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NEWS

AMERICANS IN EUROPE--Team I, Backus, Bennett, Blair, Courtney, Reiser, Seaman. Helsinki, July 1, Blair 21.6, Scruggs (Michigan) 21.8; Courtney 1:48.3, Salsola 1:49.1 (Finnish record), Kakko 1:49.4, Moule (Mich.) 1:52.6; 3000m, Huttunen 8:08.8 (equals F. record), Taipale 8:11.8, Vuorisalo 8:13.8; Pentti Karvonen 8:47.8, new world steeplechase record; Reino Karvonen 9:00.8, Reiser 9:12.4; Backus 192-4½ (personal best, 3rd best in US history). Tampere, July 3/4. Blair 10.7; Tuomaala 14:20.2; Vesterinen 231-9 3/8; Blair 21.4, Scruggs 21.6; Seaman 3:53, Moule 3:53.8; Reiser 9:18.2; Bennett 24-2 1/8, Hendricks (Mich) 22-5 5/8; Backus 189-5½. Turku, July 5--Blair 10.6; Courtney 1:47.6, Kontio 1:50.7; Vuorisalo 3:46; Huttunen 3:46.4, Seaman 3:47.6, Mugosa (Yugo) 3:48.0; Johansson 3:48.4; Taipale 14:14.4, Reiser, 4th, 14:56.2; Bennett 24-4 1/8; Backus 187-8 3/8; Hyytiainen 233-10½. Lahti, July 6--Courtney 1:52; Mugosa 3:49.8; Backus 185-11½. Salo, ?, Bennett 24-10. Imatra, July 14--Courtney 1:50.7, Eraakare 1:51.7; Kakko 3:47.2, Seaman 3:47.4; Blair 21.2; Backus 183-8½; Taipale 14:25.6, Reiser, 5th, 15:13.0.

Team II--Connolly, Culbreath, Dwyer, Lea, Shelton, Vick. Dusseldorf, Germany, July 2--Futterer 21.4, Lea 21.8; Lea 47.5; Lueg 1:51.2; Dwyer 3:48.4, Lamers 3:49.0; Muller 14:34.2; Schottes 14.6; Culbreath 52.2; Bonah 52.4; Shelton 6-7 1/8; Vick 54-5½ & 168-6; Consonini 175-6 11/16; Connolly 191-4 7/8; Will 234-11½. Goteborg, Sweden, July 4--Lea 47.8; Boysen 1:49.1; Dwyer 4:07.8, Aberg 4:08.2, Lillebeth, Norway, 4:08.4, Gustafsson 4:09.0; Gottfridsson 4:10.4; Nyberg 14:27.4, Nilsson 14:28; Culbreath 52.7; Nilsson 6-9 7/8. Shelton 6-9 7/8, second on more misses, first outdoor defeat in 78 starts; Vick 54-1½; Connolly 188-3 7/8; Danielsen(N) 238-5 3/8. Stockholm, July 6/7, International Meet--Lea 21.7; Boysen 1:48.0, Johnson 1:49.3, Andersen (N) 1:50.8; Ericsson 3:47.4, Evans 3:48.2, Bumann, G, 3:49.4; Karlsson 3:50.2; Disley 9:00.6; Landstrom 14-1½; Vick 55-1; Danielsen 238-7; Lea 47.0; Johnson 1:50.1; Dwyer 1:50.4, Aberg 1:50.9; 2000m, Chataway 5:10.6, Disley 5:11.0, Ericsson 5:11.4 (Swedish record); Shaw 53.0; 2nd race, Culbreath 52.1; Johnson 52.8; Maynard 14:20.8, Heywood 14:22.6; Nilsson 6-10 5/8, Shelton 6-8 3/4; Vick 157-6½; Connolly 180-2. Enkoping, Sweden, July 8--Lea 10.8n; Brannstrom 47.9, Culbreath 48.4; Boysen 1:49.2; Ericsson 3:51.2; Ahlund 8:37.2; Shelton 6-6 3/4, Nilsson 6-4 3/4; Vick 53-8 7/8, 160-9 7/8. Saarbrucken, July 10--Lea 21.3, 47.8; Andersen, N, 1:51.6; Dwyer 3:52.0; Norris 14:40.0; Lorgner, Yugo, 14.5; Culbreath, 4th, 15.1; Johnson 9:17; Shelton 6-10½ (narrow miss at 7-0½); Vick 54-1 5/8, 157-6½. Halmstad, Sweden, July 13--Nilsson 6-8½, 2nd, Shelton 6-8½; Culbreath 52.5; Lea 10.8; Gottfridsson 1:51.0, Dwyer 1:52.3; Connolly, 198-6.84; Halmstad, July 14--Vick 160-8 3/4, 54-6; Shelton 6-6; Lea 47.8; Culbreath 21.9; Ericsson 3:46.4.

