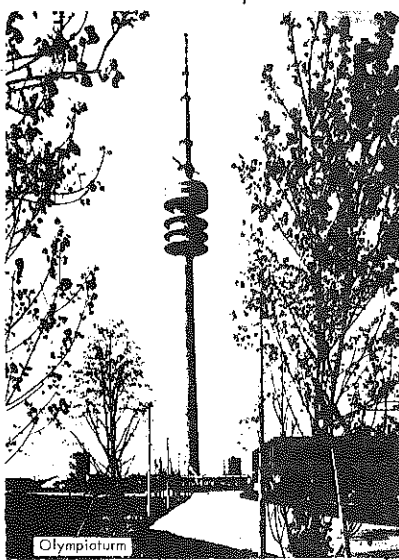


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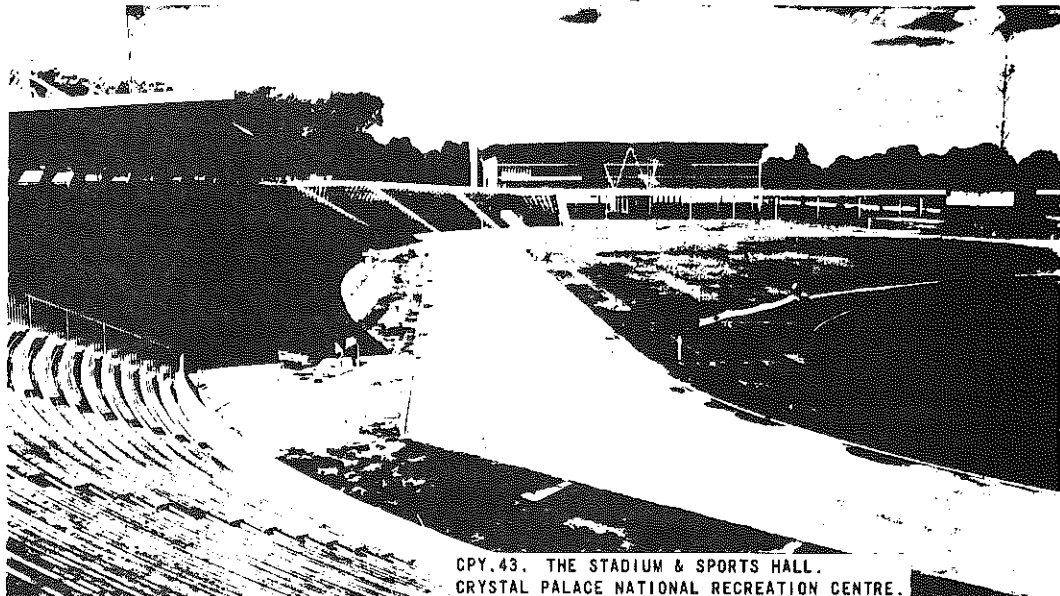
Olympic Tower, 290m.

Mein Freund in Sport,

The primary purpose of our trip to Europe this summer was to establish contact with veteran running organizations and to set up meets for our '72 Olympic Tour. In this respect, we were singularly successful. Everyone contacted showed great interest in the fact that we planned to come to the continent 150 strong to compete with them. As a result of our meetings with the British Veteran Athletic Club and the

British Road Runners, they have agreed to put on two events - the first, in picturesque Epping Forest (30 miles out of London,) an 8 or 10 mile cross-country. This feature will be a true European-type event.

The second event, the highlight of our stay in England, will be participation in the first All-British Veterans Track and Field Championships. These are tentatively scheduled for the Crystal Palace Stadium in London. A word should be said about this facility as it is located on the site of the building which was once the world's largest glass edifice...destroyed by fire before World War II. The British have created their National Sports Center at this location,



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complete with Tartan track, stadium and all the ancillary features. Application must be made for the requested dates and approval granted before we are assured the use of this remarkable facility. At this point, however, our British correspondents are confident that the requisite approval will be forthcoming. I might add that our challenge, and appearance in '72, is the factor which brought about this two-day event. Up to now, notwithstanding the great interest in

Veteran running in Great Britain, they have never held an All-British Veterans Championship Meet.

