh and Grunes is certain Dupree could win because Dupree 'creamed' Herschel Jacobs who beat Connors. Grunes arranged with Gil Clancy for Dupree to train this week with Johnny Persol. Yesterday Dupree backed out claiming first a cold and then he needed more time to train. Grunes had to cancel out and is furious. If Dupree got past this fight, he would have moved into contender status.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

No action is required now. It is for information purposes.

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Chairman Dooley informed the Commission that Clarence Ryan, boxer, who had been retired by the Commission, requested an electroencephalogram. Ryan said he was nervous and a little cloudy mentally at the time the previous EEG was given him.

DEP. COM. SNYDER:

I have looked into the background of Clarence Ryan. He is a resident of New Jersey since 1940. I am trying to get him on one of the anti-poverty programs. I inquired of the New Jersey Boxing Commission and they do not permit him to fight in New Jersey. I am sincerely going to try and get him on an anti-poverty program. I will go over to New Jersey one of these days.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Thank you.

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The matter of Kenneth Guy Atonna, boxer, who is mute was again reviewed and given careful consideration.

COM. BERKOWITZ:

I will go along with the Chairman on this. I think this is a situation in which we should not have a divided Board. I am going to change my vote and move to accept the recommendation of the Medical Advisory Board.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We will be accused of being over liberal. I don't like to deprive a man of his livelihood but in this case, I think it best not to permit him to box. Our duty is to protect the boxer.

DEP. COM. DOWD:

It is far too dangerous to consider this boy for a license.

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It was moved by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried that the Commission, after careful consideration, has decided not to issue a license to Kenneth Guy Atonna. The license is therefore denied.

DR. STEVENS:

We appreciate your cooperation.

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On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried, a boxer's license was granted and approved for William H. Smith.

Letter of recommendation from his Probation Officer and his trainer

are on file with the Commission.

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Pedro Martinez, President-Matchmaker of Sports Activities, Inc., Buffalo, New York, telephoned this morning that he cannot appear before the Commission as requested. The severe snowstorm has forestalled air flights and it is therefore impossible for him to make the trip.

Chairman Dooley advised Mr. Martinez that he may appear at the following meeting of the Commission.

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On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the requirements of Section 3, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921 and amendments thereto having been complied with, annual licenses were issued to the following:

(see following page)



3-22-67

(\*) Indicates Renewals

BOXERS

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Pending No.</u>	<u>Ring Name</u>	<u>Right Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
B-155	1257	*Freddie Williams	Same	N.Y.C.
B-156	1315	*Pablo Lopez	"	"
B-157	1347	*Sigfredo Garcia	"	"
B-158	1355	*Wendell Newton	"	"
B-159	1289	Ismael Laguna	Ismael L.Meneses	Panama City, Pan.
B-160	1312	George Matisko	Geo. J. Matisko, Jr.	N. Y. C.
B-161	1316	Ed Parotte	Edmond Parotte	"
B-162	1318	William H. Smith	Same	"
B-163	1356	*Tommy Clark	Thomas Clark	Levittown, L.I.
B-164	1365	*Ben Robertson	Benj. L. Robertson	N. Y. C.

SECONDS

		<u>Name</u>	
S-220	1319	*Joseph Garfield	B' Elyn, N.Y.
S-221	1326	*Willie Thompkins	N. Y. C.
S-222	1340	*Yancey Durham, Jr.	Phila. Pa.
S-223	1357	*Harry DuVell	N. Y. C.
S-224	1283	Larry Woods	"
S-225	1290	Angel Rodriguez	Colon, Panama
S-226	1291	Carlos Struch	" "
S-227	1372	*Willie Reddish	Phila. Pa.

MANAGERS

M-58	1293	Hector Valdes	Panama City, Pan.
M-59	1314	Alfred Dinzey	B' Elyn, N.Y.

BOX OFFICE EMPLOYEES

40	1321	*Percy Klingenberger	Rochester, N.Y.
41	1348	*Eva A. Moore	White Plains, NY

SPECIAL POLICEMAN

190 1360 \*Michael C. Galli B'klyn, N.Y.

USHER

190 1342 \*Salvatore M. Landri "

TEMPORARY SECONDS

Permit 10 1328 Angel Rodriguez Panama City, Panama  
Permit 11 1329 Carlos Struch "  
Permit 12 1330 Hector Valdes "

TEMPORARY BOXER

Permit 6 1327 Ismael Laguna "

TEMPORARY BOX OFFICE EMPLOYEES

Permit 1 1334 Francis Cramer Rochester, N.Y.  
Permit 2 1335 James Flynn "  
Permit 3 1336 Gordon Newton "

TEMPORARY SPECIAL POLICEMAN

Permit 18 1349 Michael Cohen N. Y. C.

CLUB TRANSFERS

Pending #1337 Onondaga Wrestling Club to Buffalo, N. Y. on 2-24-67  
Pending #1364 Troy Arena to Albany, N.Y. - - - - - " 4-22-67

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary

*Armand J. Starace*

The two thousand six hundred fifty-fifth meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 226 West 47 Street, New York City, Friday, March 31, 1967.

There were present Commissioner Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman; Raymond J. Lee, Commissioner; Chief Deputy Commissioner Frank Morris; Deputy Commissioners Daniel J. Dowd, Pasquale E. Mele, Joseph R. Sciacca, Albert Snyder; Marvin Kohn, Public Information Officer; Dr. Marvin A. Stevens, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board, and Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dooley at 1 p. m.

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The Commission discussed a managerial contract made by and between Yancy Durham, Jr., manager, and Joseph L. Harris, boxer. These individuals had appeared before Deputy Commissioner Albert Snyder who interviewed and swore them. Deputy Commissioner Snyder acquainted them with the contents of the contract. When questioned as to Paragraph Ten, both testified that no other persons or parties shared directly or indirectly in the boxer's earnings and that no understanding or arrangement exists as to such sharing. Deputy Commissioner Snyder recommended that the contract be given favorable consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Lee moved that the contract be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dooley and unanimously carried.

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The Commission discussed a managerial contract made by and between Vincent Polizzi, manager, and Charles Harris, boxer. These individuals had appeared before Deputy Commissioner Albert Snyder who interviewed and swore them. Deputy Commissioner Snyder acquainted them with the contents of the contract. When questioned as to Paragraph Ten, both testified that no other persons or parties shared directly or indirectly in the boxer's earnings and that no understanding or arrangement exists as to such sharing. Deputy Commissioner Snyder recommended that the contract be given favorable consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Lee moved that the contract be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dooley and unanimously carried.

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The Commission discussed a managerial contract made by and between Angel Ortiz Diaz, manager, and Henry Costoso, boxer. These individuals had appeared before Deputy Commissioner Pete Mele who interviewed and swore them. Deputy Commissioner Mele acquainted them with the contents of the contract. When questioned as to Paragraph Ten, both testified that no other persons or parties shared directly or indirectly in the boxer's earnings and that no understanding or arrangement exists as to such sharing. Deputy Commissioner Mele recommended that the contract be given favorable consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Lee moved that the contract be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dooley and unanimously carried.

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The Commission reviewed and carefully considered the applications for licenses of the following:

Special Policemen

- Ronald Paul Schlagel
- Michael Cohen
- Rodman Herbert Quackenbush
- Richard Boera
- John L. Bryan
- Gerald Thomas Cochrane

Seconds

- Hector Valdes
- George P. Duffy

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- Nicholas Scopellite

Boxers

- Joe Harris
- Bobby Lee Hines

Commissioner Lee moved to approve the abovementioned applications for licenses. The motion was seconded by Chairman Dooley, and unanimously carried.

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After review, on motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried the transfer of club license was approved for the Troy Arena, Inc. to conduct a wrestling show at the Washington Avenue Armory, Albany, New York, on April 8, 1967.

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On motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried, the transfer of club license was approved for the Troy Arena, Inc. for the wrestling exhibition held at the Washington Avenue Armory, Albany, New York, on March 18, 1967.

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Chairman Dooley informed the Commission that he had received the following letter from Deputy Commissioner Thomas W. Ryan, Buffalo, New York, concerning Pedro Martinez, President-Matchmaker of Sports Activities, Ind., of Buffalo, New York.

"February 23, 1967

Hon. Edwin B. Dooley  
Commissioner  
State Athletic Commission  
New York, New York

Sir:

With reference to the civil suit instituted by the firm of Glass & Glass, New York City attorneys, in behalf of Cecily Grando, I talked with Pedro Martinez on January 17, 1967, advising him of this civil action. He stated that he knows Cecily Grando and that she did invest money in the Buffalo Wrestling Club or its successor organizations. He stated to me that eleven years ago, he purchased the Buffalo Wrestling Club from Don George, for a certain amount down and balance to be paid at the rate of \$9,000 each year, for nine (9) years.

He also stated that the records of the Athletic Commission will show this transfer of ownership was approved by the then Commissioner Helfand.

According to Mr. Martinez, this obligation has been satisfied.

About five years ago, the plaintiff Grando, invested approximately \$16,000 in the wrestling club. As it is generally known, the club lost money, and has not been a profitable enterprise for some time.

I mentioned to Mr. Martinez, that there was an indication of fraud, and he became very much exercised, indicating that he might even institute a suit for defamation of character.

He further stated that in order to show good faith with the investor, Cecily Grando, he placed in her name eight (8) shares of stock in the Buffalo Wrestling Club, or the successor corporation. He said that each share was valued at \$2,000 each (I cannot say how this estimated value was determined).



He stated to me that the current application for permission to promote wrestling will show that Cecily Grando is listed as a stockholder.

After my conversation with Mr. Martinez, his attorney, Mr. David Feldman, called me and stated that it was his intention to contact the firm of Glass & Glass.

All of the above information was obtained from Mr. Martinez. If you so desire, I will be pleased to continue my investigation.

Very truly yours,  
 Thomas W. Ryan  
 Deputy Commissioner." (signed)

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

I received a letter recently from Mr. Anthony J. Vaccaro of the firm of Hellerer, Cuomo and Vaccaro, attorneys at law, Buffalo, New York. They made a suggestion that Pedro Martinez pay off his debts in a certain way. According to Mr. Vaccaro, Mr. Martinez has not straightened out his affairs relative to the judgment of March 15, 1966, in favor of Gust M. Mathews and against Pedro Martinez and Sports Activities, Inc. in the sum of \$2,617.00. They are quibbling as to how the debts should be paid. Mr. Martinez makes one suggestion and they another.

COM. LEE:

Pedro Martinez is quite a talker. I want to say this before he comes into the room. He is boring. He pleaded poverty to me in the elevator as I was coming up today.

DEP. COM. DOWD:

I would insist that he pay his debts.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

There is a \$14,000 differential. We will call Mr. Pedro Martinez in now.

## APPEARANCE:

Pedro Martinez

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Mr. Martinez, you know why you are here. We know of your contribution to wrestling upstate. We know you did a lot for the game. We are constantly besieged by attorneys to have us straighten out your affairs. Mr. Vaccaro did not agree with your proposal as to how payments are to be made.

With reference to the matter of Cecily Grando, how are you going to pay her and how are you going to pay the judgment to Mr. Mathews?

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

Here is the letter my attorney, David P. Feldman, sent to Mr. Vaccaro.

"March 21, 1967

Hellerer, Cuomo & Vaccaro  
Attorneys at Law  
906 Genesee Building  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Attention: Anthony J. Vaccaro, Esq.

Re: Gust M. Mathews v Martinez  
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Our file: #3550

Dear Bud:

On behalf of my client, Pedro Martinez, I offer the following mode of payment in settlement of the above judgment:

\$400.00 upon acceptance of the offer.  
\$500.00 - May 1, 1967  
\$600.00 - June 1, 1967  
\$600.00 - July 1, 1967  
Balance - August 1, 1967.

Please advise whether this would be acceptable to your client.

Sincerely,

cc: Pedro Martinez

David P. Feldman." (signed)

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I said - if you want to promote boxing - He said he wanted \$250 a show. They contacted the Commission. They submitted three cards. They were turned down.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

There is a judgment against you.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

Yes. We never got an answer to the letter my attorney sent to Mr. Vaccaro.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Unless you clear up your debts, we will have to suspend your license.

COM. LEE:

The offer has to be accepted.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Good faith is indicated on the part of Mr. Martinez when he offers to pay his debts. The Grando matter is another problem.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

Grando got eight shares of stock. Here is the agreement she signed. There is stock for it. I paid \$198,000 for this territory to Don George.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

You bought good will.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

There is nothing.

COM. LEE:

There used to be television up there.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

There will be if we could get television. We lost money for every show in the last three years. We had no limitations. We ran it. We gave wrestlers percentages of 20 per cent. The house was 100 per cent.

COM. LEE:

Who agreed to it?

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I did. The matchmaker does not know about percentages. We gave out more than he took in. We never had one bad match. I had unlimited faith in sports people. Consequently, we lost this money. I never went bankrupt. I never went bankrupt in my life. I did keep the thing going. Don George took \$190,000 of my money. In the long run we made money. We had a television program following baseball. All our shows depended on that. When that went, it cost us \$60,000. We were preempted. The program was off the air. We could not stop it. I exhausted all the money I had, \$150,000. I spent three months of my time. Don George wanted to make lopsided matches. None were any good. He backed out.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Here is a letter from the law firm of Glass & Glass, 54 Wall Street, New York City. The matter of Cicily R. Grando is a civil action.

"February 16, 1967

Mr. Edwin B. Dooley  
Commissioner  
226 West 47 Street  
New York, New York 10036

Re: Mrs. Cicily R. Grando  
with Pedro Martinez and  
Vincent Martinez

My dear Commissioner:

We have been consulted by Mrs. Grando about the matter of aiding her to recover a very large sum of money out of

which she has been mulcted by two persons, one of whom is still a resident of the City of Buffalo and is now and has in the past been engaged in the business of sports promotion.

In or about 1963, Mrs. Grando was approached by Messrs. Pedro and Vincent Martinez with the idea of her becoming an investor in the business of sports promotion. They painted for her a glowing picture of the prospects. In the course of time Mrs. Grando turned over a great deal of money to the Messrs. Martinez. When things began to look a little bit suspicious, Mrs. Grando began on her own and with the aid of others to look into the matter a bit more deeply and found, to her great dismay, that the brothers had entered into a deliberate conspiracy to relieve her of the monies left to her by her then recently deceased husband. Mrs. Grando advises us that both brothers admitted to her and in the presence of strangers that they did enter into the conspiracy and particularly Pedro Martinez took the attitude that she 'deserved' to be taken.

The entire story is a long and involved one. It certainly does cast doubt upon the right of a citizen of this state to have a license to conduct public exhibitions if that individual is capable of perpetrating so dastardly a plot as that to which he and his brother also, admitted. Mrs. Grando advises us that she has appealed to you for aid and possible redress. We are in a position to assure you that from our own personal investigation conducted about one year ago in Buffalo, Mrs. Grando states only the facts. Where her statements at first appear to be fantastic, we checked them carefully and found that they were not at all exaggerated. We are prepared to assist in any way we possibly can in present-  
int to your Commission and to you personally, if necessary, all the details in this matter. All we request is that a mutually convenient time and place be arranged for, so that we can give whatever cooperation you may request.

We trust that you will be able to give this matter your attention in the very near future.

Yours very truly,

Glass & Glass

by Joseph G. Glass." (signed)

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

I replied to Mr. Glass.

"February 17, 1967

Mr. Joseph G. Glass  
% Glass & Glass, Esqs.  
54 Wall Street  
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Glass:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 16 concerning the action of Mrs. Cicily R. Grando with Pedro Martinez and Vincent Martinez.

As I told Mrs. Grando, this matter is entirely a civil action and I don't see how we can intervene in her behalf except to chastize Mr. Pedro Martinez for his conduct.

This we have done. We have threatened him with the suspension because of other defections and only recently gave him sixty days in which to clear up his financial difficulties or suffer suspension as a sports promoter.

I will be glad to see you if you will telephone me, but I don't think it will serve any purpose.

Yours very truly,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman."

ARMAND STARACE:

How many shares are outstanding?

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

Two hundred. She filed her stock with that corporate license. Nobody can guarantee anything in boxing or wrestling. If anyone had been cheated, it is me.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

You offered them payment on the judgment as indicated in your letter. You



will hold to that? It is not a stalling matter?

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

No.

COM. LEE:

Can you borrow money from a bank? Nobody wants to shut off your livelihood.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

We have a \$20,000 loan. It is a \$100,000 building.

COM. LEE:

It is only a debt of \$2500 and you are talking in hundreds of thousands.

It is an obstacle.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I have been paying my debts as I go along.

COM. LEE:

I have never heard anything to discredit the integrity of Pedro Martinez.

He is honest.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

Thank you. We run shows. We try. We tried to buy television time. We have not been successful for many reasons. I have not made money in three years. We have film. We buy film in Albany. Before I lost in Troy, I lost \$2,000 to \$3,000. In Rochester I lost \$2800. I just don't have it. I try to stay above water.

COM. LEE:

Have you made any money in anything?

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

We put it back in the wrestling business.

COM. LEE:

Your interest will be more than the debts.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

My film is collateral.

DEP. COM. DOWD:

He has the film which he bought.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I paid \$5,000. Four years ago in 1961.

DEP. COM. DOWD:

If he could put it on the air, he could make money on it.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

They taped it in Washington. This is a problem we faced, controlling television.

COM. LEE:

You should hire a businessman.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I was just not fortunate. I am not a bad businessman. Japan took forty boys; Australia, San Francisco. Everything happened in the last three years. Japan, Australia and San Francisco took many top boys. I had the first sellout in the Garden through television. Television show does a job.

DEP. COM. DOWD:

If you took television off, the Garden would die.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

Charlie Johnston fortunately has money. We sell the guys we got.

DEP. COM. SCIACCA:

Do you have any outside interests other than the wrestlers?

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

Yes. The film business. Other than that, nothing.

DEP. COM. SCIACCA:

You are going deeper and deeper into this.