Scruggs won in 22.2 and 47.5 July 8, in 10.8 and 48.8 July 14; Moule 1:51.8 lost to Eraakare 1:51.2 July 8, ran 1:50.1 July 14. Hendricks ran 25.6 for 200mLH, jumped 22-4½, and 22-1½.

AMERICANS IN JAMAICA July 6--Spurrier 1:49.4, Whitfield 1:53.8; Stanfield 10.4, 21.0; Pearman 48.0; LaPierre 3:57.6; Campbell 14.0; Dumas 6-5 7/8; Poucher 14-0½; Miller 258-0½. July 9--Stanfield 9.6; Pearman 47.8y; LaPierre 4:10; Dumas 6-3 3/4. July 11--Stanley 1:47.6, Spurrier 2nd. (Flash: Courtney 1:46.8m, 7/17, Kovola, Finland, Backus 191-0½).

U.S. ARMY IN EUROPE July 17, Thank Baker twice defeated Heinz Futterer, 10.7 to 10.8 and 21.2 to 21.4. Zatopek 14:31.2, Konrad 14:53.4. July 11, Van Zimmerman did 22-6, 12-6 and 42-6 in VII Corps meet. July 12, Harmon 1:57.7m, Springer 13-0. July 12--Petersons 55.2 400mh, Belliveau 204-4 3/4. July 11--Petzlaff 165-8½ & 50+ (170 & 52 in practice)

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## NOTES FROM BOULDER--By Cordner Nelson

Tom Jones has had a difficult decision to make. One of the greatest shot-putters of all time, and potentially, according to his coach, better than O'Brien, the giant Negro is also a great football lineman. Paul Brown of the Cleveland Browns has been pestering him to sign a pro contract, going so far as to telephone him at Boulder and asking him to sign as soon as the shot ended. Jones, who comes from a large, poor family, and who has been put through college by his married sisters, feels an obligation to his family, and wants to earn some money. Another complication is that, although Jones is now classified 4F in the draft, he would probably be reclassified 1A if he started playing pro football. Therefore, coach George Rider believes the best solution is for Jones to put in his army tour of duty now. That would give Tom an income, plus time to train for the Olympics, and it would not delay his pro football career more than one season. Rider says an Olympic shot putter could get much more money from his pro contract. If Jones could, as Rider says, put consistently over 60 feet next year, his mark in the record books would mean a great deal more to him ten years from now than would a season of brain-scrumbling pro football.

Jim Lea, waiting outside the room where the overseas teams were being selected, told Parry O'Brien and me that always before this year he had regarded a tour as a time for relaxing from a tough season. He went overseas to have fun and win races as easily as possible. But this year, he says, because of his poor season, he wants to run hard in Europe and, "try to salvage something from this season"...he blamed his defeat by Jenkins on not going out fast enough, which came about because he had gone out too fast in the Coliseum Relays...standing on the field after the meet, Jim was approached by three pretty young girls wanting his autograph. He smiled nicely and said, "Hi girls", in a poised sort of way, but they only giggled. All this adds up to a question: what does fame, such as Lea's, amount to? It doesn't make him unbeatable in the next race; it doesn't bring him females or fortune. But it does put a number in a book where we track nuts will be seeing the name for the rest of our lives. A championship or a fast race may not mean much to the multitudes, but in track circles it means immortality, and few people attain any kind of immortality whatever.