Following the London events we travel to Munchen, (Munich), of which more will be said later, for the Olympic Games. Upon their completion...our team, plus camp followers, will trek to Koln, (Cologne), Germany, approximately 300 miles north, where we will compete in the World Veterans Long Distance Runners Meet. Originally they had scheduled a marathon (won last year in Sweden by a Japanese with a time of 2:23 and with ten runners breaking 2:30) plus a 5,000 and 10,000 meters run. After meeting with them we have prevailed upon the meet sponsors to expand the meet to include all of the disciplines including the shorter distances, re-lays, and field events.

Frankly, this was a major hurdle - as in Europe there has been very little veteran competition under 1,500 meters and the field events have been neglected. The large entries in these events at the U. S. MASTERS has convinced us that there is plenty of interest and competition in these events once the veteran athlete is given the opportunity to test his skills and stamina in these events.

TOUR OPTIONS

With the foregoing as a preface we have come up with the following tentative schedule for '72.

Leave U. S. and arrive London, August 20, Sunday
Cross-country, Epping Forest, London, Aug. 22, Tues.
All-British Vet T & F Champ., Crystal Palace,
Aug. 24 & 25, Thursday & Friday nights
Fly to Munich, August 26, Saturday early morning
Opening Ceremonies, Olympic Games, August 26,
Saturday afternoon
Closing Ceremonies, Olympic Games, Sept. 10, Sun.
Scenic train to Koln (Cologne), Sept. 11, Mon.
World Vet T & F Champ. and Marathon, Sept. 15, 16,
& 17, Fri., Sat., and Sun.
Return to U.S. Sept. 18, Monday.

In consultation with the Allied Travel Agency of San Diego (whom we have appointed exclusive agents to arrange all travel for this tour so that we may achieve all charter discounts for transportation) we are able to offer the following tour options (with all related discounts.)

- TOUR A.....August 20 to September 18 (entire tour)...\$780.00*
- TOUR B.....August 20 to September 11 (British Meets &
Olympics).....\$650.00*
- TOUR C.....August 25 to September 18 (Olympics plus
German Meets)..\$700.00*
- TOUR D.....August 25 to September 11 (Olympics only).\$570.00*

* Tour prices shown are with West Coast departure points and would be less on the East Coast. These are estimated costs based on present rates plus a 10% probable increase for '72. The transportation fare for children is reduced. . . . The tour price does not include Olympic Tickets, lunches, dinners, liquor. It does include air fare from specific departure points in the U. S. to Munich and return, housing with breakfasts, veteran meets entry fees and other goodies. If the final tour cost proves to be less than the estimate, the savings will be passed on to the team members.

It is important to note that membership in the U. S. MASTERS INTERNATIONAL TRACK TEAM does not REQUIRE that you compete. However, it does entitle you to accompany the team and thereby obtain the substantial reduction in air fares associated with a tour of this type.

A reservation of 500 seats at the Olympics has already been filed. By joining this tour your seats at the Games are assured. We are also tying up airline space with major airlines...not-nonscheduled...so that you can arrive at your destination at the most convenient time.

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

Our present plan is to house the group in hotels in London and Koln, but under the auspices of the German Olympic Housing Committee to reside in private Munchen (Munich) homes during the Olympic Games. Not only will this be a change during the trip, and less expensive, but it will give us all an opportunity to meet our hosts in their own homes and establish a contact not otherwise possible.

Our present policy is to arrange housing in hotels that are less expensive, but ones which we have personally visited and are satisfied will be clean and provide adequate service. By using these less expensive hostelrys we hope that more veteran athletes and their families will be able to afford the trip. All rates quoted will include breakfast.

OLYMPIC TICKETS

Naturally you are interested in the cost of your tickets to the Games. As yet we do not have the specific ticket prices except to state that the admission prices will range from a minimum of \$3.00 for standing room at morning sessions to \$40.00 for the choicest seats at the opening and closing ceremonies. Enclosed is a revised Olympic schedule for your perusal. As part of the tour package you will select the events and price tickets you wish and we will process these ticket applications for you. You will NOT be required to buy tickets for ALL of the Track & Field sessions (as some other similar tours require) but may select only those events you desire.

Olympic ticket purchases will be non-refundable once the money has been turned over to the ticket agent and the tickets have actually been purchased.

