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### NEWS

AMERICANS IN EUROPE So far the outstanding performance has been Tom Courtney's 2:19.3 for 1000m, just .3 off the world mark and 4th on the all-time list. At Goteborg, July 4, he beat Boysen, who shares the record with Rozsavolgyi, who did 2:19.9 and Salsola of Finland, 2:20.2. Other marks, from incomplete reports, include: 10.3 by Murchison, Sime and King; 10.4 by Sime; 47.7 by Telford, 47.9 by Bowden (3:55.4 in same meet); 1:50.4 by Cliff Cushman; 1:52.9 by Sowell; 3:48.1 by Sowell, for 12th on the all-time U.S. list; 4:10.9 for 1500 by Grim; Griffin 22.2 and 22.3; Gilbert 14.1; Fehlen 6'5"; Shelton 6'4"; Shelby 24'4"; Herrmann 23'7½"; Morris 13'1"; Oerter 173'1; Babka 173'11"; Hall 204'10";

EUROPE Top mark is the near record 3:40.9 by Stan Jungwirth, from Lewandowski 3:42.3, Cikel 3:44.4 and Orywal 3:45.8 at Krakau, June 29 as Poland beat Czechoslovakia, 121-91. Other marks in this meet: Foik 10.4, Polish record; Swatowski 47.2 from Trousil 47.8 and Jirasek 47.8, Mach 47.9; Zimny 14:08.6 from Graf 14:13.2, Jurek 14:16.6; Kotlinski 14.4, Polish record, Veselsky 14.4; 14'1¼" by Krzesinski, Vazny and Stefkovic, new Czech record for latter; 25'2" by Grabowski, 24'3¾" by Ivanski; 261'11" by Sidlo; 199'5¾" by Cieply; Poland 41.0; 2nd day; Swatowski 21.5; Makomaski 1:48.8, Jungwirth 1:49.8, Matyjek, 1:49.9; Zatopek 30:00.0, Kantorek 30:19.6; Kotlinski 52.1; Krzyszkowiak 8:50.8, Vesely 8:57.8; 51'5¾", HSJ, Malcherzyk; 51'1¾" by Schmidt; 50'6¾" by Rehak; 57'8½" by Skobla, 56'7½" by Plihal; 55'1¾" by Kwiatowski, 54'5¾" by Sosgornik; 171'2" by Merta; 170'3¾" by Piatowski; Poland, 3:10.7, national record.

Switzerland 120, Denmark 100, Copenhagen, June 27 & 28: Galliker 47.8; Thogersen 14:36.2; Weber 21.4; Thogersen 30:24.6; Galliker 52.5, Swiss record;

Finland 122, Esthonia 103, Tallin, June 22-23: Parnakivi 14:22.8; Salsola 3:48.8; Parnakivi 8:55.6; Pirts53'5"; Ahvenniemi 249'6½";

National records include: Hammarstrand, Norway, 3:44.1; Bernard, France 8:04.5; Macquet, France, 264'5½"; Kaburoff, Bulgaria, 14.7; Malcherzyk, Poland, 51'6½"; Raica, Rumania, 51'1¾"; Tsakanikas, Greece, 54'5¾"; Lein, Germany, 6'7½"; Niebisch, East Germany, 194'9½"; Georgopoulos, Greece, 21.5; Radman, Italy, 6036 points;

UNITED STATES Howard Smith defended his national pentathlon title with 3362 points, winning from Des Koch, 3140 and Jim Klein 3075; Palo Alto All-comers, Lloyd 4:17.6; Mattos 14'4", Hightower 14'; Tillman 6'5¾"; Egan 162'11";

CANADA Relay championships, Toronto, July 6: McNulty 14.6; UCTC 3:29.2 sprint medley with 1:52.2 by Coleman.

