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November, 1977

By Rose Hipdon

(Among our hosts on the trip to the world championships were Hal and Rose Hipdon, who served as our contact for those tour members staying at the Hotel Rubinen in Gothenburg. A lengthy description of the meet by Hal will appear in the November Runner's World, but we asked our lovely wife Rose to give us her version.)

Perhaps one of my most vivid memories of the Swedish trip were the American cars -- Chevys, Plymouths, and even one old Ford hearse -- cruising slowly up the main street in front of our hotel nearly every evening. They would pause in the plaza before the art museum, talk, cruise, stop at the other end of the street near the river bridge, drink beer, cruise some more, gun, egg-nog, spin wheels, back and forth each night. It was like a scene out of "American Graffiti." We really thought we had uncovered something, but on returning home discovered an article on them in "Time."

And the American names on shirts and sweaters, particularly UCLA. The first time we saw a Swedish girl wearing a UCLA sweater, we actually thought she was from the United States (where blue is a universal color), and never thought we could understand, but California State Sacramento? And University of Illinois Circle Campus? But the ultimate were the children's shirts that said: "Green Bay Baseball." Everyone wore denim and a popular color scheme was white and black. Many women wore blazers than do in the States (where blue is a universal color) has its peak.

My husband took a survey and reported that a higher percentage of Swedish women wear blazers on weekends instead of during the week.

The trams were fun, particularly since we took one each day to the stadium and back. We had passes entitling us to free street car rides (among other advantages), but never were asked to show them, never saw any of the local population pay or show passes, and never asked to find out why. Riding the trams made us feel part of the community since we rode accompanied by the people of Gothenburg -- and Canadians, and English, and Germans, and everybody else in Sweden for the meet.

Out passes also got us into Liebzig, a Swedish Disneyland, reportedly the largest amusement park in Scandinavia. We had a special entertainment for all world masters competitors one night and another party for American tour members, featuring a smorgasbord. Unfortunately, nobody explained to our group how Swedes go through a smorgasbord line, taking small platefuls and returning many times. One of our Swedish hosts was horrified to see us overloading our plates and (horror of horrors) even eating at the table. "They don't understand the system," one Swede told my husband. "Tell them they're doing it wrong."

Hal replied to him: "You tell them."

That was one of our few encounters with Swedish food, since downtown Gothenburg seemed to be overflowing with Italian and Chinese restaurants. This seemed to be fine with

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SHOWDOWN AT GOTEBOURG -- EPILOGUE

BY AL SWEAREN

The euphoria felt by 3000 athletes from 45 nations participated in the 2nd World Masters Track and Field Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden was somewhat tempered by political intrigue and secrecy that would make even the CIA blush.

After the political dust had settled, you had the feeling you had just ridden a roller coaster to a bed of marshmallows. It was an interesting experience, but you felt a slightly strange bouncing around there on your behind.

The meeting itself opened with the opening ceremony for the open Masters competition to anyone-over-age-40 got a seat. As an analogy, it was Raymond Massey, not Abraham Lincoln. Gene Bartow, not John Wooden. Forty-ninth street, not Park Avenue.

If it was a race, you felt you got second. An exam? You got B minus. A kiss? You got on the cheek.

On the plus side:

1) The International Masters Committee approved a Constitution including that "Masters competition shall be open to all individuals and no exclusions shall be based on competition due to race, religion, ethnic background, professional or national origin."

2) The near-unanimous sentiment among participants from all nations was that anyone over 40 should be allowed to compete, regardless of skill.

3) The President of the IAAF was favorably disposed to let the Masters program do what it wants, while still remaining within the scope of the IAAF.

On the minus side:

1) If an international Masters meet were to be held tomorrow, South Africans, professionals, and others would officially be barred from competition.

2) There is virtually no chance that the IAAF will permit South Africans to compete in international meets in the near future.

3) There's only a slight chance that the IAAF will allow ex-professionals, age 40-49, to compete in the near future.

So what we have is a political maze that would puzzle Nicene, Halakian, and Blake, with the International Masters Committee FAVORS open competition, but ONLY WITHIN the framework of the IAAF, which OPPOSES open competition.

You figure it out. It's a neat trick if you can do it. Houdini would have trouble pulling it off.

Nevertheless, Don Thompson and Bob Fine convinced nearly everyone that the IAAF would either:

A) Change its rules for Masters so that everyone over 40 could compete, or
B) lock the other way and interfere.

The trouble with A is that probably won't happen, and the trouble with B is that it's hypocritical and childish. For a

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Relays, Marathon: HJ, LJ, TJ, PV, SP, D,
J, HT, Decathlon (M), Pentathlon (W),
100H, SP, HJ, LJ, BOO

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50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79,
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our party, most of whom were carbohydrate-loading for the
marathon. "When I get home I'm going to tell our friends
we're going to take them to a good Swedish restaurant," said
Hal. "Then I'll take them to a pizzeria."

