

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Kenny Lane of Muskegon, Mich., whose long campaign for a shot at the lightweight crown worn by Carlos Ortiz became a hot problem for the World Boxing Association, finally got his chance here and lost the unanimous decision. It was their third match and Ortiz's fourth successful defense of his title.

As was expected, Kenny had a tough time making the weight. He had to get on the scales three times before he hit the necessary 135 pounds, ample proof that even had he won the crown, he would have found the weight problem a difficult one to overcome. Although he went the limit of 15 rounds, it was obvious that he was weakened by making the lightweight limit.

At a reception following the fight, Ortiz declared that Lane was an overrated fighter.

Renewing his criticism of the World Boxing Association which ordered Ortiz to fight Lane under penalty of loss of his crown if he refused, Carlos stated "Lane was the worst of the four men I've fought in defense of my title. He would not have gotten the chance I gave him were it not for my feud with the W.B.A. which threatened to relieve me of my crown.

"Lane would do well if he remained in the welter class, to which he belongs. He showed that by failing to make the weight until his third try."

Lane, answering Ortiz, declared, "I should have started earlier. I waited too long to get going. I hope Ortiz will give me another chance at the title. I'm sure I can beat him."

To which Ortiz replied: "So long as I'm champion, he'll never get another opportunity. He has had his chance with me and

LANE AGAIN? NO!!!



(Above) Ortiz strides away from Lane after dropping him with a left hook in the fourteenth round. Kenny got up before a count was started on the only knockdown in the fight. (Right) Carlos and his manager Bill Daly (right) are congratulated by the writer as they prepare to return to New York after the fight.

**LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION
ORTIZ BARS SAN JUAN
VICTIM FROM ANOTHER
TITLE SHOT**

By **MARIO RIVIERA**



Joe Brown six years ago and failed in each. There are others more qualified for a shot at the title."

Bill Daly, the champion's advisor, has an excellent offer for Carlos to defend the championship against Sugar Ramos in Los Angeles or San Francisco in late June or July. Bill said Ramos looms as the next opponent. George Parnassus would promote the fight if his terms are accepted.

Ortiz received a guarantee of \$62,500 for the San Juan fight and Lane got \$12,500. The attendance of 14,947 was far below expectations. It had been hoped by Promoter Bob Leith that 25,000 would view the contest and the gate would reach \$180,000. But it reached a gross of only \$112,562.

The title holder went into the ring an 8 to 5 favorite and lived up to the expectations of the fans. He held the upper hand in most of the rounds.



Carlos gets a congratulation "hug" from his wife Norma after his impressive triumph. It was the second successful title defense for Ortiz this year. He is looking forward to another title match, with featherweight champion Sugar Ramos this summer in Los Angeles. The victory over Lane gave Carlos an edge over his southpaw foe as they had split their two previous meetings.

Lane suffered a deep cut in his left eyebrow in the seventh round. In the fourteenth it was reopened and the cut bothered him. Ortiz suffered a slight cut over the eye in the final round.

It was the second victory for Ortiz over Lane in their three contests. Carlos stopped Lane on cuts in their second encounter when they fought for the junior welter title in 1959, after losing a 10 round non-title bout to the 32 year old Michigan southpaw the year before.

Ortiz dropped Kenny with a left hook in the fourteenth round, but Kenny got to his feet before Referee Peter Pantaleo, of Philadelphia, could start the count.

Pantaleo scored the fight in favor of Ortiz, 144 to 141, while the Puerto Rican judges, Edmundo Fernandez and Roberto Carrasquillo, had it 147-143 and 148-144, respectively, for the champion.

As in his fight with Doug Vaillant, Ortiz gave a masterly exhibition of boxing. He used his jabs effectively and had no dif-

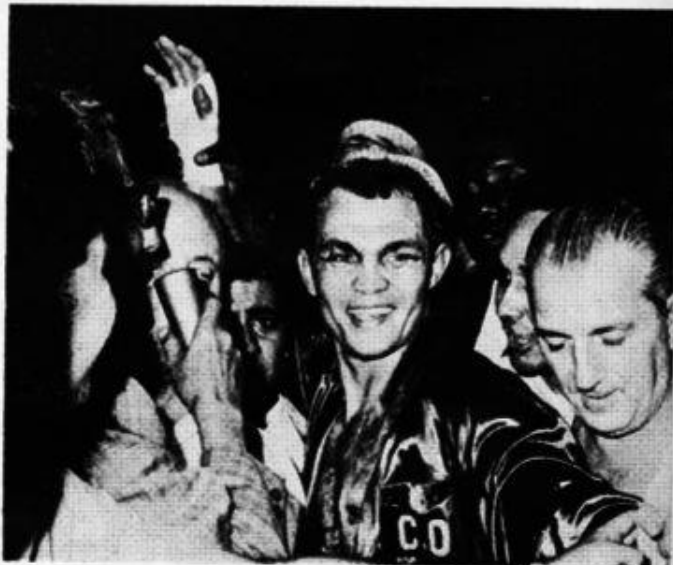
ficulty solving the southpaw style of his opponent. Carlos also scored repeatedly with looping lefts that hurt.

It wasn't until after the tenth round that Lane finally penetrated Ortiz's good defense. He rolled up points in both the eleventh and twelfth rounds, Lane's best, with body punishment, but took much in return.

After a slow thirteenth round during which the fans whistled and booed, Ortiz opened up in the fourteenth and bombarded Lane with body punishment. A two-handed flurry brought Lane against the ropes where Ortiz cut loose and dropped Kenny for the only knockdown of the fight.

Carlos's best rounds were the first, fifth, eleventh and fourteenth in which he used his straight left and looping rights effectively.

The champion now has a string of eleven straight victories,



It is a happy champion who has his hand raised in victory after the decision was announced. On Carlos' right is his trainer Lou Grass, who set some sort of record by working in Ortiz's corner. The night before he seconded Pastrano in New Orleans, where Willie retained his light heavyweight crown.

with an overall record of 44 wins and only 4 defeats. For Lane it was his twelfth defeat. He has won 85 and has one draw.

Since winning the crown from Joe Brown in Las Vegas, Ortiz has defended it against Teruo Kosaka in Tokyo, Doug Vaillant in San Juan, Flash Elorde, in Manila, and, of course, Lane. None of the first three went the limit of 15 rounds.

W.B.A. ranked flyweight Angel Morales, 112, received an unexpected jolt when relatively unknown Alberto Cordero, 112, outslugged him in six slam-bang give and take sessions. Morales who came down as Ortiz' southpaw sparring partner, was slowed down by Cordero's body attack throughout. Another Ortiz sparring partner, Luis Ortiz Aponte, 134, outpointed Rafaelito Navarro, 137, in six rounds. Victor Melendez, 129, scored over Angel Luis Rivera, 130, in six rounds.

In the opening four Jose Aneiro, 145, scored a TKO in 1:39 of the fourth over Rafael Villares.

In another four Jose Juan Llanos, 120, outpointed Emiliano Garcia, 119.