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DDR DEFENDS LUGANO CUP TITLE

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, Hans-Georg Reimann and young Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller 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 subpar 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 Kms.

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 Stadtmuller went through 10 km in 44:32, Todd, hush-puppies and 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 Maluza 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 1:34:05 in 14th, giving the U.S. their 60 points. Fourth-man, Bill Ranney came up sick and did very well to come in 1:39:11. This, of course, is the advantage of having four man teams, 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 1.6 seconds as the official results show, and neither he, nor Ivchenko in fifth ever were a real challenge to the East Germans, as expected. Rezaev, who won

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against the U.S. earlier this year did stay up for 10 km, but then faded all the way to 12th. Anatoli Solomin, who walked against the U.S. Juniors last year, did not finish.

The Canadians sent a team for the first time, but had only 4 men with Pat Farrelly and Karl Merschenz doubling at 20 and 50, and not really walking up to par in either. Marcel Jobin joined them at 20 and Alex Oakley at 50.

Their was only one disqualification in the race, Heinz Mayr of West Germany, but I have heard no adverse comments regarding's tyle. Henry Laskau accompanied the team as an International judge along with Bruce MacDonald as coach/manager. Further description of the race will be found later in this issue in a letter from Ron Laird. The results:

1. Hans-Georg Reimann, DDR 1:29:31 2. Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller, DDR 1:29:36
3. Ron Laird, USA 1:30:45 4. Nikolai Smaga, USSR 1:30:46.6 5. Yevgeniy Lychenko, USSR 1:31:33 6. Armando Zamboldo, Italy 1:31:42 7. Todd Scully USA 1:32:23.6 8. Roger Mills, Great Britain 1:32:44.4 9. Pasquale Busca, Italy 1:33:04 10. Peter Frenkel, DDR 1:33:23 11. Siegfried Zscheigner, EDDR 1:33:33 12. Vladimir Rezayov, USSR 1:33:47 13. Abdon Fanchich, Italy 1:33:50 14. Jerry Brown, USA 1:34:05 15. Siegfried Fischer, W.G. 1:34:12 16. Roberto Biccione, Italy 1:34:38 17. Foliks Sliwinski, Poland 1:34:45 18. John Warhurst, GB 1:34:58 19. Jan Ornoch Poland 1:35:13 20. Amos Seddon, GB 1:35:17 21. Stefan Ingvarsson, Swed. 1:35:52 22. Mieczyslaw Gorski, Poland 1:36:04 23. Hans Tengoren, Swed. 1:36:27 24. Roy Thorpe, GB 1:37:40 25. Jan Raska, Poland 1:38:25 26. Manfred Kolvenbach, W. Germany 1:38:44 27. Bill Ranney, USA 1:39:11 28. Marcel Jobin, Canada 1:39:25 29. Helmut Stelte, W.G. 1:39:36 30. Pat Farrelly, Canada 1:40:52 31. Kare Moen, Swed. 1:41:44 32. Karl Merschenz, Can. 1:43:38--DNF--Bo Gustavsson, Swed. and Anatoli Solomin, USSR. Dk--Heinz Mayr, W.G. Team Scores: 1. DDR--72, 2. USSR--63 3. USA--60 4. Italy--56 5. Great Britain--42 6. Poland--32 7. West Germany--27 8. Sweden--18 9. Canada--9.

The next day's 50 km was another showcase for the great strength of Bernd Kannenberg. A doubtful starter because of illness recently, he again showed the way with a super-fast time as he had in Munich. After a fast, if not startling first 30 km, which found 11 men still within 40 seconds of each other, Kannenberg blistered the fourth 10 km in 45:35 only to find a determined Otto Bartsch still right with him and Chris Hohne, in a strong comeback, only 8 seconds back. Benjamin Soldatenko, who gave Kannenberg his stiffest competition in Munich was fading 26 seconds behind, and the remaining horde of would-be challengers was more than 2 1/2 minutes out of it.

Still pouring it on, Kannenberg managed a 46:15 for the final 10 and 3:56:50.7 for the race. The final 20 km of 1:31:50 would have placed him 7th the day before (sorry Todd) and yet Bartsch was still only 20 second in arrears as the Munich fourth placer walked the race of his life. Hohne, who had won this race three times, showed he still has considerable life, coming home in 3:57:25. At the 30 km mark, Kannenberg was 5 minutes down on his Munich pace and then made up all but 39 seconds of that. And we thought he finished fast there. As a matter of fact, I remember marvelling 6 years ago when young Peter Selzer finished this race with a sub-24 minute last 5 km, which seemed fantastic, as he came second. Now they average under 24 for the whole distance and Selzer, with about a 10-minute improvement in his time, finished sixth.

Excuse me while I say "Rats!" Since the last page, I have been to Columbia, Mo. and back for the KAAU 30 Km, took the Lugano results and splits with me and seem to have lost them. A typical Mortland 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 Gerhard Weidner were unable to withstand that blistering last 20 but still came home in excellent times, along with Selzer. After them the times trailed off but it still had to be the fastest mass finish ever as John Knifton walked a lifetime best of 4:16:48.6 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 before fading slightly the last 10 km. Floyd Godwin also paced himself well and was more than 10 minutes faster than ever before as he moved away from Colorado TC teammate Bill Weigle in the final 10. Bill had learned one week before that he had a blood sugar problem and had to restrict his carbohydrate intake. Thus he was unable to do any carbohydrate loading prior to the race and was 6 to 7 minutes off his usual consistent time. Just back of Bill came Bob Kitchen who made a game effort at staying close to the leaders for the first 10 Km. Still a little short of training time, he eventually paid the price but gutted it home as usual to become the fourth member of the U.S. squad to break 4:30 for the race. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite good enough as Italy had a very strong performance to move into third and Kannenberg and Weidner finishing 1-5 boosted the West Germans even with the U.S., the nod going their way on the basis of the first finisher in the 50. The Soviets took 2-4-7 to win the 50 but not by enough to overcome East Germany's lead in the 20. The great come through performance by veteran Hohne assured the DDR victory. Italy's strong third place was a mild surprise as they performed very well in both races. And the British in 6th were somewhat disappointing as better things were expected of their squad. So, the results that I have are:

