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### NEWS

EUROPE (from Bob Quercetani) All Soviet Union Spartakiad, at Moscow's new Bolshoi Stadium, Aug. 5-17: Tokaryev 10.5; Ignatyev 21.2; Ignatyev 46.5, Grachev 47.9; Tsimbalyuk 1:50.3, Gorovorov 1:50.4; Osminkin 1:50.4; Pipyne 3:48.4; Kuts 13:42.2, Chernyavskiy 14:05, Bolotnikov 14:12.6, Zhukov 14:13; Kuts 28:57.8, USSR record, Chernyavskiy 29:50.4, Anufriyev 29:54; Semyon Rzhishchin, 23, 8:39.8, world record, Kodyaykin 8:47.8, Vlasenko 8:48.8, Kazantsev 8:53; Stolyarov 14.4, Bulanchik 14.4; Ilin 51.2, Bogatov 51.3 (Lituyev & Yulin did not run); Polyakov, Kashkarov and Sitkin, 6-6 3/4; Chernobay, Petrov, Zakharov, Bulatov and Denisenko 14-1 1/4; Fyedoseyev 24-7 1/4; Shcherbakov 52-11, Tsigankov 51-4 7/8, Samokhvalov 51-2 1/8, Chen 51-0 5/8; Ovsepyan 56-11 1/8, USSR record, Fyodorov 55-1, Balyayev 55-0 1/4; Grigalka 172-3 3/8, Kompanyets 172-0 1/8, Matveyev 170-11 1/8; Krivonosov 207-8 1/2, Nyenashev 199-6 1/2, Ryedkin 199-4 7/8, Yegorov 197-8, Nikulin 197-4 1/8; Tsibulenko 257-9 3/4, Gorshkov 254-7 1/8, Vallman 244-1 1/8, Kuznetsov 239-0 1/8; Vasilily Kuznetsov 7733 points, new European record, with 10.7, 23-3 1/2, 44-11 3/4, 5-8 7/8, 50.8; 14.4, 161-5 3/8, 12-9 1/2, 213-2 1/4, 5:11.

International Meet, Budapest, Aug. 19 & 20 (Hot): Roy Sandstrom, GB, 10.3 from Steinbach, Ger, 10.4, Kiss 10.4, equals Hungarian record, Gnocchi, Italy, 10.5; Adamik, 46.9, Hungarian record, Mann, E.Ger., 47.0, Salisbury, GB, 47.4; Moens 1:47.2 from Szentgali 1:47.8, Nielsen (convalescent) 1:48.3, Lewandowski 1:49, Jungwirth 1:49.2; Rozsavolgyi 3:44.2, Herrmann 3:44.6, Nielsen 3:45.4, Jungwirth 3:45.6, Lajos Kovacs 3:46.2, Lewandowski 3:46.4, Baraldi 3:47.8, new Italian record, beating Becalli's one-time world mark of 3:49 in 1933, Gordon 3:48.8; Szabo 14:07.6, Tabori 14:08.2, Jozsef Kovacs 14:09, Mugosa 14:09.2, Ken Norris 14:12.6; Rozsnyoi 8:44.2, Jozszenzsky 8:48; Parker 14.3w; Dittner 52.3, Botar 52.3, Hungarian record; Lansky 6-6 3/4; Adamczyk 14-1 5/8 from Chiesa, 14-1 5/8, Italian record; Grabowski 25-2, Polish record; Rehak 51-5 3/8, Malcherezyk 51-0 5/8, Polish record; Cavalli 50-3 1/8; Skobla 57-10 1/8, European record (2 others over 57-5); Klics 176-0 5/8 from Merta 168-8 3/8; Csermak 202-9 7/8, Hungarian record in qualifying, then injured and not compete in finals; Rut 199-10 3/4, Racic 195-5 1/4, Zsivoczky 193-9 5/8.

German Championships (West) Berlin Aug. 17-19: Germar 10.5, 20.9; Haas 46.8, Oberste 47.3, Blummel 47.5, Schmidt 1:49.6, Stracke 1:49.7, Dohrow 3:49.6, Lamers 14:20.8, Schade 29:38.8, Konrad 29:58.2, Lauer 14.3, Bonah 52.9, Molzberger 24-10 7/8, Wegmann 55-11 1/2, German record.