DEP. COM. DOWD:

Did you do anything in Syracuse?

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

We can't get television there. It is a complicated matter. It is feasible.

COM. LEE:

The important thing is to pay this bill.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I had my problems. In New York, I lost \$100,000. I got \$25,000 back.

I never tried to do anybody out of a nickel.

COM. LEE:

I will vouch for that.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I could raise the money if I used women wrestlers.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We won't do that.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I could get \$50,000 in three months if we had the women wrestlers.

I am not ashamed of anything I have done. I did the best I could.

COM. LEE:

Commissioner Dooley, are you for women wrestling or not?

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

In our rules women wrestlers are barred.

ARMAND STARACE:

That includes, managers and seconds as well.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

There is a Cuban girl wrestler. Her lawyer is going to proceed with it legally. New York City does not need it. We need it. If you could license it on a trial basis for three months, it would help.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We have to weigh it very carefully. Perhaps, legal action is the best way to get it. It would compel us to do it.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

Chicago, Illinois, California licensed girl wrestlers. You don't need it in New York City but throughout the state, you do need it.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We will take it up at some future time. There is nothing we can do now but you have agreed to pay on the terms innumeraed in your letter.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I would like to have the letter from the attorney of Mrs. Grando. I could sue her.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

It is a privileged letter. We cannot do that.

COM. LEE:

You might take it up with your attorney.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I bought two territories - one for \$175,000. I could have changed my license and not pay it. I do not do that. I am not a crook. It was bad three years ago.

COM. LEE:

Do you owe any bank personally?

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

Marine Trust. I can't borrow unless you sign the note. Film is bringing in \$18,000 a year income. It is corporate. It is not usury.

COM. LEE:

Can you pay \$100 a month?

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

He made an offer. There are no conditions. He agrees to pay that.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

He never accepted it. The money I made, I lost. I should have stopped but I did not.

(Pedro Martinez shows his bank books  
to Chairman Dooley)

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

I will tell the attorney, Mr. Vaccaro, that you testified to us that Mrs. Grando is mistaken in her allegations. She claims \$30,000 was involved. You say it is \$16,000. She lost it in promotion.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

I was losing money too. I have gotten nothing out of wrestling in the last four years.

DEP. COM. DOWD:

Are you going to do any outdoor shows?

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

If we can have burlesque.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

It is degrading.

DEP. COM. DOWD:

It is worth a try.

ARMAND STARACE:

It is clearly discriminatory.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

The girl wrestler is applying for a license. It will be a test case in court.

COM. LEE:

I was always in favor of it. They should be allowed to wrestle.

If they allow women to appear topless in restaurants, I cannot see anything degrading in women wrestling.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We will take it up at the next meeting of the Commission.

PEDRO MARTINEZ:

If you give me a chance to breathe, I will appreciate it.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

The Commission has weighed very carefully the explanation of Pedro Martinez of the judgment against him. Mr. Martinez has offered to pay the money owed on the basis of \$400 upon acceptance of the offer; \$500 on May 1, 1967; \$600 on June 1, 1967; \$600 on July 1, 1967, and the balance on August 1, 1967. This seems satisfactory to the Commission.

On motion made by Commissioner Lee, Seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried, the proposal was accepted, as stated above.

It was also agreed by the Commissioners that the Cecily Grando case with Glass and Glass, attorneys at law, is not within our province.

The following letter was forwarded to Mr. Vaccaro, copy of which was sent to Mr. Pedro Martinez.



"March 31, 1967

Anthony J. Vaccaro, Esq.  
 % Lutwack, Feldman & Burke  
 287 Washington Street  
 Buffalo, New York 14203

Dear Mr. Vaccaro:

Our Commission met today to discuss, among other things, the matter of Pedro Martinez, and his obligations.

Mr. Martinez presented to us a copy of the letter which he had written to your firm (attention of Anthony J. Vaccaro, Esqs.) offering to pay the judgment in question on certain dates: \$400 has to be paid upon acceptance of the offer; \$500 on May 1, 1967; \$600 on June 1, 1967; \$600 on July 1, 1967, and the balance on August 1, 1967.

This seems to us to be most equitable. In view of his hardpressed financial position, I think it is only fair you accept his offer rather than insist on the counter-offer being accepted.

Mr. Martinez assured us that he is making efforts to re-establish his affluence in the field of wrestling and boxing and naturally we would like to offer him every cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
 Chairman."

cc: Pedro Martinez

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On motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried a second's license was denied to Drew Brown, Jr.

Drew Brown has a record of convictions and answered "no" to the question on the application for license: Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

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On the occasion of the Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) - Zora Folley Heavyweight Championship Bout of the World held at Madison Square Garden on March 22, 1967, it appeared to several members of the New York State Athletic Commission that Herbert Muhammad jumped on the apron of the ring and talked to Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay).

DEP. COM. SCIACCA:

Deputy Commissioner Al Snyder, Frank Papa, and I, as well as two Inspectors of the Athletic Commission on my left, claimed they did not see this act. We also asked Hayes and four people in that corner and they also said they did not see that happen. I was told that Chris Dundee told Angelo Dundee and Herbert Muhammad to tell Clay to fight.

CHIEF DEP. COM. MORRIS:

I saw the gentleman jump up in the ring. It was, I believe, Herbert Muhammad.

DEP. COM. SNYDER:

I would let the whole matter drop since no one seems to be sure of it.

COM. LEE:

It might be well to write to the Inspectors and remind them of our regulations. The Inspectors should observe more carefully in the future and see that there is not a re-occurrence of this action.

DEP. COM. SCIACCA:

The Deputy Commissioners should be more observant too. It might help to write to the Inspectors. The Deputy Commissioner in charge should talk to the Inspectors.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

The Deputy Commissioners in the future will see to it that there is no re-occurrence of this action.

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Deputy Commissioner Al Snyder reported to the Commission in the matter of Anthony Marcilla, manager and second.

DEP. COM. SNYDER:

On March 15, 1967, at Sunnyside Gardens, Anthony Marcilla, manager and second, had his boxer, Juan M. Batta, boxing there. Marcilla thought the referee did not do the proper thing. He (Marcilla) thought the fight was over. He jumped into the ring. He was not abusive. Chief Deputy Commissioner Frank Morris and I discussed the situation. We decided then to suspend Marcilla indefinitely. He is married, has four children, and a hard worker. He came up to see Commissioner Morris and myself in all humility. He lost himself for the moment. He asked forgiveness. He was very apologetic. This morning the fellow (Marcilla) felt sorry for what he did. I would recommend lifting his suspension.

It was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried that the suspension of Anthony Marcilla be lifted.

Deputy Commissioner Al Snyder suggested that the referees assigned to officiate at boxing or wrestling shows be advised to bring with them an extra pair of trousers. There was an unfortunate incident recently where a referee assigned, in limbering up and exercising in a dressing room, before entering the ring, tore his trousers.

The consensus of the Commission was that the referee be instructed by the Deputy Commissioners to bring with them two pairs of trousers when assigned to a particular show.

It was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried that Pete Santiago be permitted to renew his boxer's license.

Mr. Santiago will be medically examined and after examination and clearance, be approved to participate in boxing bouts again.

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On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the following suspensions were imposed in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921.

Ill and Unavailable

Frankie Narvaez, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 10, 1967. Dr. Kleiman - Medical.

Bobby Warthen, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 10, 1967. Dr. Kleiman - Medical.

Michael Cortez, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 15, 1967. Dr. Guarino - Medical.

Johnny Persol, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 22, 1967. Dr. Kleiman - TKO-EEG.

DeVieny Washington, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 22, 1967. Dr. Kleiman-TKO-EEG.

Zora Folley, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 22, 1967. Dr. Kleiman-TKO-EEG.

Gypsy Joe Harris, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective April 3, 1967. Dr. McCown-Medical.

Suspension

Antonio Marcilla, second, was suspended indefinitely, effective March 15, 1967, for acts considered detrimental to the best interests of boxing.

Denied

Drew Brown, Jr. (second) by order of Commission - effective March 31, 1967.

Suspensions by out-of-state Commissions

Doug Jones, boxer, Pennsylvania Commission, effective February 21, 1967

Amos Lincoln, boxer, California Commission, effective March 16, 1967

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the following suspensions were lifted in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921.

Sam Ardelean, wrestler	effective February 16, 1967
Jose Torres, boxer	" " 16, "
Freddie Williams, "	" March 9, "
Angel Oquendo, "	" " 9, "
Benito Ortiz, "	" " 10, "
Pablo Lopez, "	" " 10, "
Mike Cortez, "	" " 15, "
Grey Gavin, "	" " 28, "
Reuben DeJesus, "	" " 29, "
Julio Miranda, "	" " 31, "

Reinstatements by other Commissions

Doug Jones, boxer	Pennsylvania Commission	effective April 4, 1967
Amos Lincoln,	California Commission	" " 15, "

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On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the requirements of Section 3, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921 and amendments thereto having been complied with, annual licenses were issued to the following:

(see following page)

effective February 16, 1921	Sam Anderson, wrestler
" " "	Joe Evans, boxer
" " "	Freddie Williams, "
March 3, " "	Alfred Edwards, "
" " "	Benito Ortiz, "
10, " "	Paulo Jones, "
" " "	Mike Carter, "
12, " "	Gray Cavin, "
28, " "	Reuben Johnson, "
29, " "	" "
31, " "	John Miranda, "

Renewals by other Commissions

effective April 4, 1921	Doug Jones, boxer
" " "	Anna Lincoln, "
" " "	California Commission
" " "	Transylvania Commission

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(\* ) Indicates Renewals

BOXERS

License No.	Pending No.	Ring Name	Right Name	Address
B-165	1375	*Curtis Cokes	Same	Dallas, Texas
B-166	1379	*Grey Gavin	Grey Edw. Gavin	B'klyn, N. Y.
B-167	1339	Joe Harris	Jos. Louis Harris	Phila. Pa.
B-168	1308	*Victor Baerga	Same	N. Y. C.
B-169	1413	*Johnny Thomas	"	Jamaica, N.Y.

WRESTLERS

W-71	86	*Sonny Boy Cassidy	Lawrence Tattersall	Detroit, Mich.
W-72	1144	*Cowboy Bradley	Robt. C. Bradley	Amarillo, Texas
W-73	1376	*Ray Stevens	Same	Fremont, Calif.

SECONDS

		Name	
S-228	1292	Hector Valdes	Panama City, Pan.
S-229	1358	George P. Duffy	Central Islip, LI
S-230	1438	*Douglas A. Lord	Dallas, Texas

MANAGER

M-60	1341	*Yancey Durham, Jr.	Phila. Pa.
M-61	1418	*Vincent Polizzi	Neptune City, NJ
M-62	1218	Angel Ortiz Diaz	Astoria, L.I.

USHERS

191	1373	*Salvatore J. Curatolo	Rochester, N.Y.
192	1377	*Albert W. Whiteside	Plainview, N.Y.
193	1388	*Louis Ficarro	Rochester, N.Y.
194	1195	Nicholas Scopellite	Middle Village, N.Y.



SPECIAL POLICEMEN

191	1322	Ronald Paul Schlagel	B'klyn, N.Y.
192	1323	Michael Cohen	N. Y. C.
193	1324	Rodman H. Quackenbush	Bay Shore, N.Y.
194	1344	Richard Boera	Bronx, N.Y.
195	1345	John L. Bryan	"
196	1346	Gerald Thomas Cochrane	Flushing, L.I.
197	1433	*Ernest Allen, Jr.	Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

TEMPORARY USHERS

Permit 9	1392	Carl Giampietro	Flushing, N.Y.
Permit 10	1393	Carl Giampietro	"
Permit 11	1394	John Mercurio	Jamaica, N.Y.
Permit 12	1395	Anthony Gargiulo	Valley Stream, L.I.
Permit 13	1396	Edward McManus	N. Y. C.
Permit 14	1397	John Mercurio	Jamaica, N.Y.
Permit 15	1398	Anthony Gargiulo	Valley Stream, L.I.
Permit 16	1423	Abe Singer	Kingston, N. Y.

TEMPORARY BOX OFFICE EMPLOYEES

Permit 4	1431	James Flynn	Rochester, N.Y.
Permit 5	1432	Francis Cramer	"

TEMPORARY SPECIAL POLICEMEN

Permit 19	1399	Bernard Smith	N. Y. C.
Permit 20	1400	Ronald Schlagel	B'klyn, N.Y.
Permit 21	1401	Vito Abitabile	Middle Village, N.Y.
Permit 22	1402	Gerald Cochrane	Flushing, N.Y.
Permit 23	1403	John L. Bryan	Bronx, N.Y.

TEMPORARY SECOND

Permit 13	1390	Drew Brown	N. Y. C.
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TEMPORARY WRESTLER

Permit 4	1391	Charles Kalani	San Manuel, Ariz.
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TEMPORARY BOXER

Permit 7	1424	Henry Smith	B'klyn, N.Y.
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On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the meeting was adjourned.

*Armand J. Storer*  
Executive Secretary

The two thousand six hundred fifty-sixth meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 226 West 47 Street, New York City, Monday, April 24, 1967.

There were present Commissioner Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman; Albert Berkowitz, Commissioner; Chief Deputy Commissioner Frank Morris; Deputy Commissioners Daniel J. Dowd, Joseph R. Sciacca, Albert Snyder; Marvin Kohn, Public Information Officer; Dr. Marvin A. Stevens, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board, and Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dooley at 1 p. m.

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The Commission reviewed and carefully considered the applications for licenses of the following:

Boxers

Mario Saurennann  
Moises Vargas

Wrestler

Charles J. Kalani

Seconds

Bruno Amaduzzi  
William H. Neal, Jr.  
Byron Glenn Douglas  
Robert Lee Thomas

Special Policemen

Harold August Dennerlein  
Raymond Rotter  
Robert Thorpe

Usher

Edward W. McManus

Commissioner Berkowitz moved to approve the aforementioned applications for licenses. The motion was seconded by Chairman Dooley, and unanimously carried.

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The Commission discussed the matter of Bernie Palmer, applicant for a second's license.

Chairman Dooley in perusing the fingerprint record of Mr. Palmer noted that Palmer had been convicted a number of years ago.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

The report indicates fraud and conspiracy in a confidence - deception game. It happened about twelve years ago.

CHIEF DEP. COM. MORRIS:

He is a friend of Chief Inspector Petey Scalzo. He is an employer and in business. He was convicted and served 1½ years ago. It was a conspiracy charge.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We will hold this application in abeyance. Let's get a report from his minister or others who know him well.

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A managerial contract made by and between John DeFazio, manager, and Marcel Bizien, boxer, as well as a manager's application on the part of John DeFazio was placed before the Commission for consideration.

Chairman Dooley read a letter dated April 17, 1967, from John W. Kehoe, Chief Probation Officer, by Lawrence J. Fitzhenry, Principal Probation Officer in charge of Bayonne Office, Jersey City 6, New Jersey, to the members of the Commission.

The letter is the following:

"Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman  
Department of State  
Division of Athletic Commission  
226 West 47 Street  
New York, New York 10036

Gentlemen:

In response to your inquiry of April 12, 1967, relative to subject's application to the Commission for a manager's license we advise as follows:

On the afternoon of January 30, 1962, Mr. DeFazio was taken into custody by the Bayonne, New Jersey, Police on the road leading into the Stauffer Chemical Company. He had in his possession a brown paper bag containing a series of sheets with number plays and a total of \$1055.02 in bills and coins of various denominations. When arraigned in the Bayonne Municipal Court he waived examination and was released in bail of \$1000 to await Grand Jury action. He reserved any statement.

The Hudson County Grand Jury return Indictment No. 863 T61 - charging Possession of Lottery Slips to which he pleaded "not guilty" on June 8, 1962 but on June 25, 1962 retracted this plea and entered the plea of guilty.

On August 15, 1962, Judge Paul J. Duffy sentenced the defendant to eighteen (18) months in the County Penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500.00 plus costs of \$30.89 forthwith. The operation of the penitentiary sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for a period of two years.

At the time he was employed as a bartender in various local taverns he was divorced and re-married. On February 5, 1964, his second wife had him in Bayonne Municipal Court on complaints of Disorderly Person and non-support at which time the court ordered him to pay \$25.00 weekly through probation but the wife elected to receiving payments direct.

There had been an order of \$15.00 weekly at the time of the divorce by his first wife, May 18, 1961, but no payments were ever made on this order. As there were no further incidents and the fine and costs were paid the probation case terminated August 15, 1964.

(signed)

Yours very truly,  
John W. Kehoe, Chief  
Probation Officer  
Lawrence J. Fitzhenry,  
Principal Probation Officer  
in charge Bayonne Office."

(The aforementioned letter was received from the Hudson County Probation Department, Room No. 202, Administration Building, 595 Newark Avenue, Post Office Box No. 8037, Jersey City 6, New Jersey).

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Possession of Lottery Slips - this happened in 1962. He was divorced and re-married. On February 5, 1964, his second wife had him in Bayonne Municipal Court on complaint of Disorderly Person, and non-support at which time the court ordered him to pay \$25.00 weekly through probation but the wife elected to receive direct payments. He doesn't sound dependable. I would not be in favor of a "bookie".

It was moved by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried, that a license for manager be denied John DeFazio and managerial contract made by and between John DeFazio, manager, and Marcel Bizien, be voided.

The application of Charles C. Staiger of Hartsdale, New York, for a Judge's license has been held up for medical reasons. The approval was delayed because of a heart condition.

After some discussion, on a motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried that it was the decision of the Commission that the license of Drew Brown, Jr. remain denied because of his criminal record. Mr. Brown had applied for a second's license.

Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary, reported to the Commission that John O'Rourke, a promoter in Freeport, owes \$240 in arrears for premium.

ARMAND STARACE:

I wrote to him - "unless it was taken care of, it would be taken before the Commission for appropriate action.....". We cannot ignore this any longer. John O'Rourke is a promoter in Freeport.

