Seattle's Dean Ingram, a dentist by trade, was elected to succeed Jack Bok as NAU Race Walking Chairman during the RW committee meeting at the NAU Convension in Phoenix on October 11. Dean has been an active administrator on both the local and national level for several years and brings a good deal of enthusiasm and determination to the job.

He has already selected Bob Bowman as secretary, a position needed in the past, and has asked Martin Rudow, Ron Kulik, Ron Daniel, Joe Duncan, and your editor to serve on an advisory executive board, as he seeks to keep in close touch with the "real world" of race walking. He has also appointed Bowman to succeed Bruce MacDonald as the U.S. Olympic Committee representative. Dean is interested in communication, so let me give you his address: Dean Ingram, 507 Cobb Building, Seattle, WA 98101.

The Annual Ron Zinn Award to the country's outstanding race walker for the year, provided by Chicago's Green & Gold AC, went to Ron Laird, with Larry Young and Todd Scully following in the voting. Green & Gold has also added awards this year for the Outstanding Administrator and the Outstanding RW Association in the nation. The former was awarded to the erudite editor of the august monthly publication known in the vernacular as the ORW, one J.E. Mortland. It is always nice to have one's efforts recognized and I certainly appreciate the honor. But from my editorial chair, I have to disagree with the award if for no other reason than that I don't count myself an administrator. Others in the running for this award were Mike Riban, Bill Clark, Joe Tigerman, Elliott Denman (who would have gotten my vote), and Larry Larson. The award for Outstanding Association went to Missouri Valley over New Jersey, Central, and Wisconsin. I should have thought Potomac Valley was very much in the running for this award, as well.

Another important item of business was the awarding of Championship races for 1977. Here they are, with some dates and exact sites still undecided, so start planning your travel:

Senior
10 km—Central Association—Chicago—May 28
15 km—So. Pacific—date and site to be set
20 km—Pacific NW—Seattle—May 14
25 km—Potomac Valley—?—late June (Washington, D.C.)
30 km—Missouri Valley—Columbia—Oct 4
35 km—Pacific—?—April 3
40 km—New Jersey—Long Branch—July 31
50 km—Missouri Valley—Columbia—June 4
75 km—New Jersey—?—April 17 (or May 1 or 31)
100 km—Rocky Mountain—?—Date to be set
1 hour—New England to administer on a postal basis from June 1—Oct 31
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Henry Laskau was the manager of the U.S. team for the World 50 Km Championships in Malmo and the following details are taken from his report. The race was contested in cool, rainy weather. Our team was hurt by the fact that they arrived in Malmo only the day before the competition whereas most competitors had been there for about a week. Joe Lough and lack of sleep did not help. It should also be noted that there was no financial help from either the AAU or Olympic Committee. Each athlete was responsible for his own expenses.

Beyond the financial problems, the lack of official support also caused embarrassment to Henry, and probably the team members during the opening parade. With all other teams resplendent in their National garb, the U.S. was decked out in their local togs since no uniforms had been provided.

The race was held on a 10 Km loop passing through the Smidiurn on each. Floyd Godwin's failure to finish was due to a hamstring pull at about 15 Km with Henry finally making him drop at 35 rather than hurting himself more.

THE BUITISTA FLAP

As noted last month, Athletics Weekly (British) ran a picture several issues back showing Daniel Bautista clearly off the ground as he walked his final lap on the track at Montreal. Apparently this picture first appeared in a London Sunday paper of the sensational variety with a rather lengthy article to the effect that the Olympic gold obviously went to the wrong man. Joe Fugger, who was not at all pleased with the judging in Malmo, was quoted at length in the article. Joe also felt that all three East Germans should have been tossed.

In any case, the picture has created quite a stir in British race walking circles. However, the furor is largely in defense of Bautista and opposed to those who are putting him down off the evidence of a single picture. Perhaps surprising in light of their tradition of very strict judging, Athletics Weekly devoted several pages to letters on the subject. Perhaps we can summarize what has been said, most of which is quite sensible.

Actually, the catalyst for most of these letters was one which appeared in the Sept. 25 issue from a John Bale. Mr. Bale thought that Bautista should be disqualified after the fact because of the evidence presented by the picture. He then went on to state that "walking races" is a contradiction in terms since racing involves getting to the line first and running in the fast way to do so. Such races, he feels, should be abolished from all serious competition. He concluded, "I really think we need seriously question the continued existence of this bizarre form of 'unnatural racing.' As one might guess, this did not set well with the British race-walking fraternity.

To begin with, in the same issue, Alan Buchanan, Race Walking Record Editor, had already come to Bautista's defense, responding to the original newspaper article. Mr. Buchanan noted that the camera can, of course, catch what the naked eye cannot. However, he says, "The whole criterion of race walking at speed should be that the walker should look to be walking fairly. In the case of Daniel Bautista, I have yet to hear of anyone who had anything but admiration for his fluent style and strength. Personally, I have been lapped him and watched him from the trackside prior to the Olympics and would readily advise youngsters whom I coach to use his technique as a guide to what fast walking is all about."