1. Bernd Kannenberg, W.G. 3:56:50.7 2. Otto Bartsch, USSR 3:57:10 3. Christoph Hohne, DDR 3:57:25.2 4. Benjamin Soldatenko, USSR 4:01:33.6 5. Gerhard Weidner, WG 4:01:58.4 6. Peter Selzer, DDR 4:03:10.4 7. Sergiy Bondarenko, USSR 4:07:51.6 8. Winfried Skotnicki, D.R. 4:08:29.4 9. Vittori Visini, Italy 4:09:25 10. Svesnikkov, USSR 4:11:21.2 11. Matthias Kroel, DDR 4:12:25 12. Shaun Lightman, GB 4:15:13.4 13. Schubert, WG 4:15:51.9 14. John Knifton, USA 4:16:48.6 15. Valore, Italy 4:18:16.9 16. Domenico Carpentieri, Italy 4:19:58.2...20. Floyd Godwin, USA 4:23:48.2...24. Bill Weigle, USA 4:28:40.2 25. Bob Kitchen, USA 4:29:38.8. Team Scores for 50: 1. USSR--71 2. West Germany--68 3. DDR 67 4. Italy--48 5. Great Britain--39 6. USA--35 Final team scores: 1. DDR--138 2. USSR--134 3. Italy--104 4. West Germany--95 5. USA--95 6. Great Britain--81 7. Poland 8. Sweden 9. Canada

EAST GERMANS ALSO COP RELAY

The day after the 50, many of the national squads participated in the Airola-Chiassa relay in Switzerland. Unfortunately, these results too are lost. Maybe next month I will have full details. An East German squad of Stadtmuller, Zscheigner, Hohne, Selzer, and Reimann won easily in 8:44:55.2, a new record. Stadtmuller put them out front on the opening 27 Km with a record for that stage and they were never headed. Both Hohne and Selzer walked very well for having completed a hard 50 the day before. Poland came second in 8:53:13 and Rumania third in 8:55:34. The U.S. entered a team of Ron Laird, Bill Ranney, Bob

Henderson, Jerry Brown, and Todd Scully. Ron, after taking the lead on the first leg at around 5 km, ran into bad tummy problems and spent half of his time from there either in the bushes or littering the road with vomit. He finally struggled in some 16 minutes behind and all hope of a high finish was gone. Everyone else moved up however, to an eventual 6th place finish. Bill Banney turned in an excellent leg after his disappointment in the Lugano race. Bob Henderson, walking the demanding uphill 15 km leg, 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 Reimann's stage record on the final 25 km leg. All in all, it was a very rewarding three days in Switzerland for the U.S. squad.

100 Mile TITLE TO MIGHTY SHAUL

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 6-7 (Special to the ORW from Joe Duncan)--

Alice: "Will you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

Cat: "That depends a great deal on where you want to get to."

Alice: "I don't much care where--"

Cat: "Then it doesn't matter which way you go."

Alice: "--so long as I get somewhere."

Cat: "Oh you're sure to do that if you only walk long enough."

. . . Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland, 1865

Four walkers walked long enough in the 7th annual edition of the National 100 Mile Walk but we can't really say that they got anywhere. Ladany, Hunter, and Markon did walk themselves into membership in the Centurion Club of America. John Argo for the third time did 100 miles within 24 hours having done it here in 1970 and in England in 1971. Four hours of rain Saturday afternoon was messy, but kept it cool--much better than the 90° heat of 1972. Five of the six living Centurions were here. Larry Young made a token appearance only. Knoppe and McCoun had not done any recent serious walking--Knoppe had a fairly involved leg operation a few months ago. McCoun was overweight and discovered that 100 miles requires top-notch physical conditioning--it isn't all mental. Larry O'Neil put in a valiant effort for 88 miles--his last 20 or so were painful. Over the past month he had been bitten by a Great Dane (Ed. It is obvious that a conspiracy against race walkers is operating among the dogs of America), stung on his foot in at least 33 places by yellow hornets, and had incurred a groin¹⁹ which proved to be his undoing.

Shaul Ladany--Centurion #10--has won more super long distance walks over the past few years than anyone in the world. Here in 1967 for the first 100 miler, he did 50 miles on a hot day and I'm sure that ever since he has wanted another crack at the 100. A Professor at Tel Aviv U. in operations research, he has a solid background in distance walking: five 50 mile U.S. Eastern titles, each time with a new record including a world mark of 7:23:50 in 1972; 100 km Championship in Lugano in 1972; three Loddon-to-Brighton (52½ miles) titles.

Chuck Hunter--Centurion #11--An air traffic controller, represents the Colorado T.C. A former runner fairly new to race walking. A really strong walker and gutty, started with a limp (arthritic knee), smoothed out, but never really seemed relaxed. Last 16 miles had side pains. Had tuned up with a 50 Km in 5:34:05 on Sept. 1 and 3:35:27 in the Sr. Nat. 35 Km in Seattle.

John Markon--Centurion #12--back after his 75 mile go in 1972 when the early heat set him back. An Industrial Education teacher, track and cross

country coach. 6'4", a very smooth, relaxed style, practically expressionless until he smiled with a mile to go. Represents the Long Island AC.

John Argo did it again. The snowshoe and canoe race from the far North overcame back problems to beat his previous time by 4 minutes. Over the years has had a lot of neck and back injuries from working in the "bush". Doctor told him not to do the 100 but he did anyway.

Once again it was apparent that to do 100 miles within 24 hours one has to keep moving. Of the nine living Centurions only Argo has stopped for as long as 15 or 20 minutes and he has done that only to get relief for his back. Chris Clegg (Centurion #7) by the way, was absent only because he was in Australia for their 100 mile walk. In that race, only Fred Redman, age 62, did the 100. Chris did 86½ miles in 20:04 to take second.

