

England V Ireland boxing

Dublin: A below-strength A.B.A. team faced Ireland at the National Stadium. In the Light-Middleweight bout, J. Cunningham, (the R.A.F. ~~champion~~ champion), made a fighting comeback after taking a count: but Danny King gained a narrow decision.

Lightweight Brian Jones was out to avenge his defeat, last season, by Steve Coffey. ~~Jones was out all the way~~ Jones was boxing with non-stop aggression but once again, the Irish boy got the verdict.

In Paris, there was a grandstand finish to a title eliminator as ~~Saunder~~ Chiocca and Herbillon battled for the right to meet the French Cruiser-weight champion.

The final bell brought a bitterly-disputed verdict for Herbillon and this was the result. Another fight between the fans and the officials... Apparently - everyone disagreed with the decision except the Referee and the winner.

~~So while the loser made a triumphant exit -~~ The Referee dodged out - by the back door... WHILE THE LOSER MADE A TRIUMPHANT EXIT

Mercury girl

Birmingham: A dazzling parade of Midland beauties for the title of "Mercury Girl of 1956" ~~Annual page contest sponsored by the Sunday Mercury~~ - with film stars Julia Arnall and David Knight on the judging panel. ~~THIS~~ ^{THIS} ANNUAL CONTEST ^{IS} SPONSORED BY THE SUNDAY MERCURY. The winner was Angela Vaughan of ^Wolverhampton - who qualified for the first prize of 250 pounds - the sash of honour - and the chance to get a real close-up of David Knight...

Hey, wait a minute, Angela - you get a bouquet as well...

New Navy plane

America: The U.S. Navy introduces a hard-hitting recruit - "The Skywarrior" - a swept-wing aircraft that makes its first test flight at Fort Roberts. Powered by twin-jet engines, the plane has been designed for carrier-based bombing raids - and has a range of eleven hundred miles.