DAN DOWD:

He only runs in the summertime. The bond covers that. He has the Physical Arts Gym.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We will hold it up for our attorney, Jim Fusscas.

COM. BERKOWITZ:

We are supposed to be a regulatory agency. He hasn't even answered us.

ARMAND STARACE:

The letter never came back so he must have received it.

COM. BERKOWITZ:

His license should be suspended for twenty days or so.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Call him in for the next meeting. He should pay the premium due.

DAN DOWD:

He hasn't too much money.

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Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary, read an unsigned letter he had received dated April 12, 1967, regarding the matter of assignments.



The letter is the following:

"April 12, 1967

Dear Mr. Starace:

Received your letter dated May 7, 1967.

There are many times we get a telephone call the day or the day before the assignment. What shall we do then. Maybe you can correct something that is very unfair.

Many inspectors do not get any assignments for three or four months, while others are getting two or three every month (a very good friend of mine is getting at least two a month).

Mr. Ben Fabrizi, an inspector and a State Committeeman from Queens, on many occasions has come to the arena, signed the payroll sheet at the behest of the commissioner in charge, and left the arena immediately. Is this fair?

There are many inspectors who are capable to do all the work pertaining to the Commission, and there are many inspectors who do not know anything, or will hide the whole evening of the show. It seems to me the Commission ought to weed out those who fail to meet the qualifications to do the job.

Please try to share the assignments equally amongst those Republican workers who can and will do a job.

I will identify myself the next time I see you at an assignment.

(anonymous letter)"

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Refer this letter to Petey Scalzo.

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Chairman Dooley spoke of the Emile Griffith - Nino Benvenuti Middleweight Championship Bout of the World which was held at Madison Square Garden on April 17, 1967, with the expectation of a re-match in the near future.

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An application for a wrestler's license was submitted to the Commission for its consideration. The application made was by one, Silvia T. Calzadilla (Silvia Torres), a woman.

Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary, read a brief from the attorneys of Mrs. Calzadilla stating why we should license Mrs. Calzadilla.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We are bound to uphold the policy established by the Commission. Memorandum before trial was read.

COM. BERKOWITZ:

Would we deny it because it is "acts considered detrimental to the best interests....?"

We should deny the application.

ARMAND STARACE:

There was previous litigation. We have not acted at all.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

In our rules we preclude women wrestling in the State of New York.

After prolonged discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried that an application for a wrestler's license be denied to Silvia T. Calzadilla (Silvia Torres) as being contrary to the rules and regulations of the New York State Athletic Commission.

The check, filing fee of \$5.00, will be returned to Miss Calzadilla.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

This matter is referred to counsel, Mr. Fusscas, for answer.

The following memorandum was forwarded to Mr. Fuscas, counsel for the Commission.

The Commission denies the application of Silvia T. Calzadilla (Silvia Torres) for a wrestler's license on grounds which he should state officially in a letter to the applicant.

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It is noted for the record that Pedro Martinez, President and Matchmaker of Sports Activities, has made his first payment to attorney Anthony Vaccaro in the sum of \$400.00.

Mr. Martinez also forwarded a copy of the May 1967 issue of "The Ring Wrestling" in which there appeared an article by Nat Loubé concerning women wrestling and its favorable aspects.

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Chairman Dooley reported to the Commission that he had received a telephone call from Cus D'Amato who made several suggestions to help the future of boxing.

"April 18, 1967

Cus D'Amato telephoned the Chairman today and suggested that he has a place upstate to seat 1,000 people. He would like to stage fights there.

Mr. D'Amato would like to have the consent of the Commission to hold four and six round bouts where the boxers are paid only \$20.00 and \$40.00 respectively. If we allow this, he has another club in mind to help develop boxers.

The officials, he said, will have to work for nothing or very little. He has somebody in mind who will promote it."

DAN DOWD:

The managers and boxers should cooperate with D'Amato in this regard about fees since it is entirely up to the promoter, managers, and boxers.

If it is agreeable with the Commission, lower payments can be arranged

to boxers provided the promoter makes a formal request to the Commission.

COM. BERKOWITZ:

It is suggested that they submit a plan.

DAN DOWD:

If the Commission approves, it is fine.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

He hasn't named the Arena, I will communicate with Cus D'Amato. I will write him on that basis.

"Mr. Cus D'Amato  
% Gramercy Gymnasium  
116 East 14th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Cus:

We discussed your proposal at a recent meeting of the Commission and came to the conclusion that if the promoter of the upstate bouts will make an official statement to the Commission asking for a reduction in the fees paid to the boxers and the officials, we will go along with it. In other words, if he wants the fees reduced to \$20.00 for a four round bout, and \$40.00 for a six round bout, we will oblige him, but he must make an official request in writing.

We want to cooperate wherever we can to keep boxing going throughout the State as we believe in the merits of the sport and its character building qualities.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Edwin B. Dooley  
Chairman."

FORM 83-M S-GOLDSMITH BROS., 77 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK 9, N. Y.

A letter addressed to Chairman Dooley from Dr. Thomas H. Mason  
was read.

"April 18, 1967

Commissioner Edwin Dooley  
New York State Athletic Commission  
226 West 47 Street  
New York, New York

Dear Commissioner Dooley:

Recently, I had the pleasure of talking with Johnny Addie and Artie Aidala and the conversation deifted to safety precautions in prize fighting. It has always appeared to me and some other medical observers that the Doctor in the ring doesn't have adequate time in the one minute interval between rounds to do more than a cursory examination. Also, it would be wise to have a specialist at hand, as well as, a general Doctor, so that they can alternate examining the fighters between rounds. In order to accomplish this, the interval between rounds might have to be extended and it was suggested that there be ten - four minute rounds with two minute intervals. I believe that in this way a more adequate examination could be conducted. I feel that the specialist in attendance should be a Neurologist or Neurological Surgeon to look for early signs of brain damage.

You might discuss this with Dr. Mal Stevens and get his opinion concerning examination of fighters between rounds. Also, electroencephalographic tracings could be made between rounds in 30 to 40 second intervals.

These are merely suggestions that came up in a discussion and I said that I would pass them on to you for your consideration. I am fully aware that examinations and electroencephalograms are made prior to the contest, but it would appear that more than a cursory examination may be necessary while the bout is in progress.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Thomas H. Mason, M.D.  
1541 Union Street  
Schenectady, N. Y. 12300."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

He suggested four minute rounds with two minute intervals, also a specialist and general doctor at ringside. I will read my reply to Dr. Mason.

"April 20, 1967

Dr. Thomas H. Mason  
1541 Union Street  
Schenectady, New York 12309

Dear Dr. Mason:

Thanks for your good letter of April 18 in which you suggest certain precautions to be taken in the interest of boxers.

Frankly, I don't think it would be agreeable to ring authorities to prolong the interval between rounds longer than one minute as at present. We have two Doctors in attendance at each fight so that if one man is called away in emergency to attend the boxer, the next bout can go on. The Doctors are supposed to examine the boxers carefully and if they see any reason to stop the fight, they speak to the Deputy Commissioner to order the fight stopped so that they can examine the boxer.

A boxer might be examined between rounds only to suffer an injury subsequently while the round is in progress. The Doctor must be alert to this contingency.

I will discuss your suggestions with our Medical Advisory Board and Dr. Stevens, as well as with our Commissioners.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Edwin B. Dooley  
Chairman."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

This letter is referred to Dr. Stevens for reply.

(Chairman Dooley hands letter to  
Dr. Stevens)

After discussion, the Commission agreed with the Chairman that if Cassius Clay refuses to enter the service, it will suspend his license and vacate his title as Heavyweight Champion of the World.

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We are in receipt of a carbon copy of Articles of Agreement made on February 10, 1967 made between Olympic Boxing Club of Los Angeles for Ultiminio Ramos to box Raul Rojas in California on March 31, 1967.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

The contract and rider are very vague. It is for fifteen rounds, the World Lightweight Title.

"Attached Rider to be made part of Contract No. N13344 of the California Athletic Commission.

This bout to be 15 rounds to be recognized for the World's Lightweight Title.

Terms: - Ramos to receive for services rendered, television rights and radio rights to Mexico, not to be less than \$15,000.00 (Fifteen thousand dollars) said funds to be paid in Mexico. Should the rights not amount to \$15,000.00, club will pay the difference to Ramos between amount received in Mexico and the \$15,000.00 minimum. If Olympic Boxing Club receives \$20,000.00, Ramos will receive a maximum of \$17,500.00 paid in Mexico. If Olympic Boxing Club receives net over \$20,000.00, Ramos to receive fifty (50%) of all monies over and above that amount.

Additional Benefits: - Ramos to receive three round trip economy air tickets Mexico - La. Return, one round trip ticket economy Miami, La. and return. Ramos to arrive no later than Thursday, March 16th. For special television appearance and publicity. In addition hotel will be paid by Olympic Boxing Club for three from Mexico City and for Angelo Dundee, plus Mr. Dundee's expenses in La. Ramos party to receive an additional amount of \$35.00 daily for food from March 16th through April 1st.



## OLYMPIC BOXING CLUB

(signed) By Mickey Davies  
Matchmaker

(signed) BOXER Ultiminio Ramos

(signed) MANAGER Angelo Dundee."

COM. BERKOWITZ:

It sounds unreasonable.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

It is a vague contract. They want us to prevent Carlos Ortiz from fighting Laguna in the Garden. Ortiz wants to fight Ramos in Puerto Rico.

COM. BERKOWITZ:

Ortiz didn't do anything wrong. We have no power over Ramos. Ortiz is free of guilt. I will back whatever you say, Chairman. The onus falls on Ramos.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We will not take any action against Ortiz.

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It was moved by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried that in view of the fact that we have no control over Ramos, that Ortiz is without fault, and that Ortiz showed his willingness to fight in good faith, that the New York State Athletic Commission will advise the California State Athletic Commission that it regrets that it cannot go along with their suggestion.

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On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission on April 24, 1967, be closed in memory of FRANK PAPA, a beloved associate and loyal friend.

His work with the Commission was always outstanding and his loyalty to his friends was unquestioned.

The Commission extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Papa and grieves over his passing.

(Deceased April 13, 1967 - copy to Mrs. Papa)

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On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley and unanimously carried, the following managerial contracts were approved.

Douglas Lord, manager  
Grady Green, boxer

Douglas Lord, manager  
Curtis Cokes, boxer

Nathan Lyons, manager  
Henry C. Smith, boxer

Eddy Mafuz, manager  
Modesto Villafane Santos, boxer

Robert Lewis, manager  
John D. Burnside, boxer

Irwin Denberg, manager  
William Smith, boxer

Fred Menna, manager  
Elliot Miller, boxer

Sandy Saddler, manager  
Victor Baerga, boxer

The abovementioned individuals had appeared before Deputy Commissioners who interviewed and swore them. They were acquainted with the contents of the contracts and when questioned as to Paragraph Ten, the parties testified that no other persons or individuals shared directly or indirectly in the boxers' earnings and that no understandings or arrangements exist as to such sharing.

On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried, the following Assignments of Managerial Contracts were approved.

Fred Menna, manager, assigned to Rocky Graziano  
25% in any and all proceeds any moneys which  
he is entitled to receive under a manager's  
contract dated March 29, 1967 between manager

Fred Menna, and licensed boxer, Elliot Miller, which contract is presently on file with and approved by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Fred Menna, manager, assigned to Rocco Scinto 25% in any and all proceeds any moneys which he is entitled to receive under a manager's contract dated March 29, 1967 between himself, manager, Fred Menna, and licensed boxer, Elliot Miller, which contract is presently on file with and approved by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Fred Menna, manager, assigned to Irwin B. Jackson 25% in any and all proceeds any moneys which he is entitled to receive under a manager's contract dated March 29, 1967 between manager, Fred Menna, and licensed boxer, Elliot Miller, which contract is presently on file with and approved by the New York State Athletic Commission.

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Moved by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried the following Releases of Managerial Contracts were approved.

Alvin Bachman, manager, and Marcel Bizien, boxer, mutually released each other from any further liability under and by virtue of a certain contract entered into between them on the 17th day of December 1965. They agreed that the said contract is to be considered cancelled and void and of no effect. Release is effective this date.

Daniel Donovan, Jr., manager, and Elliot Miller, boxer, mutually released each other from any further liability under and by virtue of a certain contract entered into between them on the 12th day of May 1965. They agreed that the said contract is to be considered cancelled and void and of no effect. This release is effective this date.

Robert M. Krause, manager, and Victor Baerga, boxer, mutually released each other from any further liability under the by virtue of a certain contract entered into between them on the 9th day of January 1967. They agreed that the said contract is to be considered cancelled and void and of no effect. This release is effective this date.

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the requirements of Section 3, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921 and amendments thereto having been complied with, annual licenses were issued to the following.

(\* ) Indicates Renewals

<u>BOXERS</u>	<u>Pending No.</u>	<u>Ring Name</u>	<u>Right Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
B-170	1417	*Lee Clemons	Clee Clemons	Wyanbanch, N.Y.
B-171	1421	*Jose Zayas	Same	B'klyn, N. Y.
B-172	1454	*Bennie James	Bennie James, Jr.	Jamaica, N.Y.
B-173	1217	*Henry Costoso	Enrique Costoso	B'klyn, N. Y.
B-174	1378	*Felix Sandoval	Felix B. Rodriguez	" "
B-175	1434	*Fred Martinovich	Ferenc Martinovich	Orange, N.J.
B-176	1440	*Roland Cooper	Roland F. Cooper	N. Y. C.
B-177	1442	*Marcel Bizien	Same	Jersey City, NJ
B-178	1467	*Angel Torres	"	Bronx, N.Y.
B-179	1436	Johnny Burnside	John D. Burnside	N. Y. C.
B-180	1409	Nino Benvenuti	Same	Trieste, Italy
B-181	1410	Aldo Battistutta	"	Udine, Italy
B-182	1443	Modesto V. Santos	"	N. Y. C.
B-183	952	Bobby Lee Hines	"	"
B-184	1412	Grady Green	"	Dallas, Texas
B-185	1414	Hank Smith	Henry C. Smith	B'klyn, N.Y.
B-186	1469	*Freddie De Vore	Freddie L. DeVore	N. Y. C.
B-187	1317	Moises Vargas	Same	"
B-188	1380	Mario Saurennann	Mario V. Saurennann	Phila. Pa.

<u>WRESTLERS</u>			
W-74	1387	Tory Tanaka	Chas. J. Kalani San Man. Ariz.

<u>SECONDS</u>		<u>Name</u>	
S-231	1461	*Sam Rose	Newark, N.J.
S-232	1383	Arthur J. Skinner	N. Y. C.
S-233	1385	Lawrence Williams	Jamaica, L.I.
S-234	1415	Bruno Amaduzzi	Bologna, Italy
S-235	1382	Robert Lee Thomas	Dallas, Texas
S-236	1384	William H. Neal, Jr.	Phila. Pa.
S-237	1449	Byron Glenn Douglas	Dallas, Texas

MANAGERS

M-63	1439	*Douglas A. Lord	Dallas, Texas
M-64	1310	Sandy Saddler	N. Y. C.
M-65	1389	Irwin Denberg	Tenafly, N.J.
M-66	1437	Robert Lewis	N. Y. C.
M-67	1444	*Eddie Mafuz	"
M-68	1420	Bruno Amaduzzi	Bologna, Italy

SPECIAL POLICEMEN

198	1468	Raymond Rotter	Far Rockaway, N.Y.
199	1263	Harold August Dennerlein	Woodhaven, N.Y.
200	1325	Robert Thorpe	Brentwood, N.Y.

USHERS

195	1366	Carl P. Giampietro	Flushing, N.Y.
196	1359	Edward W. McManus	N. Y. C.

JUDGE

J-50	1368	Charles G. Staiger	Hartsdale, N.Y.
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TEMPORARY BOXERS

Permit 8	1446	Mario Saurennann	Phila. Pa.
Permit 9	1447	Grady Green	Dallas, Texas
Permit 10	1464	Moises Vargas	N. Y. C.
Permit 11	1493	Pablo Flores	B'klyn, N. Y.

TEMPORARY SECONDS

Permit 14	1448	Robert Thomas	Dallas, Texas
Permit 15	1450	Byron Douglas	" "
Permit 16	1465	Lawrence Williams	Jamaica, L.I.
Permit 17	1492	Bernie Palmer	Merrick, N.Y.
Permit 18	1494	Bernie Palmer	"
Permit 19	1495	Aldo Spoldi	Los Angeles, Cal.
Permit 20	1496	Edmondo Golinelli	Bologna, Italy
Permit 21	1497	Samuel Magee	Orange, N.J.

TEMPORARY BOX OFFICE EMPLOYEES

Permit 6	1483	Gordon Newton	Rochester, N. Y.
Permit 7	1484	Gordoh Newton	"
Permit 8	1485	Gordon Newton	"
Permit 9	1486	Gordon Newton	"
Permit 10	1487	James Flynn	"
Permit 11	1488	James Flynn	"
Permit 12	1489	James Flynn	"
Permit 13***	1490	James Flynn	"
Permit 14	1491	Jack Klingenberger	"
Permit 15	1501	Jack Klingenberger	"

CLUB TRANSFER

Pending #1490 Wales Sporting Club to Kingston, N. Y. on 3-28-67

\*\*\*Permanent license card #42 issued, man worked 6 times

Recheater, W. Y.

Gordon Newton

Gordon Newton

Gordon Newton

James Flynn

James Flynn

James Flynn

James Flynn

Jack Kitzinger

Jack Kitzinger

TEMPORARY FOR OFFICE EMPLOYERS

- Permit 6
- Permit 7
- Permit 8
- Permit 9
- Permit 10
- Permit 11
- Permit 12
- Permit 13\*\*\*
- Permit 14
- Permit 15

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Secretary

*Armond J. Starce*

Pending 4/24/44 Notes regarding Club to Kingston, N. Y. on 2-25-67

\*\*\*Permanent license card #42 issued, man worked 6 times



The two thousand six hundred fifty-seventh meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 226 West 47th Street, New York City, Thursday, June 8, 1967.