The race had 55 starters with 28 going 50 miles or further. Results
1. Shaul Ladany, 37, Tel Aviv, Israel 19:38:26 (1:51:15, 3:39:45, 5:30:10, 7:23:50, 9:19:11, 11:15:25, 13:17:20, 15:25:25, 17:37:45--10 mile splits) 2. Chuck Hunter, 31, Colorado TC 21:17:33 (1:57:00, 4:02:10, 6:10:24, 8:17:35, 10:28:04, 12:41:50, 14:49:50, 16:57:15, 19:06:40) 3. John Markon, 44, LIAC 21:57:40 (1:54:43, 4:01:50, 6:12:20, 8:31:20, 10:42:50, 12:53:25, 15:12:10, 17:34:40, 19:45:25) 4. John Argo, 59, Mattawa, Ontario 23:18:46 (1:52:45, 3:54:40, 6:00:52, 8:05:45, 10:14:30, 12:56:40, 15:39:15, 18:22:55, 20:52:45) 5. Larry O'Neil, 66, Kalispell, Mont. --88 miles in 19:16:45 (1:54:00, 3:49:22, 5:47:05, 7:48:20, 9:52:48, 11:59:24, 14:11:43, 16:46:00) 6. Leonard Fusen, 43, Mehlville, Mo. 78 miles 1169 yards in 24 hours 7. Bob Chapin, 41, Independence, Mo. 77 miles in 20:26:45 8. Dave Leuthold, 40, Columbia 75 miles in 18:31:00 9. Stan Smith, Des Moines, 25, 75 miles in 19:35:10 10. Al Shrik, Independence, Mo., 22, 75 miles in 21:23:50 11. Bob Graeg, 48, Shawnee Mission, Kan. 66 miles in 21:03:50 12. Augie Hirt, Columbia, 22, 57 ½ miles in 11:59:57 13. Jim Breitenbacher, 20, Columbia 52½ miles in 16:09:45 14. Ben Knoppe, St. Louis 50½ miles in 12:05 15. Carl McCoun, Great Falls, Mont. 50½ miles in 19:05:59 (did 50 in 12:29:57 and must have stopped to make a brief try later)

THIRD '73 TITLE FOR BROWN

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 28--Jerry Brown, who had already won national titles at 10 and 15 km, proved he is not just a sprint walker as he won the 30 Km title today in an excellent 2:28:12, leaving team mate Floyd Godwin 1:32 behind. Their 1-2 finish gave the Colorado TC something like their fifth team title of the year.

The race was held on a residential loop of just over 1 mile with two moderate hills per lap. An excellent course, if perhaps a bit too short of a lap for this distance. However, the weather was not excellent. The temperature was about 40 with a strong breeze at race time and halfway through stronger winds and rains came making for real chilling conditions.

Godwin took the early pace passing 5 km in 24:16 with Gary Westfield 3 seconds back and Brown four. The rest of the field was already a minute behind. At 10 Km Godwin had 49:10 to 49:12 for Brown and Westfield as the latter was beginning to feel the effort. Knowing he was in over his head for his present condition, Gary knew he had to split these two if the LIAC was to have any chance at the team title and he was hoping to find Godwin still feeling the effects of his Lugano 50 and hard travel two weeks before. Such was not the case.

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 apply the pressure with a 24:19 to pass 25 Km in 2:02:09 with a 2 minute lead. Although Floyd gained slightly over the last 5 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 Mr. Brown on this day.

The race for third went to the LIAC'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 struggled through in 30:35. Still a fine race indeed for one just starting his second year in the sport. Steve Hayden and Paul Ide walked together 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 final 10 km in 62:23 after his fast start and settled for seventh.

A tired but satisfied 8th 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 Jasionowski, the only one of the Detroit crew presently walking, in his best race in a long while if not ever. In tenth was Al Schrik, who may have finished higher had he realized his capability. 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:

1. Jerry Brown, Colorado TC 2:28:12 2. Floyd Godwin, CTC 2:29:47 3. Dan O'Connor, Long Island AC 2:38:10 4. Augie Hirt, Columbia TC 2:39:15
5. Paul Ide, Ft. Hays State and Steve Hayden, LIAC 2:41:42 7. Gary Westerfield, LIAC 2:44:38 8. Jack Mortland, Ohio TC 2:45:44 9. Leon Jasionowski, Motor City Striders 2:47:51 10. Al Schrik, Columbia TC 2:48:31 11. Dr. Christian Amoroso, Colorado TC 2:57:28 12. Mike Hale, Oklahoma Christian Col. 2:57:37 13. Roy Yarbrough, US Coast Guard 2:58:09
14. Dave Leuthold, Columbia TC 3:01:50 15. Stan Smith, Des Moines, Ia. 3:03:45 16. Chuck Hunter, Colo. TC 3:05:26 17. Leonard Busen, Colu. TC 3:08:45 18. Gary Eywaters, Burg. TC 3:10:54 19. Bruce MacDonald, un. 3:13:40 20. Jim Ereitenbacher, Columbia Col. 3:14:12 21. Ben Knoppe, St. Louis 3:33:13 22. Jim Fields, LA Striders 3:42:41 DNF: Lee Rund, Indiana Striders 13½ miles, James Hunter, Col. Col. 13½ miles, Rob Spier, CTC 20 km, Robert Rund, Ind. Striders 10½ miles, Neal Puckett, Ind. Str. 7½ miles. Team: Colorado TC--11, LIAC--14, Columbia TC--20

WOMEN'S 10 TO MINKOW

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 27--One day earlier, the women took to the Hickman H.S. track for their National 10 Km 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 14-year-old Cristy Dotseth after the first mile, which she covered in 8:34 and was never challenged. With her very fluid style she stayed under 9 minute pace until 5 miles and passed 6 in 54:23. Miss Dotseth was an equally clear second, as only our own Carol Mohanco stayed close for even the first mile (8:50 for Carol). With the good early lead she established, Carol just held off the Ozark Track Club's Gwen Eberle for third as she finished in 60:35. Team title went to Ozark. Results: 1. Ellen Minkow, un. 56:19 2. Cristy Dotseth, Green & Gold 58:48 3. Carol Mohanco, Kettering Striders 1:00:35 4. Gwen Eberle, Ozark TC

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AAU CONVENTION NOTES

The Race Walking Committee of the NAAU met in West Yellowstone, Mont. on October 8. Bob Bowman 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 that situation.

