LUGANO, SWITZ., Oct. 12-13—Taking first and second places, East Germany established a 9 point lead in the opening day's 20 Km and hung on in the 50 Km on Saturday to win their fourth consecutive Lugano Cup, emblematic of world race-walking supremacy. In that 20, Haas-Georg Reimann and young Karl-Heinz Stadtmueller easily outclassed the field with Reimann winning by 5 seconds in 1:29:31. Reimann also was defending his title, won in the last competition, 1970. With a somewhat surprise Peter Frenkel, the 1972 Olympic titlist, placing 10th, East Germany scored 72 points to outdistance the Soviets, who had 63.

The real surprise of the competition was Ron Laird and his U.S teammates. With Laird finishing third and Todd Scully seventh, the U.S. finished the day in third, only three points back of the Soviets. This was the second time Laird has finished third in this competition, the other being 1967. However, he was not thought to be in anywhere near that sort of condition now and his strong race came as a distinct surprise to everyone, except perhaps himself. He described it as the hardest he had ever pushed in 20 Yrs.

If anything, Todd Scully's performance was even more surprising, not that people didn't know good things were coming. Todd had said he was ready to take on anyone and set out to prove it. He wasn't quite, but he gave it heckuva of try. As Reimann and Stadtmueller went through 10 km in 44:32, Todd, hush-puppies all, was in sixth, just 7 seconds back. Laird at this point was in ninth with 45:05. At 15 km, Ron was just 5 seconds up on him with 1:07:50 before Todd finally faltered slightly, finishing in 1:32:23.6, less than 3 minutes out of first. I think the margin is more important than the time, as the course and conditions can have such an effect on time. To my recollection only Laird, here and in 1967, and Rudy HolyLu in Mexico, have finished closer in an Olympic or Lugano competition. That to me is more significant than the time, which was very good in itself.

Also making a strong contribution to the team effort was Jerry Brown who walked his best ever with 1:31:05 in 14th, giving the U.S. their 60 points. Fourth-man, Bill Ramley came up sick and did very well to come in 1:39:11. This, of course, is the advantage of having four as a team, with only three scoring. It allows for illness, off-days, or disqualifications without hurting the team effort.

The USSR did not do as well as expected. Nikolai Smaga could not hold off Laird and finished some 50 to 60 yards back, not 1.8 seconds as the official results show, a nd neither he, nor Ivenko in fifth ever were a real challenge to the East Germans, as expected. Rezayev, who won
Excuse me while I say “Rats!” Since the last page, I have been to Columbia, Mo. and back for the NCAA 30-km, took the Lago results and splits with me and seem to have lost them. A typical Northland maneuver, which is going to mess up the rest of this excellent writeup. Fortunately, I have partial results from Track Newsletter.

Behind the first three, Soldatenko and world-record holder Herd Wendl were unable to withstand that blistering last 20 but still came home in excellent times, along with Salzer. After then the times tailed off but it still had to be the fastest mass finish ever as John Knifton walked a lifetime best of 4:16:15.6 and had to settle for 14th place. John walked his usual well paced race moving through the field for the first 30 km and threatening to finish a couple of places higher, but fading slightly the last 10 km. Floyd Godwin also paced himself well and was more than 10 minutes faster than ever before. He made up 9 seconds of that.

As stated before, the Soviets and East Germans came in first to win the 50-km. The Soviets took 1-2-3 to win the 50 and not by enough to overcome East Germany's lead. The lead men were close throughout, and it appears that the Soviets had a slight edge at the finish. The West Germans were very close behind, with the U.S. leading third. The Brits were fourth, with Italy fifth, and the Poles sixth. As stated before, the results were somewhat disappointing as better things were expected of their national teams.