East-West talks produced German Olympic team, 18 from the West--Futter, Germar, Knorz, Kaufmann, Haas, Oberste, Blummel, Porschke, Brenner, Dohrow, Lawrenz, Schmidt, Schade, Steines, Lauer, Bonah, Wegmann, Will. 6 from the East--Steinbach, Mann, Dittner, Herrmann, Richtzenhain, Preussger.

Other European marks: 100-nothing under 10.5; 200 Hellsten 21.3, Finnish record; 400 Europe now has 4 men under 47 and 10 more under 47.6, easily an all time best; 800 no other marks; 1500 Rozsa's watches read 3:40.6 twice and 3:40.5 twice; watches on Waern read 3:41.9 twice and 3:41.7; 1500m times during Ibbotson's 3:59.4 mile were Ibbotson 3:44.4, Boyd 3:45.2; Mile Rozsavolgyi 3:59, equals Hungarian record; 2 miles Pirie 8:42.6; 5000 & 10,000 no great marks; 3000 SC Larsen 8:42.6, Norwegian record; High Jump Pettersson won Swedish title at 6-7 1/8 as Nilsson, just married, did not compete; HH-Roudnitska 14.3, Olsen, Norway, 14.5; 400H Savel 51.9; PV Manfred Preussger of East Germany beat Landstrom with new German record, both at 14-7 1/4; Lundberg

14-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Broad Jump Kropidowski 24-10, Polish record; Hop-step-jump 13 Russians over 15.40 (50-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ). No new marks; Shot Palmer 56-4, British record; Europe now has four 17 meter men (55-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Skobla, Ovsepyan, Palmer and Wegmann; Discus Merta 185-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , one centimeter off his Czech record; Hammer Rut 205-8 $\frac{3}{8}$ , best ever outside USSR and USA, Polish record, Niklas 199-7  $\frac{5}{8}$ . This event generally is regarded as a Russian-American duel, but I think Rut, Csermak and maybe one or two others may interfere; Javelin Danielsen in a slump right now, after weeks of consistent 260 throwing; he did 240-6 $\frac{1}{4}$  Aug. 10 and 230-10  $\frac{1}{8}$  in Norwegian championships a week later; Still no activity for Sidlo--only five marks this season. Sidlo and Danielsen will meet soon. Sidlo's younger countryman, Jan Kopyto, did 254-9 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 251-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Decathlon Walter Meier of East Germany bettered Sievert's 22-year-old German record with 7174. World list is topped by Rafer Johnson, who has 22 point lead over Kuznetsov, followed by Campbell, Kuttyenko, (Mathias), Meier, Palu and Richards, all over 7000. Relays Times of Belgian 800 men in 7:15.8 world record relay were Baillieux 1:51.2, Langenus 1:50.6, Leva 1:47.7, and Moens 1:46.3. German team, Schmidt, Schreiber, Lawrenz and Dohrow second in 7:20.2. Russian team of Tokaryev, Sukharyev, Bartenyev and Ignatyev ran 4x200m in 1:24.7 then 1:24.4.

AUSTRALIA Ollerenshaw 2:22:12, Australian record, Mackay 2:24:28, Russell 2:25:44; Allan Lawrence 29:50.4, Australian record, and 14:37; Featherstone 10.6, Gordon 10.5; Porter 6-6 and 6-7; Baillie, NZ, 13:50.2 3 miles; Rodger, NZ, 14:11.9, Halberg, NZ, 14:17.6;

ASIA Yang Zuan-quang scored 6395 in Free China's decathlon trials. Ceylon's Nagalam Ethiriveerasingham has cleared 6-10 in practice, 6-6 in meet. (Simeon Toribio, third 1932 high jump, predicts "Eth" will win a medal at Melbourne.

WEST INDIES Jamaica list Olympic trial, July 28; Mal Spence 48.6; Early Haisley, 6-5  $\frac{3}{4}$ , Jamaican record; 2nd Olympic trial, Aug. 11; Haisley 6-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Mal Spence 47.7, Mel Spence 47.7, Kerr 48.4; Trinidad Willie Williams won invitational races in 9.6 and 10.4; Trinidad will send 10 men to Melbourne, including Agostini, who is home to train.