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, that is all but winners of previous championships or members of Pan-Am or Olympic teams. The standard indoor championship distance 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 check-full issue). Two records were submitted for approval with John Knifton's Outdoor Championship time of 21:36.4 approved. No action was taken on Championship best for 1 Hour of 8 miles 252 yards by Roger Mills. Nomination for the Sullivan Award was tabled because there was no truly outstanding candidate, but the right to nominate an individual following the Lugano Cup 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 Mornouth College, West Long Branch, N.J., Apr. 23
100 Km Des Moines, Iowa, no date yet
1 Hr U. of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., Apr. 14
2 Mile and 3 Mile as part of Indoor Championships, New York, Feb. 22
and Outdoor Championships, Los Angeles, June 14-15
Junior Championships:
5 Km Portland, Ore., May 12
10 Km U. Of Florida, Gainesville, June 22-23
15 Km Reno, Nev., May 10
20 Km West Long Branch, N.J., Aug. 11
25 Km Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, N.Y., May 26
1 Hr New Jersey, site and date not set
Senior "B" Championships:
10 Km Oregon, site and date not set
15 Km Inland Empire Assn., site and date not set
20 Km East Meadow, N.Y., June 9
25 Km Not awarded yet

30 Km Not awarded yet
 35 Km Chicago, Oct. 27
 40 Km Long Branch, N.J., Aug. 4
 50 Km Not awarded yet
 75 Km " " "
 100 Km " " "
 1 Hr. " " "

Those events not awarded yet are open for bid by mail to National Chairman Rutch Hammer.

Masters Championships (40 and over):

5 Km and 20 Km Gresham, Ore., July 5-7

35 Km Kalispell, Mont., no date yet

RACE WALKING RESULTS:

8 Mile, Attleboro, Mass., Sept. 9--1. Tom Knatt 64:37 2. Paul Schell 65:05 3. Steve Rebman 68:52 4. Dave Hasenfus 69:26 5. Garry Geoffrey 69:32 6. Jake Erederson 69:51 7. Tony Madeiros 70:02 8. Kevin Ryan 71:44 9. Bob Morse 73:47 10. Dennis Slattery 75:12 11. Mike Regan 77:01 12. Sig Podlozny 77:01 (19 finishers) NEAAUL Hour, Brockton, Mass., Sept. 30--1. Tom Knatt 7 mi 543 yds 2. Paul Schell 7 mi 476 yds 3. Steve Rebman 6 mi 1342 yds 4. Francis Maher 6 mi 1055 yds 5. Jake Erederson 6 mi 540 yds 6. Tony Madeiros 6 mi 527 yds 7. Kevin Ryan 6 mi 517 yds 8. Dennis Slattery 6 mi 244 yds (22 finishers) 6 Mile, Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 14--1. Jack Mortland 49:36 2. Jack Elackburn 52:49 3. Bob Smith 58:40 4. Jim Teague 58:42 5. Kevin Butler 59:25 6. Dr. John Elackburn 61:46 7. Stu ? 64:05--I forget Stu's last name. After an 8:25 first mile, Mortland threw off the challenge of a comebacking Jack Elackburn with an 8:08 on the second and managed to finish with an 8:06 final mile. A reasonable effort after an extremely rare 15 miler the day before. (Crash training for the 30 Km.) Elackburn, after his 6-month retirement is doing well after a few weeks of twice-a-week training. An excellent race for third. Smitty held it all the way but had to pull out a big kick the last quarter to hold off Teague, who has been walking just since Labor Day and showed the best style on the course. 14-year-old Kevin Butler led Teague through 3 miles and managed a 9:25 final mile to achieve his goal of 60 minutes. Smitty also covered the final mile in 9:25 as Mr. Teague burned a 9:07. 6 1/2 Mile, Worthington, Ohio, Oct. 28--1. Jack Elackburn 55:51 2. Bob Smith 60:19 3. Jim Teague 61:52 4. Good ole Stu 62:26 5. Doc Elackburn 67:24--no details on this one since I was off in Columbia. But somehow, on the above race, I forget to mention Jim's wife Bridget Teague who went 4 miles in 53:06 while some 6 months pregnant. She didn't walk the next race and is retired from racing, but not training, for the duration. Women's 6 1/2 Mile, Edwardsville, Ill., Oct. 6--1. Beth Eberle, age 13, 62:12 2. Linda Ontko, 13, 62:41 3. Bev Pakovich, 14, 67:35 4. Cinda Morrow, 13, 69:57 5. Robin Under, 16, 68:15 6. Shelley Sim, 14, 75:13--times are apparently about 2 min to 2:15 fast as the watch malfunctioned the first lap. 5 Mile, Columbia, Mo., Oct. 13--1. Augie Hirt 40:48 2. Charles Geiss 46:59 3. Dave Leuthold 47:20 4. Rob Spier 64:57 5 Mile, Columbia, Sept. 15--1. Augie Hirt 40:55 2. Jim Breitenbacher 45:45 3. Dave Leuthold 46:05 4. Charles Geiss 48:13 5. Jim Fields 51:43 6. Jim Barnhart 57:26 7. Joyce Schulte 60:38 6 Mile, Columbia, Sept. 23--1. Augie Hirt 51:11 2. Jim Breitenbacher 57:09 3. Dave Leuthold 59:10 4. Charles Geiss 60:40 5. Jim Fields 60:40 6. Gwen Eberle 61:27 7. Linda Ontko 63:24 8. Leonard Busen 64:45 9. Beth Eberle 65:10 10. J.M. Barnhart 68:39--21 finishers. Pikes Peak Marathon Walking Division, 13 miles up a dirt trail starting at 6,500 Ft. and rising to 14,200--1. Mike Dewitt 3:09 2. Dr. Chris Amoroso 3:26:12 3.

