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LATE NEWS

EUROPE:

800m--Lajos Szentgali of Hungary set up a national record of 1:49.0 when he defeated Auden Boysen (1:49.1) on Aug. 2 at Oslo.

1500m--A new threat for the European Championships was produced in the person of Sandor Iharos of Hungary who ran 3:42.4 at Oslo on Aug. 3. It is a new European record, and fourth best of all time, behind Landy's 3:41.8, 3:41.9 and Bannister's 3:42.3e. Boysen was second in 3:44.2. Six days earlier Iharos ran 3:46.0 but lost to Ingvar Eriksson of Sweden, who finished strongly to record 3:45.0. Of interest in the mile was Bannister's 53.8 last lap in 4:07.6.

5000m--Jozsef Kovacs continued his great form with a 14:12.2 win without going all out.

10,000m--The next day Kovacs ran 30:02.2. Alain Mimoun of France showed a return to form with 30:12.8 on July 14.

400H--France's Guy Cury did 52.4 and Esso Eriksson 52.6.

3000mSC--A new Swedish record was claimed by Gurre Soderberg with a 8:53.0.

High Jump--Bengt Nilsson continued his hot spell with 6'9" $\frac{1}{2}$  on July 28. He missed threetimes at 6'11  $\frac{7}{8}$ .

Javelin--Gullbrand Sjostrom reached 239-10  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Hammer--Jozsef Csermak suffered his first defeat of the season when he threw only 180-5  $\frac{3}{8}$  and was beaten by Imre Nemeth, 184-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Birger Asplund, 181-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

AMERICANS IN EUROPE: Harry Bright showed the most improvement of the five man team that left right after the nationals, running 48.1 and 1:50.6, as well as 53.2. Lon Spurrier's best was 1:51.1 and 3:57.6 (not 3:54+, as last issue). Jim Lea ran 10.6 and 1:52.1 along with his usual fine 200s and 400s. Ernie Shelton had a worst mark of 6-7  $\frac{1}{8}$ . Bud Held ranged all the way from 246-10 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 171.

The second squad had its first meet in Dublin, July 31, with Floyd Jeter jumping 6-7, Willie Williams doing 9.6, and Josh Culbreath 54.0 for 440 yard hurdles.

SERVICE MEETS:

The U.S. Army European championships saw Jim Golliday run 10.5 and 21.4, Jim Philbee hurdle 14.8, 24.1 and 54.4, Willie Hollie h-s-j 48-11  $\frac{3}{4}$ , Pappa Hall clear 6-5  $\frac{1}{8}$ , and Andry Rodez put 50-10 $\frac{1}{2}$  at Nurnberg, July 19.

In the International Service Championships at Tilburg, Holland on July 31, Golliday ran 10.5 and 21.5 and Valentine of the USA, 10.6 and 21.7. Lucien Demuynck won the 800m in 1:50.3; Hall jumped 6-6; Giuseppe Tosi, who had appeared all through with a best of 160-8, reached 167-10  $\frac{5}{8}$ ; Philbee did 14.6 and 53.6, losing to Ioanis Campadelis of Greece, 53.5; Jacques Degats of France took the 400 in 48.1; A. Kokpinar of Turkey ran 9:15.6 and 14:45.4; and Dick Coleman, ex-Illinois, lost to Georgios Roubanis, 13-5  $\frac{3}{8}$  to 13-1  $\frac{1}{2}$ . America ran 41.2 for the 400m relay.

ELSEWHERE:

Chicago all-comers meet, July 28, saw Bill Conrardy run 1:54.9 and Ira Murchison do 21.9.

Tokyo, July 24.--Bob McMillen's attempt on the mile record produced 4:11.6. He was admittedly tired from his 2:59.8 earlier in the week and, according to observers, poorly prepared for a really fast mile, as well as facing a dead track and little competition. His laps were 57, 2:02, 3:07. Second went to Michio Ueki who did 4:12.4. Willie Atterbury ran 48.0, S. Suzuki 1:52.4, Lee Calhoun 14.7 and 6-2 3/4, Fred Berman 51-2, James Smith 23-4 3/8 and Chuck Harlow, 203-6.

Pasadena, July 31--The Muir all-comers meets continued to pay off with two great performances. Ernie Shelton, no doubt spurred on by being passed by Nilsson, moved up to equal second in the all time list with a 6-11 leap. He failed at 6-11 3/4. And in the decathlon Bob Richards moved into number two spot on the all time list with a 7315 performance. He scored his personal all time decathlon events in the broad, shot, high, discus and 1500 as he recorded 11.1, 23-3 1/4, 46- 1/8, 6-3 3/8, 51.4, 15.8, 137-6 3/8, 14-6 3/8, and 4:55. Brayton Norton scored his all time best with 6459 points, doing 50.0 and 4:39. Also in the meet George Rhoden surprised by showing up and did 9.7, Fortune Gordien had three throws over 190 with a best of 191-4, and Art Barnard ran 14.9.