UNITED STATES Coming up: O'Brien at Pasadena Sept. 1; majority of Olympic team at Eugene, Oregon, Sept. 3. San Diego All-Comers meets produced 253.3 by Bud Held Aug. 11 and 258-7 by Held Aug. 25, with two others measured over 250. Pasadena All-Comers meets produced world record by Parry O'Brien Aug. 18, with series of 58-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 59-7, foul (about 60), 60-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 60-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and 61-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ . (Third world record in 4 year history of the meets). Also, Walters 1:54.2; Humphreys 154-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Jamison 5607 points; Shelton 6-8 in decathlon; On Aug. 25: Tyler 9:37; Koch 15.1 and 175-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Conley 246-9, personal best; Roubanis 14-2; Humphreys 50-9; Andrews 23-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Shelton 6-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Other Floyd Smith 6-7  $\frac{3}{4}$ , July 26, U.C.T.C. all-comers meet.

WOMEN U.S. AAU: Faggs 11.7; Faggs 24.6; Diaz, Cuba, 11.2; McDaniel 5-4; Matthews 19-4; Brown 45; Kurell 140-11; Anderson 159-1. Olympic Trials, Washington, Aug. 25: Daniels 12.0, Faggs 24.2, Mueller 11.9; McDaniel 5-4, Matthews 19-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ , Brown 46-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Brown 145-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Anderson 153-5

Russia Spartakiad: Vinogradova 11.6; Itkina 23.8; Martinenko 10.7; Bailod 5-6  $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Dolchenkova 19-9  $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Tischkewitsch 53-2  $\frac{5}{8}$ ; Romaschkova 170-2 DT; Chudina 171-0  $\frac{3}{8}$ . Other; Elizabeth Dusnpa-Krzesinsia, 16, of Poland, broke broad jump record with 20-10 Aug. 20 at Budapest. Scoring of best 10 list, as of Aug. 8, gave Russia 228 points, Germany 56, England 53, East Germany 44, Australia 42, Czechoslovakia 35, Poland 33, Hungary 18, Rumania 10, Holland 10, Italy, 6, Japan 1, US 0.

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SO THEY TELL US

TN BIFF SCHREIBER, Chicago: "I discovered these items in the library: 'On Oct. 2, 1858, Charles Calla of the old Fire King Engine Co. won silver cup in a fireman's race of one mile covering the distance in 4:47.' 'In October, 1858, Charles Curtis, pedestrian, walked 1056 miles in as many half hours, for a purse of \$2000.' 'On July 14, 1866, Captain Barber ran 10 miles in 36:20.5.'"

TN JOE GALLI, Australia: "Landy is doing some track training; look fine and very strong. Stephens doing Zatopek work about 5 days a week. Says it is best for him. Also doing some sharp sprints with Landy, Gosper and others. Dave is back in Melbourne. Tried Brisbane, enjoyed perfect weather and grass track conditions, plus wonderful comradeship of New Zealand trio, but was homesick. Is back on milk round job, which he says obviously is best for him for running. He wants to keep going for years. No worry about Games. Says will not think more about it than interclub race--but he'll be caught up in it....Olympic projects just about completed. Mostly cleaning up work. Stadium looks well, and we hope visitors feel the same. Honest opinions will be welcomed by track fraternity, which seems to consist of realists... I find it hard to keep up with stats; in fact, practically impossible. But I still love it. Always will. Guess it has got me so I get more thrill out of the figures than most would in meeting The Monroe in person....Wonderful year for track. Will really wake this place up. Few realize mightiness of international track. They'll gape in wonderment."

TN HAL HIGDON, Europe: "Courtney's anchor in the CISM relay was 46.0...Following Murchison's 10.3 in the first heat all the photographers ran after him, save an Army PFC who said he was too lazy, and thus became the only one at the finish line to record Williams' first 10.1. Williams said his 10.3 semi-final felt as though it were faster than the 10.1, when he coasted the last 60 meters. Things were set-up for a great final when the rains came. Right a half hour before the meet a storm came up completely soaking the track and putting the first two lanes under water. The meet got underway two hours late. I was photographing the start and when I looked up from my camera at the 10 meter mark my first impression was 'Williams has lost' because Ira had gotten a tremendous jump on him. Then I could see Willie catching him. ..we made a pilgrimage to the Adidas shoe factory which is located just a few miles out of Nurnberg and operated by Adolph Dassler and family. It was very interesting to see how the world's best track shoe was put together. They have a shoe for javelin throwers with spikes an inch and a half long. JohnBennett is having them make a special pair of shoes with spikes placed way back, almost in the in-step so he can get a better reach on the takeoff."

