

How World Experts Rated Muhammad Ali for '65

Photo of the Year



Photo by Herbert Studio

WHEN THREE of the world's greatest performers, Muhammad Ali, world's heavyweight champion (l.), Jim Brown, world's greatest football player and Sammy Davis Jr. (r.), met and joshed together in New York at Ebony

Magazine affair, it was a historic occasion inasmuch as prognostications for all three in '66 call for continuation of leadership in their fields.



CHAMPIONS AND former champions of the boxing world assembled around Muhammad Ali in New York recently at Boxing Writers Affair to acknowledge and honor the heavyweight champion. At left is former middle-

weight title holder, Bobo Olson, Muhammad Ali, Jose Torres, light heavyweight champion and Rocky Graziano, former middleweight title holder.

See Racial Justice More Vital to World Than Outcome of Viet Nam War

NEW YORK — The securing of racial justice in major American cities is far more important than the outcome of the war in Viet Nam, according to a group of outstanding professors, clergymen and civic leaders, who joined together as the Steering Committee of the New York Pre-White House Conference on Civil Rights.

THE GROUP made its outlook known at the Hotel Astor recently where they said the United States should spend \$208 billion over the next five years to achieve racial justice in large cities.

The annual installment of \$41.6 billion would be 40 percent of the total national budget.

The committee itemized a five-year budget to correct housing, education and health problems in the country's metropolitan areas, and said they believed the money should come from private sources as well as the government.

THE REPORT emphasized that the proposals deal only with "problems having to do with the achievement of racial justice," and do not include such municipal prob-

lems as transportation, water supply or pollution control.

The proposed development budget was broken down into three main sections: Job training and education, \$24.9 billion annually; housing \$8.4 billion; and health \$8.3 billion.

Oldest Man Dies

THE MAN reputed to be Pakistan's oldest inhabitant, 140-year-old Babu Fazal Din, has died at Vihari, near Lahore. He left 67 direct descendants, according to news agency United Press of Pakistan.

Sports Study Shows It's Muslim Champion All Way

PARIS—That Muhammad Ali, world heavyweight champion, is without equivocation, the greatest fighter in our time, was further confirmed here as results of a survey of European boxing writers, published in the sports newspaper, "L'Equipe."

EUROPE THUS gave Muhammad its Boxer-of-the-Year crown with not a single fighter in the world ranking even as a close runner-up.

Sports publications in Latin America, particularly "El Riveria" in Argentina, have polled boxing experts in 12 South American and seven Central American countries and published the results. They point to an overwhelming 98 to 2 vote in favor of the young Muslim champion, a follower of the

Honorable Elijah Muhammad, as "Greatest Boxer of the Century."

Early results from Asian and African sports authorities indicate an equally positive appraisal of the black athlete, whose spectacular rise to world prominence in the sports area is unmatched in modern athletic history.

REACTION of Muhammad to the steady flow of honors and widening recognition was to credit the great light of truth and fearlessness brought to him by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, whose guidance and teachings have transformed the fighter from the routines of the ordinary to that of a figure of worldwide importance, symbolic of the best in athletic achievements.

Our Men Emotionally Underdeveloped, Says White South African Lecturer

NEW YORK—A prominent white South African visiting here said that the main problem of the white man was one of attaining some form of emotional maturity.

"Most white men have less emotional maturity than a girl of five years," believes Col. Laurens Van der Post, principal lecturer at a United Presbyterian Commission on Religion and Race.

THE CONFERENCE on "The Inner Dimensions of Prejudice" dealt with the question of what made people prejudiced.

"The dimensions of prejudice are rooted deep in our culture and civilization," said Van der Post, widely known as an authority on the black-white separation in the Republic of South Africa.

The rejection of self is closely linked to the prejudiced rejection of others, Van der Post said.

"THE BLACK MAN in Africa is at home with his emotions and knows how to deal with them," the white South African declared. "With whites, this is not so. The emotions eventually overwhelm the rational self. Most white men have less emotional maturity than a girl of five years."

Methods of helping others accomplish the "journey to the interior of the self" were considered by confer-

ence participants under the guidance of Dr. Lonnie MacDonald, chief, Division of Community Psychiatry, Harlem Hospital center, and Miss Barbara Benedict, consultant on group dynamics, New York.

CONSIDERABLE courage is required to expose the deep feelings linked to prejudice, observed Dr. MacDonald.

"Such exposure is necessary to bring about mutual understanding," MacDonald said. "We must work not only for intellectual understanding; we must rather work for ability to express ourselves openly, to feel more comfortable in looking at ourselves and our problems. . . . There must be a relationship between one's self-awareness and his ability to help others."

GROUP DYNAMICS procedures were directed in the conference by Dr. MacDonald and Miss Benedict, in which participants sought to learn through doing, the processes of hunting down and grappling with sources of prejudice.

"The denial of one's own feelings," noted Dr. MacDonald, "and the projection of them outwardly causes one to be unable to be himself or to relate closely to others. Racial prejudice is a part of the fabric of the lack of wholeness and the inability to relate closely to others."