Brawling Senators
Trade Sound, Fury

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WASHINGTON, April 20—In a rough but bloodless battle of
clenches and cliches Senators Homer E. (Slugger) Caphart, Republi-
can of Indiana, and Hub-
ert H. (The Lip) Humphrey, Demo-
crat of Minnesota, fought
out the peace-or-war policies of
General of the Army Douglas
MacArthur to a draw today.

Slugger, 51 years old and 5
feet 11 inches tall, weighed in
around 220. The Lip, 39 and the
same height, tipped the beam at
about 160.

The bout was staged in a radio
recording studio in the basement
of the Senate Office Build-
ing. The building has the same ini-
tials as what Slugger calls The
Lip called him. Earlier rounds
were recorded for broadcasting
next Sunday.

In the heat of the skirmish
Senators Herbert H. Lehman,
Democrat-Liberal of New York,
and Robert A. Taft, Republican of
Ohio, the others in the recorded
debate which preceded the brawl,
were caught up in the heat of the
unadulterated fight.

Here is the round by round, as it
came from eye-witnesses:

ROUND ONE—usual feints and
feud-outs. Caphart cuts loose a
flurry of jabs against policy pre-
venting Nationalist China troops
from joining the United Nations
forces in Korea. Humphrey coun-
ters with charges that his adversary
is a warmonger and his camp the
war party. Shipping to the bell.

ROUND TWO—The Lip tries to
work. Slugger keeps jabbing. Signs
of grudge fight appear in the swing-
ing. Handler Lehman and Han-
der Taft get in way of principals.

Exchanges remain oral to the
gong.

ROUND THREE—Slugger lets
loose with a crusher, those who
used adversaries' tactics must sym-
pathize with those who used theirs.

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Handler Lehman, Republican of
Idaho, Walker sports that it is
"team-pact, business," that
had been called what he heard The
Lip call Slugger —- Bell.

ROUND SEVEN—Walker breaks
through din to remind participants
they are Senators. Participants ap-
parently weakened from combined
stress of Senatorial dignity, laryn-
gitis and having clothes get wrink-
led just before the opening of the
baseball season at Griffith Stadium.

Final bell. Not a blow landed throughout
the match.

Inspection Shows Noo Bruises

The debate was for the "Meet
Your Congress" radio program.
Blair Moody, Washington reporter
and radio commentator, presided. He
stepped between the battlers to
bring the fray to an end and made an
emotional reaction as that dis-
charge of Senator Humphrey by
Mr. Moody reported that the full
recording could be broadcast Sun-
day. Senator Taft appears to be enjoying it all.

Slugger, fresh from the fray,
talked. Why, he remarked, he
didn't even take off his glasses.
His weight had not dropped an
ounce. He complimented bis han-
der, Taft, saying, "His deportment
satisfied me. He didn't help me. I
didn't need any help."

"The debate for the radio," Slugger went on, "got heated. I
was accused of being a warmonger
and my party the war party. Of
being a warmonger and my party the
war party. That was the general theme of what
they both (The Lip and Handler Lehman) charged.

"My argument was that Na-

tionalist China was a founder of the
United Nations and ought to be al-
lowed to join Korea in the United
Nations fighting there against the
Communists. They tried to evade
my questions. They said I wanted
to start a war. If there's not a
war there now, I'm a monkey."

Casts The Lip "Vitriolic"

"Just before the debate ended I
said I had come to the conclu-
sion that anyone who opposed the
Nationalist Chinese joining the
fighting against the Communists
was not opposing the Communists.

Humphrey became very vitriolic to
me. He called me a S.O.B., not by
the initials. I caught him by the
coat and pushed him out of the
studio. Lehman goes up on the
ringside. I proceed to push him
back into the studio."

Senator Caphart served notice
that there would be a return ex-

Humphrey, H.H.

w. (Caphart H.)

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