Indianapolis--Racewalking had the privilege of crowning history's first official International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) indoor track and field champion in the Indianapolis Hoosierdome on Friday, March 6. The Soviet Union's diminutive Olga Krishtop exploded over the final 300 meters and won the 5 Km walk at the inaugural World indoor meet. In the process, the pert 19-year-old Krishtop shattered the world indoor record, finishing in 12:05.49—a 6:29.2 per mile pace. The previous best was Giuliana Salce's 12:31.57 two years ago. The Italian girl finished second in Indianapolis with 12:36.76.

The following day, another Soviet, Mikhail Shchennilov added another world mark in taking the 5 Km—a race he won by a whisker in a controversial finish.

In the women's race, Australia's Kerry Saxby, responsible for making the fast pace, was disqualified after Krishtop passed her with a lap and a half to go on the fast 200-meter, banked track. Saxby, ranked number one in the world at 10 Km in 1986, took the lead at the start and appeared determined to put the race out of reach early. She went through the first 200 in 46 seconds and 400 in 1:34. However, Krishtop stayed right at her heels as they quickly opened a decisive gap on the rest of the field.

By 800 meters (3:11 for Saxby), three distinct races were in progress. With Saxby and Krishtop 25 to 30 meters clear of the field, Dana Vavracova of Czechoslovakia, Canada's Ann Peel, and Salce were waging a battle for the third medal. Another 30 meters behind them, Maryanne Torrellas led a pack of six or seven ladies.

Saxby passed 1000 meters in 4:00, 1600 in 6:26, and 2000 in 8:05, but couldn't shake her determined opponent. With 3 laps to go, Saxby was obviously struggling to hold her pace, evidently to the detriment of her form, while Krishtop was gliding along, simply waiting for the time to make her move. That came with 320 meters to go. She accelerated sharply and was quickly ahead of Saxby and pulling away. Saxby had no answer, and the race was quickly over, regardless of the subsequent DQ. Still looking smooth, the Soviet girl covered her last 200 in about 44 seconds to win a well-deserved title. Saxby was given the red flag as she crossed the line with a lap to go.

In the race for third, Vavracova opened up a gap in the middle stages. However, Salce, who went by Peel at the 1600 meter mark, caught the Czech with 4 laps to go. Peel stayed close and was quickly by the Czech, too, but could never get on terms with the Italian, finishing 2 seconds back in third. Vavracova faded over the final 800, but was never in danger of losing fourth.

Torrellas continued to lead the pursuing pack through 12 laps, where
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Sweden's Ann Jansson and Spain's Emilia Cano moved last year's he was ranked 10th in the world at 101.45 at the Freedom Games late season races under 45 minutes to chase the final results. A protest to the effect that the Soviet had infringed the contact was not allowed. Josef Pribilinec leads Mikhail Schennilov in the final lap of the World Indoor 5 K. (Indianapolis Star staff photo by Bud Berry)

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Schenilov was somewhat an unknown factor at this level of competition coming in, but he had a European Junior title at 10 K in 1985, and a world Junior title at the same distance last summer (40:38). In any case, he was certainly not in awe of his senior and more well-known competitors in this race. He shot immediately into the lead and covered the first 200 meters in 40 seconds, with Australia's David Smith right behind. He hit 400 meters in 1:25.1 with Ernesto Canto now leading Smith and the rest of the field.

By 800 meters (2:45), Schennilov was beginning to draw gradually clear and a pack of about eight had separated themselves from the rest. At 1200 meters (4:12), the Soviet walkers were cut by 4 seconds, with Pribilinec leading Canto, Smith, Tim Lewis, Roman Mrazek, Carlo Mattioli, and two others—all in a tight group.

The 2000-meter mark was reached in 7:19 (it was 3:38 at 1000), with Schennilov now 7 seconds ahead and the pursuing group in much the same order. When Schennilov hit 3000 in 11:03 with the same lead, Pribilinec, who won the European indoor title two weeks earlier, decided in time to make a move and started to leave the pack. In the pack, Mrazek moved by Lewis into sixth at 3200 meters and Areaa was by Tim a lap later.

Moving up gradually, Pribilinec was right on the Soviet's heels as they went through 4000 in 14:51. Canto was now 11 seconds back, Mrazek several meters behind him, and the rest of the field stringing out. It was clearly a two-man race.

