

ACCRA SEES BIG FIGHT

Ghana featherweight champ Joe Tetteh nearest the camera leads the way to the ring for his fight with Percy Lewis in Accra Sports Stadium. Fifteen thousand are there to watch - including President Kwame Nkrumah and his wife - because this is Ghana's first big international professional fight.

Former Empire featherweight champion Percy Lewis, in the lighter shorts, is on top to start with. Trinidad-born, now living in Oxford, southpaw Lewis has the experience - but Tetteh's younger, and a fighter rather than a boxer. From the third round onwards, he sets the pace.

No mistaking the crowd's sympathies - they're rooting for the local champ. Even the climate's on Tetteh's side - it's pushing the top off the thermometer, and the Oxford boy just isn't used to it. Tetteh drums him against the ropes again and again.

The last of the ten rounds, and Percy Lewis is still bravely on his feet, but only just. And it's half a round to go, and Tetteh's all out for a K.O. but the ref decided Percy's hadn enough, and stops the fight. So it's a victory for the Ghana champion, Joe Tetteh.