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The day after the 50, many of the national squads participated in the Airolo-Chassa relay in Switzerland. Unfortunately, these results too are lost. Maybe next month I will have full details. An East German team of Staedtler, Zschegner, Hohe, Selzer, and Reiman won easily in 8:44:55.2, a new record. Staedtler put them out front on the opening 27 km with a record for that stage and they were never headed. Both Hohe and Selzer walked very well for having completed a hard 50 the day before. Poland came second in 8:53:13 and Romania third in 8:55:34. The U.S. entered a team of Ron Laird, Bill Ramsey, Bob...
Henderson, Jerry Brown, and Todd Scully. Ron, after taking the lead on the first leg at around 5 km, ran into bad weather problems and spent half of his time on the road either in the bush or littering the road with water. He finally struggled in some 16 miles and would only have a couple of miles before a finish. Everyone else moved up however, to an eventual 4th place finish. Bill Ryan turned in a decent effort after his disappointment in the Laguna race. Bob Henderson, walking the remaining uphill 15 km was only about 2 minutes off fast time. Both Jerry Brown and Todd Scully came back very well from their strong 20s and Todd was only about 4 minutes off Geiman's stage record on the final 25 km. All in all, it was a very rewarding three days in Switzerland for the U.S. team.

400 MILE TITLE TO RIGHT SHAL

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 6-7 (Special to the DM from Joe Duncan)—
Alice: "Will you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"
Cat: "That depends greatly on where you want to get to."
Alice: "I don't much care which way I go."
Cat: "Then it doesn't matter which way you go."
Alice: "I don't much care where --"
Cat: "That depends a great deal on where you want to get to."
By 15 km Gary was 43 seconds back and fading fast as Brown led Godwin by 3 seconds in 1:14:00. At this point, Jerry made a strong move to sew up the race. A 23:50 on his next 5 km put him 62 seconds clear and he continued to a 6:49 to pass 25 km in 2:02:09 with a 2 minute lead. Although Floyd gained slightly over the last 5 km as Jerry slowed to 26:03 the race was gone. An excellent race for both. It was unfortunate that John Knifton, who was entered, was unable to make it but he would have been very hard pressed to have beaten hr. Brown on this day.

The race for third went to the LAAC's young Dan O'Connor, a U. of Tennessee student in his best race to date. Walking a very steady pace, he came from 3 minutes back of Augie Hirt in the final 5 km to take the bronze. Hirt caught Westerfield just after 15 km and went through 20 in his best ever 1:40:21 but then hit the wall hard on that final 5 as he was left in 1:56:25. Still a fine race indeed for one just starting his second year in the sport. Steve Hayden from a very strong Seattle goal was 1st to 4th around the whole way at a very even pace (only 28 seconds difference between fastest and slowest 5 km) and crossed the line together in 5th. Westerfield struggled through a 1:10 km in 62:23 as it was a fast start and settled for seventh.

A tired but satisfied Feh was your editor, achieving his goal of sub 9 minute miles, although struggling through a final 5 km of 29:34. Not far back was Leon Jaslonowski, the only one of the Detroit crew presently walking, in his best race in a long while if not ever. In tenth was Al Schirik, who may have finished higher had he realized his ability. After only a 58:04, first 10 km, he started to move and covered the second half of his race better than two minutes faster than the first. The results:

**Women's 10K in Marion**

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 27—One day earlier, the women took to the Hickman H.S. track for their Rational 10K title and Ellen Minkow won easily in 56:19. The 18-year-old from Fort Washington, N.Y., now at Syracuse U., started to pull away from 4-year-old Cristy Dotsesh after the first mile, which she covered in 8:50:35. Miss Dotsesh was an equally clear second, as only our own Carol Mohanco stayed close for even the first mile (8:50:35 for Carol). With the good early lead she established, Carol just held off the Ozark Track Club's Own Eberle for third as she finished in 60:35. Team title went to Oskar. Results: 1. Ellen Minkow, un. 56:19 2. Cristy Dotsesh, Green & Gold 58:48 3. Carol Mohanco, Kettering Striders 1:00:35 4. Owen Eberle, Oskar TC (Cont. page 11)

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**AAU Convention Notes**

The Race Walking Committee of the AAU met in West Yellowstone, Mont. on October 8. John Coenman sent me the minutes, which cover 18 pages, so I will try to highlight what happened. Dan Ferris, Secretary Emeritus of the AAU and the Committee's representative to the IAAF Council was on hand to discuss the Olympic situation. More on that later in the issue in a discussion of track text.