Pribilinec passed decisively on the backstretch of the 21st lap and the initial thought was that the race was now over. But the Soviet could open no ground over the next laps and constant glances over his shoulder showed his concern. Canto tried to make a move and closed the gap to about 8 seconds with three laps to go, but could get no closer. He was able to move well clear of Mrazek for the third medal, however.

Schenilov sprinted on the backstretch with 1 lap to go and drew along side, but Pribilinec responded with a move of his own and still led as they started the gun lap. On the backstretch, Schennilov exploded and flew by, but the Czech was still not done. He challenged again as they came off the turn, and they seemed to trade the lead almost with everyone straddling the stretch. At this point, it was sure exciting, but was it still walking? Anyway, Schennilov got his chest in front at the tape, as Pribilinec hit the track.
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**Results:**

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### SCHUELER WINS NATIONAL 50 KM

**March 1987**

Yes, we said it before with a quick rundown of the top ten finishers at the tail end of last month's issue. Here are the complete results and a few details. The race was held at Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club in Carmel Valley, Cal. A field of 88 starters is probably a record for the National. 40 finishers, 22 non-finishers, and 6 disqualifications are probably records.

Carl Schueler walked a magnificent race, taking command from the start. He had a 1:32:45 at 20 Km, and then went faster the next 20 to pass the 40 Km mark in 3:03:50. At that point, he was nearly 12 minutes ahead of Marco Eronuk and couldn't rally himself to hang onto anything near that pace for the final 10. Thus, what looked like it was going to be a U.S. best turned into an excellent performance in which he missed by just 15 seconds going under 4 hours at 20 Km, but 39 minutes at 20 Km. Eronuk, the only other American to break 4 hours, and the record holder at 3:06:57, finished very strongly to cut the final margin to just over 6 minutes.

Jim Heiring, in one of his rare 50 km performances, was only 3 minutes off his personal best, as he overcame Dan O'Connor in the final 10 km to take third. O'Connor was also within three minutes of his best. Capturing the fifth slot on the U.S. World Cup team, was Randy Mims, who improved by 6 minutes and was closing ground on O'Connor at the finish.

It was an excellent race for so early in the year (Feb. 22) and very quick. It could well be the start of a U.S. outbreak if we've learned anything about what's ahead if we keep our minds focused. Last month, was a definite down year for U.S. 50 Km walking. The results:

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### After walking sixth for much of the race Tim Lewis finished eighth, breaking his week-old American record by 12 seconds in the process. Ray Sharp also improved his best from a week earlier, finishing 14th in 20:13.19.

The winner, who just turned 19 the day before Christmas, was listed as Mikhail Schennilov on the program and in all reports of the race. Mikhail Schennilov has won European and World Junior Championships the last two years. I feel sure it is the same individual, but am not sure of the proper name. As you see, we have gone with most recent reports.

**The results:**

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Team Ontario: East Side Track Club (Pierce, Jedia, Slavonic) 14:01:44
Masters Team: Golden Gate Walkers (Dunn, Johnson, Bray) 18:31:39

**OTHER RESULTS**

PUT ON YOUR WALKING SHOES AND GET YOURSELF HENCE TO THESE AFFAIRS:

Fri. Apr. 10—10 Km (track), Evanston, Illinois, 5:30 pm (W)
Sat. Apr. 11-15, 10, and 20 Km, Atlanta (A)
Sun. Apr. 12—20 Mile, Anbury Park, N.J., 11 am (E)
Sun. Apr. 13—5 Km, Albuquerque, NM (O)
Sun. Apr. 14—5 Mile, Columbus, Ohio, 8 am (Q)
Sun. Apr. 15—5, 20, and 20 Km, Dearborn, Mich., 10 am (S)
Sun. Apr. 16—5, 10, and 20 Km, Burlington, Ontario, 10 am (U)
Sat. Apr. 18—5 Km, Picataway, N.J. (K)
Sun. Apr. 19—50 Km, Atlanta (A)
Thu. Apr. 23—5 Km, Penn Relays, Philadelphia (T)
Sat. Apr. 25—10 Km (track), Elmhurst, Illinois, 10 am (W)
Sun. Apr. 26—Marathon, Jersey City, N.J. (E)
Marathon, Carmel, Ind. (A)
Sat. May 2—Southeast Masters 5 Km, Raleigh, N.C., 11:30 am (R)
World Cup 50 Km, New York City
Sun. May 3—Southeast Masters 20 Km, Raleigh, 7:30 am (R)
World Cup Women's 10 Km and Men's 20 Km, New York City
Sun. May 9—10 Km, Monterey, Cal., 8 am (W)
Sat. May 10—10, 15, and 20 Km, Atlanta (A)
2 Miles, Enid, Oklahoma (P)
Sun. May 17—Men's 5 Km, Women's 3 Km, Dearborn, Mich., 10 am (A)
10 Mile, Seaside Heights, N.J. (E)
Fri. May 22—NAIA 10 Km, Russellville, Arkansas (Collegiate meet)
Sat. May 23—5 Km, Atlanta (A)
Sun. May 24—9 Mile Handicap, Lakeview, N.Y., 9:30 am
NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS WOMEN'S 20 KM AND MEN'S 25 KM. LOS ANGELES, CAL. (Y)
NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS YOUTH 5, 10 KM, OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS (L)
Fri. May 29—10 Km, Columbus, Ohio, 6 pm (P)
Sat. May 31—5 Km, Dearborn, Mich., 9 am (S)
NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS 5 KM, DENVER (WOMEN, MEN, AND MUNIOR MEN) (X)
Sun. May 31—Ron Zinn Memorial 10 Km and 5 Km, Kenosha, Wis., 11 am (S)

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

Fri. Apr. 10—Take the salt, please, while your editor designates crow, humble pie, or some such delicacy. Sort of. Anyway, one should not arrogantly put down other reporters without being very sure of one's ground. In the report on the National 15 Km last month's ORW, I stated that Debbi Lawrence's time could not be an American record as reported in the Palm Beach Post because American records must be set on the track and this was a road race. Two letters from persons directly involved in the race have set me straight. Road performances on certified courses are now recognized for American records. This did not use to be the case, although road races were listed. However, I can still set off the book on a technicality. The U.S. Road Race Handbook, compiled by Bob Bowman, now lists two sets of records: "American Records", which I presume must still be on the track, and "American Road Records." Debbi's performance will make the second list, but not the second. So, as I said, she did not set an American Record, she set an American Road Record. However, it was an outstanding performance and easily the fastest an American woman has walked at the distance. The other kiker in all this is that I also stated in the article that it was not the fastest time on the road, referring to a 1:11:11 by Sue Teres in 1982. Some way that time got into the book from a typo in these very pages. Sue won the 1982 National in 1:11:11. In my report on the race, I typed 1:11:11 into the article, although I had the right time in the results. No one ever called me on the error until now and I was not aware of it. Bob Bowman—please strike that time from the book and please insert the name of Debbi Lawrence. (This doesn't necessarily clear up the controversy. Those who wrote me are claiming that records can be set on the road or track if the road course is certified, and there is a separate list of road races, but not certified courses. But the Handbook says: World race walking records must be set on tracks; road race records are recognized for American road record only. Maybe the learned Mr. Bowman will set us straight.) ...

There will be a 5 Km walk again at the Penn Relays (see schedule). The race will include men's and women's divisions, and perhaps high school divisions, but will be a separate race. With the IAAF World Championships just 9 days later, there is also the possibility of an international division. Entries must be in no later than April 15. Bob Kitchen is coordinating development for those athletes who have not yet reached National Team status. He needs names, addresses, phone numbers, best marks, and coaches' addresses for those athletes (male and female) who have placed in a major championship, qualified for TAC National Championship at any level. Send information to Bob Kitchen, 500 Madison Avenue, Milton, MA 02186. Certainly one with a long tradition in the sport that should not have been left off.

ADMIRABLE ADMIRAL ADMIRISHES VETERAN PACIFIC FLEET SWARBIES:
"WALK, DON'T RUN: POOR-POOR TOP BRASS DQ'S HIM"

BY Harry "Flats" Sittonen, Singalasun Third Class
(sometimes called "skivvy-wavers" by waterfront wag)

aboard the USS Little Rock in World War II.