AUSTRALIA Sydney, June 17: Power 8:54.7 from Al Thomas 8:56.2, John Pierce 8:57.2; Sydney June 29: Lawrence 13:46.6 for 3 miles, from Pierce 13:53.4, Wakefield 14:07.0;

### SPECIAL NOTE

The ever wonderful ATFS Annual is now available, 1957 edition (covering 1956 season) for \$1.25 from Track & Field News. Includes records, Olympic summary and write-up, 1956 world list and best performances, international games results, best indoor marks for 1957, national records and championship summaries, best European performances, world's all-time list 15 deep, women's world list, records, and national records; conversion table. This is a must.

### WIND SPRINTS

Sandor Iharos ran first race since returning to Hungary, won 3000 in slow 8:36.2... Current best performances give US a 130 to 84 victory over USSR in dual meet scored 5, 3, 2, 1, using all Olympic events except walks and marathon and decathlon. Russian wins would be in 5 and 10,000, steeplechase, and hop-step and jump. By sheer coincidence, these are the events which are not on the US college program... Don Vick was named outstanding athlete and student on UCLA team... marathoner Nate Cirulnick plans a mile race for marathoners only, to get their true sprint speed... Aubrey Lewis will captain the 1958 Notre Dame squad... Dr. Otto Peltzer, former 1500 star, says Australian milers are training too hard, can attribute ankle and shin soreness of Landy, Bailey and Lincoln to their schedules...

ZATOPEK'S CAREER

Now that the great Czech is nearing the end of the trail it's safe to set down his great record without too much fear that future activity will put it out of date. With full credit to Alfred Janecky and Josef Zdychyneec.

HIS WORLD RECORDS

|         |           |          |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| 5000m   | 13:57.2   | 5.30.54  |
| 10,000m | 29:28.2   | 6.11.49  |
|         | 29:21.2   | 10.22.49 |
|         | 29:02.6   | 8.4.50   |
|         | 29:01.6   | 11.1.53  |
|         | 28:54.2   | 6.1.54   |
| 20,000m | 1:01.15.8 | 9.15.51  |
|         | 59:51.6   | 9.29.51  |
| 25,000m | 1:19.11.8 | 10.26.52 |
|         | 1:16:36.4 | 10:29.55 |
| 30,000m | 1:35:23.8 | 10:26:52 |
| 1 hour  | 19,558m   | 9.15.51  |
|         | 20,052.4m | 9.29.51  |
| 10 mile | 48:12.0   | 9.19.51  |
| 15 mile | 1:16:26.4 | 10.26.52 |
|         | 1:14:01.0 | 10.29.55 |

BEST MARKS

|  |             | <u>5000m</u> |          |  |                | <u>5000m</u> |  |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------|--|----------------|--------------|--|
|  | Paris       | 13:57.0 (1)  | 9.3.54   |  | Stockholm      |              |  |
|  | Ostrava     | 13:57.2 (1)  | 5.30.54  |  | Paris          |              |  |
|  | Turku       | 14:03.0 (1)  | 8.26.50  |  | Brussels       |              |  |
|  | Stara Bole. | 14:03.0 (1)  | 8.5.53   |  | Budapest       |              |  |
|  | Brussels    | 14:04.0 (1)  | 5.14.54  |  | Stara Boleslav |              |  |
|  | Prague      | 14:04.0 (2)  | 9.14.55  |  | Prague         |              |  |
|  | Stara Bole. | 14:04.6 (1)  | 9.18.54  |  | Brno           |              |  |
|  | Stara Bole. | 14:05.2 (1)  | 8.31.50  |  | Prague         |              |  |
|  | Celakovice  | 14:06.2 (1)  | 8.2.50   |  | Helsinki       |              |  |
|  | Stara Bole. | 14:06.4 (1)  | 10.4152  |  | Opava          |              |  |
|  | Prague      |              |          |  | <u>10,000m</u> |              |  |
|  | Stara Bole. | 28:54.2 (1)  | 6.1.54   |  | Brussels       |              |  |
|  | Stara Bole. | 28:58.0 (1)  | 8.25.54  |  | Bern           |              |  |
|  | Stara Bole. | 29:01.6 (1)  | 11.1.53  |  | Stara Bolelav  |              |  |
|  | Celakovice  | 29:02.6 (1)  | 8.4.50   |  | Turku          |              |  |
|  |             | 29:09.8 (2)  | 7.3.54   |  | Budapest       |              |  |
|  |             | 29:12.0 (1)  | 8.23.50  |  | Brussels       |              |  |
|  |             | 29:17.0 (1)  | 7.20.52  |  | Helsinki       |              |  |
|  |             | 29:20.8 (1)  | 10.24.54 |  | Prague         |              |  |
|  |             | 29:21.2 (1)  | 10.24.49 |  | Ostrava        |              |  |
|  |             | 29:25.6 (1)  | 9.15.55  |  | Prague         |              |  |