4:34:22 Women's 5 Km, Fountain Valley, Calif., Oct. 6--1. Sue Brodock 27:20 2. Teri Teegarden 28:36 3. Cindy Johnson 30:11 4. Jaydee Falkens 30:13 5. Joyce Brodock 31:07 6. Becky Villalvazo 31:31 7. Sharlene McGinley 31:48 8. April Hickey 32:06 9 1/2 Mile, Guelph, Ont., Oct. 8--1. Alex Oakley 1:14:56 2. Karl Herschenz 1:14:57 3. Roman Olszewski 1:15:56 5. Helmut Boeck 1:19:20 6. John Power 1:27:04 6. Leon Jasionowski 1:24:35 7. Pat Farrelly 1:20:03 (by the way, this was a handicap and these are actual times, if you haven't figured that out) 8. Max Gould 1:24:26.3 9. Peter Thomson 1:35:34 20 Km, St. Jean, Quebec, Sept. 29--1. Yvon Groulx 1:43:22.5 2. Helmut Boeck 1:45:37.2 3. Joel Dada 1:49:46 Women's 3 Km, same place--1. Jocelyn Richard 15:54 (it says 3 Km, but it must be 2) 2. Sylvie Fortin 17:16 3. Ja cinthe Theberge 17:31 4. Diane Boudreault 18:22 6. Johanne Laurence 20:39 5 Km, Oshawa, Ont., Sept. 30--1. Max Gould 25:40.9 2. Ron Wilkins 26:32 3. John Powers 26:58.6 4. George Braceland 28:45.6 5. Harold Hoffman 28:50.8 6. Ernie Sharpe 31:58 7. Art Keay 33:43

OVERSEAS:

XII World Deaf Games, Malmo, Swed., July 21-28--20 KM: 1. Josef Barzynski, Poland 1:39:12 .2 2. Rolf Wolfensberger, Switz. 1:44:00.6 3. was Wolfensberger in 1:44:55.2, second was Stanislav Barbuszinski, Denmark 1:44:00.6--be interesting to know if the first two are related. 4. Miura, Japan 1:46:31 5. Valtchev, Bulgaria 1:47:16.4 6. Congiusta, Italy 1:50:43.8 7. Avram, Rumania 1:53:27.6 8. Dutta, India 1:56:20.6 Kenyan 50 Km, Sept. 30--1. Elisha Kasuku 5:14:02 2. Igoitila 5:18:51 3. David Kuryeo 5:23:20 4. Patrick Wanyana 5:30:24 5. Maurice Motindi 5:37:00 Kenyan Women's 26 Km, Sept. 30--1. Helen Nyamhera 3:10:23 2. Mona Lisa Macharia 3:11:58 3. Angelina Joram 3:28:29--Temperature 75 and altitude 5800 feet for these races 3 Km, London, Aug. 18--1. Ken Carter 13:28.4 5 Km, London, Aug. 18--1. Peter Marlow 21:55.6 London-toBrighton 52 1/2 miles, Sept. 1--1. Dr. Shaul Ladan, Israel 7:57:27 2. Peter Selby 8:10:40 3. Gerd Schuth, W.G. 8:41:49 4. J. Toehill 8:45:33 5. N. Simmons 8:48:39 6. Dave Boxall 8:53:28 7. J. May 8:57:52 8. M. Elyth 8:59:07 Swedish 20 Km, Appelbo, Aug. 5--1. Hans Tenggren 1:33:34.2 2. Stefan Ingvarsson 1:34:16 3. Kare Koen 1:35:31.6 Swedish 5 Km, Appelbo, Aug. 4--1. Tenggren 21:39.8 2. Thomas Glans 22:09 3. Kare Koen 22:36 Swedish Junior 3 Km, Appelbo, Aug. 4--1. Arne Nilsson 12:42 .2 Swedish Women's 3 Km, Appelbo, Aug. 4--1. Eivor Johansson 14:25 2. Elisabeth Olsson 14:30 3. Brit Jonsson 14:35 4. Margaretha Simu 14:40 5. Britt Holmquist 14:45 6. Margareta Olsson 15:20 Swedish Junior Women's 3 Km, Appelbo, Aug. 5--1. Siv Gustafsson 14:50.8 2. Monica Karlsson 14:57 Swedish 50 Km, Vretstorp, Sept. 19--1. Hans Tenggren 4:22:26 2. Stefan Ingvarsson 4:25:51 3. Owe Hemingsson 4:26:29 4. Orjan Andersson 4:32:09 Swedish 10 Km (track), Vretstorp, Sept. 17--1. Tenggren 44:31 2. Kare Koen 45:32 3. Owe Hemingsson 45:58 Swedish Women's 5 Km (track), Vretstorp, Aug. 17--1. Brit Jonsson 24:59 2. Margareta Simu 25:11 3. Elisabeth Olsson 25:15 4. Eivor Johansson 25:23 5. Britt Holmquist 26:07 6. Margareta Olsson 26:10 Women's 10 Km (road), Alvdalen, Swed., June 20--1. Elisabeth Olsson 50:47 (also did 1:45:58 20 Km two weeks earlier but course reported as short) 10 Km (road), Orebro, Swed., June 6--(no, Valskog, May 23)--1. Margaretha Simu 52:03 Swedish Women's 10 Km (track), Vretstorp, Aug. 19--1. Brit Jonsson 52:50 2. Brit Holmquist 53:18 3. Eivor Johansson 53:42 4. Margaretha Simu 54:54 5. Elisabeth Olsson 55:05 6. Ann-Marie Larsson 55:39 Women's 20 Km (road), Copenhagen, Sept. 22 (says exact in parenthesis, which may mean exact)--1. Margareta Simu

