

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS!

General Ridgway, home from European Supreme Command to become U.S. Army Chief of Staff, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that continued military-aid ~~was~~ ^{7 increased air-power was} essential.

Another home-comer, this time to New York, was William Oatis, met by his wife. Oatis was imprisoned more than two years in Czechoslovakia on spy charges. His ten year sentence was dramatically cut short when President Eisenhower appealed to the Czech President - his release another symptom of the slight letting up behind the Iron Curtain.

Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott weighed in at Chicago before their return fight for the World Heavyweight Title. The big fight was ^a fiasco, poor old Joe down for the count in 2-and-a-half-minutes of round one. He still can't believe it.

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MARCIANO - WALCOTT

THE FIGHT'S OVER, BUT THE DEBATE LINGERS ON!

Chicago — it shaped up as possibly another "battle of the century" — Jersey Joe Walcott, though aging, might be the first ex-heavyweight champion to regain the title. Rocky Marciano, the blockbuster from Brockton, was favored ... could even knock out Joe again ... so they figured, the experts and the fans. But none could foresee what actually did happen: Walcott down ... down — and counted out!... less than ~~two~~ and one half minutes after the fight started.

Joe protests it was a "short count".... After the bout, Walcott is unmarked, smiling in defeat. He sits with his veteran trainer Dan Florio as he tells Paramount News his version of the count(Talk by Walcott)

Meanwhile, winner and still champion — Rocky Marciano — still undefeated. Here with Manager Al Weill he discusses the punches that stopped Walcott ... fans will be talking about it for years to come ... (TALK TO END)

Walcott. I couldn't believe what I was hearing, I heard him say seven
and then he said the fight was over. I just couldn't understand,
I could have gotten up at the count of three, I wasn't hurt at no
time and it's the most ridiculous thing I have ever seen

Marciano. About our future plans, I've discussed them.
(Interviewer)

Marciano. I thought it was the right uppercut that really knocked him out
Al.

Int. Well that's what it looked to me like, I thought the left hook was
setting him up pretty well for that punch, and you finished it with
right hand uppercut, is that right?

Flopped?
I think the left hook sheared him and he dropped right in to my
right hand.