AND THE COMPLETE RECORD

1948

|       |                |              |
|-------|----------------|--------------|
| 4.11  | 36:01.4        | Spa          |
| 4.26  | 36:21.2 (12km) | Klatovy      |
| 5.9   | 14:29.6        | Zlin         |
| 5.12  | 8:22.2         | Prague       |
| 5.16  | 8:18.0         | Bratislava   |
| 5.29  | 30:28.4        | Budapest     |
| 6.5   | 14:20.0        | Prague       |
| 6.9   | 8:14.4         | Ml. Boleslav |
| 6.11  | 8:07.8         | Zlin         |
| 6.17  | 29:27.0        | Prague       |
| 6.22  | 14:10.0        | Prague       |
| 6.30  | 14:21.0        | Prague       |
| 7.17  | 8:18.8         | Olomouc      |
| 7.30  | 29:59.6        | London       |
| 8.1   | 14:34.4-2      | London       |
| 8.3   | 14:17.8-2      | London       |
| 8.9   | 8:35.2         | Ostende      |
| 8.13  | 8:18.0         | Brussels     |
| 8.15  | 8:16.0         | Amsterdam    |
| 8.18  | 14:21.4        | Prague       |
| 8.20  | 8:16.2         | Brno         |
| 8.22  | 1500relay      | Zlin         |
| 9.12  | 14:21.0        | Prague       |
| 9.25  | 30:03.6        | Bucharest    |
| 10.2  | 30:09.8        | Bologna      |
| 10.3  | 14:30.2        | Bologna      |
| 10.5  | 14:22.2        | Mailand      |
| 10:13 | 14:16.8        | Prague       |

(28 races; 26 first, including relay; 2 seconds, inc. heat)

|       |          |           |       |                |            |
|-------|----------|-----------|-------|----------------|------------|
| 5.8   | 14:10.8  | Warsaw    | 5.27  | 8:29.6         | Berlin     |
| 5.29  | 8:23.4   | Kosice    | 5.28  | 14:23.6        | Berlin     |
| 5.30  | 8:25.8   | Presov    | 6.3   | 14:26.2        | Prague     |
| 6.11  | 29:28.2  | Ostrava   | 6.10  | 14:17.2        | Prague     |
| 6.15  | 14:14.4  | Stockholm | 6.17  | 14:31.0        | Brno       |
| 6.18  | 29:49.6  | Ostrava   | 6.18  | 8:16.8         | Olomouc    |
| 7.12  | 29:58.4  | Helsinki  | 6.24  | 8:16.8         | Opava      |
| 7.13  | 14:20.0  | Helsinki  | 6.25  | 8:16.0         | Prostejov  |
| 7.15  | 14:13.2  | Turku     | 7.7   | 14:31.0        | Warsaw     |
| 7.17  | 8:19.2   | Pori      | 7.8   | 29:54.2        | Bratislava |
| 7.25  | 14:29.0  | Moscow    | 7.9   | 14:28.6        | Bratislava |
| 7.28  | 30:11.8  | Moscow    | 7.14  | 14:25.6        | Brno       |
| 8.8   | 3:57.0-3 | Prerov    | 7.21  | 1500 leg       | Zlin       |
| 8.11  | 14:27.4  | Pizen     | 8.2   | 14:06.2        | Helsinki   |
| 8.20  | 30:14.0  | Trebic    | 8.4   | 29:02.6        | Turku      |
| 8.29  | 14:35.2  | Budapest  | 8.7   | 14:18.8        | Tampere    |
| 8.30  | 30:00.4  | Budapest  | 8.12  | 14:11.6        | Bratislava |
| 9.3   | 30:30.8  | Sofia     | 8.23  | 29:12.0        | Brussels   |
| 9.10  | 14:24.0  | Bucharest | 8.24  | 14:56.0        | Brussels   |
| 9.11  | 30:01.2  | Bucharest | 8.26  | 14:03.0        | Brussels   |
| 9.17  | 29:38.2  | Ostrava   | 8.30  | 29:54.6        | Prague     |
| 9.24  | 14:40.6  | Prague    | 8.31  | 14:05.2        | Prague     |
| 9.29  | 30:03.0  | Prague    | 9.2   | 29:35.0        | Trebic     |
| 10.22 | 29:21.2  | Ostrava   | 9.11  | 14:39.4        | Bucharest  |
|       |          |           | 9.11  | 30:02.4        | Bucharest  |
|       |          |           | 9.17  | 11:48.2(3.7km) | Prague     |
|       |          |           | 10.8  | 14:16.2        | Prague     |
|       |          |           | 10.12 | 14:21.4        | Dresden    |
|       |          |           | 10.14 | 14:32.4        | Erfurt     |
|       |          |           | 10.29 | 14:21.4        | Prague     |