Jack Mathews is a nice-looking sophomore hurdler from Iowa. Overshadowed all year by teammate Les Stevens, young Mathews placed in both hurdles in the AAU. Some overager AAU official told Mathews he was wanted for one of the touring teams if he could get a passport. Mathews and coach "Cretz" Cretzmeyer, spent much of the second day lining up a passport with the state department man on hand for such a task. Mathews was one of the boys outside the door where the selections were made, one of the eager ones. But he didn't make a team.

Cretzmeyer has a good medley relay team coming up next year. Losing Rich Ferguson, Iowa gets back Ted Wheeler, while freshman Caesar Smith and Deacon Jones come up from the frosh. Jones, from Boys Town, was not one of the "bad boys", but rather, a boy who lived in the Town. He was a promising miler as a junior, but too old to be eligible as a senior, when he made his name with a 4:17.8 mile in the AAU. This season after a fine start, including the fastest frosh mile and 2-mile of the year, both indoors (4:11.4 and 9:14.4), he came down with mononucleosis, the same trouble Ferguson had. Jones resumed work about two weeks before the AAU but could not regain enough condition to run. Cretzmeyer believes Jones will be better in the 2 mile, and expects him to be very good in both races.

I saw Jack Davis on the morning of the high hurdles and he greeted me with: "I see one of your predictions came true." "Which one?" I asked eagerly, not remembering any. "You've been telling me for two years Campbell would be dangerous...later, after Davis had been

eliminated from his championship by jumping the gun (the only man in the two big meets started by Greim), I heard some caustic comments about the big ex-Trojan. Davis, they said, is a hard man to tell anything. Jack has been one of my favorites for some time. He's a hulluva nice guy. But I must admit, now that I think back on it, that his conduct has been somewhat bullheaded. I hope he learned something.

Previously, the year before the Olympic year has always been weakest of the four-year cycle for U.S. athletes, but this year is a definite exception, and at Boulder I thought of the answer. Look who let down this year, as always in the past: The champions, the record-holders, the boys with more confidence than they need: O'Brien, Whitfield, Gordien, Davis, Shelton, Stanfield, Bragg, Lea, Santee, Bennett, Laz, Engel. They know what they can do and most of them intend to do it--next year. This year's surge of power was by the youngsters, high schoolers like Dumas and Southern, frosh like Bobby Morrow, Greg Bell, Fafer Johnson, Bob Lawson, Leamon King, Don Bowden and Deacon Jones. Junior college men like Dick Dorsey and Chuck Kirkby. Sophomores such as Bobby Seaman, Charley Jenkins, Russ Ellis, Don Bragg, Ron Morris, Bob Gutowski. Other amazing college come throughs, especially in the javelin, shot and 880. Some great improvements by graduates such as Lon Spurrier and Harold Connolly, and where do I classify a service-bred champion like Roy Range? No, fellow Nuts, we don't have to worry about the Russians in track and field. Not next year. We'll leave home more medal winners than any other nation can put on the track and field. Our high school and college program is picking up momentum, we see the light in distance running, and more of our veterans are staying in competition longer. We could win as many as 17 first places at Melbourne.!

## STATS

Wanted, one track nut and able statistician, to compile list of best marks made at each age level. For instance, what is the best broad jump by a 19-year-old, best 5000m by a 20-year-old, etc. There is much interest in such a list. Anyone willing to have a go at it, write Track Newsletter, and we'll all lend a hand.