A complete rewrite of Rule 20 in the Track & Field Handbook, which deals with championship events, prizes, and team scoring was recommended. The change will add Senior Championship events at 75 and 100 km. It was originally proposed to also add 2 Hour and 24 Hour championships and to delete the 25 and 35 km races, but this part of the amendment was defeated. The rule also adds Senior Class B championships, which will be the same as the old Junior category, thus all but winners of previous championships on members of Pan-Am or Olympic Teams. The standard indoor championship distances will be 2 miles.

Bruce MacDonald sent a report of USOC activities and we will have more on that later (space permitting—this is going to be a real clockful issue). Two records were submitted for approval with John Hoffman's Outdoor Championship time of 21:56.1 approved. No action was taken on Championship best for 1 Hour of 8 miles 202 yards by Roger Hills. Nomination for the Sullivan Award was tabled because there was no truly outstanding candidate, but the right to nominate an individual following the Olympic competition was reserved. The All-American team was named consisting of the first 3 finishers in the 20 and 50 km championships and the first two in all others.

Championship awards for 1974 were as follows:

**Senior Championships:**
- 10 km—Stagg Field, Chicago, May 25
- 15 km—Los Angeles, May 4
- 20 km—Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, N.Y., June 9
- 25 km—Des Moines, Iowa, April 28
- 30 km—Columbia, Mo., Oct. 20
- 35 km—Los Angeles, March 17
- 40 km—Long Branch, N.J., Aug. 4
- 50 km—Green Lake, Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1
- 75 km—Horseshoe College, West Long Branch, N.J., Apr. 23
- 100 km—Des Moines, Iowa, date not set

**Junior Championship:**
- 1 hr—U. of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., Apr. 14
- 2 Mile and 3 Mile as part of Indoor Championships, New York, Feb. 22
- Outdoor Championships, Los Angeles, June 14-15

**Senior Championships:**
- 5 km—Portland, Ore., May 12
- 10 km—U. of Florida, Gainesville, June 22-23
- 15 km—Reno, Nev., May 19
- 20 km—West Long Branch, N.J., Aug. 11
- 25 km—Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, N.Y., May 26

