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THE PAINS, WISHING YOU,
GEORGE, and ABRAHAM A
HAPPY BIRTHDAY. . . .
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Dear Friends:

You received our first two newsletters with such enthusiasm that we feel compelled to send out another, for there has been considerable activity since our last communique.

Word from the Olympic Committee is not yet official but a telephone call with New York indicates that information on Olympic tickets, housing, and prices will be ready April 1st, when the first tickets will be made available to the U.S. public. Apparently deposits will not be acceptable on tickets and housing and your entire order must be paid in full within 10 days from receipt of the order.

EVEN THOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE VERIFICATION OF PROCEDURE AND DETAILS . . . WE WANT TO ALERT YOU TO THE NECESSITY OF HAVING AVAILABLE \$300.00 to \$400.00, depending on your order, PER PERSON, to send immediately to us upon notification at the beginning of April.

Apparently these will be the ground rules:

1. You must purchase one event ticket for each day of housing;
2. There will be a selective choice of tickets and events, and you will not be required to take a package;
3. The ticket prices are established, but not the rate of exchange on the German mark;
4. There will be only two classes of tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies, rather than 5 classes as we were told in Munich;
5. The housing rates are not established, but 8,400 beds have been allotted to the U.S. and will be within a 60 - 90 mile radius of Munich;
6. It is hoped that the full story can and will be released before the end of March. We assure you we will inform you immediately upon our receiving the official word.

Now, you ask . . . why so much money? Well, figure: 16 days with a daily average minimum of \$10.00 for tickets and the same for housing - that is \$320.00 right there. We really can't have definite information on the projected costs, and can only help you estimate same.

The foregoing is based on the assumption you will want to have the pick of the Olympic seats and events. If you are willing to take pot-luck, then of course, you can wait until later and hope to get the tickets you desire. One report we read from Munich was that they already had 1,000,000 requests for opening day seats. The new stadium seats 80,000.

We have no way of knowing whether tickets can be obtained later in the year. It is our personal opinion, however, that the first issuance of

tickets will encompass about two months. Then the German Olympic Committee will have to audit the ticket sales in all countries, with a possible second issuance in the early fall. We have NO definite information on this point however . . . so we can only say if you really want to go to the Olympics, be ready in April. Obviously, the best seats and events will go first.

Entries: We have been deluged with \$5.00 entries, \$100.00 travel deposits, and requests for information from people who have heard of the trip by one source or another. Helen has answered 10-20 letters a day for the past two weeks.

As of this writing, we have 423 tentative reservations involving 200 athletes. More important, we have received 152 \$100.00 deposits. We are confident that the 500 quota will be filled this year, and that some Johnny-come-latelys will have to go on stand-by. To avoid this possible disappointment, get your deposit in as soon as possible. Many of our friends have spoken with us personally, or have written to say you are coming. These communications are gratefully received - but lets remember they won't buy a seat on that 707.

All deposits will be refundable through December 31, 1971, and perhaps later. (We will know the exact date as soon as we have finalized our travel contracts.) If you are planning to go, please send in your deposit as we need to know now, HOW MANY are going and FROM WHERE since the air carrier(s) must have this information to plan our travel arrangements.

Payment Schedule: We had a totally different picture in mind for a payment schedule before we got the word from Madison Avenue. Actually we had hoped to make it easy on you this year - but here is the tale. Based on the estimated cost of \$780.00 per person for Tour A, we have set up the following payment schedule:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
\$ 100.00 (initial deposit)	DUE NOW!
\$ 300.00 to	4/15/71 to
400.00 (tickets & housing)	6/15/71 (when notified)
150.00 (per person)	8/15/71
100.00 (per person)	11/15/71
150.00 (per person)	2/15/72
Balance	5/15/72

Cost of Trip: The airlines have not yet, at this writing, set the fares for '72. Anyone who quotes '72 prices at this time is just guessing. We still believe that our prior estimated cost will prove to be accurate. We should have more specific information on total cost in 60-90 days.

Masters Meets Prior to '72: BOB BOAL, of Wake Forest and a member of our International Team, writes that the 1st Annual Southeastern United States Masters Track and Field Championships will be held April 3, 1971, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Write: Raiford Fulghum, Recreation Department, 312 Mun. Bldg., Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, for entry blanks.

GEORGE PUTERBAUGH, of Oregon, has alerted us to a fine Masters Meet scheduled for Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, Oregon (near Portland), July 17, 1971. Competition in three divisions. Write JIM PUCKETT, Track Coach at the college for entry blanks.

We are happy to see what was started in San Diego three years ago is resulting in Masters Meets being held elsewhere in the country.

Other meets planned are the Senior Olympics, Los Angeles Colosseum,

June 19 - 22, 1971, Los Angeles, California. Age groups 35 and over. Write: WARREN BLANEY, 6195 Dunsmuir, Los Angeles, California 90036 for information.