He goes on, "In my position as honorary editor of Race Walking Record, I have received several pictures in recent years of walkers breaking contact. Significantly they are all of walkers who are renowned and respected as good stylists. Indeed I have photos of those considered the best male and female technicians in the world breaking contact. All it proves is that the human eye cannot see everything and there are moments when the best looking stylists can be photographed off the ground."

Three weeks later, Athletics Weekly ran 10 letters replying to Mr. Bale, only one of which supported him at all. There were several of other replies. One thing pointed out in several of these letters was that Bautista had just come off the road, down a rather steep concrete ramp, and then on to the tartan track, a bouncy surface at best but completely different than what he had been on. Under these conditions, and when walking at sub 7-minute pace after 12 miles, it is not surprising that one might be thrown off one or even being off by a few strides. A little more surprising if one were not thrown off. There was also considerable discussion of Mr. Bale's definition of racing and his use of the terms "unnatural" and "bizarre" in relation to race walking. Obviously you don't get to the line as quickly with wooden barriers in the way, so the hurdle and steeplechase must also go, if we are to follow Bale's line of reasoning. And if we are to speak of "bizarre" and "unnatural", what in the world is natural about putting the shot, throwing the discus, triple jumping, or even soaring up in the air on your back. Really, the only natural events in the track and field program are the flat runs, the javelin, and the long jump. And as a letter from Terry Morris points out, and as I have discussed in these pages in the past, race walking is actually a natural extension of street walking. It may look a bit bizarre, but in no way is it unnatural.

Now, while on this subject, Dean Ingram reports that films shown at the National convention showed the Olympic walkers almost to a man off the ground. This was especially true on a downhill portion of the course. Dean notes that it is too bad "as they looked relatively good with few exceptions until someone got them off on a frame of the movie film." I tend to say, so what? Brian Adams has said in one of those Athletics Weekly letters: "We are aware that Bautista has managed to evade the judges better than he has. If other walkers did not believe the same, they would not continue to compete."

My feelings precisely. As I see it, the only feasible level of judging is what qualified competent individuals can see with the naked eye and what they can feel. As I have discussed in these pages in the past, there is no constructive purpose to constantly scrutinize film after the fact and then question the competency of the judges and the integrity of the walkers is grossly unfair. From all reports, about 99 percent of the qualified observers in Montreal thought that most walkers in the race, and Bautista in particular, looked like race walkers should. (Until they had already watched them film, and up by 4 a.m. but this is the level of judgement accepted..."

And Terry Morris has said, "When I compete, I am satisfied that those who beat me do so because they are better than me on the day, not because they have managed to evade the judges better than I have. If other walkers did not believe the same, they would not continue to compete."

In conclusion, the only feasible level of judging is what qualified competent individuals can see with the naked eye and what they can feel.
Sat. Nov. 13—5 Km, OTC Distance Carnival, Columbus, Ohio (Contact your editor. Note change from date of Nov. 20 listed last month.)

Sun. Nov. 14—4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Brighton, IA, 2 p.m. (J)

Sun. Nov. 15—Kings Point, N.Y., 9 a.m. (A)

Sun. Nov. 21—AAU "11" 25 Km, Chicago (G)

Sun. Nov. 22—AAU Masters 35 Km, Houston (O)

Sun. Nov. 29—U.S. Olympic Trials, Columbus, Ohio (Contact the editor)

Sun. Dec. 5—1 Mile, AAU 10 Km, Kings Point, N.Y., 9 a.m. (A)

Sun. Dec. 12—5 Km, Lakeland, FL, 8 a.m. (C)

Fri. Dec. 17—1 Mile Hdp., New York, 6 p.m. (A)

Sat. Dec. 18—10 Mile Mile, Columbia, MO., 9 a.m. (D)

Sun. Dec. 19—4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Newton, IA, 2 p.m. (J)

Sun. Dec. 26—20 Km, Boone, IA, 2 p.m. (J)

Wed. Dec. 29—1 Mile Hdp., Reston, VA., 1 p.m. (E)

Fri., Dec. 31—Probable New Year's Walk in Detroit (X) and Springfield or Columbus (Contact the editor)

Every Wednesday—5 Mile, Lowell, Mass. (T)

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The above is a schedule of upcoming races, which I notice I neglected to honor with any sort of a head or title.