There were present Commissioner Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman; Raymond J. Lee, Albert Berkowitz, Commissioners; Chief Deputy Commissioner Frank Morris; Deputy Commissioners Daniel J. Dowd, Albert Snyder, Pasquale E. Mele, Harry J. Cohan, Robert E. Tiffany; Marvin Kohn, Public Information Officer; Peter Scalzo, Supervising Boxing Inspector; Dr. Marvin A. Stevens, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board; James P. Fusscas, Counsel to the Commission, and Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dooley at 2 p. m.

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The Commission reviewed and carefully considered the applications for licenses of the following:

Boxers

Arthur M. Jones  
 Angel F. Mucado  
 Roberto Ricardo Petrauskas  
 Jose Alonzo Nieve Rivera  
 Woodrow W. Thompson  
 Dorman Crawford  
 Carl Trani  
 Edward Grant  
 Steven T. Shevlin  
 David Dittmar  
 Nathaniel Hardy  
 Victor Manuel Rosa Irizarri  
 Rafael Marquez  
 Alfred Bernard Massey  
 Robert Melendez

Seconds

Louis T. Laico  
 Francisco Olivier Tejada  
 Aldo G. Spoldi  
 Remberto Duo  
 Frank Matucci  
 Louis Ippolito, Jr.  
 Richie Stewart  
 Jose R. Rivera

Seconds (continued)

Herbert James Brooks  
 Nathan Hamer  
 Alfred Arciello  
 Edmondo Golinelli  
 Warren Amo

Wrestlers

John A. Quinn  
 Walter Joseph Bos

Special Policeman

Vito Abitabile

Judges

James Martone  
 Harold Lederman

Announcers

Anthony T. Powderly  
 Arthur George Rust, Jr.

Ushers

John Mercurio  
 Albert Fazio

Corporation Treasurers

N. Richard Kalikow  
 Sylvester Salter

Matchmaker

Al Joyner

Clubs

Ebon Athletic Club  
 (premises) (Audubon Ballroom)

Garden Center Promotions, Inc.  
 (premises) (Island Gardens, Hempstead, N. Y.)

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Commissioner Berkowitz moved to approve the aforementioned applications for licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried.

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On motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz, and unanimously carried, the following managerial contracts were approved:

Maurice Sposato, manager  
Dave Dittmar, boxer

Michael Miele, manager  
Roberto R. Petruskas (Ricardo), boxer

Nathan A. Lyons, manager  
Willie Battle, boxer

Gilbert Clancy, manager  
Carl Triani, boxer

Alfonso LaCava, manager  
Pablo Lopez, boxer

Joseph A. Davis, manager  
Arthur M. Jones, boxer

Albert Bernandes, manager  
Everett Copelin, boxer

Joseph Labaczewski, manager  
Ulysses Jiminez, boxer

The above mentioned individuals had appeared before Deputy Commissioners who interviewed and swore them. They were acquainted with the contents of the contracts and when questioned as to Paragraph Ten, the parties testified that no other persons or individuals shared directly or indirectly in the boxers' earnings and that no understandings or arrangements exist as to such sharings.

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Harold Lederman of 2571 Fish Avenue, Bronx, New York, appeared before the Commission, was sworn in, and appointed as a Judge for the New York State Athletic Commission.

Clarence Ryan, boxer, appeared at the request of the Commission regarding his application for reinstatement of his boxer's license.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Clarence Ryan is essentially a boxer and has no other means of making a livelihood. We should weigh this matter very carefully. He thinks an injustice is being done him. We ought to stretch a point and give him a chance to fight.

DR. STEVENS:

I think you are doing the wrong thing but we act only in an advisory capacity. This man has been tagged and studied. He is a psychiatric boy. Mr. Chairman, apparently you handle him better. If you want to let him box, it is unanimity of opinion. The boy is a problem and you never know when he will go off the track. You are not going to save boxing with a man like Clarence Ryan. To protect the State, we don't think he should fight. If you want to assume the responsibility, it is up to you.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

I think the doctors look at it medically and we, on the other hand, look at it from the socio-economic standpoint in this case. The more we keep him from boxing, the more of a psychotic he becomes. He is physically fit and has been ok'd so far as his E.E.G. and E.K.G. tests.

DEP. COM. SNYDER:

We were trying to get him on a welfare program in New Jersey. Clarence Ryan told me I was hindering his fighting. He mentioned people he was talking to. I don't know any of the people he was talking about.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We received a letter from Reverend Gordon Negel as follows:

"June 6, 1967

New York Boxing Commission  
New York, New York

Re: Clarence Ryan

Gentlemen:

Mr. Clarence Ryan has informed me that he is appearing before you this week in order to get a boxing license. He asked me to report to you the fact that his conduct and self-control have obviously improved a great deal over the past two years.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Gordon Negen (signed)  
Manhattan Christian Reformed  
Church  
2044 Seventh Avenue  
New York, New York 10027."

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The Medical Advisory Board submitted a report concerning Clarence Ryan which states.

"June 8, 1967

Medical Advisory Board Meeting Held 5/16/67.

The Medical Advisory Board voted unanimously that it would be inadvisable for Clarence Ryan to continue as a professional boxer because of his slow mental function, confused motivations and poor emotional control.

Marvin A. Stevens, M.D.(signed)  
Chairman, Medical Advisory  
Board

Ira A. McCown, M.D. (signed)  
Medical Director."

COM. LEE:

The argument is - "He has no other way to make a living." Some day he has to quit.

FORM 83-M S-GOLDSMITH BROS., 77 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK 8, N. Y

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Dr. Campbell gave him a clearance.

DR. McCOWN:

In all fairness, I don't think he is all that mean. Dr. Stevens and I have been working on it. We sent him to a psychiatrist. They did not think he should fight.

CHIEF DEP. COM. MORRIS:

He lost eight fights in a row. Our rule says if a boxer loses six in a row, he should not fight.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Deputy Commissioner Ryan claims he had won several fights in Massachusetts lately.

DR. STEVENS:

He is emotionally confused. If something happens to him, it is a reflection on the Commission.

COM. BERKOWITZ:

I move that he be given a license.

COM. LEE:

I will go along with it.

On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried, Clarence Ryan is reinstated as a boxer and a license be issued to him to box in New York State.

COM. LEE:

He will be watched carefully.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Clarence, we just considered your case very carefully. We are going to give you a chance to fight and rehabilitate yourself. We are going to reinstate your license.



CLARENCE RYAN:

I appreciate it. I want to fight Bob Foster.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We will issue your license.

CLARENCE RYAN:

Thank you. If I don't do good, I will give it up.

The matter of the application of Silvia T. Calzadilla (Silvia Torres), woman wrestler, was discussed.

The Chairman stated that on April 24, 1967, the Commission, after reviewing the application and material submitted in support of it by her attorneys, Lutwack, Feldman & Burke, 287 Washington Street, Buffalo, New York, unanimously denied Silvia T. Calzadilla a wrestler's license pursuant to Section A, Subdivision 14 (19 NYCRR - 205.15) of the rules promulgated by the Commission.

The Chairman requested James P. Fusscas, Counsel for the Commission, to prepare a letter notifying Mrs. Calzadilla of the Commission's decision.

On April 27, 1967, the following letter was sent to Mrs. Calzadilla and her attorneys Lutwack, Feldman & Burke.

"April 27, 1967

Mrs. Silvia T. Calzadilla  
(Silvia Torres)  
3 Green Street  
Revere, Massachusetts

Re: Silvia T. Calzadilla (Silvia Torres)

Dear Mrs. Calzadilla:

Your application for a license to wrestle in New York State was considered by the Commission at its meeting held on April 24, 1967.

The matter of licensing women wrestlers is regulated by Section A, Subdivision 14, (19 NYCRR 205.15) of the rules promulgated by the Commission which reads as follows:

'14. No women may compete in any wrestling or boxing contest or exhibition and no women may be licensed as a boxer, wrestler, manager or second...'

This rule has been the subject of court action in the past. On November 4, 1964, Ethel Whitehead, a professional woman wrestler of Buffalo, New York, applied to the Commission for a license to wrestle in New York State. On November 16, 1964, the Commission denied the application on the ground that the rules adopted by the Commission did not permit women to wrestle and cited Section A, Subd. 14. An action was brought by Ethel Whitehead in the State Supreme Court of Erie County for an order directing the Commission to issue her a license. On April 26, 1965, Supreme Court Justice, Hon. Harold P. Kelly, denied petitioners' application for an order. Judge Kelly's decision was appealed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Fourth Department, and on May 12, 1966, the Appellate Division unanimously affirmed without opinion the decision of the lower court.

Please be advised that the Commission, after considering your application and reviewing its rules and regulations and the decisions of the courts applicable to licensing women wrestler, unanimously denied your application for a license to wrestle in this state.

We are returning to your attorneys the filing fee of five dollars (\$5.00) filed by them with your application.

Very truly yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman

cc: Lutwack, Feldman & Burke  
Attorneys at Law  
287 Washington Street  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
Your File No. 3925."

The Chairman stated that at a regular meeting of the Commission held on April 24, 1967, the matter of Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) was discussed concerning his draft status and pending induction into the armed forces. The Commission, after weighing all factors, unanimously decided that if Muhammad Ali refused to enter the service on April 28, 1967, that his license be suspended and its recognition of him as Heavyweight Champion of the World be withdrawn. His refusal to enter the service would be regarded by the Commission to be detrimental to the best interests of boxing. When Muhammad Ali refused induction into the armed forces on April 28, 1967, pursuant to the decision of the Commission on April 24, 1967, and after further consultation with the members of the Commission, Chairman Dooley sent the following letter to Muhammad Ali as follows:

"April 28, 1967

Mr. Muhammad Ali  
Houston, Texas

Dear Muhammad Ali:

This is to notify you that as of this date, the New York State Athletic Commission, after weighing all factors regarding your refusal to enter the Service, unanimously decided to suspend your boxing license indefinitely and to withdraw recognition of you as World Heavyweight Champion.

Your refusal to enter the Service is regarded by the Commission to be detrimental to the best interest of boxing.

Yours very truly,

Edwin B. Dooley  
Chairman."

For: Muhammad Ali

Honorable Sir:

This is to acknowledge, pursuant to our telephone conversation this date, that Muhammad Ali received

The following release was issued to the Press on April 28, 1967.

"PRESS RELEASE

April 28, 1967

Re: Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali)

The New York State Athletic Commission after weighing all factors in regard to Muhammad Ali's refusal to enter the service, unanimously decided to suspend his boxing license indefinitely and withdraw recognition of him as World Heavyweight Champion. His refusal to enter the service is regarded by the Commission to be detrimental to the best interests of boxing.

The Commission designates the following men as eligible for an elimination tournament for the Heavyweight Championship of the World. It will work closely with the British Boxing Board of Control, World Boxing Council, the Orient Boxing Federation and the European Boxing Union.

Among those who would compete would be -

ERNIE TERRELL  
 FLOYD PATTERSON  
 KARL MILDENBERGER  
 JOE FRAZIER  
 GEORGE CHUVALO  
 JIMMY ELLIS  
 OSCAR BONAVERA  
 THAD SPENCER "

Chairman Dooley reported that on May 4, 1967, the following letter was received from Chauncey Eskridge of Chicago, Illinois, attorney for Muhammad Ali:

CERTIFIED MAIL

"May 4, 1967

Honorable Edwin B. Dooley  
 Chairman  
 New York State Athletic Commission  
 226 West 47 Street  
 New York, New York

Re: Muhammad Ali

Honorable Sir:

This is to acknowledge, pursuant to our telephone conversation this date, that Muhammad Ali received

notice of suspension heretofore issued by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Pursuant to Section A, Rule 2, Muhammad Ali, the licensee herewith applied to the Commission for a hearing on the matter to determine whether such suspension should be revoked.

May we suggest that the hearing be held within a short date - i.e., May 26 or June 14, 1967.

Respectfully yours,

Chauncey Eskridge (signed)  
Attorney for Muhammad Ali"

On May 12, 1967, Chairman Dooley sent the following letter to Chauncey Eskridge as follows:

"May 12, 1967

Chauncey Eskridge, Esq.  
McCoy, Ming & Black  
Joel Hunter Building  
123 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Eskridge:

This will acknowledge your letter requesting a hearing for Muhammad Ali.

Our meeting will be held on May 16 at which time we will decide the date for the hearing. As it looks now, it may not be until the end of June before we can oblige you as one of our Commissioners is not available until that time.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman"

On May 16, 1967, Chairman Dooley wrote to Chauncey Eskridge as follows:

"May 16, 1967

Chauncey Eskridge, Esq.  
McCoy, Ming & Black  
Joel Hunter Building  
123 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Eskridge:

I am sorry to have to advise you that our meeting scheduled for May 16 was cancelled due to the inability of our Commissioners to arrive from distant places.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 8 at which time we will decide on a date for a hearing.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edwin B. Dooley  
Chairman"

Chairman Dooley further reported that he was invited by WCBS on May 16, 1967 to comment on the station's editorial concerning the Commission's suspension and withdrawal of its recognition of Muhammad Ali as its Heavyweight Champion.

The statement of Chairman Dooley is as follows:

"I appreciate the privilege given me by WCBS, to answer your editorial comments of Friday last, concerning our decision to lift the Heavyweight Title, from Muhammad Ali.

There is neither substance nor relevance to your claim that the Commission was ludicrous in its action. Several times in the past we have taken away titles of champions of great skill, such as, Ray Robinson, Archie Moore and Emile Griffith.



The Commission is a regulatory body empowered by the Legislature with sole jurisdiction over the sport of boxing. It possesses authority to regulate, for the area over which it has jurisdiction, the manner in which titles shall be won, lost, or vacated. To effectuate enforcement of the laws and regulations of the Commission a system of licensing is provided. This includes the power of the Commission to penalize the licensed for violation or infringement of its rules or for acts detrimental to the best interest of boxing or to the public interest, convenience or necessity.

The Commission's recognition of Muhammad Ali as World Heavyweight Champion conferred no vested rights upon him. This was a privilege granted to him and to be used in connection with his professional boxing activities. His acceptance of that privilege is subject to such rules, conditions and restrictions as the State may see fit to impose.

The Draft Board denied Muhammad Ali's application for conscientious objector status, apparently because he is not opposed to all wars but only to those that his Muslim religion has not declared to be the will of Allah. His subsequent application for exemption as a Minister of religion was likewise denied presumably because the Board was not convinced by his argument that religious work is his principal occupation and prize fighting only a sideline.

The Federal Courts, including two appeals to the Supreme Court, have sustained the Selective Service System on both of these issues.

It was the considered judgment of the Commission that when a man refused to accept the call to arms of his country, it reflects ill on boxing and is detrimental to the sport and to the public interest. Our decision to suspend Muhammad Ali and to strip him of his title was reluctantly taken by the Commission. He has been an outstanding fighter and one of the greatest heavyweights ever to perform in the ring. His refusal to serve his country set a bad example to the youth of our Nation about to be called to serve and those now serving their country in Vietnam and other places of hardship and danger. Hence, our decision."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

On May 3, 1967, the Commission received a letter from Aryeh Neier, Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, in which he protested the Action of the Commission in suspending Muhammad Ali indefinitely and withdrawing recognition of his title. Mr. Neier's letter reads as follows:

"May 3, 1967

Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman  
New York State Athletic Commission  
226 West 47 Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Mr. Dooley:

The New York Civil Liberties Union strenuously protests the precipitous action of the New York State Athletic Commission in denying Muhammad Ali his rightful recognition as Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the World.

In stripping Muhammad Ali of his title, the Commission has added the criterion of political and social conformity to the time-honored test of physical proficiency in determining who should be accorded the accolade of 'champion.'

Muhammad Ali has been convicted of no crime. In fact, no indictment has been lodged against him. He has raised serious legal questions in connection with his claim that he is a minister of the Muslim religion and his claim that he is entitled to conscientious objector status because of his religious objections to serving in an unjust war. The New York Civil Liberties Union is not attempting to pass judgment on these claims. They will be ultimately resolved by the courts. In the meantime, the Commission must recognize that it has no special competence, nor even legal responsibility, in this area. Yet, it has arrogated to itself the function of judge and jury in sentencing Muhammad Ali to the loss of his title. Such action unquestionably deprives Muhammad Ali of a valuable property right without according him the semblance of the due process of law.

No action by the Commission, however, can erase the fact that Muhammad Ali is universally regarded as the finest heavyweight boxer in the world today. For New York to withhold recognition from a man whose skills so completely dominate his professional is to make a mockery of the status of 'champion.'

The action of the Commission is as unprecedented as it is unprincipled. Although recognition has never been withheld from boxing champions because of their past criminal convictions, recognition is being withheld from Muhammad Ali on the sole ground that he may have committed a criminal act. The conclusion is inescapable that the Commission is misusing its power to punish Muhammad Ali for his political and social convictions.

In a society based upon the rule of law, such arbitrary and capricious action by an administrative body cannot be condoned.

Very truly yours,

Aryeh Neier (signed)  
Executive Director  
New York Civil Liberties  
Union, 156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York 10010."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

On May 9, 1967, I wrote to Mr. Neier that there was neither substance nor relevance to his claim that the Commission was motivated by prejudice and hostility in suspending Muhammad Ali's license and withdrawing recognition of him as World Heavyweight Champion.

My letter to Mr. Neier reads as follows:

"May 9, 1967

Mr. Aryeh Neier  
Executive Director  
New York Civil Liberties Union  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Neier:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 3, 1967, in which you take issue with the New York State Athletic Commission for having suspended the boxing license of Muhammad Ali and withdrawn recognition of his Heavyweight Title.

You state in your letter that in stripping Muhammad Ali of his title, the Commission has no special competence, nor even legal responsibility in this area, that it has arrogated to itself the function of judge and jury, and that such action deprives Muhammad Ali of a valuable property right without according him the semblance of the due process of law.