Glasgow, August 7--Ken Wood ran 4:10.5 to beat John Evans, Bill Nankerville and Fred Dwyer of the US who did 4:15.7. Jeter jumped 6-5, and lost the highs to Eamonn Kinsella in 14.7. Lang Stanley lost by four yards to R. D. Henderson in 1:53.5.

#### BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES

Sprints--Hec Hogan looked nothing like a 9.3 sprinter, or close to it. Harry Nelson of Long Beach J.C. and Canada was perhaps the fastest man but lost it all with a terrible start. Don Jowett of New Zealand was a surprise with a 21.5 win in the 220 and a good 47.4 second in the 440. Mike Agostini took the 100 in 9.6.

440--Kev Gosper, of Michigan State and Australia, impressed mightily with an easy 47.1 heat in which he eased up, and won the final in 47.2. He's a sophomore and a comer. Equally impressive was Canada's 18-year-old Terry Tobacco, reportedly USC bound. He is tall and lean and ran 47.8 in the final and a 46.6 relay leg.

880--An all England show with Johnson 1:50.7, Hewson 1:51.2, and Boyd 1:51.9.

Mile--This was the greatest mile race of all-time, and it lived up to its ballyhoo. Landy had no other choice than to set the pace, which he did mighty well. He had laps of 58.2, 60.0, 60.2, and 61.2, with furlongs of 28.9, 29.3, 29.2, 30.8, 29.2, 31.0, 29.7, and 31.5. He held Bannister's famous kick to the last 100 yards, and slowed the Englishman down to a 30.5 final 220. But the burden of setting the pace told and Landy could not match the final kick. Bannister lapped in 58.8, 60.6, 59.3, and 60.1, with 220s of 29.2, 29.6, 30.0, 30.6, 28.7, 30.6, 29.6, and 30.5. Rich Ferguson, whose 4:07.8 in the heats was a big surprise, came up with another in the final and clocked 4:04.6 for third, followed by Vic Milligan, 4:05, Murray Halberg, 4:07.2, Ian Boyd, 4:07.2, and Bill Baillie, 4:11.0. It was a personal best for all except Bannister, Landy and Halberg.

3 mile--This was the greatest 12 lap race of all time, even surpassing the 1952 Olympic 5000m on the basis of the times of the first six placers. Five men were in contention on the backstretch until Chris Chataway, never a pace setter, broke the race wide open with a 26.3 last 220, the fastest ever at such a distance. His last lap was 58.3 as he won in 13:35.2. Fred Green could not match

the kick although he turned in a 28.3 furlong, but had enough to hold off Frank Sando with 13:37.2 to 7.4. Nyandika Maiyoro of Kenya turned in the greatest distance performance ever by a black man when he ran 13:43.8 and Peter Driver, tired from his six mile win did 13:47.0 to Geoff Warren's 13:50. Add the usual 29 or 30 seconds to these times for 5000m equivalents and the race beats any 5000m ever.

Six-miles--A hot day prevented fast times as 21-year-old Peter Driver won in 29:09.4 from Sando, 29:10 and Jim Peters, 29:20.

Marathon: The heat proved disastrous to 12 of the 18 starters and nearly finished Peters. Some 20 minutes ahead of his competition Peters staggered into the stadium and fell 11 times in five minutes while covering only 150 yards before finally being removed from the track, 190 yards from the finish. Teammate Stan Cox staggered into a light pole at 23 miles and knocked himself out. The surprise winner was J. McGhee of Scotland in 2:39:36.

Highs--A bang up race was in progress with Ken Doubleday gaining on K. Gardner when both hit the last hurdle. Doubleday spilled badly and did not finish while Gardner recovered to win handily in a good 14.2.

440 hurdles--Lean Dave Lean of Australia eased through a 52.3 flight in the trials but was too tight in the finals and only did 52.4, all out. At 18, he's a comer, and did 47.6 in the relay.

High jump--A new world's record was set here as Emanuel Ifeajuna of Nigeria jumped  $13\frac{1}{2}$  inches over his head; clearing 6-8. He had about two inches to spare and should do even better.

