

NEWS FROM GERMANYBerlin

The Come-Back Trail takes Jersey Joe Walcott, one-time heavyweight champion of the world, to Germany for a fight with the German contender - Hein Ten Hoff. Joe heads straight for his training camp at Mannheim, where he will try out his muscles for the big fight. In Berlin, thirty-five thousand see the former German light heavyweight champion, Conny Rux matched against Lloyd Marshall, the coloured boy from America. Three years ago, Marshall beat the world champion, Ezzard Charles, with a K.O. in the 2nd round. Both fighters are throwing plenty of leather, and Marshall doesn't pull his punches as he tries for another knockout decision.

This is the first boxing contest between German and American fighters since the war. Marshall's seconds try to stop him from carrying on following a damaging blow that opens up his right eyebrow. Marshall won't have it and, although bleeding profusely, insists on fighting on.

A slap-happy house-frau in the audience sees the coloured boy throw in a last-minute burst of energy. But Rux has got Marshall groggy now and he gives up at the end of the 2nd round - a technical K.O. for Rux.

Oberammergau

Visitors from all over the world crowd to Oberammergau to see the traditional Passion Play. The curtain rises on a moving spectacle that has been given every ten years for three centuries. The play covers the story of the Passion from the entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection - all the parts being played by villagers, watched by a packed audience. It is given as a thanksgiving for the miracle of deliverance from a plague that had devastated the village over three hundred years ago - and is now being performed for the first time since before the war.