Section 8901 of McKinney's Unconsolidated Laws of New York, entitled 'State Athletic Commission', insofar as relevant, provides:

'\*\*\* The members of the Commission shall \*\*\* make such rules for the administration of their office, not inconsistent herewith, as they may deem expedient; and they may amend or abrogate such rules \*\*\*.'

Section 8906 entitled 'Jurisdiction of Commission', provides:

'The Commission shall have and hereby is vested with the sole direction, management, control and jurisdiction over all such boxing, sparring and wrestling matches or exhibitions, professional as well as amateur, to be conducted, held or given within the State of New York. The Commission is hereby given the sole control, authority and jurisdiction over all licenses to hold boxing, sparring or wrestling matches or exhibitions for prizes or purses or where an admission fee is received, and over all licenses to any and all persons who participate in such boxing, sparring or wrestling matches or exhibitions, as hereinafter provided.'

Section 8912 entitled 'Standards for the issuance of licenses', provides:

'If in the judgment of the Commission the financial responsibility, experience, character and general fitness of an applicant, including in the case of corporations, its officers and stockholders, are such that the participation of such applicant will be consistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity and with the best interests of boxing or wrestling generally and in conformity with the purposes of this act, the Commission may grant a license in accordance with the provisions herein contained.'

Section 8917 entitled 'Revocation and suspension of licenses' insofar as relevant, provides:

'(a) Any license \*\*\* may be revoked or suspended by the Commission for the reason therein stated, that the licensee has, in the judgment of the Commission, been guilty of an act detrimental



to the interests of boxing or wrestling generally or to the public interest, convenience or necessity.

(b) Without otherwise limiting the discretion of the Commission as provided in this act the Commission may suspend or revoke a license or refuse to renew or issue a license, if it shall find \*\*\* (that the licensee) has been convicted of a crime \*\*\* associating with any person \*\*\* convicted of a crime \*\*\* attempted any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with boxing \*\*\* violated \*\*\* law \*\*\* rule, regulation or order of the Commission \*\*\*'.

Particularly with reference to the suspension or revocation of licenses, the following rules of the Commission are pertinent:

Rule A (2) of the Rules of the State Athletic Commission entitled 'The Commission, its Powers and Procedures,' insofar as relevant, provides:

'The Commission may suspend any license it has hitherto issued by a dated notice to that effect, mailed to the licensee, and specifying the effective date and term of the suspension. Such suspension shall be without any advance hearing but upon the receipt of such notice of suspension, the suspended licensee may apply to the Commission for a hearing on the matter to determine whether such suspension should be revoked. Such application for a hearing must be in writing and must be received by the Commission within thirty days after the date of notice of suspension.'

Rule A (3) insofar as relevant, provides:

'Before any license is revoked by the Commission, the licensee will be notified to attend a hearing of the Commission and to show cause at such hearing why the license should not be revoked. Notice of such hearing shall be dated and shall contain the alleged misconduct of the licensee upon which the contemplated revocation is predicated. Before or upon the return date of a notice to a licensee why he or it should not show cause why the license should not be revoked, the licensee may appear in person or by his or its attorney. If such licensee shall appear after such appearance has been noted or filed or before any application for an adjournment, or otherwise shall be made, the licensee shall interpose his or its answer to the

specifications mentioned in the charges. This shall be done by separately admitting or denying the specifications mentioned in the said charges.

At any stage of the proceedings the Commission may require the licensee to take the stand and give sworn testimony.'

Rule A (8) insofar as relevant, provides:

'At all hearings conducted by the Commission, the witnesses and licensees must testify under oath \*\*\*.'

Rule A (11) entitled 'The Commission, its Powers and Procedures', insofar as relevant provides:

'Any licensee who violates the laws of the State of New York or the rules of this Commission, may have his license revoked or may be fined, suspended, or otherwise disciplined, in such manner as the Commission may direct \*\*\*.'

These rules which were promulgated pursuant to statutory authority (Section 8901 Unconsolidated Laws), have the force and effect of a statute.

The New York State Legislature has legalized boxing matches only if held pursuant to permission granted by the New York State Athletic Commission. The Legislature has constituted the Commission as a regulatory body designed to exercise strict supervision and control over boxing. Vested with sole jurisdiction over the sport, the Commission necessarily possesses authority to regulate, for the area over which it has jurisdiction, the manner in which titles shall be won, lost, or vacated. Such authority is implicit in the granting to it of exclusive jurisdiction over the sport of boxing in New York State. The primary means employed to effectuate the enforcement of the statute and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission is a system of licensing. This includes the power of the Commission to penalize the licensed for violation or infringement of its rules, or for acts detrimental to the best interest of boxing, or to the public interest, convenience or necessity. The profession of boxing is not an unqualified right but a privilege subject to licensing.

Muhammad Ali has made claim that he is a Minister of the Muslim religion and therefore entitled to a Clergyman's exemption from Selective Service. He also contended that he was a victim of racial and other discrimination. Both administratively and in the courts, including appeals to the United States Supreme Court, these claims have been



dismissed without merit and Selective Service ordered his induction. On April 28, 1967, Muhammad Ali reported to his Draft Board, passed the physical requirements for induction but refused to be drafted and sworn into the army. On May 9, 1967, Muhammad Ali was indicted by a federal grand jury charging him with violating the Selective Service Act. Arraignment followed in the U.S. District Court in Houston, Texas. Muhammad Ali pleaded not guilty to the indictment and was released after posting a bond of \$5000.00.

The New York State Athletic Commission, after weighing all factors in regard to Muhammad Ali's refusal to enter the service, unanimously decided to suspend his boxing license indefinitely and withdrew recognition of him as World Heavyweight Champion. His refusal to enter the service is regarded by the Commission to be detrimental to the best interest of boxing or to the public interest, convenience or necessity. Having suspended his license, the Commission had no alternative but to withdraw recognition of him as a World Heavyweight Champion. Without a license, he could not fight in New York State and in other States with which we have reciprocity agreements and the title would have remained vacant.

There is no merit or substance to your assertions that the Commission's decision tends to deprive Muhammad Ali of valuable property rights, all in alleged violation of due process and statutory rights. The State Athletic Commission's recognition of Muhammad Ali as World Heavyweight Champion conferred no vested rights upon him. This was a privilege given him by this State through its Boxing Commissioners to be used in connection with his professional boxing activities, a field which the State, in the exercise of its police powers has chosen to regulate. Muhammad Ali's acceptance of that privilege is subject, of course, to such conditions and restrictions as the Legislature may see fit to impose. The State had the right to step in at any time and withdraw that privilege provided its action was not arbitrary or capricious and its administrative action was in accordance with due process requirements.

The Commission's determination was made in the exercise of discretion vested in it by the boxing law and the rules implementing it, and was well within the limits of their discretionary powers as necessarily implied in the light of the statute, its history and purpose.

It should be noted that the Commission's determination is only effective in the State of New York and has no extra-territorial coverage. Other States have the right and power to decide for themselves whether or not they will withdraw their recognition of Muhammad Ali. The decision of the New York State Athletic Commission is not conclusive upon

other States or jurisdictions.

There is neither substance or relevance in your claim that the Commission was motivated by prejudice and hostility in taking action complained of. Our decision to suspend Muhammad Ali and to strip him of his title was reluctantly taken by the Commission. Muhammad Ali has been an outstanding fighter and one of the greatest heavyweights ever to perform in the ring. The facts and circumstances in this matter are more than ample to dispel any notion or improper motive, bias or hostility, in the administrative action taken by the Commission.

Very truly yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

On May 18, 1967, in response to my letter of May 9, 1967, the Civil Liberties Union wrote as follows:

"May 18, 1967

Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman  
New York State Athletic Commission  
226 West 47 Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Mr. Dooley:

We have received your letter, dated May 9, 1967, in which you defend your suspension of the boxing license of Muhammad Ali and your withdrawal of his recognition as Heavyweight Champion of the World.

Your letter is quite explicit in detailing the extent of the Commission's power to impose punitive sanctions. Whether or not such unbridled administrative power can be constitutional in the abstract, its abuse in the case of Muhammad Ali raises grave constitutional questions.

You state that the Commission's action in suspending Muhammad Ali and in stripping him of his title was taken only after his claims to draft exempt status had been denied by the Federal courts. In fact, however, no court has ever passed upon the merits of Muhammad Ali's claims. The basis of each decision was merely that the merits of his position could not be considered prior to his failure to report for induction. It would seem, therefore, that your action was based upon a misconception of the legal status of Muhammad Ali's claim to draft-exempt status.

Since, in fact, no court has yet considered the merits of the serious legal questions raised by Muhammad Ali, we trust that you will reconsider your hasty action pending a final determination by the Federal courts.

If you persist in imposing punitive sanctions upon Muhammad Ali before it has been established that he violated any law, you will be arrogating to yourselves the power to determine the merits of Muhammad Ali's legal claims. Certainly, it is not the position of the Commission that it has legal responsibility or competence to determine difficult questions of Federal law in the absence of a prior court determination of the issue. However, by imposing punitive sanctions upon Muhammad Ali on the basis of actions which have not been condemned by any court, the Commission undoubtedly has placed itself in such a posture.

You state that since a boxing license is a privilege rather than a right, it may be summarily withheld from Muhammad Ali. However, regardless of the label which you affix to a license to practice a profession, it may not constitutionally be suspended or revoked without adequate cause. By your own admissions the Commission suspended Muhammad Ali's license because it believed that the Federal courts had rejected his legal claims on their merits. Since that belief is wholly incorrect, the sole ground upon which suspension was predicated is now nonexistent. We, therefore, demand that the Commission either state its true reasons for suspending Muhammad Ali, or return him to his rightful position as the duly licensed Heavyweight Champion of the World.

Very truly yours,

Burt Neuborne  
Staff Counsel."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

On May 19, 1967, I responded as follows:

"May 19, 1967

Mr. Burt Neuborne  
Staff Counsel  
New York Civil Liberties Union  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Neuborne:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 18.

We do not intend to enter into an extensive correspondence with you over the Muhammad Ali matter. We have stated

our position with clarity.

We intend to give him a hearing some time later on - the date to be fixed at the next meeting.

Very truly yours,

Edwin B. Dooley  
Chairman."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We suspended Muhammad Ali indefinitely. Since this matter is in litigation, and it will come up in the Federal court, it might be inopportune for us at this time to set a date for a hearing of Muhammad Ali before this Commission. We will set a date for a permissive hearing within a reasonable time after the trial. If the court decides he is a Muslim Minister, we will have to consider reinstating him. We will give him a date for a hearing after the trial.

With regard to the tournament, we have no power to insist that a tournament be carried out. All we can do is to name the fighters we think are suitable contenders. I have had very few complaints about our action.

On motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz, and unanimously carried, Counsel was instructed to prepare a letter to Chauncey Eskridge, attorney for Muhammad Ali, advising him that the Commission will grant Muhammad Ali a permissive hearing after the trial of the issue and a decision by the court on the charge as to whether or not Muhammad Ali has violated the Selective Service Act.

The British Boxing Board of Control sent us this letter concerning our action.

"May 16, 1967

E. Dooley, Esq.  
Chairman  
New York State Athletic Commission  
226 West 47 Street  
New York City 36  
U.S.A.

Heavyweight Championship of the World

Dear Mr. Dooley:

The above matter was discussed at some length last week by this Board, and the following decision was made:

'The Board at their last meeting considered the question of Muhammad Ali and the World Heavyweight Championship. In view of the fact that the B.B.B. of C. has a working agreement with the New York State Athletic Commission, which has suspended Ali's License, the suspension is upheld by this Board. The Board further decided that having regard to the fact that the Court proceedings in the United States against Ali were still proceeding, he will continue to be regarded as the World Heavyweight Champion. However, as the said Court proceedings may take some considerable time to resolve, the Board considered that, following precedent, where a Champion is unable to defend the title, the moves to find an interim Champion by way of a series of eliminating contests, should be supported.'

The Stewards of this Board felt that until Muhammad Ali's case was heard and decided upon in Court he cannot legally be deemed guilty, and therefore cannot, in our opinion, be deprived of his title. I would, however, like to assure you of our sympathy in this very difficult situation, and to assure you also that your suspension of Muhammad Ali's License will be recognised and supported by this Board, in accordance with our and your practice of recognising each other's suspension of License Holders.

Yours sincerely,

J. Onslow Fane (signed)  
President."



Bob Evans of Louisville, Kentucky, followed our example.

"May 10, 1967

Mr. Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman  
Division of State Athletic Commission  
226 West 47 Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Mr. Dooley:

I appreciate your letter of May 5 and was more than pleased to talk with you on the telephone today.

I am sure that if we all work together and have respect for each others judgment that an elimination tournament can be put together that will be satisfactory to all.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

M.R. "Bob" Evans, (signed)  
President, World  
Boxing Association."

Bob Evans of Louisville, Kentucky, is having a meeting and we requested a copy of their minutes of the hearing before them of Muhammad Ali.



Deputy Commissioner Harry Cohan reported in the matter of Buddy Rogers, wrestler.

This wrestler was suspended by the New York Commission on September 16, 1963, and subsequently suspended by the New Jersey Commission. He has not been reinstated to this date. Rogers wrestled in Albany on Saturday, June 3, 1967, on a temporary permit and our Doctor said he passed the physical examination before he wrestled, at which time he made application for renewal of his wrestling license.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Have him come in for a complete medical examination by our doctors. Let's have him down here at our next meeting.

DEP. COM. COHAN:

The New Jersey bulletin indicated Buddy Rogers was ill and unavailable. There is nothing there about him not fulfilling a contract. He was suspended 3½ years ago. On June 24 he is scheduled to wrestle in Troy, New York.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Call Buddy Rogers in for a medical examination. He has been guilty many times of not appearing to fulfill his contracts.

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On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried, Buddy Rogers is granted permission to wrestle on June 24, 1967.

Chairman Dooley discussed with the Commissioners the disturbance at Madison Square Garden on May 16, 1967 (Tiger-Torres fight) and read his report to the Governor.

"May 17, 1967

Hon. Nelson A. Rockefeller  
22 West 55 Street  
New York, New York

Re: Tiger-Torres Light Heavyweight  
Championship Title Bout,  
May 16, 1967

Dear Governor Rockefeller:

Pursuant to your request, I wish to make the following report concerning the disturbances at the Garden last night.

The Tiger-Torres Championship fight in Madison Square Garden on Tuesday evening, May 16, was a close fought fight of fifteen rounds. Both the referee, Harold Valan, and the judge, John Dran, scored eight rounds for Tiger and seven for Torres. The other judge, Joe Eppy scored the fight eight-to-seven for Torres.

It is our opinion that the decision was a fair verdict. As soon as the majority decision was announced by John Addie, whiskey, soda and beer bottles, paper cups, oranges, bags of peanuts were thrown into the well of the Garden. Once the bottles were used up, and reports from our officials stated that not more than a dozen were thrown, some pieces of chairs were thrown aimed at the ring.

The disturbance was caused by a handful of spectators located in the balcony who favored Torres. It lasted about fifteen minutes. There was no riot tension on the part of the majority of the spectators. Some fighting broke out in the balcony when special policemen attempted to apprehend those who were causing the disturbance.

Eleven persons were injured, none seriously. The persons injured were taken to St. Clare's Hospital for emergency treatment for facial cuts and lacerations of the head and a cut hand caused by flying glass. They were treated and sent home.

Immediately following the disturbances, we consulted with Madison Square Garden officials regarding the security and supervisory measures taken by them to protect the public.

The special forces assigned to the fight and distributed on the main floor, mezzanine and balcony of the Garden included sixty-eight ushers, thirteen spectator directors, fifty special security police and five security supervisors. Of the fifty-five special security police, fourteen security police and two supervisors were in attendance in the balcony. In addition, the Commission assigned to the fight sixteen inspectors, six Deputy Commissioners and four Commission physicians. There was in attendance at the fight approximately 12,674 people and the gross receipts amounted to \$109,401.

Harry Markson, Director of Madison Square Garden Boxing, Inc., stated to me that they employ a special detail who determine the personnel needed to service an event promoted by it. That normally for a fight crowd of this size the Garden would assign forty-two security police. But in view of the fact that this was a championship fight and because of other disturbances in the Garden in recent months, it was decided to assign fifteen extra special police.

Markson stated that as the fans entered the Garden, guards took away more than twenty-five whiskey bottles being carried in by them. The bottles thrown were believed to have been hidden by fans under their coats and in coat pockets.

Markson pointed out, and we are cognizant of the fact, that security police have no authority to frisk persons entering the Garden. The guards are constantly on the lookout for inebriated persons and those carrying obvious liquor packages into the Garden. Persons under the influence of liquor are prevented from entering the Garden and where it is suspected that persons are carrying liquor packages, the packages are confiscated.

Prior spectator disturbances at fights held in the Garden have been a source of great concern to this Commission. We have discussed with the Garden on several occasions that they increase the hiring of more security police to protect the public from disturbances of this kind. We shall explore the possibility of having the New York City Police Department assign patrolmen to assist the Garden in policing boxing events. Policemen are assigned to direct traffic and to facilitate the movement of people outside the Garden but there is reluctance to assign them in the Garden because it is private property.

In addition, we shall explore the possibility of introducing in the City Council an ordinance which would apply severe penalties of fines or imprisonment of persons throwing missiles or objects during a sporting event. It may be that such a measure would have to be introduced and enacted into law by the State Legislature.

I wish to assure you that this Commission shall do everything in its power to prevent again the occurrence of last night.

Respectfully yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We filed a report with the Governor at 5 o'clock on the evening of May 17, 1967. We stressed adequate police protection for the public; increased severity of penalties; the penalty to be a felony instead of a misdemeanor for the throwing of bottles and other missiles into the ringside sections. Ned Irish, President of Madison Square Garden, forwarded a letter dated June 5, 1967, to the Chairman with a remedial plan.