Of course, our U. S. MASTERS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held here again this year the July 4th weekend in San Diego. Write: KEN BERNARD, P. O. Box 10512, San Diego, California 92110, for your entry blank. We expect this event to be sanctioned this year as the National AAU Veterans Track and Field Championships.

Masters Meets don't just happen. If you, or your club, would like to sponsor one, do so. Don't wait for others to take the initiative. Within the next two or three years we expect a Masters Meet to be held in each AAU District in the United States.

National AAU Convention, San Francisco, California: We were asked to address the Track and Field Board at the AAU Convention in December, about the Veteran Track and Field Movement. In a letter from Ollan Cassell, Track and Field Representative, he states that as a result of our presentation the convention unanimously (700 strong) voted to adopt a Masters program; set up a Veteran Athletes Committee; establish criteria for veteran athlete meets; and records, etc. In addition they apparently voted to abolish the rule on professionalism for over-40 track and field athletes. According to Track & Field News, the Seniors were the only group to get what they wanted from the convention.

We have been asked to participate in a permanent AAU Seniors Track & Field Committee presently being formed. Please send us your thoughts on rules and criteria for veteran track and field competition as we are confident that our recommendations will be given full consideration.

In case you are not aware, Masters (veterans) track and field is the fastest growing segment of the sport. The AAU IS AWARE of this and wishes to get on the bandwagon. At this point the feelings are mutual, as Senior Track needs national direction and coordination, and the AAU needs the mature support veteran athletes can give.

Team Uniform: We are still considering insignias submitted by several team members. More are solicited as no single design stands head and shoulders above any other. Please send in your ideas.

Many team members have suggested we not only have a team uniform but also a team warm-up suit. These suits vary in price but the better ones range from \$25. - \$35. It is our thinking that the running vest and pants should be required for identification purposes, but that the sweats will be optional.

Incidentally, each team member will receive a nylon, zippered, warm-up jacket with team insignia.

For the Record: We are getting an unusually large number of athletes who are 60+. This is most gratifying to see our senior Seniors joining in force.

Since many of the Division III athletes have not competed in recent years, the following represent some of the best performances in this age

group of which we are aware:

100 yds-----	A. Puglizevich	11.5
100 m.-----	A. Puglizevich	13.1
220 yds-----	A. Puglizevich	28.8
440 yds-----	Walt Fredericks	1:15.2
880 yds-----	J. Clarke	2:40.7
1 mile-----	J. Clarke	6:01.4
2 mile-----	Walt Fredericks	13:26.9
3 mile-----	Walt Fredericks	19:27.0
6 mile-----	Walt Fredericks	40:07.2
Marathon-----	Walt Fredericks	3.27 (approx)
Masters Six-----	A. Puglizevich	1,198 pts.
8# Shot Put-----	A. Puglizevich	45'
Discus (Hi schl)-----	K. Carnine	103'6"
Javelin (Women's)-----	K. Carnine	115'7"
Hi Jump-----	F. Bierlein	4'
Long Jump-----	R. Higgins	12'8 1/2"

If you know of any Division III performances achieved at a regularly conducted event, superior to these listed above, please send them in, and we will publish a revised list at a later date.

COL. DAVID FOWLER (72), a member of the International Team, whose address is 12205 Pastoral Road, San Diego, California 92128, (714) 487-1077, is compiling data on Division III athletes. All Division III members of the team should make contact with Col. Fowler.

You may have missed the January issue of Track and Field News (the one with Randy Matson on the cover) which set forth the magazine's compilation of U.S. vets Track & Field records. For those who did miss it, here it is:

100 y	10.3	Richard Stolpe (CDM)	San Diego	7/03/70
100 m	11.4	Richard Stolpe "	Los Angeles	6/19/70
200 m	22.9	Richard Stolpe "	Los Angeles	6/20/70
220 y	23.0	Richard Stolpe "	San Diego	7/04/70
440 y	52.3	Bill Fitzgerald (SrTC)	San Diego	7/04/70
880 y	1:59.8	Bill Fitzgerald "	Gardena	6/24/69
1500 m	4:13.6	Bill Fitzgerald "	Los Angeles	6/20/70
Mile	4:26.2	Peter Mundle (SMAA)	Los Angeles	1/30/69
3 mi	14:51.8	Peter Mundle "	San Diego	7/05/69
5 km	15:42.4	Peter Mundle "	Los Angeles	6/18/70
6 mi	31:17	Peter Mundle "	Goleta	7/26/69
10 km	34:55.6	Art Gorman (SrTC)	Los Angeles	6/19/70
120 Int.H.	15.1	Art Barnard (SDTC)	San Diego	7/04/70
H.J.	6'0"	Jack Razzeto (unat)	San Diego	7/04/70
P.V.	13'6"	Roger Ruth (VanOC)	San Diego	7/04/70
L.J.	20'9"	Shirley Davisson (CDM)	Los Angeles	6/19/70
T.J.	42'9"	Roger Ruth (VanOC)	Victoria	9/20/70
S.P.	46'7 3/4"	Otis Chandler (unat)	Newport Beach	6/23/70
D.T.	167'8"	Fortune Gordien (unat)	Costa Mesa	6/30/70
H.T.	118'2"	Sandy Patterson (unat)	San Diego	7/03/70
J.T.	229'3"	Bud Held (SDTC)	San Diego	7/03/70
440 R	45.3	No. Cal. Seniors	San Diego	7/04/70
Mile R	3:39.4	Seniors Track Club	Los Angeles	6/20/70

We already have STOLPE, RAZZETO, MUNDLE, and BARNARD signed up for our International Masters Team, and BILL FITZGERALD says he's going one way or another.