FROM HEEL TO TOE

A first for the Ohio Racewalker—my wife answered the door one afternoon to find a weary traveler looking for the offices of the Ohio Racewalker. The gentleman was driving from New Jersey to Arizona with his family and stopped in the Buckeye capital just to find this Mecca of the race-walking world. No one has ever sought out the ORW offices before. It was so exciting that Marty had to call me at work to tell me. Actually, she wondered what I was charging for back issues since he was interested in taking a few. Well, anyone who seeks out the ORW while traveling across country has earned many back copies. And Leonard Wos, of Phoenix, took one of about number that was available. He is just starting in walking and learned of the ORW through John Allen. All of which brings me to the fact that lack issues of the ORW are available. We have extra copies of numbers back to October 1966, when we went from ditto to monograph. As a matter of fact, except for the most recent issues for which I still get occasional requests, I have recently out the back issue file down to a matter of tens. All of the other copies are in the office. All of the other copies are in the office. The first of the year if someone doesn't ask for them. However, unlike Leonard who called in person, you can't have them free. Postage and handling, you know. (Whatever handling is. But all good mail order outfits and publishers charge for it and I don't want to look like I don't know what I'm doing.) Therefore, I announce that back issues of the Ohio Racewalker are available for 20¢ per copy as long as they last. Again, I can only give you a few copies. And Leonard Wos, even on his address label... Dave Romansky is interested in trying to develop women's walking in the East and would like to hear from anyone who shares this concern. His address is 51 Quaker Road, Pennsville, NJ 08070...Nothing further on the flap over the Junior 3 Km except that I received entry blanks for another Junior 3 in Pittsburgh on Nov. 6. What this does to Steve O'Brien's win in the earlier "title" race, I don't know. Apparently, the matter came up at the National Committee but without resolution. A sorry situation, and I get further evidence that the whole mess is a result of internal squabbling and politicking in the Allegheny Mountain Association. Bickering that has nothing directly to do with race walking but is causing problems here as well as in other sports... Regarding Tom Kratt's disagreements over travel expenses with his association, we have a copy of a letter to Tom from Ollan Cassell, Executive Director of the AAU. Without repeating the whole letter, I think the final paragraph will give you a good idea of the response Tom got. "I probably haven't answered your question the way I would like to have it answered, but there are many times that the answers I receive are not exactly the type of answer I would like to receive. To me, that is life!" And, some results just in: Iowa 40 Km,
solving ties from Santa Barbara, and now one of the best in the world, is on his way to award the victory to the team with the highest placed finisher. In either system, the usual method of scoring in walking races, there being two systems in vogue. Our National races used cross-country types of scoring, where the low score wins. In walking, however, a team consists of three, not five scorers. In this system, each scorer receives the same number of points as his finish in the position. For example, a team finishing 1, 3, and 7 earned a score of 11 points and would beat a team finishing 2, 4, and 12 points. The British also use this system but have further scored for fifth, with the center fighters. The scoring system of the Lugano Cup Championships (the International team championships) in 1961 was introduced, which, to me, is preferable on a couple of counts. This system is also based on three men but is devised so that the high score wins. The winner of the race is awarded one more point than the number of competitors in the race, i.e. in a seven-man race, which would include 21 competitors, the winner would get 22 points. Second place is then awarded 20, third 19, fourth 18, and so on to one point for 21st place. This award is made to a fourth entry to the team scoring, or, maybe, a team whose only entry is disqualified (or even two when four-man teams are competing) to still figure prominently in the team scoring, non-finishers being awarded zero points. (With inverse, or cross-country, scoring, a team must finish all three competitors to be included in team scoring.) In Lugano scoring, a team with two very high finishers has a good shot at the title even though they don't finish a third man, for whatever reason. This system appears to be used in most international matches and is also used in the unofficial Women's World Championships. In either system, the usual method of scoring is to award the victory to the team with the highest placed individual. In meets that involve more than one race, as the Lugano Cup, the longer race is generally used as the tie-breaker. Bob Hines sends along a news clipping on one Flanell L. Wingo, the best backwoods walker in the world. Wingo, from Santa Barbara, and now 81 years old, set his usual record of 45 years ago when he started from Santa Monica and wound up 18 months, 9 days, and 4,000 backwoods miles later in San Francisco. He had planned to go around the world but was stopped by visa problems that prevented his entering several Asian countries. He was able to sail the Atlantic, but was very careful to walk up and down the gangplank backwards. Recently, he came out of retirement for a backwoods biennial walk from San Francisco to Santa Monica. Flanell is listed in the Guinness Book of Records and has his wax figure in Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum in San Francisco, Mr. Hines comments thusly on the venerable Mr. Wingo's record: "I don't want to discredit the gentleman and his feats (feats?) (most 81-year-olds have trouble walking frontwards let alone backwards); however, it can probably be stated that he is the only man I can think of who is unchallenged because he is simply unchallenged. I might suggest that if a few others decide to challenge him (and if he sees his championship in jeopardy) that he consider walking across the country side-ways. This would allow him to remain an unchallenged champion."

LOOKING BACK

10 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1966 ORW) — Larry Young suddenly emerged as the country's great hope at 50 Km with a victory in the National in Chicago. Pulling away from Alex Oakley in the final 3 miles, Larry recorded the second best time ever by an American, 4:38:24. Oakley folded completely in the last 2 miles and finished nearly 1:30 behind the race leader. In 4:43:06, Ron Daniel clos •...