"June 5, 1967

Commissioner Edwin Dooley  
New York State Athletic Commission  
226 West 47 Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Commissioner:

It has been called to my attention that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8.

I would like to report to your Commission that we have taken steps to have a bill introduced in the State Legislature at its next session, both in the Senate and other House, to definitely make it a criminal offense to throw any object at any sporting event which would endanger spectators or competitors.

I am hopeful that your Commission will join with us in helping to secure passage and final enactment into law such legislation. We have tried, and in many instances have not been able to get a conviction except for an occasional disorderly conduct charge.

If and when we have a law with some definite penalty for such action, we are prepared to offer a sizable reward for information helping to apprehend offenders in Madison Square Garden or wherever we may be promoting under your jurisdiction.

We intend also to have this law and its penalties together with the reward clearly indicated in bilingual visual signs posted throughout the building.

It is our hope, and we have already started to secure the cooperation of prominent sports figures such as Jose Torres, Carlos Ortiz, Frank Narvaez and others to issue a joint appeal, both in the newspapers and at boxing shows prior to the start of the bouts, to spectators. We found this particularly successful in wrestling several years ago when we had some difficulty with the followers of Antonino.

In our opinion, based on many years of experience, we have had sufficient personnel on hand to handle most normal disturbances. It is still not possible for us to legally frisk everyone coming into the building, but we will certainly re-double our efforts to detect persons carrying anything that is readily adaptable for throwing so that such items can be checked or the persons refused admission to the Garden if they refuse to surrender such packages for checking. Signs indicating this would be prominently displayed at the entrance to the Garden.

It would certainly be helpful if the Commission would order us to do this since we might otherwise be subject to charges of discrimination, etc., for preventing people from coming into the building, or having in their possession such items as bottles, cans, etc.

I might add incidentally that steps regarding this legislation had been started even prior to the recent Torres fight since we have had similar scattered instances at some of our other sporting events.

Sincerely yours,

Ned Irish (signed)  
 President  
 Madison Square Garden  
 307 West 49 Street  
 New York 19, New York."



CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

I questioned him about increasing the police in attendance at the Garden. Mr. Irish stated they had adequate police protection.

Commissioner Leary and Deputy Commissioner Garelik suggested we have more special police at the Garden. The police they now have are generally old men, retired from the force. They should hire young fellows who are not afraid to move in. All of them are unarmed. We must take action on this matter and be specific and determined in our efforts.

MR. FUSSCAS:

The Garden is faced with \$150,000 in lawsuits. They do not agree that they did not have sufficient police protection in May 16, 1967 because it would be harmful to them in defending the lawsuits filed by persons who were hurt.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Jim Fusscas and I went down to see District Attorney Frank Hogan. He said if the security police tried to arrest these fellows, there would be knifing or shooting. We also saw Police Commissioner Leary and his aides. We discussed the problem thoroughly. He thought we should get more security police. Commissioner Leary suggested that the lights go on before the decision is announced. Signs should be posted in bilingual language warning spectators that they would be subject to arrest if missiles are thrown.

MR. FUSSCAS:

I have a statement on the Penal Law as follows:

"Present statutes are broad and vague and not adequate to cover or to curb the problem of spectators at the Garden throwing objects onto the floor of the arena.

It is contemplated to introduce legislation this fall which would extend beyond those interested in boxing. For example, it is not unusual for spectators at Hockey



games and Baseball games to toss objects on the playing area. The proposed legislation would be extended to cover arenas, stadia, theatres, and other places at which the public is invited.

The essential ingredient needed in this legislation is that it render unlawful the mere throwing of an object in a public place.

This will enable the District Attorney to obtain a conviction simply upon the testimony of the officer or other witness of the fact that he saw the defendant throw an object and will not require any proof of injury, public commotion, the retrieval of the object or additional matters which in the past have resulted in acquittals where convictions should have been obtained.

The Department of Parks would support such legislation as it has had to face the problem at Shea Stadium and the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium.

The Penal statute contains sections with respect to (1) Riot (2) Third Degree Assault (3) 2nd Degree reckless endangerment (4) Disorderly Conduct.

The crime of riot obviously requires a degree of intentional joint, strongly anti-social conduct which would not be present in most of the situations against which we want to legislate.

Assault in the 3rd Degree requires both intent and a resultant injury. The Courts have held that the intent required to make out a third degree assault is not an intent to injure a particular individual.

Reckless endangerment covers a wide variety of anti-social behavior - turning in false alarms, overloading of vessels, employment of a drunk by a common carrier, obstructing railroad tracks, doing injury to life-saving apparatus, tampering with railroad signal lights or beacons.

It would appear that while conduct at a sporting event might technically be brought within statutory language, the history of the provisions indicates that it is meant to punish behavior of a different nature (reckless endangerment).

The crime of disorderly conduct is the one which most likely would cover the usual incident at a sporting event. It requires no proof of injury and embodies an intent which could easily be met.

The disadvantages of prosecution under these statutes is that they are broad and vague."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We will have counsel draw up a letter comprising all suggestions. I inquired into 'moonlighting'. Police Commissioner Leary said it was against the rules to use policemen who are 'moonlighting' in any work involving police functions.

COM. BERKOWITZ:

You are not going to get legislation passed making it a felony. You can recommend it. I suggest that you sit down with Madison Square Garden and the Police Commissioner. You can forget about getting legislation passed making it a felony to throw missiles. This is a police matter. I heard Harry Markson say we cannot get police. It is not so.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We will talk with Commissioner Leary again. There are police outside the Garden who are ready to go inside incase of a riot or disturbance.

MR. FUSSCAS:

Commissioner Leary said they had enough of a problem keeping traffic moving.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

They said the Garden is private property and that they go in only when a disturbance has started.

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James P. Fusscas, counsel for the Commission, brought to the attention of the Commission a managerial contract filed by and between Buster Mathis, boxer, and James Iselin, manager.

It was moved by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried that the Commission would approve a manager-boxer contract made by and between Buster Mathis, boxer, and James Iselin, manager, as well as the approval of a manager's license for James Iselin.

James P. Fusscas, counsel to the Commission, informed the Commissioners that a communication had been received by the Commission from the Hon. Anthony J. Travia, President of the 1967 Constitutional Convention, asking this Commission to state the views of the New York State Athletic Commission with regard to those portions of the present New York State Constitution which govern our area of authority.

"May 10, 1967

Honorable Edwin B. Dooley,  
Chairman  
Division of the State Athletic Commission  
226 West 47 Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Ed:

As President of the Constitutional Convention, I have undertaken to solicit the views of the Heads of the various State Departments and Agencies concerning those portions of the present New York State Constitution which govern their respective areas of authority. Your views, because of the expertise upon which they are based, will be of great significance in assisting the Convention to fully carry out the mandate of the people of this State.

With this in mind, would you kindly favor me with a reply to the following:

- (1) Are there any provisions in the existing Constitution which regulate the activities of your agency in any way, and if so,

please list?

- (2) What recommendations do you have, if any, as to what changes should be made in the Constitution, by way of addition or deletion, so as to allow your agency more flexibility and efficiency in its operation.

The need for close communication between the Convention and the various State Departments and Agencies was fully realized by the Legislature and Governor when they enacted Chapter 124 of the Laws of 1967 which requires all agencies of the State to promptly furnish to the Convention, whenever requested, such assistance as the Convention shall deem of use in its deliberations so that it may more properly carry out its powers and duties. Your practical knowledge of the everyday application of our Constitution is of the utmost importance in the Convention's work.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter and looking forward to your reply no later than June 1, 1967, I am

Very truly yours,

Anthony J. Travia (signed)  
President

"May 25, 1967

Hon. Anthony J. Travia  
President  
1967 Constitutional Convention  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Travia:

Thank you very much for your invitation to state the views of the New York State Athletic Commission with regard to those portions of the present New York State Constitution which govern our area of authority.

The only provision in the existing Constitution which directly affects our Commission is contained in Article IV, Section 8, which pertains to the filing of department rules and regulations in the office of the Secretary of State. The procedure now in effect for the speedy publication of the rules and regulations has been found to be efficient and satisfactory.

Our Commission is charged by statute with the sole direction, management, control and jurisdiction of all professional boxing matches and wrestling exhibitions held within the State (Unconsolidated Laws, Sections 8901 to 8933 inclusive). Should the need arise for new powers and functions or for more

flexibility and efficiency in our operation, we can request the Legislature, as we have in the past, to enact such laws as are necessary for more effective regulation of boxing and wrestling.

We do not recommend any changes in the existing Constitution as they affect our area of authority.

Very truly yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman."

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Application for a manager's license by David Koster was received by the Commission. He had been licensed as a second. His background was indicated to be questionable and no manager's license has been issued as yet.

Counsel will report as soon as he completes his investigation.

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Application of Jose Stabile for renewal of his boxer's license was discussed. Stabile was arrested a few months ago for shooting his common law wife. However, he denied this charge and his common law wife does not want to press charges. Nelson Kriedman, his new manager telephoned and stated Stabile was not indicted and the case has been postponed.

Since there is nothing definite in this matter, it has been held in abeyance until some determination is made.

The Commission will await final disposition of this case in the Bronx Criminal Court.

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Tentative approval is given Dave Ziglewicz to box in Albany subject to official filing of application.



On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried, John DeFazio was reinstated as a Second and granted a license.

Chairman Dooley received the following communication from Bernie Blacher.

"May 31, 1967

Commissioner Dooley  
N. Y. State Athletic Commission

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find account of the Wipperman vs. Beattie fight in St. Paul, Minnesota. Beattie, as you recall, has been barred from fighting in N. Y. State. In all my 35 years in the fight game have I seen such an event, exciting, hard brutal fight such as this one. We intend to have a rematch in St. Paul, June 15th. If it does well and is a great fight, I would like to see it again in Buffalo. It will take a while to get through the red tape of your Commission and therefore I would like to begin now in order to stage it early in the fall.

I can't hold you responsible over what has happened in Buffalo to kill boxing. I know that you have inherited the red tape. I do know that as a Commissioner you can help revive the game if you will stick your chin out.

We have been officiating out of business in Buffalo. Three years ago Don Elbaum applied for a license. After almost a year it was delivered to him less than thirty days before it expired. Next we attempted to match Wipperman with an opponent within a budget. The Commission wouldn't approve. There are many other obstacles in the way which I can't go into detail at this time.

However, doesn't it seem odd to you that there have been no boxing shows anywhere in N. Y. State except N. Y. City in the last five years? (exception C. Basilio unsuccessful in Syracuse). Isn't it odd that any large city in most northern states have a few shows a year? Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Scranton, Erie in Pennsylvania; Columbus, Akron, Painesville, Steubenville, Youngstown and Canton in Ohio. All cities



in California. Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Flint in Michigan. I won't go into detail with any more states. I just want to say that New York with the largest population has no fights anywhere except in New York City. This is directly the fault of your Commission.

We have a good auditorium, good local fighters, good local officials and good people interested in promoting good fights. How about a personal investigation on your part to see why there is no boxing?

All the good amateur fighters schooled and trained in Buffalo leave us and go to other cities and new managers who are able to put them into local fights. Within the last month we lost our two best prospects both heavyweights. Namely Dick Hall (to Boston) and Tony Ventura (to Miami). This is what has prompted me to write this type of letter.

I want to add at this time that I have never run into an official in your Commission who wasn't a gentleman. No one ever gave us a bad time. They always treated us with respect. However, they are so tied up that we are unable to run anywhere in New York State except N. Y. City.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Bernie Blacher (signed)  
511 Linwood Avenue  
Buffalo, New York."

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Chairman Dooley replied to Mr. Blacher.

"June 5, 1967

Mr. Bernie Blacher  
511 Linwood Avenue  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Blacher:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 31 concerning boxing upstate.

I agree with you that something must be done to help boxing in the Buffalo area and we have been racking our brains trying to get things going upstate there.

The fact that we barred Beattie is inconsequential, I

think, as he is only one boxer of many and at the time we barred him he was in bad condition with a serious allergy that prevented him from fighting more than a few rounds.

I can assure you that we will give you every consideration in order to restore boxing to a satisfactory level upstate. However, we cannot lower our standards for managers and boxers merely to get the sport going again. In other words, managers have to be of good character and boxers have to have a decent record.

We are somewhat liberal regarding the boxers' past defections but not so with the managers..

Let us know what we can do for you and we will certainly be willing to cooperate.

Very truly yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman."

Alton Marshall of the Governor's office wrote us commending the Commission for its action on the matter of Muhammad Ali and the disturbance at the Garden.

"May 31, 1967

Honorable Edwin B. Dooley  
Chairman  
State Athletic Commission  
226 West 47 Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Ed:

On behalf of Governor Rockefeller and on my own behalf, I thank you for your prompt report on the Madison Square Garden Disturbance and the copy of your letter to Mr. Neier of the Civil Liberties Union.

The Governor was pleased with the manner in which you expedited your report and before he left on his brief vacation he asked me to tell you how much he appreciated your efforts.

Sincerely,

Alton G. Marshall (signed)  
Executive Officer to the Governor  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, New York."

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the following suspensions were imposed in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921.

Ill and Unavailable

Johnny Thomas, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 31, 1967. Dr. Campbell - Medical.

Jose Zayas, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective April 5, 1967. Dr. Campbell - Laceration.

Lee Clemons, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective April 5, 1967. Dr. Campbell - TKO - EEG.

Victor Buford, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective April 12, 1967. Dr. Campbell - TKO.

Fred Martinovich, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective April 17, 1967. Dr. Kleiman - Lacerations.

Nino Benvenuti, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective April 17, 1967. Dr. Kleiman - Laceration.

Arnold Skaaland, wrestler, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective April 21, 1967. Dr. Guarino - Medical.

Danny Garcia, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective May 3, 1967. Dr. Guarino - Medical.

Frankie Narvaez, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 10, 1967. Medical.

Bobby Warthen, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 10, 1967. Medical.

Michael Cortez, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 15, 1967. Medical.

Johnny Persol, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 22, 1967. TKO.

Washington DeVieny, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 22, 1967. TKO.

Zora Folley, boxer, was placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective March 22, 1967. KO.

Suspension

Antonio Marcilla, second, was suspended indefinitely, effective March 15, 1967, for acts considered detrimental to the best interest of boxing.

Denied

John Anthony DeFazio, manager - effective April 24, 1967

Drew Brown, second - effective March 31, 1967

Suspensions by other Commissions

Don McAteer, boxer - N. J. Commission - effective April 28, 1967

Doug Jones, boxer Pa. Commission - " April 4, 1967

Amos Lincoln, boxer California Commission - " April 15, 1967

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On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the following suspensions were lifted in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921.

Sam Ardelean (The Mongol), wrestler	effective February 16, 1967
Jose Torres, boxer	" February 16, 1967
Freddie Williams, boxer	" March 9, 1967
Angel Oquendo, boxer	" March 9, 1967
Benito Ortiz, boxer	" March 10, 1967
Pablo Lopez, boxer	" March 10, 1967
Mike Cortez, boxer	" March 15, 1967
Grey Gavin, boxer	" March 28, 1967
Reuben DeJesus, boxer	" March 29, 1967
Julio Miranda, boxer	" March 31, 1967
Feliz Sandoval, boxer	" April 7, 1967
Juan Ramos, boxer	" April 12, 1967
Robert Buford, boxer	" April 17, 1967
Mike Cortez, boxer	" April 21, 1967
Lonnie Cabassa, boxer	" April 26, 1967
Felix Viera, boxer	" April 26, 1967
Lee Clemons, boxer	" May 5, 1967
Danny Garcia, boxer	" May 3, 1967
Luis Vinales, boxer	" May 3, 1967
Luke Ervin, boxer	" April 28, 1967

Reinstatements by other Commissions

Doug Jones, boxer by Pa. Commission - April 4, 1967

Amos Lincoln, boxer by California Com. - April 15, 1967

Notice to all Commissions

Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay), boxer - suspended indefinitely and recognition withdrawn as World's Heavyweight Champion for recent action detrimental to the best interest of boxing. (effective April 28, 1967)

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the requirements of Section 3, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921 and amendments thereto having been complied with, annual licenses were issued to the following:

(\*) Indicates Renewals

CLUBS

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Pending No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
136	1533	Garden Center Promotions, Inc.	Hempstead, N. Y.
137	1536	Ebon Athletic Club, Inc.	N. Y. C.

BOXERS

		<u>Ring Name</u>	<u>Right Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
B-189	1435	Al Massey	Alfred B. Massey	Phila. Pa.
B-190	1506	*Joey Basilio	Joseph Basilio	Canastota, N. Y.
B-191	74	*Luis Vinales	Same	Bronx, N. Y.
B-192	1513	Dorman Crawford	"	N. Y. C.
B-193	1555	*Rocky Halliday	Ronald Halliday	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
B-194	1570	Dave Dittmar	David Dittmar	White Plains, NY
B-195	1470	Edward Grant	Same	N. Y. C.
B-196	1535	Willie Battle	Nathaniel Hardy	B'klyn, N.Y.
B-197	1562	Rafael Marquez	Same	N. Y. C.
B-198	1524	*Bill Whittenburg	Wm. C. Whittenburg	Huntington, W. Va.
B-199	1552	Vic Irizarry	Victor M. Irizarry	N. Y. C.
B-200	1563	Steve Shevlin	Steven T. Shevlin	Seaford, N.Y.
B-201	1586	*Harold Richardson	Same	Bronx, N.Y.
B-202	1576	Carl Trani	"	N. Y. C.
B-203	1551	Robert Melendez	"	"
B-204	1136	*Joe Correa	"	"
B-205	1572	*Joe Spencer	Gerald B. Spencer	"
B-206	1619	*Jerry Tomasetti	Same	Dunmore, Pa.
B-207	1313	Tato Alonzo	Jose A. N. Rivera	Paterson, N.J.
B-208	1456	Roberto Ricardo	Roberto R. Petrauskas	Bronx, N.Y.
B-209	1514	Woody Thompson	Woodrow W. Thompson	Jersey City, N.J.
B-210	1543	Arthur M. Jones	Same	Montreal, Quebec
B-211	1590	Angel Mercado	Angel F. Mercado	Bronx, N.Y.
B-212	1618	Lloyd Bozman	Same	Newark, N.J.