For a few fleeting moments, it looked like there would be a walking millenium for the 238,000 members of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet. Fleet Admiral James A. (Ace) Lyons ordered that those in his command age 45 and over walk briskly for 3 miles, and not run 11 miles as previously ordained Navy-wide, to be officially declared physically fit. This order came after Rear Admiral James Darby, SO commander of Pacific submarine forces, dropped dead of a heart attack following a jogging session.
March 1987

Ramsay another 1:20 back... In an indoor dual meet with the USN, Dave Romansky gave it a good go, but still came up short. Nikolai Samga won the 3 mile in 20:09, Vladimir Golubnichiy had 20:11.2, and Dave 20:12.8. Ron Laird was just under 21. Splits were 6:51 and 13:32, as the Soviet pair steadily built the pace.

10 Years Ago (From the March 1977 ORW)—In a US-UK-Canada indoor meet in Toronto, Anatoly Bolotin shattered the world's best for 3 miles, clocking 18:44.4. Bob McKenzie was 4 seconds back. Todd Scally hung close through the first mile, but then had to yield and finished in 19:40. Jim Heiring scored an easy win in the NAIA Indoor 2 Mile in 13:53.8 with his Parkside teammate, Chris Hansen, second in 14:03. Vincent O'Sullivan won the 10A Indoor Mile in 3:03.8 and Jack Bolito took the National Master's 2 Mile in 15:41. Susan Liers had a women's world best for 20 Km in 1:48:19 at rings Point.

5 Years Ago (From the March 1982 ORW) —The National 25 km, held in Monterey, Calif., went to Canada's Marcel Jobin in 1:45:33. Sweden's Roland Nilsson came second in 1:46:36, with Dan O'Connor capturing the U.S. title in 1:56:23. Wayne Glusker was fourth, just 3 seconds over 2 hours... The TOA 20 mile went to Troy Engle in 6:27:6, some 7 seconds ahead of Bill Defibaugh... In Australia, Sally Piersen won the 13:11 for 3 km, a women's world best, and Dave Smith covered the same distance in 11:26.5... Mauricio Diaz from Italy, won the European Indoor 5 Km Championship in 19:40.28, well clear of countryman Carlo Mattioli in second.

The following letter went to KERN, the cable sports network, from Jim Hanley, who suggests that a letter writing campaign might help.

Ralph Mole
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During ESPN's recent coverage of the Times/BTE Indoor Games track meet on Feb. 20, 1987, we saw Eamon Coglin's children and Johnny Gray's family. We did not see Jim Lewis or Teresa Vaill. Lewis set a WORLD RECORD in the Times meet of 5:38.2 for the mile walk. Teresa Vaill set an American record—walking the second fastest mile ever by a woman.

Neither of these events was shown. Worse, neither performance was even mentioned in the two and one-half hour coverage. And, at the end of the meet, Phil Stone ignored the Grand Prix walking events again complaining that the meet "had only two records."

This is no surprise to me. The ESPN crew of Dwight Stones and Larry Rawson have never shown (or even mentioned) the race walking events.

They are consistently discriminating against this exciting event to the detriment of ESPN and our American Olympic effort. Consider these facts:

FACT: when the walk is properly promoted and conducted, it is an exciting, spectator-pleasing event. The biggest fan reaction to any event in the 84 Olympic Games took place as the 20 km. walkers entered the stadium. Like the potential ESPN viewing audience, the LA crowd was mainly comprised of average people (mostly Americans) who were not die-hard track nuts or former college runners living in the past.
FACT: There are two gold medals at stake in the race walking events in the Olympic Games. To lure potential Olympic medalists into the sport, we must show youngsters the glamour of the major track meets and make far more of them aware that the sport even exists. ESPN is doing its best to keep the sport a secret from young, impressionable potential Olympic medalists and thereby gravely hurting America's Olympic efforts in the process.

FACT: There are far more recreational walkers in the USA than runners or joggers. The famous Perrier study said 34 million people in the U.S. regularly exercise by walking compared to something like 22 million joggers. And that study was done before fitness walking exploded in the US. There are many times as many people interested in fitness walking than running in the US.

Larry Rawson likes to compare running times with what the average jogger does on his local high school track. If such a thing would consistently be done with the walking events or if, for example, brief medical features would be given on the medical benefits of walking, millions of Americans would identify with incredible athletes like Lewis. This very large, un-tapped viewing audience starting to watch track meets would improve your ratings. Besides helping yourself, you'd be helping many people lead a healthier life and helping our great sport as well.

Come on guys, quit undermining our American efforts to do well in the Olympic games. You are hurting yourself in the process.