TN FRED WILT, Indiana: "Ron Gregory, the 4:19.2 high school colored boy from St. Louis is 5611, 135, and is considerably faster in natural speed than JimBowers, with 1:57 and 50.9. He does 1 to 2 miles jogging before each workout or race as a warmup, and has this workout schedule: Monday-3 miles cross country at good speed; Tuesday, 7x440 in 57 to 59, walking and jogging 5 minutes after each; Wednesday, 3x880, 2:06, 2:04, 2:02; Thursday, 3/4 in 3:09-3:10; Friday rest; Saturday race; Sunday rest."

Don Winton, Pasadena: "Parry O'Brien says that he is not through yet. It's safe to say he'll put 62 or 63 before Melbourne...I am alarmed with the lack of interest in some of the Olympic team members about staying in shape. A few have been straggling out to our meets, but it disturbs me about the attitude of some of our top notchers. Dumas showed up last Saturday and just practiced, doing 6-6 very

easily, but said he couldn't come to the meets regularly because it was "too far" (28 miles). Bud Held is ready for the 260 bracket right now he says. He has been working hard. Mal Andrews has been keeping in fine shape and can go 25 with the competition. Jerome Walters is starting to get an edge now. Verne Wilson looks fair. George Mattos has been out, but looks questionable. Bob Gutowski has been out twice and has done 14-6 on fourth tries. Bob Richards has a groin injury and is laying off for a while. Jack Davis is on a recruiting tour with the Navy; he should be out shortly. Ron Drummond and Rafer Johnson are working."

TN JACK MORTLAND, Columbus, O.: "The recent performance of the Belgian 3200m relay team has prompted me to conjecture on a dream relay between the U.S. and the rest of the world. Imagine Sowell, Spurrier, Tidwell and Courtney matched against Boysen, Johnson, Nielsen and Moens. I put Courtney on the lead-off where Boysen will draw him out, and Boysen jumps into a quick lead, passing the 400 mark in 51.5, about eight yards up on Courtney. At the 600 the Norwegian still leads by about 5 with 1:17.5, but here the powerful Fordham Flash starts to move and is on Boysen's shoulder by the middle of the turn. In the stretch Courtney edges away and hands the baton to Billy Tidwell with a five-foot advantage, having run 1:46 to Boysen's 1:46.2. Tidwell moves right out to increase the lead, passing the 400 in 52.0 with a five yard advantage. Derek Johnson slowly cuts this lead on the second lap and Tidwell leads by barely a yard as he passes to Lonnie Spurrier. Billy had 1:47.2 to Johnson's 1:47.1. Spurrier moves out at a fast but not suicidal pace with Gunner Nielsen matching him stride for stride. Both clock 52.3. Here Spurrier surprises the Dane by accelerating and gains a three yard advantage at the 600 meter mark. Nielsen recovers and moves back up but Spurrier surprisingly holds him off down the stretch, giving Sowell nearly two yards over Moens. The watch gives Lonnie 1:46.5 to Nielsen's 1:46.6. Sowell, with his running start, breezes by the 200 mark in 24.5 and 400 in 50.8. Moens, with supreme confidence in his finish, drops nearly 10 yards behind. At 500 meters Moens starts to close the gap on the still smooth running Sowell who passes 600m in 1:16.8, still seven yards ahead. The world record holder finally collars the Pan-Am champ 50 meters from the tape and eases in with a two-foot win. Moens has run 1:45.3, Sowell 1:45.6. Final times, 7:05.2 for the European group, 7:05.3 for the USA. If such a race were actually run and Courtney were to run anchor I feel the U.S. would win but I doubt if the time would be as fast."

TN HUGH GARDNER, Indianapolis: "Too bad we lost Sime, Bragg, Held and Shelton. But our system, probably the best, though many scorn it because of some obvious faults, invariably is going to find such happenings. A fellow may be hurt, or a bit off form, and it's all over. But, there are times it shows future happenings very well, too, such as staleness or sickness, when a man suddenly fails to navigate as well as he had. Extra tries, or a special nomination to the team despite failure in the trials backfired in 1932, as I recall. Barber got extra tries in the broad jump, as did other finalists, when he failed to make the top trip in regular attempts. He made the team but flopped again in the Olympics. A hop-step-jumper had the same trouble, I think it was Levi Casey. Seems to me, vaguely, the valuters got more tries because of Graber not doing too well. Anyway, not a one showed former greatness in the OG after getting special consideration. This year, special consideration did nobody any good, either, but it is a shame some injuries couldn't have healed for another try of some sort. Open the door, though, and where are you? The whole competitive system would collapse, and that would be fatal."