Other jumps--saw the English reach or equal their all time bests with 14-0 by Geoff Elliott, 24-8  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 50-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  by Ken Wilms-hurst, who narrowly fouled at 51-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Throws--produced only fair marks by international standards but were an improvement for Empire athletes. John Savidge did 55- $\frac{1}{4}$ ; John Achurch of Australia edged two Pakistanis with 224-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; M. Iqbal of Pakistan hammered 181-8; and S. J. DuPlessis of South Africa reached 169-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

#### WIND SPRINTS

(A forum in which to sound off, of, by and for Track Nuts). Watch out for: Willie "Jet" Jones of Kansas, who did 21.4, 48.2, and 23.6 as a frosh (by R. C. Coleman, Kansas City); Dick Clevenger of Toledo Whitmer H.S., who has run 4:28, 9:58, and 15:38.3, and covers at least six miles per day in his workouts. Is headed for Miami U. where George Rider is building a contender (by TN Jack Mortland, Columbus); and Glenn Davis of Barberton, Ohio, who has done 9.9, 21.4, 52.0, 14.7, 19.1, 23- $\frac{1}{4}$ , and 6 ft. Has a shoulder brace as the result of a football injury (by Mortland)... Bill Jameson of Baltimore disagrees with the thought that high school stars do not get the chance to show their stuff in college. "My honest opinion is that they have been run too hard by their high school coaches and have nothing left in college."... Jameson also disagrees with naming Zatopek as the greatest trackster of the 20th century. "He is plenty good, I'll grant, but to my way of thinking Herb McKenley's performance was the real standout of the 1952 Olympics. His relay leg was the greatest single one in all track. The things that rate next in my book are the one and two-mile relays at this year's Coliseum Relays. These two races, I thought, were greater than the two sub-four minute miles. I'll put up O'Brien, Gordien and Warmerdam as the greats, so far of the 20th Century. Zatopek has guts as his chief claim to fame. The other three have skill and co-ordination."

...Jerry Roitschek of Tanganyika, Africa, says "I would like to see colleges including the hop-step-jump and hammer in their field events. We could take a few medals in the Olympics in those events. In Britain they include those two events plus steeplechase in the high school events. If our high school boys were taught these events there is no telling what the present world records in these events would be in years to come."....Henry Clune, Rochester, writes "I like track and field pure, without sex appeal. I have no use for co-educational track meets. I like leggy women, even at my age, but in the Stork Club, not running the hurdles. When I see world champs I don't need their performances cluttered up by the Boston Bloomer girls...I was getting just the least annoyed with your Australian apologist, who said it did not make any difference whether Landy won or not, he was still the greatest miler. Maybe the guy's got something at that. I'd still like to see him race Santee, and a track event is still a race....I'll probably go see the meet at Buffalo, but I'm tempted to go to the ball game instead. They have a ladies relay!"....Hugh Gardner of Indianapolis says "Track & Field News did little Max Truex (4:18.5) a world of good, particularly with your articles on training and pacing. Truex has the capacity to comprehend, and the desire to make changes where changes were necessary, and the intensity of purpose--the burning desire to be a success."....when discouraged about interest in track in the U.S. just remember this year's Canadian championships which drew 250 people at Toronto....among the several good points of the British track and field system is the existence of clubs for competitors in certain events. First there was the Hammer Circle, and now the javelin club. They are open to throwers reaching proscribed standards. The clubs promote competitions, provide coaching for beginners, interest others in the events, and popularize the events with the public....Goeff Elliott, England's first 14 footer, is another believer in weight training. During the winter he works on long distance running; pole vault technique, weights and gymnastics, as follows: Monday, two miles on road; Tuesday, weights; Wednesday, gymnastics; Thursday, one hour on technique; Friday, weights; Saturday, two hours on technique; Sunday, weights, one hour. His summer training is: M, sprints and shot putting, with perhaps some vaulting; T, sprint bursts; W, competition; T, weights; F, nothing; S, Competition; S, alternate fast, slow 220s, shot putting....TN Allan Bangs, Monterey Park: "Frankly I've never classified myself as a track nut, but I guess I am by some standards. I suppose I have preferred a bit of dignity, the type found in England, to go along with my physical, verbal, mental and spiritual support of the sport."....TN Ed C. Rice, Costa Mesa, Cal: "I have been saving scrapbooks on track since 1932; have notes on track history in preparation (for about five years already), for a history of 19th century track in America. I have a collection of track and field guides which goes back to 1890, take all the publications I know of, and have attended meets in New Zealand, Japan, Hawaii, Mexico and the U.S., at the rate of 35 to 50 a year. I guess I'm a Track Nut."...."I'd like to air one of my pet gripes about cross-country coverage in Southern California says "Norman Lumian, of Los Angeles. "I think the coverage should include both varsity and junior varsity scores, and, in the varsity group at least, the names and schools of the first ten finishers, the distance, and the winner's time. Coverage like this is needed if we are to generate interest in this most important sport, the back-bone of track. All track fans can help by writing their local papers and plugging for it."