Believe it or not, we have Masters Athletes competing in the Decathlon! Recently the event was held in Glendale, California, and 8 Seniors, whose ages range from 42 to 59, finished all 10 events. Top competition was provided by 2 of our team members, BOB RICHARDS (44), 4,166 points, and HAL WALLACE (42), 4,498 points!!!

This is how they scored:

	<u>Richards</u>	<u>Wallace</u>
100 meters	13.0	12.2
Long jump	16' 3 1/2"	17' 2"
16# Shot put	40' 4"	34' 2"
High jump	5' 2"	4' 6"
400 meters	78.4	58.0
100 High Hurdles	21.9	21.4
Discus	118' 5"	99' 6"
Pole Vault	12' 6"	9' 0"
Javelin	160' 6"	152' 2"
1500 meters	7:00.0	5:04.5

Congratulations to HAL on beating one of the world's greatest all-round athletes. If we can ever get RICHARDS back in shape, he'll really be tough. Incidentally, BOB MATHIAS has been contacted and invited to join the team, and BUD HELD has expressed a desire to make the International Team, finances permitting. If all 4 show, won't that be something! It is obvious that there will be no resting on laurels with HAL WALLACE in there.

Track and Field News: World Athlete of the Year in the 50's, H. SMITH (52) of Great Britain (10,000 meters Sept. '70, 35:26) will be competing against us in London in '72 as will NORMAN ASHCROFT (53) (10,000 meters, 36:33) featured in the December issue of Runners World. The winner of a recent Northern Vets Athletic Club's Race in Britain, age 41, A. WALSHAM, did the 10,000 meters in 31:52!! That's better than 5 minutes per mile.

Invitations to join the team have also gone out to BOB MACDONALD, Division II, who scored 2,274 points in the Masters Six at the '70 U. S. MASTERS and was selected as Track and Field News U. S. 50-year-age-group Athlete, and to ROGER RUTH, 14'5" pole vault, of Vancouver, B.C. (a U. S. Citizen, however), also selected Track and Field News Athlete of the Year. ROGER is featured in Alphonse Juillard's piece on Seniors in Track & Field News, February 1st issue. Speaking of vaulters, we have an entry from BOO MORCOM, Division II, who did 13'0" at the '70 U.S. MASTERS. If we can add BOBBIE SMITH, of San Diego, 12'6", who says he is planning to joining us, together with RICHARDS, 12' 6", we would have a pretty fair foursome of vaulters for '72. Right?

Team member, PAX BEALE (41) of San Francisco, who could win the U.S. MASTERS 16# shot put but presumes to be the world's fastest 200 lb marathoner, at 3:32 (December '70, Culver City, California) writes to say that he, and another nut, on an impulse, ran from San Francisco to Reno - over the Donner Pass in the Sierras in shifts of 20 miles each. He even reports that he had enough pazazz at the end of the run to make love to the beautiful show girl who drove their van along the route. The run is verified. Knowing Pax, we can't vouch for the rest of his tale.

Speaking of iron men... WALT STACK reports that he and WALT FREDERICKS with 3 others ran from Los Angeles to Las Vegas, 300 miles, in one hour stints. They completed the run in 45 hours, 59 minutes...4 hours ahead of their ETA. WALT annually attacks the Pikes Peak Marathon, 6,800' to 14,000' and back, 26 miles for his summer's outing.

OLLE WALLIN, of Stockholm, informs us he has veteran athletes who high jump 6'8" and heave the hammer 209' and the discus 156', all well beyond our existing U. S. MASTERS records.

RUSS NIBLOCK, (58) 54.4 440, 2:20.3 880, '70 MASTERS, entertains the theory that athletic ability diminishes over the years on a "declining curve" which "Steepens as one gets older". It has, in his case, progressed at the rate of 0.4 sec/yr in the 440 and 0.2 sec/yr in the 220. He says a comparison of overall performances at the U.S.MASTERS between Divs. I, II, & III correspond to his statistics. With this info, you can project what you will be doing a few years from now.

A Reminder: If you have not as yet sent in your \$100.00 deposit per seat, do so immediately as we are now making tentative airline arrangements. We expect to be at the Southeastern Masters Meet on April 3rd, and hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Yours in good health and good sport,

David and Helen Pain