

# Liston Promises Patterson Rematch; Fights Contenders 'As They Come'

CHICAGO (AP)—A smiling, wise-cracking Sonny Liston promised Wednesday to keep his word about giving Floyd Patterson a rematch—even if it has to be held in a training camp. After that, the new world heavyweight boxing champ said, he would fight the contenders, "as they list them in the book."

Liston appeared at a noon news conference with the harassed promoters who tried to explain the government's move in seizing some \$5 million of the receipts of Tuesday night's fight. The 28-year old champ abandoned his training camp scowl, chewed gum and grinned as he parried the questions asked by some of the several hundred newsmen.

"I THOUGHT I'd get him much earlier than I did," Liston said of his knockout over Patterson in 2 minutes, 6 seconds of the first round. Somebody asked him to compare Patterson with Albert Westphal, the German heavyweight who also was a first round victim last Dec. 4.

"Well, I wouldn't say this fight was easier," Liston said. "A lot of people look only at the time in the ring. They don't know how much time and aggravation I went through before. Like in the training camp with the newspaper men. A fellow would ask,

"Sonny, is the sun shining?" I'd tell him to look for himself. And he'd say 'I want to hear it from you.'"

Liston, unlicensed in New York because of his criminal record and the boxing commission's "pattern of suspicion" that he still might be associated with persons of unsavory background, renewed his dressing room plea for a chance to prove himself.

"GIVE ME a little time," he said. "Allow me a chance to prove I've been rehabilitated Jack," to Jack Nilon, his adviser. "Rehabilitated," said Nilon.

The champ from Philadelphia, via Pine Bluff, Ark. and St. Louis, is obligated by contract to fight Patterson again, if Floyd wants it.

Patterson said Tuesday night, before leaving by car for New York with his wife, Sandra, that he wanted to rematch but would make a definite decision in a week or so.

There was a \$1 million penalty clause in the contract to make sure Liston would go through with a return bout and all but \$50,000 of his purse, estimated at about \$282,000 was held in escrow.

## Giants Apply Pressure to Slim Dodger NL Lead

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco's Giants withstood an eighth inning three-run pinch homer by Stan Musial and beat St. Louis 6-3 yesterday to keep the pressure on National League leading Los Angeles.

Tom Haller knocked in four runs with a double and two-run

homer. Orlando Cepeda belted a solo home run.

Southpaw Billy Pierce pitched seven brilliant innings for the Giants, giving up only three hits and not walking a man.

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## Tunney Calls Fight 'A Terrible Hoax'

SEATTLE (AP) — Gene Tunney called the Sonny Liston-Floyd Patterson fight "a terrible hoax" yesterday.

The former world champion, visiting Seattle on business, viewed the title fight Tuesday night on closed-circuit television.

"The people who paid were burglarized," Tunney asserted.

"When you put on a fight and ask people to pay for it you must have some sort of guarantee they will see a show.

"It is shows like this that are rapidly killing boxing."

Tunney said he believed Patterson went into the ring a frightened man.

"He was so frightened he didn't even box," said the man who retired an undefeated champion in the late 1920s.

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