WRESTLERS

W-75	1422	*Al Smith	Albert Alexinis	Pt. Jefferson, NY
W-76	89	*Tiny Tim	Jean J. Girard	Detroit, Mich.
W-77	1481	John A. Quinn	Same	Hamilton, Ont.
W-78	1518	Johnny Angel	Walter J. Bos	Ransomville, N.Y.



SECONDS

S-238	1505	*Raymond Paolillo	Bronx, N.Y.
S-239	1507	*Irving Robbins	Syracuse, N.Y.
S-240	1545	*Joseph Fariello	Stonfdville, N.Y.
S-241	1553	*John Centore	Syracuse, N.Y.
S-242	1556	*Velardino Carluccio	Kendall Park, N.J.
S-243	1568	*John Joseph Benevento	N. Y. C.
S-244	1381	Francisco O. Tejada	"
S-245	1564	Louis T. Laico	Jersey City, N.J.
S-246	1517	*Joseph Simms	B'klyn, N.Y.
S-247	1589	*Clemo N. Wilder	N. Y. C.
S-248	1606	*Benjamin Wilson	"
S-249	1607	*Lester Miller	Newark, N.J.
S-250	1604	Joseph Labaczewski	Jersey City, N.J.
S-251	1419	Herbert James Brooks	N. Y. C.
S-252	1471	Aldo G. Spoldi	Los Angeles, Cal.
S-253	1472	Edmondo Golinelli	Bologna, Italy
S-254	1541	Richie Stewart	Syracuse, N.Y.
S-255	1542	Jose R. Rivera	B'klyn, N.Y.
S-256	1547	Remberto Duo	Bronx, N.Y.
S-257	1561	John De Fazio	Bayonne, N.J.
S-258	1565	Frank Matucci	Jersey City, N.J.
S-259	1566	Louis Ippolito, Jr.	" "
S-260	1579	Alfred Arciello	B'klyn, N.Y.
S-261	1597	Nathan Hammer	N. Y. C.
S-262	1624	*Joe De Maria	Bronx, N.Y.
S-263	1578	Warren Amo	B'klyn, N.Y.

MANAGERS

M-69	1519	*John J. Amodei	Woodside, N.Y.
M-70	1813	James Iselin	N. Y. C.
M-71	1605	Joseph Labaczewski	Jersey City, N.J.
M-72	1544	Joseph A. Davis	N. Y. C.

ANNOUNCERS

#9	1520	Anthony Powderly	Rochester, N.Y.
#10	1592	Arthur G. Rust, Jr.	N. Y. C.

JUDGE

J-51	1457	James Martone	Rochester, N.Y.
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CORP. TREASURERS

#9	1534	N. Richard Kalikow	Atlantic Beach, N.Y.
#10	1538	Sylvester Salter	N. Y. C.

MATCHMAKERS

Mat-9	1525	*Moe Fleischer	"
Mat-10	1537	Al Joyner	St. Albans, L.I.

SPECIAL POLICEMEN

201	1526	*Paul V. Redcross	Troy, N.Y.
202	1621	*Michael J. Pastore	"
203	1367	Vito Abitabile	Middle Village, N.Y.

USHERS

197	1499	*Robert E. Schultz	Rochester, N.Y.
198	1573	John Mercurio	Jamaica, N.Y.
199	1567	Albert Fazio	L.I. City, N.Y.

TEMPORARY SECONDS

Permit 22	1554	Remberto Duo	Bronx, N.Y.
Permit 23	1582	Warren Amo	B'klyn, N.Y.
Permit 24	1583	John De Fazio	L.I. City, N.Y.
Permit 25	1584	Alfred Arciello	N. Y. C.
Permit 26	1585	John Donarumo	Chelsea, Mass.

TEMPORARY BOXERS

Permit 12	1598	Ronald Gibson	Bronx, N.Y.
Permit 13	1602	Angel Mercado	"

TEMPORARY TICKET TAKER

Permit 3	1599	Orval White	E.Y. C.
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TEMPORARY USHERS

Permit 17	1581
Permit 18	1603

Eugene Mensing
Robert McMahon

N.Y.C.

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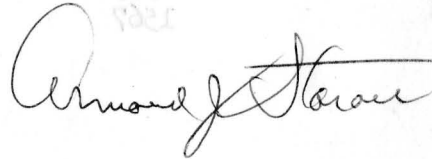
TEMPORARY SPECIAL POLICEMEN

Permit 24	1527
Permit 25	1528
Permit 26	1529
Permit 27	1600
Permit 28	1601

Frederick Webber
Edward Webber
Joseph Alborelli
Isaac Ferguson
Willie Thompkins

Holbrook, N.Y.
Brentwood, N.Y.
E. Islip, N.Y.
Bronx, N. Y.
N. Y. C.

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the meeting was adjourned.



Executive Secretary

The two thousand six hundred fifty-eighth meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 226 West 47 Street, New York City, Friday, June 16, 1967.

There were present Commissioner Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman; Raymond J. Lee, Albert Berkowitz, Commissioners; Chief Deputy Commissioner Frank Morris; Deputy Commissioners Daniel J. Dowd, Albert Snyder, Pasquale E. Mele, Joseph R. Sciacca; Marvin Kohn, Public Information Officer; Peter Scalzo, Supervising Boxing Inspector; Dr. Ira A. McCown, Medical Director; James P. Fuscas, Counsel to the Commission, and Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dooley at 1 p. m.

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On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried, the following managerial contracts were approved:

Manuel A. Gonzalez, manager  
Victor Melendez, boxer

Isaac Rios, manager  
George Ayala, boxer

James Glenn, manager  
Jesus Ayala Perez, boxer

Nelson Kreidman, manager  
Jose Stabile, boxer

The above mentioned individuals appeared before Deputy Commissioners who interviewed and swore them in. They were acquainted with the contents of the contracts and when questioned as to Paragraph Ten, the parties testified that no other persons or individuals shared directly or indirectly in the boxers' earnings and that no understandings or arrangements exist as to such sharing in the contracts.

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CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

On June 8, 1967, the Commission discussed Jose Stabile's application for renewal of his boxer's license. Stabile was arrested for shooting his common-law wife, but he denied the charge. Nelson Kreidman called to say that Stabile's common-law wife did not press the charge and that the charge of Felonious Assault (Sec. 1897 P.L.) was dismissed on motion of the District Attorney at Bronx Criminal Court.

Chief Deputy Commissioner Morris has presented us with a transcript of record certifying that the case was dismissed on June 8, 1967. After discussion and a motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz and unanimously carried, the boxing license renewal of Jose Stabile is approved.

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James P. Fusscas, Counsel to the Commission, reported on the James Iselin assignments.

On June 8, 1967, The Commission unanimously approved a contract between James Iselin, manager, and Buster Mathis, boxer, dated June 15, 1966. The Commission also approved an application for a manager's license filed by James Iselin on June 16, 1966. Originally, the full 100% managerial interest in Buster Mathis was held by Alvin L. Bachman, pursuant to a contract dated August 20, 1965 on file with the Commission. Subsequently, Mr. Bachman assigned his interest to James Iselin and others and was paid the sum of \$12,000.

On September 28, 1966, James Iselin filed an assignment with the Commission in which he assigned to Michael T. Martin 61.33% and an assignment to James W. Packard, 8%, retaining 30.6% of his managerial interest.

Both assignees appeared before Deputy Commissioners who interviewed and swore them in. They were acquainted with the contents of the contract and when questioned as to Paragraph Ten, the parties testified that no other persons or individuals shared directly or indirectly in the boxers' earnings and that no understandings or arrangements exist as to such sharing in the contracts.

On motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz, the assignments by James Iselin to Michael T. Martin and James W. Packard were unanimously approved.

Mr. Fusscas further reported that Peers Management Corporation was organized in June 1965 to handle all of Buster Mathis' activities outside of his ring earnings. Primarily, the corporation was organized to represent him in the entertainment industry. The corporation elected to dissolve as of May 31, 1966 and dissolution papers were filed and the corporation dissolved on June 7, 1967. Messrs. Iselin, Martin, and Packard have formed a partnership called Peers Management Company to handle all of Buster Mathis' activities, primarily in the entertainment industry, but excepting Mathis' ring earnings.

On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Lee and unanimously carried, the following release of a managerial contract was approved.

Michael Pellegrino, manager, and Cruz Antonio Garcia, boxer, mutually released each other from any further liability under and by virtue of a certain contract entered between them on the 22 day of June 1966. They agreed that the said contract is to be considered cancelled and void and of no effect. Release is effective this date.

On motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz, and unanimously carried, the following applications for licenses were

approved by the Commission:

Special Policeman

Isaac Ferguson

Second

Jack Rinchiuso

Manager

Victor P. August

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

At its meeting on June 8, 1967, the Commission discussed Muhammad Ali's request for a hearing to review its determination wherein it indefinitely suspended his boxing license. Counsel was instructed to prepare a letter advising Chauncey Eskridge, Attorney for Muhammad Ali, that the Commission unanimously agreed to grant Muhammad Ali a permissive hearing within a reasonable time after the United States District Court of Houston, Texas, has tried the issues and rendered its decision on the charge that Muhammad Ali violated the Selective Service Act.

On June 9, 1967, the following letter was sent to Chauncey Eskridge:

"June 9, 1967

Chauncey Eskridge, Esq.  
McCoy, Ming & Black  
Joel Hunter Building  
123 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay)

Dear Mr. Eskridge:

Your request for a hearing dated May 4, 1967, to review the Commission's determination made on April 28, 1967, wherein it indefinitely suspended Muhammad Ali's boxing license was discussed at a meeting held by the Commission on June 9, 1967.



Please be advised that although Muhammad Ali is not entitled to a hearing as a matter of right, the Commission has unanimously ordered such permissive hearing to be held within a reasonable time after the United States District Court of Houston, Texas, has tried the issues and rendered its decision on the charge that Muhammad Ali violated the Selective Service Act.

Very truly yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman."

MR. FUSSCAS:

The Commission will recall that at its meeting held on April 24, 1967, it denied Silvia T. Calzadilla (Silvia Torres) a license to wrestle in this State pursuant to rule, Section A, subd. 14, (19 N.Y.C.R.R. 205.15) of the rules promulgated by the Commission. Mrs. Calzadilla was so notified on April 27, 1967.

On June 14, 1967, a notice of petition, petition and affidavit was served on the Commission by attorneys for Silvia T. Calzadilla, returnable on the 7 day of July, 1967, special term of the Supreme Court, Erie County, Buffalo, New York. The papers were forwarded to the Solicitor General's Office in Albany and an answer to the petition is being prepared. I shall keep the Commission posted as matters develop in this case.

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Commissioner Dooley advised that Harry Markson and John Cronin who represent Mildenberger in the United States paid him a visit. They discussed the elimination tournament as announced by the Commission. Cronin felt that the elimination tournament should only include four fighters: Terrell, Ellis, Mildenberger and Spencer.

Commissioner Dooley stated it was his opinion that the Commission stand pat on the eight men named by it, to wit: Terrell, Patterson, Mildenberger, Frazier, Chuvalo, Ellis, Bonavena and Spencer, and expressed the opinion that

the promoters take care of the pairings. Cronin also suggested that where a bout fought in New York State had an international flavor that famous foreign officials be used to officiate, for example, Teddy Waltham of England could be one of the officials to handle a bout of this type.

Commissioner Berkowitz moved that the Commission stand pat on the original list announced by it on April 28, 1967, and that only Commission officials be used in fights held in this State, even though a bout might have international flavor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee and unanimously approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Dooley presented the application for appointment as Panel Physician, Dr. Benjamin A. Gilbert. He was recommended to the Commission by Doctors Stevens and Kleiman and the application was approved by the Medical Advisory Board.

Dr. McCown stated that new doctors are needed because some of the older doctors are financially independent and won't take just any fight assignment. Deputy Commissioner Mele suggested that those doctors who covered the five day examination be given an assignment at the Garden once in a while and that not the same doctors be used at all times.

Deputy Commissioner Dowd said that the doctors should adapt their hours among themselves so that a physician may be available at all times.

The Commission did not approve the application but requested that further processing be done with respect to it before a vote of approval is taken.

Commissioner Dooley reported that on Thursday, June 15, 1967, he held a conference in his office with Madison Square Garden officials - Ned Irish, President, Harry Markson, Managing Director of Boxing, and Richard Esau, Chief of Security and James P. Fusscas, Counsel to the Commission. They discussed the May 16, 1967 disturbance at Madison Square Garden.

It was agreed that the Garden in its effort to preclude any re-occurrence of the disturbance which took place on May 16, 1967 would pursue the following course and the following release was issued after the meeting.

"June 15, 1967

Edwin B. Dooley announced today that he held a meeting with Madison Square Garden officials, including Ned Irish, President, Harry Markson, Managing Director of Boxing, and Richard Esau, Chief of Security, and officials of the New York State Athletic Commission. It was agreed that the Garden in its effort to preclude any reoccurrence of the disturbance which took place on May 16, 1967 would pursue the following course.

1. A bill supported by the State Athletic Commission is going to be introduced in the State Legislature which would correct the present penal statute which is not adequate to cover or curb spectators from throwing objects endangering lives of persons in the arena. The proposed legislation would be extended to cover arenas, stadia, theatres, and other places to which the public is admitted. The essential ingredient needed in this legislation is that it render unlawful the mere throwing of an object in a public place. This will enable the District Attorney to obtain a conviction simply upon the testimony of the officer or other witness of the fact that he saw the person throwing an object and will not require any proof of injury, public commotion, the retrieval of the object or additional facts which in the past have resulted in acquittals where convictions should have been obtained.

It is expected that the Department of Parks and the management of the baseball stadia would support such legislation.

2. It was also agreed that signs printed in several languages be placed in conspicuous locations throughout the arena warning spectators that any infraction in the way of throwing

objects will be severely dealt with.

3. It was also agreed that before each boxing show a prominent citizen speak to the audience in terms of sportsmanship and the necessity for orderly conduct. He would also point out that any disturbance would be very detrimental to the sport.

4. Visual inspection by security guards of spectators entering the arena would be strictly enforced. All dangerous objects which could be thrown will be checked at the Garden and such refusal will result in denial of admission to the event and the ticket money returned.

5. Inebriated persons will, as in the past, be denied admission.

6. Assurances were given by the Garden authorities that adequate police protection will be provided."

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On motion made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz the release of June 15, 1967 was unanimously approved by the Commission.

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Chairman Dooley also reported that he had held conferences with District Attorney Frank Hogan and Commissioner Leary of the New York City Police Department on ways and means of tightening security control so as to prevent future disturbances. Both stated to Commissioner Dooley that it was impossible to formalize a plan to control a riot or disturbance because of its spontaneity. Both District Attorney Hogan and Commissioner Leary when informed by Commissioner Dooley of some of the measures which were included in the press release by the Commission voiced approval of same.

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Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary, reported on the Payroll Savings Plan which has the support of the State Administration. The Treasury Department is embarking on a campaign to sign up an increased enrollment of persons purchasing bonds. The new bonds proposed by the Treasury Department will pay a higher interest rate than the E bonds and are called Freedom Bonds.

Mr. Starace also stated that when he receives additional information from Albany on the subject, he would ask the members of the Commission to purchase the new bonds.

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The meeting was adjourned in memory of Colonel Edward P. F. Eagan, former Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission who died during the week.

Commissioner Dooley praised his service to boxing and to the sports world generally and of his contributions to boxing while he was Chairman of this Commission.

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the following suspensions were imposed in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921.

Jose W. Vicente, second, has been suspended indefinitely, effective May 11, 1967, for acts considered detrimental to the best interests of boxing.

Denied

Silvia T. Calzadilla, wrestler - application denied, Section A, Subd. 14 - effective April 24, 1967.

Notice to all Commissions

Jose Stabile, boxer, is available. Criminal charge dismissed, effective June 16, 1967.

David Feld, boxing referee, placed on inactive list at his own request due to his representation in New York of Floyd Patterson.

Ill and Unavailable

Felix Sandoval, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective May 16, 1967. Dr. Kleiman - TKO.

Rocky Halliday, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective May 16, 1967. Dr. Kleiman - Lacerations.

Gerald Pate, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective May 16, 1967. Dr. Kleiman - Lacerations.

Bobby Clark Roberts, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective May 22, 1967. Dr. Campbell - TKO - EEG.

Lee Clemons, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective May 22, 1967. Dr. Campbell - TKO - EEG.

Buster Mathis, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective May 25, 1967. Dr. McCown - hand injury.

Hank Smith, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective May 24, 1967. Dr. Campbell - TKO.

Longino Cabassa, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective June 7, 1967. Dr. Campbell - KO - EEG.

Ben Robertson, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective June 7, 1967. Dr. Campbell - Lacerations.

J. J. Johnson, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective June 10, 1967. Dr. Campbell - TKO.



George Ayala, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective June 12, 1967. Dr. Campbell - Lacerations.

Ray Torres, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective June 12, 1967. Dr. Campbell - Lacerations.

Melvin Ward, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective June 12, 1967. Dr. Campbell - TKO.

Ralph Rodriguez, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective June 14, 1967.

Nelson Cuevas, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective June 14, 1967. Dr. Campbell - TKO.

Joey Vasquez, boxer, has been placed on the ill and unavailable list indefinitely, effective June 14, 1967. Dr. Guarino - Lacerations.

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(\* ) Indicates Renewals

BOXERS

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Pending No.</u>	<u>Ring Name</u>	<u>Right Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
B-213	1630	*Louis Hicks	Same	B'klyn, N.Y.
B-214	1577	Ray Ayala	Jesus Ayala	Bronx, N.Y.
B-215	1626	Ralph Rodriguez	Same	B'klyn, N.Y.