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TN Edwin Rice is interested in 1320 stats. He has compiled the following and would like any corrections or additions sent to this department. Evolution of the best on record time:

1895	T. P. Coneff, USA,	Aug. 21, 1895	New York	3:02.8
1931	Jules Ladomegue, France	Sept. 13, 1931	Paris	3:00.6
1937	Josef Mostert, Belgium	Sept. 26, 1937	Paris	3:00.4
1938	Wayne Rideout, USA	June 20, 1938	Princeton	3:00.3
1939	Sydney Wooderson, GB	June 26, 1939	Manchester	2:59.5
1940	Paul Moore, USA	April 17, 1940	Palo Alto	2:58.7
1944	Arne Andersson, Sweden	July 5, 1944	Stockholm	2:56.6
1955	Brian Hewson, England	June 7, 1955	London	2:55.4

Other actual races under 3:00 are:

2:56.6e	Hewson, 4/11/55 (.6 added for short course)		
2:58.2	Santee, 7/6/52	2:59.8	Bannister, 5/16/53
2:59.4n	Girard, 4/17/40	2:59.8	McMillen, 7/20/54
2:59.7	Fenske, 3/16/40 indoor		

The following incomplete list shows how much faster the distance can be run: 2:52.9, Bannister, 1952, workout; 2:53.9, Andersson, ?, w.o.; 2:56.8, Bannister, 1951, wo; 2:58.5, Whitfield, ?, wo; 2:58.5, Sowell, relay, 1955; 2:58.8, Barthel, 1954, wo; 2:59, Barnes, 1952, wo; 2:59, Strand, 1950, wo; 2:59.9, Bannister, 1954, wo;

When you look at a list of 1320 times made in progress of a mile race you can realize the vulnerability of this seldom run race:

Landy 2:57.3, 6/21/54; Chataway 2:57.5, 6/21/54; Landy, 2:58.2, 5/31/54  
Landy, 2:58.4, 8/7/54; Bannister, 2:58.7, 8/7/54; Santee, 2:59.0,  
6/4/54; Santee, 2:59.7, 6/11/54; Haegg, 2:59.7, 7/17/45.

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Flores 23-7, 45+; Bill Bond 10.5; Dinges 1:58.0, 4:08.5; Higdon 9:21  
for 3000m. Also, Warren 9:12 and Peterson 9:12.

