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thing, you know what I mean?. ly survival, you know. It's real- I met a lot of fine people in my travels down there (in the States). When I was out in California, through other people, I met the Rat Pack, you know--Frank Sinatra, Pe? ter Lawford, Shirley MacLaine, Sammy Davis Jr. The Rat Pack, they called them at that time. (You met them through boxing?) Yeah, through boxing out there. See, they were all fight fans, all those people. And I was only fighting, like, 6-rounders out there.... But I was over with guys like Del Flanagan, Al Andrews, those guys. They were fighting main events--top fighters in the world. And I was out with them, spar? ring partner. They'd get a 6-round fight for me, you know. And afterwards, there was a party at this big country club, see, and that's how I met them. All these celebrities were there. Here I was a dumb cluck from Cape Breton

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bedroom. I said, "Hey, we could use some bucks, you know." Baby was only 6 months old, and an older fel? low. So, finally agreed. And I never asked who I was fighting or anything like that. All I re? member saying was, "Well, when is the fight?" I figured I had a month, you know, when I'd get ready. He said, "In 10 days." Imagine-- 10 days! 96 So all I did was run back and forth through the woods. And I put a punching bag up in the barn, and I punched that. I had no car, so I couldn't get to Syd? ney,, do any sparring or anything. So, isn't it funny? When I was going good, you had people