SECOND

<u>S-264</u>	<u>1614</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Secausus, NJ</u>
		Jack Rinchiuso	

MANAGER

<u>M-73</u>	<u>1608</u>	<u>Vincent P. August</u>	<u>N. Y. C.</u>

SPECIAL POLICEMAN

<u>204</u>	<u>1632</u>	<u>Isaac Ferguson</u>	<u>"</u>

TEMPORARY TICKET TAKER

<u>Permit 4</u>	<u>1638</u>	<u>Alphonzo J. Jones</u>	<u>"</u>

TEMPORARY BOXER

<u>Permit 14</u>	<u>1635</u>	<u>Ralph Rodriguez</u>	<u>"</u>

TEMPORARY USHERS

<u>Permit 19</u>	<u>1636</u>	<u>B. Weinthal</u>	<u>Valley St. L.I.</u>
<u>Permit 20</u>	<u>1637</u>	<u>S. Berman</u>	<u>"</u>

TEMPORARY SPECIAL POLICEMAN

<u>Permit 29</u>	<u>1639</u>	<u>Wilson Briggs</u>	<u>N. Y. C.</u>

TEMPORARY SECOND

<u>Permit 27</u>	<u>1633</u>	<u>Joseph Bianco</u>	<u>Dunmore, Pa.</u>



The two thousand six hundred fifty-ninth meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 226 West 47 Street, New York City, Monday, June 26, 1967.

There were present Commissioner Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman; Raymond J. Lee, Albert Berkowitz, Commissioners; Chief Deputy Commissioner Frank Morris; Deputy Commissioners Daniel J. Dowd, Albert Snyder, Pasquale E. Mele, Joseph R. Sciacca; Marvin Kohn, Public Information Officer; Peter Scalzo, Supervising Boxing Inspector; James P. Fusscas, Counsel to the Commission, and Armand J. Starace, Executive Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dooley at 11 a. m.

On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried, the following managerial contracts were approved:

Johnny Torres, manager  
Jose A. Nieves Rivers (Tato Alonzo), boxer  
Sam Rose, manager  
Freddy Martinovich, boxer

The above mentioned individuals appeared before Deputy Commissioners who interviewed and swore them in. They were acquainted with the contents of the contracts and when questioned as to Paragraph Ten, the parties testified that no other persons or individuals shared directly or indirectly in the boxers' earnings and that no understandings or arrangements exist as to such sharing in the contracts.

The Commission reviewed and carefully considered the applications for licenses of the following:

Second

Joseph J. Bianco

Judge

Harold Lederman

Commissioner Lee moved to approve the aforementioned applications for licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz, and unanimously carried.

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The New York State Athletic Commission records with regret and deepest sympathy the decease of Al Buck, one of the outstanding sports writers of this era.

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Chairman Dooley recounted to the members of the Commission his attendance at the International Boxing Bouts of the Military Organizations at Fort Meade, Maryland.

The bouts were well conducted and the Chairman learned from General Kenneth G. Wickham and General Jonathan Seaman that the Army of the United States thinks highly of boxing.

The Chairman wrote the Generals commending them on their attitudes saying that he thought boxing was good for the men in the Service. The events at Fort Meade were conducted with exactness and precision and a sizeable audience witnessed the bouts.

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Armand Starace, Executive Secretary, read a communication which had been received from Bernie Blacher of Buffalo, New York, who complained about conditions imposed by the New York State Athletic Commission.

The letter reads as follows:

"June 14, 1967

Mr. E. Dooley  
Chairman, N. Y. State Athletic Comm.

Dear Mr. Dooley:

I appreciate your prompt reply to my last letter. You indicate an interest in getting Buffalo boxing in motion and a willingness to help do so.

I previously mentioned a boxing license issued to Don Elbaum. It was issued after a year of application and then ran out thirty days after it was issued and much before it could possibly be used. What must be done to reactivate his license?

He would like it issued but would like to be protected from a similiar circumstance. I know he is licensed in several states and does not have this problem elsewhere. The fee of \$300.00 is too much to needlessly throw away. Don says it cost him roughly \$700.00 including corporation filing and he wasn't allowed to run a single fight. This is your first ill to correct and I feel that you can handle it.

You speak of not lowering your standards of managers licensing. I would be the last one to ask you to do so. Incidentally, I know of no one in this area who was denied a license to manage. My idea of red tape does not apply to denial of license of managers.

Now here are the real drawbacks. N. Y. State laws and rules seem to be made for N.Y.City. Beginning with housing and getting into boxing they are all patterned for New York City and are O.K. in N.Y. However, they backfire when applied to Buffalo. For example, you have a beautiful three story office building where a fighter can go to have a head, heart, fingerprint, physical, and chest examination. In a short time he goes through the routine and I believe pays only for the license and physical. In Buffalo we have no such facilities. To get the E.G.G. you must make an appointment at a hospital. Some times the waiting period is more than two weeks. The physical must be done by the State Doctor; he is very cooperative but not always available. The fingerprints by the Sheriff of Erie

County. The chest x-ray in city hall. We have lowered the cost of the E.G.G. to \$15.00 but in most hospitals it is \$25.00 or more. By the time the license is issued it cost about \$50.00. The worst part is the time involved as most fighters must work on a regular job. Even the commissioner for Buffalo can't be expected to be on hand for the forms and applications and advice when needed. This situation is bad enough for the local fighters. Now what about the fighters coming in from Canada and Pennsylvania and Ohio. Can you expect them to fight for \$50.00, pay \$50.00 to be licensed plus their trainer and manager and then maybe never fight in Buffalo again? In dollars and cents it just won't work out.

At one time when these rules were made there were 34 licensed fight clubs in N.Y. State. At this time I don't believe that there are more than five. Now I mean boxing clubs not licenses used only for wrestling. I am not familiar with the number used for wrestling. There probably is one wrestling club in each major city and a few in the smaller towns. At the time of the 34 licenses there were numerous fighters appearing in these clubs. Today I don't believe there are six licensed fighters from western N.Y. In the combined cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica and maybe Albany there are probably six licensed fighters. The only fighter I know with a current license is my Vic Brown. I don't believe Wipperman has his as he hasn't fought in the Garden this year. Now in New York City things are different. The Garden keeps the fighters busy and they are more numerous. Therefore as I point out the rules for N.Y. City work out O.K.

To bring in fighters all from N.Y. for a Buffalo show is too costly. Also, the Garden pays \$150 for 4 rounds. \$350 to \$500 for six rounds. This is against \$50.00 four rounds and \$75.00 six rounds in the smaller clubs such as Buffalo. We will have to use Canadians and Pennsylvania and Ohio fighters.

Now due to the scarcity of fighters, matches fall out. Many matches must be made the day of the fight. Substitutions must be made on almost every show. The rule that every match must be checked out with New York is impossible under present day conditions. Your Buffalo representative must have power to approve matches on his own. He can't call N.Y. for an O.K. for the preliminaries. I believe that you must give more power to your local personnel.

I have pointed out most of the drawbacks. I didn't cover everything or go too much into detail on any of them. Wherever we travel, we arrive unlicensed at the weigh-in and fight the very same day in all other states. This is not true in all cases for the main event. But for the preliminaries which seem to be the problem it is true. These are the States to which

I have travelled and fought and managed on the day of arrival. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, West Virginia, Virginia, Minnesota, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Ontario, Canada, and Quebec and don't forget New York City. Why should Buffalo be any different?

You have inherited a complex of rules which have killed boxing. You as top man must make some changes although I am sure you will have to relax your rules which at this moment may be very important to you.

Regards,

Bernie Blacher (signed)  
511 Linwood Avenue  
Buffalo 14209, N.Y."

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Our Law requires that Doctors who conduct examinations of boxers and wrestlers must be appointed by the State Athletic Commission upon the recommendation of the Medical Advisory Board. Section 8904 of the Unconsolidated Laws governs this procedure.

COM. LEE:

I agree it is a very difficult situation.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

The boys work all day and it is difficult for them to spend time making appointments to be examined by a doctor. Tom Ryan, our Deputy Commissioner in Buffalo, stated that we should try to have the hospital cooperate. The hospital fee is \$35.00. It is more than they can afford. \$20.00 would be more favorable.

COM. LEE:

I will talk with Tom Ryan and we will try and come up with something.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

An EEG has to be done.

DEP. COM. DOWD:

We could provide transportation by automobile to New York and back.

COM. LEE:

I will contact Tom Ryan to try to facilitate action for the boxers.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

I will report that we are studying the situation.

"June 28, 1967

Mr. Bernie Blacher  
511 Linwood Avenue  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Blacher:

At our last meeting we discussed the contents of your letter of recent date.

There are several problems in it that only can be resolved after considerable study and I have instructed one of our Commissioners to talk with our Deputy Commissioner in Buffalo to see what could be done.

As soon as we come to some conclusion, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman

cc Tom Ryan."

"June 28, 1967

Hon. Raymond J. Lee  
Lockport Felt Company  
Newfane, New York

Dear Ray:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter from Bernie Blacher to me which we discussed at the last meeting of the Commission.

You will recall that you offered to discuss this whole matter with Tom Ryan and see if we could resolve it satisfactorily.

The promoter's license creates a problem which is not easily solved but we will look into it.

I am writing Blacher today to tell him that the whole matter is under consideration.



Sincerely,  
Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman

enclosure  
cc Tom Ryan

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The Commission discussed the suspension of Vincente Rivas by the Venezuela Commission. Mr. Galindez, President of the Boxing Commission of Venezuela forwarded the following letter to this Commission.

"I. N. D.  
Comision De Boxeo Profesional  
Del Distrito Federal

Revista The Ring  
a/c Mr. Allan Clevens  
49 Street  
New York 19 USA

Tengo el gusto de dirigirme a usted en la oportunidad de participarle que ésta Comisión, de acuerdo a disposiciones del Arto. 72 del Estatuto del Boxeo Profesional de Venezuela, así como de la Regla 11 del Código de Seguridad de la W.B.A., há resuelto suspender de su actividad profesional al boxeador Vicente Rivas por un período de seis meses, a contar de la fecha del 31 de Mayo.

De usted muy atentamente,  
Fernando Mandry Galindez  
Presidente."

Translation

I have the pleasure to inform you of the opportunity to participate with this Commission according to the provisions of Article 72 of the Venezuelan Boxing Statute, also according to Rule 17 of the Security Code of the World Boxing Association, that it has resolved to suspend from professional activity the boxer Vincente Rivas for a period of six months, effective the 31 of May just past.

Attentively yours,  
Fernando Mandry Galindez  
President

"June 21, 1967

Mr. Fernando Mandry Galindez  
 President  
 Instituto Nacional De Deportes  
 Comision de Boxeo del Dto. Federal  
 Caracas, Venezuela

Dear Mr. Galindez:

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date which was received today as it was addressed to the Ring Magazine, concerning the suspension of Vincente Rivas.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, June 26th, at which time we will discuss the feasibility of exercising reciprocity by suspending Rivas in New York State.

We would be pleased to know the reason why Rivas was suspended as it would help us in making our judgment. We do of course want to cooperate with you in every way.

We extend greetings to your Commission from the New York State Athletic Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
 Chairman."

"June 26, 1967

Mr. Fernando Mandry Galindez  
 President  
 Instituto Nacional de Deportes  
 Comision de Boxeo del Distrito Federal  
 Caracas, Venezuela

Dear Mr. Galindez:

The Commission wishes to cooperate with you in regard to your suspension of Vincente Rivas. Before we take official action, we would like to know the reason for his suspension so that we may better be able to weigh the merits of the case.

With kind regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
 Chairman."



CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

Rivas had been suspended and the Venezuela Commission asks for our support and recognition of this suspension. We have reciprocity with Venezuela.

COM. LEE:

We should have a reason for it.

CHAIRMAN DOOLEY:

We have correspondence from them. We will inquire into the facts to ascertain why he was suspended.

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Deputy Commissioner Morris Mogelever of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission has advised us in a communication that Buddy Rogers had applied to them for a wrestling promoter's license.

Mr. Mogelever's letter follows:

"June 19, 1967

Edwin B. Dooley  
Chairman  
New York State Athletic Commission  
226 West 47th Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Commissioner Dooley:

Buddy Rogers, in a letter dated June 14, has asked this office to send him papers to file an application for a license as a wrestling promoter in New Jersey.

What is the current New York situation on Rogers as the aftermath of his wrestling performance, June 3, at Albany, that followed his selfimposed medical suspension in this State in a run-out on a contractual wrestling booking in the Fall of 1963?

Sincerely yours,

Morris Mogelever (signed)  
Deputy Commissioner

For: Joseph F. Walker  
Commissioner."

At the last meeting of the Commission it was the consensus that Buddy Rogers will be approved by this Commission to wrestle again in New York should he pass our medical examinations.

On June 20, 1967, Chairman Dooley addressed the following letter to Commissioner Mogelever.

"June 20, 1967

Morris Mogelever  
Deputy Commissioner  
State Athletic Commission  
State House  
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Deputy Commissioner Mogelever:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 19th concerning Buddy Rogers' application for a license as a wrestling promoter in New Jersey.

Currently he has filed with us an application to reinstate his license as a wrestler. We have weighed the matter very carefully and have concluded that the situation surrounding his alleged breach of contract in 1963 is so beclouded with contradictions that we feel that we should not deny him relicensing. Consequently, if he passes our physical examinations, namely, an EKG and EEG, we will probably reinstate his license in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin B. Dooley (signed)  
Chairman."

Armand Starace, Executive Secretary, received a letter from the Massachusetts Commission dated June 20, 1967, advising us that Joe Shaw, boxer, will not be approved to box in Massachusetts until he submits satisfactory information and the reason for failing to fulfill a contract to box Stan Kitten Hayward at the Boston Arena on May 9, 1967.

It was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Berkowitz and unanimously carried that the following letter be forwarded to the Massachusetts Commission.

"June 26, 1967

Massachusetts Boxing Commission  
1010 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts

Atten: Clayton L. Havey

Re: Joe Shaw (boxer)

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your letter dated June 20, 1967, Thomas M. Quinn, manager of Joe Shaw, was directed to appear this morning at this office and furnished the following explanation:

Joe Shaw fought LeRoy Roberts in Washington, D. C. and injured his right hand. He thereafter went into training and re-injured his right hand and in the process of favoring the injury, damaged his left wrist. Some two weeks prior to the Hayward fight on May 9th, Mr. Quinn notified the promoter, Al Braverman, of Shaw's inability to fulfill the commitment and requested a postponement. Incidentally, Quinn had offered to furnish medical evidence but the offer was declined. Mr. Quinn states the injury has now healed and that Shaw is willing to fight Hayward at the same terms: 150 lb. bout and Shaw to receive 22½% of the gross gate.

We trust this information will be satisfactory to you.

Very truly yours,

Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman

by: Armand J. Starace (signed)  
Executive Secretary."

On motion made by Commissioner Berkowitz, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and unanimously carried, a second's license was granted to John Donarumo.

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the requirements of Section 3, Chapter 714 of the Laws of 1921 and amendments thereto having been complied with, annual licenses were issued to the following:

(see next page)

(\*) Indicates Renewals

BOXERS

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Pending No.</u>	<u>Ring Name</u>	<u>Right Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
B-216	1548	Gerald Pate	Same	Milwaukee, Wis.
B-217	1634	*Jose Stable	"	Bronx, N.Y.

WRESTLERS

W-79	1145	Benny Lima	"	Hamilton, Ont.
W-80	1146	Wes Hutchings	Ralston W. Hutchings	"
W-81	1156	Ivan Kalmikoff	Same	Detroit, Mich.
W-82	1212	Chris Belkas	"	Boston, Mass.
W-83	1214	Terry Garvin	Terry Joyal	Mobile, Ala.
W-84	1215	Ronny Garvin	Same	" "
W-85	1480	Al Schiller	Alfred Schiller	Mt. Hope, Ont.
W-86	1482	Charles Madden	Same	Buffalo, N.Y.
W-87	1616	*William H. Butler	"	Ridgewood, N.Y.

MANAGERS

		<u>Name</u>	
M-74	1642	*Fredrick Jones	L.I. City, N.Y.
M-75	1416	Johnny Torres	Paterson, N.J.
M-76	1647	*Sam Rose	Newark, N.J.

USHERS

200	1466	*Phillip F. Burns	Rochester, N.Y.
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JUDGE

J-52	1631	Harold Lederman	Bronx, N.Y.
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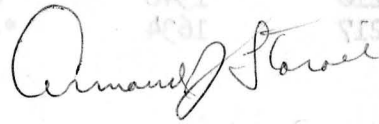
S-265	1627	Joseph J. Bianco	Dunmore, Pa.
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Club Transfer  
Pending #1580

Onondaga Wrestling Club to Buffalo, N.Y. on 4-21-67

(\*) Indicates Newcomer

On motion duly made, seconded, and agreed, the meeting was adjourned.



Executive Secretary

		WRESTLERS	
Hamilton, Ont.	"	Benny Linn	W-79
"	Rafalon W. Hutchings	Wes Hutchings	W-80
Detroit, Mich.	Same	Ivan Kalkoff	W-81
Boston, Mass.	"	Chris Bellas	W-82
Mobile, Ala.	Terry Jovel	Terry Garvin	W-83
"	Same	Benny Garvin	W-84
St. Hope, Ont.	Alfred Schiller	AJ Schiller	W-85
Buffalo, N.Y.	Same	Charles Madden	W-86
Ridgewood, N.Y.	"	*William H. Butler	W-87
		MANAGERS	
L.I. City, N.Y.	"	*Frederick James	M-79
Paterson, N.J.	"	Johnny Torres	M-79
Rosark, N.J.	"	*Sam Rose	M-79
		USHERS	
Rochester, N.Y.	"	*Phillip F. Burns	200
		JUDGE	
Brooklyn, N.Y.	"	Harold Lederman	1-22
		SECOND	
Punxsutawney, Pa.	"	Joseph A. Bianco	2-202