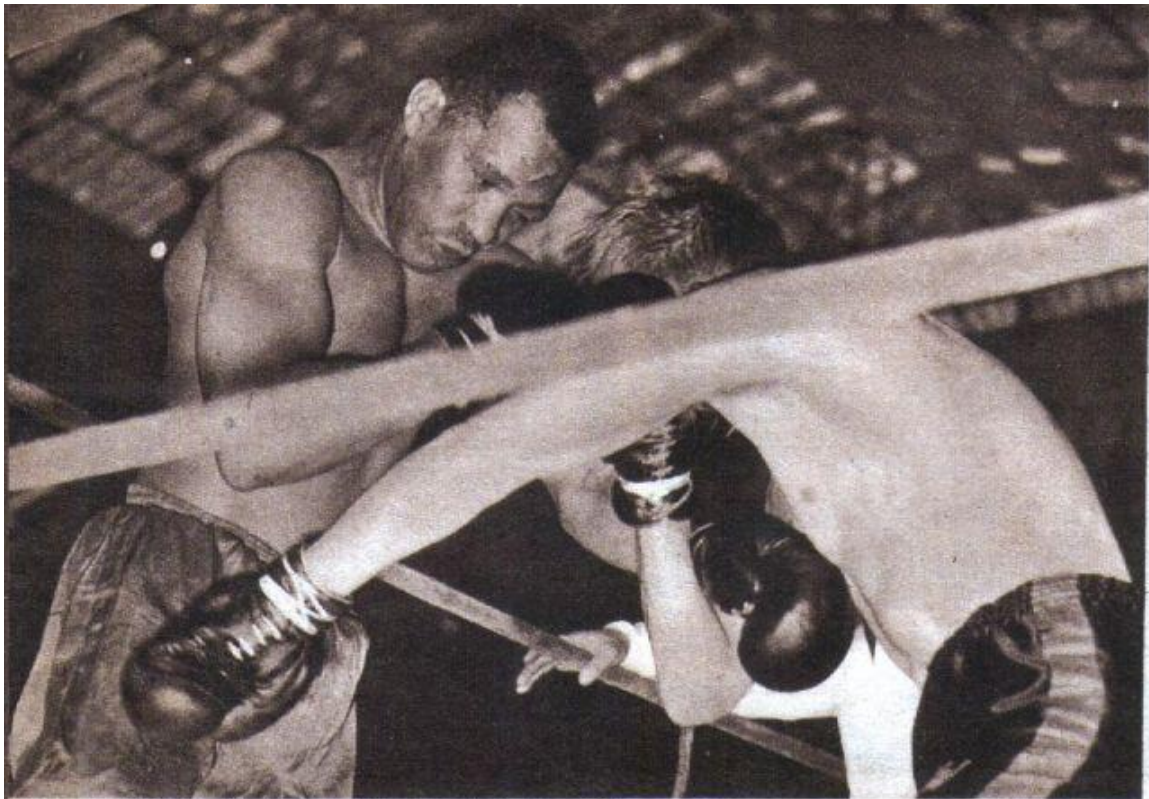


"Walzak has just dodged a left punch from Holman Williams. He's in a good position to place a left-hook to the side - unless the black man, who has a rather open stance, doesn't stop him with his right. The judges finally awarded a flattering decision to Walzak."

20th May 1947 edition of the French sports magazine 'Miroir Sprint'.



« Les juges donnent un avertissement à Holman Williams pour boxe irrégulière ». Pourtant ce n'est pas le noir qui commet ici les irrégularités : Walzak touche bas du gauche et il tient le gauche de son adversaire avec son bras droit.



La meilleure arme de Williams est sa gauche. Cet arrêt a cependant été donné d'un peu loin. L'Américain se protège le visage de son droit.



Ce gauche de Walzak est loin d'être orthodoxe. Fort heureusement pour Yanek, Holman a songé plus à l'amortir qu'à contrer.