1:47:09.8 (27:48, 53:52.6, 1:20:31.8) 2. Britt Holmquist 1:51:05.8
 3. Ann-Marie Larsson 1:56:13.8 Lugano Cup Zone Elimination, Grandisca, Italy, Sept. 8-9: 20 Km--1. Armando Zamboldo, Italy 1:36:46.8 2. Victor Campos, Spain 1:37:53.8 3. Stefan Tzukev, Bulgaria 1:38:08.8 50 Km--1. Vittorio Visini, Italy 4:22:43.8 2. Rosario Valore, Italy 4:22:45.4 3. Simeon Gerasijev, Bulg. 4:28:41.2 4. Antal Kiss, Hung. 4:31:48.2
 Tea ms: 1. Italy--104 2. Poland--83 3. Bulgaria--79 4. Czechoslovakia 57 5. Spain 56 6. Hungary--48 7. Switzerland--29 30 Km, Rome, Sept. 11.--1. Aidon Pamich 2:23:10 2. Armando Zamboldo 2:26:15 3. Pasquale Busca 2:28:58 4. Domenico Carpentieri 2:29:30 20 Km, Barcelona, Spain, July 21--1. Armando Zamboldo, Italy 1:31:46.6 2. Vittorio Visini, Italy 1:32:12.2 20 Km (track), Riga, USSR, Sept. 2--1. Clav Laiv 1:30:39.4 10 Km (track), London, Sept. 22--1. Roger Hills 43:51.2 2. John Warhurst 44:33.8 3. Hans Tenggren, Swed. 44:48.8 Women's 10 Km (track), Welwyn Garden City, Eng., Aug. 21--1. Christine Coleman 52:50 238.9 Km, Martigny-Keyrin, Switz., Aug. 8-9 (that's nearly 150 miles)--1. Yevgeniy Lyungin, USSR 25:06.4 2. Serpiy Grigoryev, USSR 25:18:32 3. Aleksey Troitsky, USSR 25:20:14 4. Alfred Ladell, Switz. 26:21:27 5. Hannes Koch, WG 27:27:32--Oh, Wow! Just time I get 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 Lyungin's best performances being 68:23 over a 15 km stage, 3:38:40 for 42 3/4 Km and 42:02 for 9.8 km. Other places were: 6. H. Otto, WG 27:27:25 7. Colin Young 27:48:36--always to be found where these type of maniacal events are going on. 100 Mile, Bristol, Eng., Sept. 21-22 (road)--1. Dave Foxall 18:42:23 2. A. Peters, Netherlands 19:12:13 3. G. Tranter 19:15:00 4. P. Daymond 20:13:42 5. A. Van Doremalen, Neth. 20:28:28 6. F. Baker 20:38:40 7. D. Nelson, Neth. 20:43:20 8. W. Maxwell 20:52:09 9. J. Wivjerter, Neth. 20:58:44 10. W. Mansvelt, Neth. 21:03:50--36 finished inside 2 4 hours, which, I guess, makes us over here look rather sick. 25 Km, Carneau, France, Sept. 22--1. Ron Laird 2:04:56 2. Alec Lanyard, Eng. 2:08:50 3. M. Taddeo, Italy 2:09:32 4. J-P. Gramung, Fr. 2:09:52 5. D. David, Fr. 2:10:08 6. Colin Young, Eng. 2:10:26 1 Hour, Highgate, Eng., Sept. 22--1. Gilly Flynn 13,084 meters (8 miles 209 yds) 2. Eric Taylor 12,996 m 3. Carl Lawton 12,827 m 4. Shaun Lightman 12,815 5. Geoff Toone 12,667 m 6. E. Crompton 12,531 m 7. Bob Chaplain 12,483 8. John Webb 12,467 m 9. Ray Middleton 12,428 m 10. D. Stevens 12,421 m 2 Mile, Fortland, Ore., Oct. 27--1. Doug Van Keer 17:01 2. Ken Fowler 18:44 3. Don Jacobs 18:46

Another Oh, Wow! I found the missing Lugano Cup and Airola-Chiasso results. Other placers in the Lugano 50 were: 17. Leo Frey, WG 4:20:29.2 18. Orjan Andersson, Sweden 4:21:06 19. Ray Middleton, GB 4:22:25...21. Erik Wypick, Pol. 4:25:06.2 22. Prando Vecchio, Italy 4:25:43.2 23. Bob Dobson, GB 4:27:31.4...26. Stanislaw Korneluk, Pol. 4:32:27.8 27. Alex Cakley, Canada 4:34:05.6 28. Max Sjöholm, Swed. 4:34:47 29. Bo Fransson Swed. 4:36:11.1 30. Mike Holmes, GB 4:37:54.0 31. Stanislaw Chwiej, Pol 4:39:05.6 32. Pat Farrelly, Can. 4:40:55 33. Karl Werschensch 4:48:03.4 The initial pace was quite leisurely with Kannenberg hitting 10 km in 49:13. Weidner was a second back and each of the three Russians another 2 records back. Bob Kitchen was 6th in 49:21, Knifton 24th, Godwin 27th and Weigle 28th. Kannenberg tried to open it up the next 10 with a 47:27 but there were still 11 people within 40 seconds of him. Kitcehn was now 12th in 1:39:49.3, Knifton 19th, Godwin and Weigle 26th and 27th in 1:42:39. Ka nenberg backed off to 48:20 and Bartsch led him by a half

second at 30 Km in 2:24:59.8. Svenkov 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-Weigle tandem in 22nd with 2:33:52.4, 2:34:10.1 and 2:34:10.8. It was then that Ka nenberg made his strong move described earlier and eventually proved the strongest. Knifton meanwhile moved to 13th at 40 Km and although finishing reasonably strongly (54:08) he was caught by a strong move by Schubert on the final lap. Godwin and Weigle stayed together until 40 but Bill could not hold it the final 10. Kitchen revived somewhat on the last lap and walked it faster than his fourth.

In the relay the next day there were new records established on each of the five legs. With Stadtmuller and Zscheigler establishing two of those on the first two legs, which are the longest legs and cover half the race, the East Germans were never challenged. None of their other three walkers had the fast times on their legs but then they were walking without competition. Reportedly, the East Germans showed their usual impeccable style, which is certainly not the norm for this race.

