

Boxing Doomed Unless Reformed, California's Senator Engle Says

Senator Clair Engle (D-Calif.), co-sponsor of a bill to put professional boxing under Federal regulation, said yesterday that boxing will soon be outlawed in this country unless the sport is reformed.

Prompted in his remarks by the death of former featherweight champion Davey Moore, Senator Engle said:

"In this tragic death, the nation and the world have witnessed a requiem for a boxer. It may be that we are witnessing the requiem for boxing itself.

"This death is another piece of evidence in the growing case against professional boxing.

"The sport is on trial. The charge is legalized manslaughter and corruption. And the odds-on favorite, I would say, is the prosecution. Unless something is done in a hurry,

chances for acquittal are slight."

SENATOR ENGLE has again joined sponsorship with Senator Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in introducing the bill, The National Boxing Commission Act.

The bill would create a boxing commission, presided over by a commissioner or czar, whose responsibilities would include establishment of nationwide boxing fitness standards; mandatory, modern and thorough health check-ups for boxers, and regulating authority over boxing in all 50 states.

"Some ask," Senator Engle said, "is Federal regulation necessary? Yes, it is necessary. The states cannot handle this sport properly. They make valiant attempts to do so. But their efforts have usually terminated in a dead end.

"THE STATES are blocked by the interstate aspects of the business. Powers of local commissions often stop at state borders. A boxer not permitted to fight in one state can go into another state and continue boxing.

"And television beams cross state lines. The television cameras alone make boxing an interstate business and as such should be subject to Federal regulation."

"If we don't reform boxing," Senator Engle continued, "one day there will be no professional boxing. The sensibilities and sensitivities of too many will have been violated. Professional boxing will take the full ten. It will be knocked out of contention once and for all.

"Or we can reform boxing. Congress can step into the ring and provide the machinery and the statutory authority to clean up this sport — while people still call it a sport."

Wolf badge—William Pike, Anthony Murrleta, John Tygret, and Roger Snodgrass.

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Silver Arrow—Steve Elliott, Paul Cook, Kenneth Marcus, Kenneth Carroll, Robert Cline and David Blunt.

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