DOWN TO THE KNITTY-GRITTY:

As an expression of your interest we will require that you deposit with us \$100.00 per person not later than January 31, 1971. These funds will be used as security deposits with the airlines and Olympic ticket agent. Additional amounts will be due in accordance with a payment schedule as yet not finalized. Funds deposited will be refundable until a cut-off date which will be determined by the airlines.

We will establish a standby list once our tour quota of 500 has been filled. Those having to withdraw at the last minute can expect a refund provided there is a qualified person to take their place on the tour.

TEAM INSIGNIA AND UNIFORM

The U. S. MASTERS INTERNATIONAL TRACK TEAM will have an appropriate team emblem as well as a team uniform. When competing on an international level, it is important that we be identified as a group. Therefore, team members will be expected to acquire the official uniform which will be made available at cost plus postage. Remember, you will be competing as a member of the U. S. and NOT as an individual or as a member of your track club.

At this point the team uniform will consist of the following items: 1) insignia 2) track shorts 3) vest (shirt) 4) light nylon zipper team jacket. We are soliciting suggestions from the members of the team as to: 1) a suitable insignia - submit sketches of proposed emblem; 2) colors - should we stick to the traditional red, white, and blue? 3) style of team jacket.

Since you will be expected to wear the official uniform, it is incumbent on you to provide us with any suggestions you may have.

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We are interested in your reaction to our tentative program and would like to hear your comments and/or suggestions. Do be thinking about your tour preference so that you can let us know early. We are assuming that you...with certain exceptions...are primarily interested in the full action, that is, TOUR A.

Auf Wiedersehen....

Very truly yours,

DAVID H. R. PAIN

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ATHLETICS WEEKLY

Things ARE Happening!
This is the British Scene —
Are you going to be in it?
DAVID.

A Challenge To British Vets.

GEORGE RHODEN. Bud Held. Bob Richards. Fortune Gordien . . . these super-stars of twenty years ago may be seen in action at Crystal Palace in 1972!

With the news that a large party of American vets (or masters, as they are called there), possibly including the above mentioned, will be taking part in a challenge match with British vets tentatively set for the National Recreation Centre on August 24th/25th, 1972, the fast growing world of international veterans' competitions has been given a tremendous boost.

While, thanks largely to the efforts of San Diego attorney David Pain (founder of the US Masters Championships), the vets side of the sport is booming in the United States, in Britain —though the road runners and walkers are going strong—there are few active track and field performers in their forties. This US v. Britain match (with Australians taking part also), set in the context of a British Veterans Championships, should cause an upsurge of interest in this country.

Although the US team will include a number of famous stars of yesteryear, the party will comprise athletes of all standards. Likewise, it is hoped that all British vets, no matter how modest their performances, will compete at Crystal Palace. Mr. Pain, himself an active runner, suggests that "any US or British veteran who wishes will be eligible to compete. Each side could automatically pass, say, two men to the finals; otherwise any veteran may compete in the preliminaries and attempt to reach the finals."

A full programme is planned, from 100m to 10,000m plus two walks and all eight field events. There would be three age divisions: 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over. The Veterans AC would be the organisers.

Already, more than 125 athletes aged from 40 to 70-plus have made tentative arrangements for the US Veterans International Track Team Tour, the itinerary for which is: Aug. 20th, 1972—arrive London; Aug. 22nd—International Vets Cross-Country (8 or 10 miles) in Epping Forest; Aug. 24th/25th—All-British Vets Track and Field Champs., at Crystal Palace; Aug. 26th—Sept. 11th—At Munich Olympics; Sept. 15th-17th—World Vets Track & Field and Marathon Champs. in Cologne; Sept. 18th—return to USA.

Just how good are these American veterans? Judge for yourself by examining the results of this year's Masters' Championships in San Diego . . .

(40-49 group) 100y: George Rhoden (Jamaica; aged 43; 1952 Olympic 400m champion) 10.4 (10.3 ht), Richard Stolpe (45) 10.4 (10.3 ht); 220y: Stolpe 23.0; 440y/880y: Kleinsasser 52.7/2:01.1; Mile: Van Tatenhave 4:31.8, Pete Mundle (ex-Poly) 4:34.2; 2M: Mundle 9:49.8; 3M: Graham Parnell (ex-UK; 40) 15:35.2; 6M: Mundle 31:36.8, Parnell 31:55.4; Mar: Parnell 2:45:10.2, Wake 2:47:08, Junner (Australia) 2:48:07; 120yH: Art



George Rhoden (left) wins the US Masters 100 yards title in 10.4 by inches from Richard Stolpe.