**Junior Championship:**
- 10 km—Oregon, date and date not set
- 15 km—Inland Empire Assn., date and date not set
- 20 km—East Meadow, N.Y., June 9
- 25 km—Not awarded yet
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I didn't quite get the picture. The race was held in October 1973 at the Olympic Track in London on July 21.--1. The course was 20 km. Italy, September 11.-1. Guido Zanotti, 2:23:10. 2. Amando Zanotti, 2:26:15. 3. Jacques Lusseyran, 2:27:43. 4. Antonio Pracchi, 2:30:58. 5. Zdenek Chalupa, 2:31:12. 6. Alfred Engel, 2:32:26. 7. Manuel Koch, 2:37:32. -- Oh, Wow! Just the time I potted the October 8 Athletics Weekly to clarify this thing for me. The above results were in Danish and I didn't quite get the picture. The race was held in 10 stages over 8 days, which makes the times more believable. Matter of fact they are rather slow because of high temperatures and very tough climbs and descents. The three Russians were 1-2-3 on all 10 stages, with Lyunin's best performance being 62:23 over a 15 km stage, 3:18:40 for 42 3/4 km and 4:02:08 for 9.8 km. Other places were: 4. U. Otto, WC 21:7:27. 7. Colin Young 27:45:38--always to be found where there are events are going on. 100 Mile, Bristol, Eng., Sept. 21-22 (road).--I. Dave Boxall 18:42:23. 2. A. Peters, Reading, England 19:12:13. 3. G. Tranter 19:15:04. 4. R. Dymond 20:04:35. 5. A. Van Dorps, Bellingham 20:26:28. 6. E. C. Rolfe, Reading 21:03:40. 7. G. Nelson, Bellingham 21:43:20. 8. W. Maxwell 22:02:29. 9. J. W. Kersbergen, eth 22:56:11. 10. M. H. Williams, 23:15:27. 11. A. W. Tipton, Reading 23:29:45. finished inside 2 hours 4 days, which, I guess, makes us over here look rather sick. 25 km, Bournemouth, England, Sept. 22-1. Ian Lowndes 2:04:56. 2. A. L. Tipton, Eng. 2:08:50. 3. K. T. Taddeo, Italy 2:09:32. 4. J. T. M. Graney, Fr. 2:09:52. 5. B. P. F. W. New Jersey 2:10:26. 6. W. R. E. C. W. E. 2:10:31. 7. B. P. F. W. E. 2:10:42. 8. W. R. E. C. W. E. 2:10:43. 9. B. P. F. W. E. 2:10:44. 10. B. P. F. W. E. 2:10:45. 2 miles, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Oct. 22-1. Doug Van Vels 17:01. 2. Ken Fowler 17:44. 3. Don Ja cola 18:46. Another Gh, Wow! I found the missing Lugano Cup and Attilio-Cinca reus. Other place was the Lugano 50 were: 17. Leo Frey, WC 21:20:29. 18. Orjan Andersson, Sweden 4:21:06. 19. Kay Klauser, Switzerland 4:22:25. 20. Enrico Vespignani, Italy 4:23:22. 21. Rob Dobson, GB 4:27:14. 22. Speranzon, Switzerland 4:29:34. 23. Alex Oakley, Canada 4:30:05. 24. Max Cornwell, Swd. 4:30:47. 29. E. Frencic, Vecchio, Italy 4:32:15. 30. Sten Bollman, Sweden 4:34:06. 31. Pete Patton, Can. 4:34:55. 32. Karl Kernschen 4:38:05. The initial pace was quite leisurely with Kammerling hitting 20 km in 69:30. Weidner was a second back and each of the three Russians another 2 records back. Bob Kitchen was 6th in 69:21, Knifton 24th, Godwin 27th and Weidner 28th. Kammerling tried to open it up the next 10 with a 47:21 but there were still 11 people within 40 seconds of him. Knifton was now 12th in 1:39:49.3, Knifton 19th, Godwin and Weidner 26th and 27th in 1:42:29. Ka nnerberg backed off to 48:20 and Bartosh led him by a half second at 30 km in 2:24:59.6. Swensson back in 11th place was still only 77 seconds off the pace in a very tight field. Knifton was now 14th in 2:31:39.1, with Kitchen just ahead of the Godwin-Magni tandem in 22nd with 2:33:52.6, 2:34:10.1 and 2:34:10.6. It was then that the East Germans were never challenged. One of their three walks had the fast times on their legs but then they were walking without special aid. Reportedly, the East Germans showed their usual immaculate style, which is certainly not the norm for this race. Stadtmuller covered the opening 27 km in 2:04:44 to establish a 4 minute lead and Zecheoner's 2:12:51 for 30 km (reported in a short 30) strengthened it to over 8 minutes. Laird was 13th on the first leg with 2:20:58 and Jerry Brown's 2:22:05 pulled the U.S. to 8th. The record on the third leg went to Gerhard Heidner as he covered the 15 km, most uphill, in 1:05:30. Vittorio Visini and Chris Hruby were second and third fastest at 1:05:51 and 1:05:59 as none of the three seemed to be to tiered by their fast 50 the day before. Bob Higerson walked an excellent 1:07:27 for seventh fastest as the U.S. regained 6th. On the fourth leg of 18 km, Heinz Kays, disqualified in the Lugano 20, streaked to a record 1:25:15. Peter Selker's 1:28:36 kept the East Germans out of danger and Bill Ramey came back strongly with a sixth fastest 1:28:57 to move the U.S. up a notch. The record on the final 25 km was remained as the U.S. remained sixth. The Ohio Race Walker is unedited monthly on a broken down, 19-year-old Underwood portable in a dingy garret high atop 3184 Summit St. in the near northwest of Columbus, Ohio. Noneditor and publisher—Jack Hortland. Subscription rate—$2.50 per annum. Write at the above address and don't forget Mr. Zip — 43202.
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The Olympic Situation