(26 races; 25 firsts; one third, at 1500m)

1949

|      |                |        |
|------|----------------|--------|
| 4.18 | 25:45.6(8.5km) | Huj    |
| 5.4  | 14:23.6        | Prague |

1950

|      |        |         |
|------|--------|---------|
| 4.28 | 8:30.0 | Sotschi |
| 5.9  | 8:31.6 | Prague  |

10.30 29:53.2 Prague  
(33 races; 33 wins)

1951

5.12 8:34.6 Pardubice  
5.13 8:41.2 Usti n Orl.  
5.20 15:00.8 Zilina  
6.2 8:17.6 Olomouc  
6.10 14:58.4 Gottwoldov  
6.16 14:56.0 Jablonec  
6.17 15:02.2 Lomnice  
6.24 14:15.0 Prague  
7.11 8:33.4-2 Prague  
7.14 14:28.0 Ostrava  
8.18 14:11.6 Berlin  
8.25 30:01.4 Budapest  
8.26 14:30.2 Budapest  
9.1 29:29.8 Trebic  
9.8 30:01.8 Prague  
9.9 14:23.2 Prague  
9.15 19,558m(1hr) Prague  
1:01:16.0(20,000m)  
9.29 20,052m St.Boleslav  
59:51.0 (20km)  
10.7 14:16.4 Prague  
10.14 1500 leg Partyzanske  
10.21 14:39.8 Chodov  
10.28 14:32.6 Prostejov  
(22 races; 22 firsts)

1952

4.20 32:34.0 Presov  
4.25 8:32.4 Hr.Kralove  
5.21 14:46.4 Prague  
5.26 8:44.4 Bratislava  
5.30 30:08.8 Leipzig  
6.1 14:33.8- Leipzig  
6.11 14:22.0-3 Kiev  
6.13 29:26.0 Kiev  
6.27 14:17.6 Prague  
6.29 30:28.4 Prague  
7.20 29:17.0 Helsinki  
7.22 14:26.0h Helsinki  
7.24 14:06.6 Helsinki  
7.27 2:23:02.2Helsinki  
8.14 14:33.4 Prague  
8.15 30:58.6 Prague  
8.28 14:17.8 Gottwaldov  
8.30 14:22.6 Brno  
9.2 14:19.6 Znojmo  
9.6 14:20.6 St.Boleslav  
9.13 14:19.4 Olomouc  
9.17 14:22.9 Usti n. L.  
1500 leg  
9.27 14:19.8 Warsaw  
9.28 29:34.0 Warsaw  
10.4 14:06.4 Opava  
10.26 1:19:11.8(25km)

