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Boxing is back in the gutter

United Press International
NEW YORK — Boxing is back in the gutter today, kicked, stomped on

and left bleeding by the very individuals who promised to better it and now are piously putting their

hands out in a ludicrous attempt to prove they are clean.

Don King, who was given \$1.5 million by ABC-TV to find the best fighters in the country and employ them in what would be called the U.S. Boxing Championships, stoutly insists he's innocent of any wrongdoing.

Al Braverman and Pat Flood, two of the men who worked in King's office here as "bookers" and helped provide fighters for his tournament, also swear they are blameless concerning allegations of extortion, kickbacks and falsification of fighters' records in King's tournament which have led to a full-scale Federal Grand Jury investigation.

Likewise, James A. Farley, Jr., the New York State Athletic Commission chairman whom King hired to serve on his tournament committee, is protesting there wasn't anything wrong with what he did. That is pretty much the same line being taken by John Ort, whose "World Ratings" in Ring magazine were used by King and then proven to have been doctored.

ABC-TV disclaims any knowledge of what was going on, and as evidence of its good faith, has suspended King's tournament and hired Michael Armstrong, former chief counsel of the Knapp Commission, to investigate the mess.

Everybody's innocent; nobody's to blame.

The evidence strongly suggests otherwise, however.

For example:

Fact: Of the eight heavyweights who participated in King's tournament, seven of them — Larry Holmes, Johnny Boudreaux, Leroy Jones, Stan Ward, Dino Dennis, Kevin Isaacs and Scott LeDoux — were either managed or advised by King or members of his staff.

Fact: Braverman and Flood called themselves "booking agents" for King, but acted as matchmakers and managers at the same time, a practice specifically prohibited in every athletic commission charter in this country.

Fact: Some of the fighters in Ort's "World Ratings" were discovered to have "victories" added to their records in "fights" they never had.

Fact: A featherweight in the tournament said he was paid only \$5,000 of a \$7,500 purse he had been promised to fight David Vasquez, the remainder going to Braverman as a "booking fee."

Fact: New York State law forbids any member of the Athletic Commission, most certainly its chairman, to involve himself with any outside boxing organization, but Farley allied himself with King's tournament and even attended meetings in King's office.

How can Farley possibly explain away that?

King faithfully promised Roone Arledge, ABC-TV's president of sports, he would obtain only the "best" U.S. fighters for his tournament, but that turned out to be a laugh. All he did was obtain mediocrities. The only one who could get excited about them was Howard Cosell, you know, the fellow who always tells it like it is.

Farley now says everybody is

overreacting, but I'm sorry, disagree with him.

I also have to wonder about ABC-TV's astonishing naïveté in its whole business. Four years ago it televised Madison Square Garden American Boxing Championships which had honest-to-goodness legitimate contenders in the ratings were good and Arledge happy.

Instead of going back and forth with the Garden again, they bought King's pie-in-the-sky extravaganza, at a considerable cost, and now he finds the pie he really bought was a bunch of lemons.

Ag tracksters in San Marcos

The Texas A&M women's team competes in the South Texas Relays in San Marcos Saturday following an extremely strong showing in the TAIW east zone in Houston last weekend. The team won the zone title defeating the national champion Prairie View in the process. It was the first time in four years that Prairie View won the zone meet.

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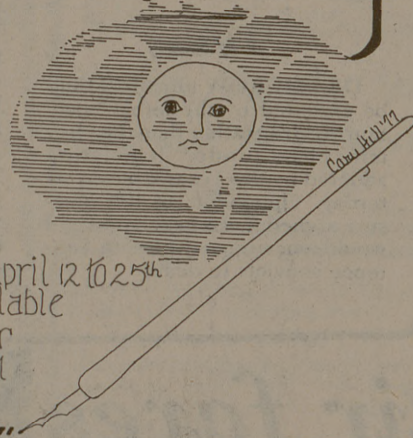
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