Muhammad wins crucial round

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former champion Cassius Clay won a new Supreme Court hearing on his draft conviction appeal Monday, insuring that his multimillion-dollar fight with present heavyweight title holder Joe Frazier can take place as scheduled March 8.

Had Clay—who has adopted the Muslim name Muhammad Ali—lost his appeal to the High Court, he probably would have had to begin serving his five-year federal prison sentence prior to the scheduled showdown with Frazier in New York’s Madison Square Garden.

However, the Court announced that it would hear arguments in his case and hand down a decision later this year, thus giving Clay a new chance to avoid imprisonment for refusing to be inducted into the Army as a draftee.

In New York, Harry Markson, director of boxing for Madison Square Garden, commented: "Apparently there will be no legal interference with the Clay-Frazier fight. We made our plans hopefully that there would be none, and the decision of the Court, I presume, makes it a certainty."

The March 8 fight with record-high ringside ticket prices and unprecedented closed-circuit theater televising arrangements is expected to gross $300 million or more.

Clay, now 28, was convicted by a federal jury in Houston in 1967. He was stripped of his heavyweight title by boxing authorities and Frazier won unanimous recognition as title holder by defeating Jimmy Ellis last year.

After a three-and-a-half year absence from the ring, Clay was calculated as a fighter last year. He launched a quick comeback by knocking out Jerry Quarry in Atlanta and Oscar Bonavena in New York, and then signed for the title showdown with Frazier.

The lunar ‘kreep’s

HOUSTON (UPI) — Scientists reported the discovery of exotic particles called "kreep" in lunar soil samples Monday and pictured the moon as a 4.6 billion-year-old body with a hot and lively childhood.

They also reported, at the opening session of the second annual Lunar Science Conference that there is evidence suggesting the moon doubled in size around a relatively cool core in its early years with the rapid accretion of chunks of cosmic debris.

It was clear from the first report that the moon was made to order. That the moon's size, shape, and topography is determined by the fact that it is a small body in the solar system.

Among the noted scientists attending Monday's session was Dr. Charles A. Boyett, vice president and director of the L'vivte Academy of Sciences and director of a geochemistry institute in Moscow. He will report Thursday on what the Lune 18 and 19 robot spacecraft found on the moon.

Discovery of exotic material in soil samples returned by Apollo 11 and 13 astronauts in June 1969 was reported by two scientists working separately. These particles have a composition different from rocks picked up in the same area and some scientists described them as the "magnet" substance that made the age of the soil 1 billion years older than rocks picked up in the same area.

Dr. Paul W. Gast, chief of lunar science at the Manned Spacecraft Center, called the material "kreep" because of its high abundance of potassium, phosphorus and rare earth elements.

Gast said the presence of "kreep" implies the moon is not derived from what is considered average solar material, as is seen on other bodies in the solar system. Gast believes that the "kreep" material may have been accreted onto the moon through collisions with "kreep" bodies that once were likely to be much larger than the moon.

The chancellor's office has issued guidelines relative to the filling of a vacancy created by a dismissal of a faculty member. Under these guidelines, hiring will be stopped and the public will be informed whether layoffs may take place if the safety and health of the public will be endangered, if the position is not filled or unless the opening is filled, an essential state service will be stopped.

No more news on staff layoffs

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Personnel layoffs—as a part of Gov. Reagan's drive to further "cut, square and trim" the cost of government—may not be cut back, according to S. Milton Pluma staff personal officer.

Edwin Messell, Reagan's executive secretary said Sunday that there are some situations where layoffs may be necessary but that he did not anticipate any "mass" layoffs.

Locally, there are some 300 members of the college staff on the state payroll.

Affecting this college now is the freezes in the hiring of state employees that came as a part of a strict economy program last November when Gov. Reagan announced that his administration was spending money at an annual rate of $130 million over their revenue.

The chancellor's office has issued interpretations of the position freezes. Pluma has announced that President Robert Kennedy has approved operating guidelines relative to the filling of staff positions under the freezes.

Under these guidelines, hiring is permitted of new personnel is permitted on a case-by-case basis if:

1. A new staff member may only be hired if he will be reimbursed by other state funds.
2. The appointment must also fill a vacancy created by a dismissal or the hiring of an individual under the guidelines may take place if the safety and health of the public will be endangered, if the position is not filled or unless the opening is filled, an essential state service will be stopped and the public interest jeopardized.

Under these guidelines the president must endorse and the office of the chancellor must approve appointments under all of these provisions.

Internal transfers and promotions are not prohibited by the freezes. Pluma, however, has prepared guidelines that will govern these personnel actions.

In San Luis Obispo County there are some 3,000 state employees employed by the state. State Finance Director Verne Orr said that though there are no mass layoffs planned, he could not assure state workers that there will be absolutely no layoffs.

Hoffa loses appeal plea

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Hoffa is already serving an eight-year sentence for jury tampering but would have been eligible for a parole bid in March. This could have brought his release before the 1.8 million member union holds its convention in Miami Beach in July and kept open his chances of being reelected president.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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January 6, apparently It does. It appeared In Mustang Daily of January 6, the fact was brought out that this "mess" on the hill was not ecologically minded. When millions of tons of poisonous chemicals are dumped into our air and water each year, should we be overly concerned about a trivial thing like some white powder on the ground? If some of the more conservative members of this campus hadn't destroyed the emblem, the peace sign on the hill would have been gone with the next rain and once again

Paint

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Two Mustang freshmen nailed individual titles and two others placed second in a junior college wrestling tournament here last weekend.

Jack Spates, 118, and Rich Swift, 177, each rolled up five match victories en route to titles. Keith Leland, heavyweight, and Mike Wasmum, 114, placed second.

Leland picked up two pins in four bouts before reinjuring a knee. He was forced to forfeit the finals. Wasmum and Swift also recorded two falls each, and Spates notched one.

Chabot took the team title with 89 points, followed by Pierce and Diablo Valley, each tied at 62. The Mustang freshmen entering the tournament were competing unattached.

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