1:35:23.8(30 km)

St.Boleslav

(27 races; one loss in 5000  
heat; one other loss at 5000)

1953

2.22 36:18.2(12km)Prague  
5.24 14:33.0 Prague  
6.6 14:26.8 Jablonec  
6.13 14:22.6 Prague  
6.27 8:13.8-2 Opava  
7.11 14:28.6 Prague  
7.12 29:48.6 Prague  
7.24 14:11.4 Prague  
7.26 30:53.0 Prague  
8.5 14:03.0 Bucharest  
8.9 29:25.8 Bucharest  
9.23 8:24.4 Sofia  
9.30 14:33.2 Sofia  
10.00 14:26.6 Warsaw  
10.17 14:09.0 Prague  
11.1 29:01.6 St.Boleslav  
12.31 20:30.4(7km)SaoPaulo  
(17 races; one loss at 3000m)

1954

1.6 30:09.0 Sao Paulo  
3.21 30:34.0 Paris  
4.11 24:25.0(8km)Zbiroh  
4.25 31:12.0(11km)NoveMesto  
5.14 14:04.0 St.Boleslav  
5.16 14:19.2 Kladno  
5.30 13:57.2 Paris  
6.1 28:54.2 Brussels  
6.20 14:17.8- Prague  
7.3 29:09.8-2Budapest  
7.4 14:18.2 Budapest  
7.31 30:08.0 Prague  
8.6 14:24.8 Ostrava  
8.25 28:58.0 Bern  
8.26 14:36.2h Bern(4th)  
8.29 14:10.0-3Bern  
9.3 13:57.0 Stockholm  
9.18 14:04.6 Brno  
10.1 14:24.6 Prague  
10.2 29:34.8- Prague  
10.23 14:19.0-2Prague  
10.24 29:20.8 Prague  
(22 races; 1 loss at 10,000;  
3 losses at 5000, inc. 1 heat)

1955

2.20 26:07.2(8.3km)Prague  
3.27 35:15.0(9.75km)Paris -  
4.10 22:33.8-2(7.35km)Suche-V  
4.24 30:56.4 Zilina  
5.14 29:33.0- St.Boleslav  
5.28 14:19.6 -2Brno

6.9 14:11.8-2 Prague  
6.16 14:49.6-5 Belgrad  
6.29 29:54.0 Prague  
7.17 14:31.2 Karlsruhe  
7.18 14:17.2 Nurnberg  
7.21 14:36.4 Prague  
8.2 29:34.4- Warsaw  
8.6 14:11.4-6 Warsaw  
8.24 14:24.4 Prague  
8.30 14:07.6 Brno  
8.31 29:58.0- Brno  
9.14 14:04.0-2 Prague  
9.15 29:25.6- Prague  
9.24 29:46.4-3 Bratislava  
10.12 29:28.4-3 London  
10.15 14:24.2-2 Manchester  
10.29 1:16:36.4(25km)  
Celakovice  
(23 races, inc. 4 cross  
country; 9 losses, inc. 1 c.c.,  
6 at 5000, 2 at 10,000)

1956

2.26 26:49.6-(8.3km)Prague  
3.25 30:04.0-3( Paris  
4.30 34:15.2(11km)Gottwaldo  
6.5 14:19.6- Bratislava  
6.16 14:14.8-5 Prague  
8.26 15:18.6 Kladno  
10.7 29:33.4 Prague  
10.21 1:19:38.4(25km)Torga  
12.1 2:29:34.0 Melbourne  
(6th)  
(9 races; 4 losses, inc. 2 at  
c.c., 1 at 5000, 1 at mara-  
thon.)