Barnard (41; 1952 Olympic bronze medallist) 15.1, Rademaker 15.4; HJ: Jack Razetto (2.04/6'8½" in 1950) 1.83/6'0"; PV: Roger Ruth (Canada; 42; 4.42/14'6" the previous week—only vaulted 4.15/13'7½" in college!) 4.11/13'6", "Boo" Morcom (49; 6th 1948 Olympics) 3.96/13'0"; LJ: Davisson (51) 6.16/20'2½"; SP: Ker 13.83/45'4½"; DT: Maurer 43.67/143'3", Bob Richards (44; 1952 and 1956 Olympic PV champion) 41.90/137'5"; HT: Paterson 36.02/118'2", Steve Seymour (49; 1948 Olympic silver medallist in javelin) 33.27/109'2"; JT: Bud Held (42; world record holder 1953-56) 66.42/217'11"; Bill Miller (40; 1952 Olympic silver medallist) 60.33/197'11"; "Masters Six" Held 3438 (100y-11.5, 440y-56.8, 12 lb SP-12.90/42'4", LJ-5.54/18'2½", JT-69.88/229'3", mile-5:29.2); Mile Walk: Kelly 7:12.5; 20km Walk: Kelly 1:42:55, Johnson 1:57:10, Henry Laskau 1:57.42.

(50-59 group) 100y/220y: McDonald (51) 11.1/24.9; 440y: Knuppel 56.5; 880y/Mile: Gordon 2.15:9/5:01.7; 2M/3M/6M: Cliff Bould (Australia; ex-UK; 54) 11:18.6/17:19.6/36:40.4; HJ/LJ: Gillette 1.52/5'0" and 4.96/16'3¼"; SP (12lb)/DT/HT:

Heard (53) 16.41/53'10", 41.56/136'4" and 33.45/109'9"; JT: Morales 46.91/153'11"; Mile Walk: Laskau 7:36.3.

(60 and over group) 100y/220y: Puglizovich 12.9/30.0 (Ulsh 12.8 ht); 440y/2M/3M/6M: Frederick 75.2/13:27.0/20:51.6/41:59.2; 880y/Mile: Clark 2:40.7/6:01.4; HJ: Bierlein 1.22/4'0"; LJ: Higgins 3.87/12'8½"; SP: Bryce 12.179/41'11½"; DT/JT: Carnine 31.55/103'6" and 35.23/115'7"; HT: Hubbell 20.39/66'11"; Mile Walk: O'Neil 9:26.5.

A couple of weeks earlier, at the "Senior Olympics" in Los Angeles, results included:—100m/200m: Rhoden 11.2/22.8; 400m: Dowell 52.4; 1500m: Fitzgerald 4:13.6; 5000m: Mundle 15:42.4; LJ: Davisson 6.32/20'9"; TJ: Morcom 11.88/39'0"; SP: Otis Chandler (42; ranked 3rd of all-time in 1950 with 17.48/57'4½") 14.06/46'1½"; DT: Fortune Gordien (47; world record holder 1949-59) 47.32/155'3", Bob Richards 44.30/145'4"; JT: Miller 61.32/201'2", Seymour 49.20/161'5".

Clearly, British vets are going to have to raise their sights, but we have much good material. Look at some of the names we could count upon in 1972—Ken Wood, Peter Driver, Hugh Foord, Ron Franklin, Chris Brasher, John Disley, Peter Hildreth (if recovered from back injury), Ken

Wilmshurst, Otto Feldmanis, Hywel Williams, Konstanty Maksimczyk, Howard Payne, Alex Valentine, Ken Easlea, Roland Hardy, George Coleman . . . perhaps even two Ministers of the Crown in Chris Chataway and Terry Higgins! And, if the rules can be bent a little (in the US, professionals are permitted to compete in vets events), then Derek Ibbotson, Gordon Pirie and Ian Ward could come into the reckoning . . . and how about Maeve Kyle taking on the men in the 400m?
Mel Watman.

BRITISH VETS. Get Ready For 1972!

The U.S. Masters International Team challenges you to track and field and cross-country competition in London in August 1972.

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See next week's "AW" for details.