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**Don Johnson still going strong at 70**

Elliott Denman

His friends and admirers gathered to salute Don Johnson's 70th birthday last weekend, and such was the enthusiasm of the turnout that he had to admit "it really was fantastic."

But the Little Silver athlete was really putting the track shoe on the other foot. It's he who is fantastic.

He is, without a doubt, pound for pound, year for year, one of America's most finely tuned athletes. His competitive outlook, though, travels far beyond America's borders. He has competed in every edition of the World Association of Veterans Athletes (WAVA) Championships and never failed to return home with either a medal or a high international ranking in his (five-year) age group.

Race walking is his specialty now, although he's still recognized as one of the finest runners in his age group. He's walked races as short and breathtaking as one mile and as long and patience-requiring as 32.5 miles.

He's won so many gold medals in National AAU and TAC Masters competition in his age group over the years that he's long since lost count.

He trekked to the first WAVA meet, staged in Toronto in 1975, and has been to every one since. And, he's flown off to Goteborg, Sweden (1977); Hanover, West Germany (1979); Christchurch, New Zealand (1981); San Juan, Puerto Rico (1983), and Rome (1985.)

Now he's working right back up to peak performance levels. The VII WAVA meet will open in Melbourne, Australia, in late November. Johnson, of course, will be there (with several of his Shore Athletic Club teammates.) And he'll again be a hot medal contender — in his new age group, 70-74.

If only he'd discovered race walking earlier, say those who've seen Johnson in action, he'd have been a sure shot Olympian. His race walking career, though, only started in 1966. And that was after a long break from his "first" track career that began in the 1930s as a Long Branch High School student.

The Long Branch teams of the pre-World War II years, coached by the famed Mel Rahn, were worldbeaters. He ran on many outstanding relay teams, but never to an individual championship.

His best running came after high school — in the colors of the "old" Shore AC, as a teammate of such legends of the day as John Borican and Wayne and Blaine Rideout.

The "old" club was one of America's best known and produced a long series of champions and record-setters. Chasing Borican and Wayne Rideout one day in the state AAU meet, he lowered his 80-yard best to 13.56.6.

The war ended his "first" track career as military duty, marriage, family, college work (at Rutgers) and an engineering career became his priorities.
It took the coming of the “new” Shore AC to get him back into the sport in the mid-1960s. He drifted down to the summer races at Takanassee Lake, Long Branch, caught the “track bug” all over again... and was soon back at the races, but this time as a race walker.

As the years have flown, he's never failed to stay up with the pace. He's still rail-thin and competitive with racers far younger than he.

From his long-range vantage point, he has many words of advice to younger athletes.

"Take the view that this is not just for the moment," he says. "Figure on a long career. You won't get any benefit unless you put it in your heart you're going to stay in the sport for a number of years. I've seen too many guys get off to a quick start, then at the first disappointment, they're lost."

Racing for younger fellows has always provided a challenge.

"I know these guys will probably beat me some day," he says, "but I get a kick out of staying ahead of them as long as I can. I know they say I've got to beat the old man, but I make them work for it, too."

Johnson has always been one to "put something back into the sport," as well. For years, he served as Shore AC vice president and club trustee. And in recent years he has taken on the assignment as one of the Shore area's and the state's leading road-racing course designers and certifiers.

He has personally measured out (by calibrated-wheel method) many of the courses now used for area racing events. Inch by inch, he's checked them out to assure they reach Athletics Congress-approved standards of accuracy.

Next big Johnson trip will be to Carmel, Calif., for the Feb. 22 TAC National 50-kilometer walking championship. Of course, he's favored to win in his age group.

He'll be joined by Shore AC teammates Bob Mimm and Harry Drazin, and they hope to bring back the Masters National team title. These three (along with such "kids" as Mimm's children, Randy and Noreen) have logged hundreds of training miles along area boardwalks in preparation for the major challenges down the road.

Admiration-filled clubmates and competitors say "a guy like Don Johnson will go on forever." The 70-year-old phenomenon takes a far more conservative approach. He says he'll take it just one age group at a time.

ABOVE: One of the neatest race walking photos we have seen in some time, from the British publication Race Walking Record.

BELOW: Carl Schueler (left) and Marco Evonilk (right) on their way to one-two finish in the National 50 Km in Carmel, Calif., March 22. (Stephen Tabb photo.)