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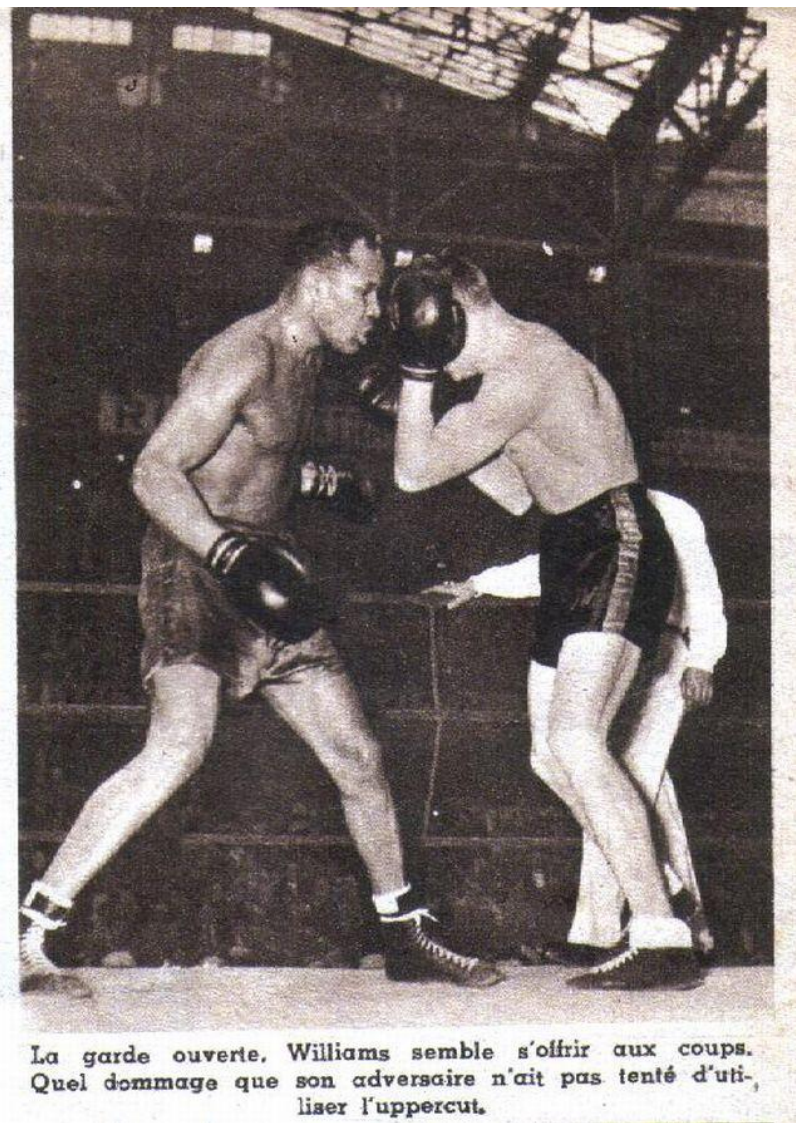
"The judges gave a warning to Holman Williams for irregular boxing - however, it's not the black man committing the irregularities here: Walzak goes below the belt with his left and holds his opponents left with his right hand."

Bottom left photo:

"Williams' better arm is his left. This attempt has been made a little too far away. The **american protects his face with his left.**"

Bottom right photo:

"This left from Walzak is far from orthodox. Fortunately for Yanek (?) Holman Williams thought more about taking it rather than a counter."



"With his guard open, Williams seems to surrender to the blows. A pity his opponent hasn't tried an uppercut."



Holman Williams – Jean Walzak fight report from: Mirror Sprint. The best-selling sports paper. Series J, No 52, 20th May 1947.

Headline: 3 nights without sleep, Walzak, and above all, the judges, have beaten Holman Williams.

Holman Williams beaten! That news, I would imagine, would have made a big splash in America. It would have made a big noise here as well, if the decision made on Sunday at the D'Hive Stadium – fortunately a replacement for the Croix-De-Berney – had not only been contested, but had been rendered unbelievable.

For if Walzak, in effect, had an excellent fight with Williams who didn't want to "Do too much", he would certainly not have won. Certainly was neither outclassed or shaken, and replied with some good left hits to counter the excellent direct hits by the American. But his blows, preciously fewer, would never have had the precision of the famous 'left in the lift' which penetrated the defence to land on the nose of the Oquinarenne chicken.

However, even if Williams had been declared beaten, he should take heart. While the judges gave him a warning in the 5th, although both men equally made mistakes, it should have been made clear what was waiting for him, and forced the issue...

But, the black man only arrived in Paris on Thursday and had not had any sleep right up to the fight. How would you like to go to sleep at 10pm whilst you are trying to forget the sounds of New York where it is only 4 in the afternoon? And how can you get up at 10am in Paris when the cinemas in Broadway are just closing at 4? And when one has been without sleep for the past 3 nights, it is certainly a difficult task to go into a ten-round fight with all guns blazing!

But look out for the American's next opponent. Williams will be perfectly acclimatised next time and he'll be making amends! I'm willing to wager that the candidates won't be numerous.

George Fevrier.