In Varna, Bulgaria on Oct 6, just after I had dropped your last issue in the mail offering some hope regarding the fate of walking in the Olympics, the IOC officially lowered the boom. As recommended by the IAAF, the 50 km walk was removed from the Montreal program, together with events in several other sports, and both walks were dropped for future Olympics. This is supposed to be a final decision sealing forever any hope of these walks ever happening again. Perhaps it does not need to be thrown in yet. There are several possible courses of action.

The IOC had decided some time ago, and Munich reinforced that decision, that it was necessary to trim the Olympic program and asked each sports committee to find ways of achieving this. One way was to cut the number of events or competitors per event. To the IAAF, kings of track and field, the answer was apparently obvious immediately, who needs the walks anyway? The two events comprise 1/12 of the men’s program, which should satisfy the IOC and not hurt any of the real athletes. This appears to have been their thinking, in any case. As a matter of fact, in a letter to Athletics Weekly, somebody justifying the action, the Vargus of Exeter, IAAF President stated: “naturally, any removal of Events is bound to be painful for those that practise them. In Munich in 1972 the IAAF Council reported to the Congress of Member Countries that in its view this contribution (elimination of the walks) on balance would be less harmful than any other. The Congress agreed.”

The only other action considered, according to the Vargus, was limiting the number of events to two rather than the three that were – either to notify the walkers they were either too harmful to knock walkers out altogether or to make it a bit tougher for all the athletes to qualify.

It would seem to this writer that there are many other approaches equally obvious, but none so attractive to those who seem to think walking is somewhat of a problem anyway. They did, of course, consider one of these equally obvious approaches. Another solution would be to stiffen qualifying standards in all events and add them in the walks and marathon. Or, if events must be dropped, why not some that would not completely eliminate a whole class of athletes. The relays could be dropped and all the athletes involved would still have their opportunity in individual events. If either the 100 or 200 meters were dropped, sprinters would still not be in the cold. Or, one or two events from the 800, 1500, 3000 steeplechase, and marathon array would still leave these athletes other events to turn to. We could not even complicate that much if one walk were dropped along with some other event(s), although in this case a 30 or 35 km would probably be preferable to the 20 as the remaining event. The walkers would still have their chance. As it is, they have no event to turn to. They are simply shut out.

Perhaps the most rigid approach is to ask what has really gone wrong with the walking races, or the few other events that were dropped? With some athletes doubting, I doubt if there have ever been more than 50 competitors involved in the two races at any one Olympics. This is a rather insignificant number if you are trying to make a meaningful reduction in number of some 6-7000 athletes. Looking at it from the full view of the IOC, certainly toxic waste is not within its purview, which is completely out of line with the supposed deemphasis of nationalism anyway (said-dee-mah-sis being a bunch of baloney anyway, a topic for several more pages of discussion). Or, as has been suggested in many quarters, split the Games up at different sites for the sports or group of sports. Or spread them over a longer period of time and bring in only the athletes in competition at a particular time.
So these are a few alternatives for achieving the IOC purposes both as regards track and field alone and the overall program. However, the IOC and IAAF have chosen to tell race walking to get lost. And sitting here writing editorials about how we have gotten the short end doesn't really help in the least. So, what are we to do now?

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