Stadtmuller covered the opening 27 km in 2:04:44 to establish a 4 1/2 minute lead and Zscheigler's 2:12:51 for 30 km (reportedly a short 30) lengthened 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 Weidner as he covered the 15 km, most uphill, in 1:05:30. Vittorio Visini and Chris Hohne were second and third fastest with 1:05:51 and 1:05:59 as none of the three seemed to be bothered by their fast 50 the day before. Bob Henderson walked an excellent 1:07:27 for seventh fastest as the U.S. remained 8th. On the fourth leg of 18 km, Heinz Mayr, disqualified in the Lugano 20, streaked to a record 1:25:15. Peter Selzer's 1:28:36 kept the East Germans out of danger and Bill Ranney 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 went to Romania's Constantin Stan in 1:50:22. Reimann walked a solo 1:52:45 to bring East Germany home and Todd Scully blistered a 1:54:52 to bring the U.S. in sixth. Final places were: 1. DDR 8:44:55 (record) 2. Poland 8:53:13 3. Rumania 8:55:34 4. West Germany 9:03:00 5. Sweden 9:06:22 6. USA 9:14:19 7. Italy 9:14:52 8. Eintracht Sports Club, Frankfurt 9:23:31 9. Centro Lasio, Italy 9:23:45 10. Great Britain 9:23:47 11. Lombardia, Italy 9:39:25 12. Switzerland 9:39:06 13. Metropolitan Police, London 9:40:01 14. Urania Sports Club, Augsburg 9:50:04 15. London A 10:00:29 (23 teams in all)

 WOMEN'S 10 Km (cont.)
 1:00:39 5. Elisa Haire, Colo. TC 1:02:37 6. Robin Ondes, Ozark 1:03:07 7. Stella Pala marchuk, un. 1:03:10 8. Bev Pakovich, Czark 1:04:42 9. Shelley Sim, Ozark 1:05:21 10. Gerry Danmer, Ozark 1:05:40 11. Pam Arth, Ozark 1:07:40 12. Kay Firsching 1:12:09 13. Joyce Schulte 1:13:01 14. Judy Hyten 1:13:09 15. Joan Hirt 1:13:53 16. Verona Hale 1:21:14 17. Pam Simms 1:21:27 18. Helen Hall 1:21:56 Team: Ozark TC "A"--6, Ozark TC "B"--12, Columbia Track Club--21
 Girl's 2 Mile at same time: 1. Beth Eberle, age 13, Ozark TC 18:29 2. Linda Ontko, 13, OTC 18:32 3. Cinda Morrow, 13, OTC 19:55 4. Janet Leuthold, 13, Columbia TC 22:13

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- Sun. Nov. 11--New Jersey and Open 20 Mile, Long Branch, 1 p.m. (D)
Mo. Valley 50 Km, Renz Prison Farm, 9 a.m. (A)
5 Mile, Des Moines, Ia., 1:30 p.m. (H)
- Sat. Nov. 17--10 Km, Hickman Track, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (A)
- Sun. Nov. 18--Met. AAU 20 Km (track), 5 Km Open, somewhere, 1:30 p.m. (Z)
10 Mile Hdcp, Long Branch, N.J. (D)
6 Mile, Richland, Ia., 2 p.m. (H)
- Thurs. Nov. 22--5 Mile, Des Moines, Ia., 9:00 a.m. (H)
- Sun. Nov. 25--Coney Island 10 Mile Hdcp, 2 Mile Women, Brooklyn, N.Y., 10
- Sat. Dec. 1--Mo. Valley 20 Km, Hickman Track, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (A)
Marathon, Seattle, 10 a.m. (S)
- Sun. Dec. 2--Pac. AAU 20 Mile (G)
- Sun. Dec. 9--3 Mile Hdcp., 1320 yd. Grade School, Boulder, Colo., 1 pm (B)
- Sat. Dec. 15--10 Mile, Cosmo Park, Columbia, Mo., 8:30 a.m. (A)
5 Km, Seattle, 10 a.m. (S)
- Sat. Dec. 22--PMW 15 Km, Kent, Wash. (S)
- Sun. Dec. 30--New Year's Eve 20 Km, San Francisco area (G)

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FROM HEEL TO TOE---Odds and ends from the race walking world---For those of you who have been missing the Gaa no Press, which hasn't been seen for many months, the word is that Greg Diebold is deeply in love, planning to enter the world of marital bliss shortly, and has no time for such mundane matters. Nor is he doing any walking himself...the Long Island AC assault on the Colorado Track Club's 24 hour relay record never came off because of trouble in locating a track that could be used around the clock with lights and all but they still hope to do it sometime early next year. Matter of fact, there was talk in a motel room in Columbia of the two clubs holding races simultaneously with a telephone hookup to monitor each other's progress. And then further talk of making it a real national with simultaneous races at several sites. Anyone interested should contact Steve Hayden or Floyd Godwin, address above. (Actually, Gary Westerfield and Jerry Brown were doing the talking, but their addresses aren't above)...Ron Laird is now working in Hamburg as an aircraft engineer, a job for which he has no qualifications, other than his well known ability to con himself into such situations....Todd Scully, meanwhile, is living with a bunch of black snakes somewhere in the backwoods or Virginia. Seems he has an ideal situation in a big old farmhouse except for these snakes, who apparently have squatters rights. They are as scared of Todd as he is of them but also equally stubborn, apparently. So, Todd sleeps with the lights on to keep them out of bed and tries to avoid them the rest of the time....Larry Young is quite busy with school and managing a large apartment building and has little time for training at present but hopes to be back soon. He also plans to do what ever he can to help reinstate walking in the Olympics....Chuck Hunter, who did so well in the 100 miler, is an air-traffic controller and feels the extreme mental discipline demanded by that job stood him well in going the whole 100....Goets Klopfer is reportedly retired, but

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 the fate of race walking. Perhaps it is not. At least the sponge need not be thrown in yet. There are several possible courses of action. Before pursuing these possibilities, let us look briefly at why and how this ridiculous situation has come about.