#### STATS

Current world list, scored on  
10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis  
for Olympic events, gives  
these results, according to  
Steve von Devan:

516 USA  
201 USSR  
48 Czechoslovakia  
39 Poland  
33 England  
27 Germany  
24 New Zealand  
23 Finland  
21 Australia  
17 Yugoslavia  
16 South Africa  
15 Norway  
10 Argentina  
9 Hungary  
8 France, Iceland

SO THEY TELL US

DICK NASH, Arcadia, Cal.: "Olan Cassell from East Tennessee State is a real good one. He got a poor start in the 100 final of the NAIA, but in the last 50 yards Morrow did not gain an inch on him. In the 220 Morrow made all his margin around the curve, and then Cassell again held his own down the straightaway.... In the low hurdles around the curve in a record 22.8, Gilbert had about two feet on Calhoun around the turn, but Calhoun had made it all up over the 9th. Gilbert was slightly ahead over the last, and seemed to explode the final 20 yards. .. San Diego holds a three year contract on the meet, and it will be there next year..."

TN TAD DOBROSKI, Japan: "I am finally calling it quits, after 20 years of running. I find I just can't push it any more, and plenty of the old zip has gone. Although I did win the 10,000 in the all-Army meet (as a civilian employee) I did a lousy 34:04--but for a 37-year-old I feel I did fairly well. When I stepped down to the 5000--murder, no zip, just a hard struggle. I shall now be a spectator and coach. It was a hard decision, for to me running was everything. What I shall do with my spare time now I don't know, for training constantly occupied all my leisure time. From now on I shall not train with my boys, as I did with Jerry Smartt."

TN JACK MORTLAND, Bowling Green, O.: "I liked very much Bill Jameson's proposed change in the order of events. It does not seem to preclude any reasonable double, or triple for that matter... I've been very interested in the splits on Don Bowden's races this spring. In my opinion he is running the race just as it should be run, a sensible first quarter, with a real killer of a third 220. It is this third 220, or the third part of any race, that records are made or lost. I feel there must be a conscious effort to increase the pace over this part of the race, for there is a natural tendency to let down and save something for the finish."

TN RONALD JONES' Orange, -Calif.: "Two years ago I figured that Yuriy Lituyev was the best all around hurdler of all-time, with a total time of 88.0 seconds for the three races (14.4, 23.5 and 50.4). Now that will have to be revised because Eddie Southern has 86.7, with 14.1, 22.9 and 49.7.... After Gutowski's great vaulting and jumping this year I began wondering who was the best all around jumper--HJ, BJ, PV. The best total for these 3 events that I can find is A. Richard Morcum who was a 6'6" HJ, 14'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " PV and has broad jumped at least 23'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". This gives Morcum a total of 44'10 $\frac{7}{8}$ " for the 3 jumps. But Gutowski does 40'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " for only the vault and broad jump, and he must be able to high jump over 4'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " which is all that is needed to break Morcum's total." (Ed note: How about Bob Richards, with 15'5", 23'3 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", and 6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " for a total of 45'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "?)

TN EMERSON CASE, Schenectady, N. Y.: "It is with considerable interest that I read that Clarence DeMar is running again, at the age of 69. Perhaps he will run the Boston marathon route again next April. There is no doubt that he, more than any other man, is responsible for the fame of the Patriot's Day race. Every year thousands have watched primarily to see the Grand Old Man of the Marathon, and have waited just to see him finish. DeMar is one of the several marathon runners who have also engaged in long walking races. He competed in several with fair success. A. L. Monteverde has done very well at this, and for the last few years Don Heinicke, Baltimore Olympic Club, has finished well up in numerous walking races.

My wife has asked me to name the largest U.S. stadium with a track in it. I believe it is the L.A. Coliseum with its capacity of about 104,000. Track events were held in the huge Philadelphia Municipal Stadium during the city's Sesquicentennial Celebration about 25 years ago, but I doubt if there is much trace of a track left there now. Also, meets have been held in Solider's Field with its capacity of around 100,000. And they have been held at such unlikely spots as Yankee Stadium, where Leo Lermond once ran quite a fair mile around a very oddly shaped track laid out especially for the affair. I would be interested in reader's comments on this intriguing subject. Incidentally, the Union College track here has 5 curves or turns due to the terrain."

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