✓ EUROPEAN RESULTS Sprints--Konovalov, USSR, 10.4; Naujocks & Mohring,  
Germany, 10.5; Janecek, CSR, 10.5, 21.4; Haas, G, 21.4, 48.0; Futterer  
21.4 twice; Hellsten 10.6, 21.5 (Finnish record); Adamik 47.5n (Hungarian  
record); Makomaski 47.7n (Polish rec); Moens 47.3 (Belgian rec); Degats  
France, 47.8n; Brannstrom, Swe, 47.9n. Middle--Nielsen 1:50.9; Rozsav-  
olgyi 1:51.0 from Iharos 1:51.1, Mikes 1:51.4; Hewson, 2:20.2 again  
(equal second best ever); in Berlin, July 3, Nielsen 2:20.5 (Danish rec)  
Lueg 2:20.8 (German rec); Lawrenz 2:21.0; Richtzenhain 2:22.5. Mari-  
chev 2:21.6 (USSR rec). Herrmann, G, 3:47.0n, Richtzenhain, G, 3:47.0n,  
Sergey Slugin 3:47.0n (USSR rec), Okorokov 3:47.2n. Long--Pirie, 5:10  
for 2000m; 6:26 for 1½ miles (best on record); Karvonen 8:45.4, another  
new world record, at Oslo, July 15; Beres 14:15.4n; Stritof, Yugo, 14:  
16.4 and 29:57 on successive days; Kovacs 29:43.6 from Szabo 30:06.6;  
Vlasenko 8:51.0 from Saltikov 8:52.4, Larsen 8:57.4. Larsen 8:54.0;  
Shirley, GB, 8:59.4. Hurdles--Stolyarov 14.3 from Opris, Rum, 14.4, &  
Bulanchik, USSR, 14.5; Bogačev 52.7 from Cury 52.9. Jumps--Marjanovic  
6-7 7/8 (Yugoslav rec); Landstrom 14-5 5/8, 14-6 (Finnish rec), 14-7  
(nears European rec); Adamczyk 14-3 5/8 (Polish rec); Lampinen, Fin,  
24-5½; Valkama, Fin, 24-3; Chen, USSR, 52-0 (second best in European  
history) beating Shcherbakov 51-7 5/8 (first loss since 1952); Kleinert  
50-5 1/8 (German rec). Throws--Prywer 53-5 3/8 (Polish rec); Meconi  
52-7 7/8 (Italian rec); Mihályfi 52-4 3/4 (Hungarian rec); Merta 178-  
2 1/8 (Czech rec); Levai, Hung, 167-11 3/8; Moscow, June 25, greatest  
hammer event in history, Krivonosov 209-1 7/8, Ryedkin 194-3 7/8,  
Strandli 194-1½, Plyechenkov 193-3 11/16, Nikulin 192-7, Csermak 191-  
8 3/8, Dumitru 189-10 (Rumania rec), Tkachev 188-2 5/8, Taddia 184-2½,  
Nyenashv 181-10½; Strandli 200-9, Oslo, June 30. Sidlo 262-8 3/8 (just  
short of European record); Nikkinen 249-4½, Sidlo 246-11 3/4 at Moscow  
instead of 241-1½, which belonged to Fredriksson; Berglund 240-7 3/8;  
Danielsen, N, 240-6½. (Also, Larsen 8:51n; Landstrom new Eur. rec.?? 7/17  
BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS First day, July 15. 79 degrees--Mile trials;  
1st heat, Hewson 4:08.8, Jackson 4:09.2, Dunkley 4:10.4; 2nd, Wood,  
4:07.4, Walmsley 4:09.8, Cameron 4:11.0; 3rd, Boyd 4:10.6, Wyatt 4:10.8,  
Evans 4:10.8; 6-m, Norris 29:00.6, Sande 29:31.0. (Pirie dropped out  
one lap to go); 220 lows, 23.7t (record); Douglas 185-5; Dimitru 180-1.  
U.S. RESULTS AAU Pentathlon, Alhambra, Calif., July 9, won by Des Koch,  
SC, 3216 pts. (21-4½, 188-3½, 23.4, 161-10, 4:56.9); 2nd, Brayton Norton,  
LAAC, defending champ, 3201 (22-11½, 190-9, 23.1, 120-4½, 4:35.7); 3rd,  
Howard Smith 2707; 6th, Bob Richards 2583. All-Comers Meet No. 1,  
Alhambra, July 9--Richards 15 ft (78th time); Butterfield 209-0; No. 2--  
July 16--Rhoden 11.0; Wilson 1:57.8; Richards 14:6; Anderson 13-6;  
Martin 51-2½; Wetter 49-10½; Chandler 30-5, 56 pnd wt. Baltimore Olympic  
development meet, July 15--TN Bill Jameson 50.7 (35 yds handicap);  
AAU Relays, Buffalo, July 3--44OR, Pioneer Club 41.5 (Budd, Beach,  
Gatners, Stanfield; Mile R, Pioneers 3:16 (rec)(Bowens, Bright, Pearman,  
Maiocco), Baltimore OC (3:18.3); Medley, Chicago Track Club 7:21.1 (rec)  
Baltimore 2nd; Mile, Len Truex 4:10.6, Selwyn Jones 4:12e; 660, John  
Tucker, NYPC, 1:20.1, Shupe, Syracuse, 1:21.3; Youkers 14.6; Jackson  
23.8, Stanfield 2nd; Bragg 13-6. AIF FORCE Chs: June 17-18--59-2, 164-  
10 3/4; Hazley 9.6; Terrell 20.9 & 21.0; Lea 48.2; Spurrier 1:50.0;  
Faucett 14.6, 24.2, 54.3; Hall 217-3; Mattos 13-7; Truex 4:18.6, 15:33.1