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 look at ways of achieving this. They were either to cut the number of events or competitors per event. To the IAAF, kingspins 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 ~~letter~~ *letter* to Athletics Weekly, supposedly justifying the action, the Marquess 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 walk) on balance would be less harmful than any other. The Congress agreed."

The only other action considered, according to the Marquess, was limiting entries per country to two rather than three. So it is less harmful to knock walkers out all together than to make it a bit tougher for all 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 out in the cold. Or one or two events from the 800, 1500, 3000SC, 5000, 10,000, and marathon array would still leave these athletes other events to turn to. We could not even complain in too 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.

Further, one might ask what has really been gained by eliminating the walking races, or the few other events that were dropped? With some athletes doubling, 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, couldn't much more be gained by eliminating team sports, which are completely out of line with the supposed deemphasis of nationalism anyway (said deemphasis 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 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?

Letters can still help and the addresses I gave you last month are still the key ones. The more mail these people get advising them in a rational manner of the way they have erred the more they will be inclined to take a second look. Both Jim Hanley and Hank Klein had already sent off excellent letters as my last issue was going to press and although they were too late to stave off the Varna action, I am sure their impact will be felt if many more follow.

Along this line, the Race Walking Committee at the National Convention prepared the following letter addressed to Ollan Cassell, Executive Director of the AAU:

"The Race Walking Committee of the AAU at its annual meeting held in West Yellowstone on October 8, 1973 requests the AAU to transmit the essence of this letter to the IAAF and the IOC. We wish to express our strong objections to the deletion of the 50 Km Walk from the Olympic Program.

1. The Olympic Games are for individuals.
2. These events are the ultimate world championships and as individual events are represented by most members of the IAAF and nationally conducted with minimum expense.
3. Race Walking events with the marathon are the only events viewed by the public outside the stadium and can be conducted with minimum efforts and greatest spectator participation. Traffic problems can be easily handled.

"The US athletes request a review of the events to be contested in the Olympic Games consistent with the above considering that Race Walking events cover all ages and have been established since the inception of the Olympic Games.

"We ask that these matters be placed on the agenda at the next congress of the IAAF and supported by our representatives."

A letter forwarding this request to the IAAF and IOC was prepared by the AAU.

Another possible approach other than bundles of letters to the high people is to work in some way through the Montreal Organizing Committee, using our race walking colleagues in Canada however possible. Requests of the Organizing Committee for specific events are generally given high regard. The problem may be in convincing the Organizing Committee that they want a 50 km walk. They already had schedules of events out before the Varna action excluding the 50 Km walk, so apparently they expected and were quite willing to this final action. Also, getting them to add the 50 km just for Montreal does nothing to color the bleak picture of no walks thereafter.

Gary Westerfield suggested the possibility of working through the Canadian Track & Field Association to stage an Invitational 50 Km in Montreal a few days after the 20 but completely independent of the Olympics, the idea being to stage a really first class event and perhaps embarrass the IOC into seeing the error of their ways. Looking even further, the ideas of Elliott Derman might be considered. In a recent letter, he first suggests the ideal of working through the Organizing Committee, then continues:

"But the lessons of the slap-in-the-face by the IAAF (at its recent meeting in Edinburgh) and the IOC at Varna must be heeded by all in race walking.

"Basically, I feel it is time that we in race walking, which is a most viable sport and growing worldwide all the time, went our own way and divorced ourselves from the current ruling bodies of track and field. We have seen what has happened when race walking existed as an appendage to the balance of T&F:

No. 1--The U.S. Delegate to the IAAF (and aged gentleman from New York who has done a good job over the years but obviously should have been forcibly retired years ago) apparently didn't bother to stand up and say a word in defense of our right to stay in the Olympics; he merely sat there and listened they tell me; incredibly, I've also been told there was not even an official protest to the IAAF by the the IAAF's own race walking commission, led by Palle Lassen.

No. 2--The IAAF, looking for somebody to pick on to comply with IOC requests to trim down, didn't look very far--going straight to race walking to fall victim....Therefore, in view of race walking's status within the IAAF, the sport of track and field obviously does not want us and if that's the kind of representation the IAAF is going to give us in international meetings, then who in heck needs them.

No. 3--We must make a searching study of race walking's status within the AAU of the USA. Since the AAU was race walking's delegate to the IAAF, you can see the favor they've done to us by their representation. If race walking is indeed to stay within the AAU framework, I feel it should be as a sport apart from track and field. I think basic changes must be made in our setup within the AAU anyway...the AAU insists on staging its conventions in resort cities like West Yellowstone--and amazingly, next year in Spain. We race walkers just cannot--by and large--take a week off and go to the expense of attending conventions in the strangest places and at the strangest times. I recommend that the entire committee setup be changed so that a more logical meeting setup is established. Perhaps one NAAU Sr. race can be awarded to a Central USA city each year and efforts be made to get all interested parties to the race and the walker's own convention to be staged in conjunction with it.....

"It looks like we need a little Boston Tea Party of our own to establish our independence from people who care not for our interests.

My great idea is for 1) race walking to establish an annual World Championship meet of its own--awards to be both individual and team, with several different races, catering to all aspects of the sport--Men, Youth, Juniors, Masters, and Women. Let's stage this every year--changing from continent to continent each time. We can easily find promoters--and I'm sure the travel funds can be had somehow. We would soon be the envy of the balance of T&F if we made a success of this project.....

"....And we can't go begging to the IAAF for approval to hold such a meet--we must go right ahead and do it--because we now see what the IAAF thinks of us. Let's have a whole week of action--say including men's 10, 20, 50, 100, and 200 Km and similar variety within the other divisions....2) Eventually for race walking to band together with other "have not" sports....and join up with the pros too....I hereby recommend to some promoter the establishment of the "expansion Olympics"... They could eventually become the greatest sporting attraction in the world....."

Well I had to cut that short, because there is just no more space. I leave out any comment on the above, very interesting letters from Ron Laird and Colin Young on other subjects, and Bruce MacDonald's report on USOC activities related to race walking. Hopefully, these can be included next month if you can wait that long.