While he ran and rested, I went one day to Vatnalla, the
public bath, my first such experience. Hal said to let him
know if everyone took off their clothes and he would try it
the next day, but it wasn't quite that public. Sweden is very
conservative in many areas, and the men have one section
and the women another. We had a dry sauna, a steam room, a
room to relax in, and an icy pool, all visited in the nude. If we went
to the open pool with the men, we put our suits on.

While I was getting dressed Heather Pain arrived with a
group of the teenage girls on the tour. Everybody talks about
our un inhibited youngsters, but they started toward the sauna
wearing their swim suits. I told them all the other women
were nude, but they seemed too embarrassed to do so.

There seems to be less embarrassment about such things in
Europe. Hal said at the track one day he was inside the men's
room waiting for a toilet stall and there was a woman waiting
to him. Apparently the women's room was too crowded, so
she came over to join the men.

Shopping was fun. The area in downtown Gothenburg
across the river from our hotel was like a mammoth outdoor
mall with pedestrian streets for easy access to stores. Prices
were very high, something those of us who had visited Europe
a decade ago found difficult to comprehend. Bargains could
be had only if you knew what you were looking for; streets
with antique stores, glassware, and ceramics. Dags for the
foot (which everyone seemed to wear, even the two-year old). I
enjoyed shopping most in the EPA, which might be
compared to one of our discount stores. Naturally, as soon as
we got home, we read that the Swedish government was
thinking of devaluating the krona, which would have lowered
prices (relatively speaking) for all of us.

The traffic signals were interesting. They ticked in varying
beats, depending on whether the lights were red or green, so
you could know when to cross even though unsighted. I
appreciated this, because my father had been blind. And what
was impressive at the stadium was the number of finnish
athletes, who ran as though handicapped. One blind german
runner won the sprints in the age-60 class. Another blind
German marathonee ran 2:49 and, according to the younger
runner who accompanied him as a guide, has run 2:36.
Norman bright on our team also needed guidance in that
event and in cross country, because he is losing his sight. We
encountered Norman early during our stay accompanied by a
Portuguese family that met him in the supermarket and be-
friended him. The man of the family was a marine engineer,
who spoke five languages and had been living in Sweden for
three years. While Norman and Hal toured the cross country
course together, I walked with the Portuguese family. The man
said the thing about Sweden he found difficult to understand
was the lack of family structure and the separation of people
in different age categories. The Portuguese family is a very
tight unit, as is the Italian family from which I come. Perhaps
the lack of family ties may partially explain the high suicide
rate in Sweden. Another factor is the long winters featuring
short daylight hours (the sun shines in December only from
9:00 to 3:00). But while we were there the sun rose early and
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The second World Masters Games proved to be the most outstanding masters meet ever with 3600 athletes from 40 countries邦，the event drew to a thrilling close in the 10,000 meter race betting Jack Foster's times of 14.07 and 29.11.

Austria's Horst Marbl had won strong in the 100 meter hur- |
elaps, high jump and triple jump in a very fast finish. He didn't compete in his specialty the撑anion for which he has been the world record. On 30TH Chilton of the US who recently bettered the world record and set a new one of 27.34 it far past many years. Many winning times in 1990 would not have qualif- |
ed for the finals or made the top ten in Gothenburg. It necessitated the use of the first reserve list in the fast track at the Bostick-Skoglund stadium and the slowest brick track at the 5000 meter and 10,000 meter races were held and the Goteborg track near the main stadium were some of the women's events were held. It took 12 hours just to complete all the 10,000 meter races. The Swedish meet organizers under the encouragement of the American team did a magnificent job of keeping the massive heats under control. The meet lured some great international runners, Gazon Railners who turned forty earlier this year had mastered fields taking the 5000 meter race, the steeplechase and the cross country titles. Gazon had previously won the women's title in the Steeplechase and the cross country (women's). Gazon had been in the lead for the past 35 years. At 60, the phenomenal four time Olympic Champion had to undergo a last test to battle Czechoslo- |
vakia's Vlado Darville in the thrilling cross country clash. Billed as "Mr. A. W. Reed" and "Mr. 100 meters", the race was a contest standing out for its courageous performance in one of the most memorable moments of the Games. The meet was full of exciting drama as lumpy classes as well as 10,000 meter winner and track star."Azal" (Austria) as a competitor after another gave it everything their aging bodies could muster. As in past meets, the true spirit of friendship prevailed as people from all corners of the world began to band together to gain new friends. It is always a beautiful ex- |

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Based loosely on the number of athletes in each country, the USA was allotted five delegates, the Canadians two and each of the other top three nations one. Each delegate was appointed by his respective country. How were the five delegates from America chosen? They were appointed by Fine. When two appointed delegates failed to show (possibly because they had not been informed of the meeting's schedule for Friday but moved to Thursday suddenly) Fine appointed two new delegates, including this reporter, who just happened to hear about the meeting at the last moment, and were standing around looking curious.

I suggested that a vote for North American representative should be brought before a meeting of the I.A.A. in Paris next, and not just a select handful of eight. Fine replied that it would be too cumbersome, that most of the athletes had done little or no work in the North American country and were not informed as to what was going on, and, thus, were not capable of voting intelligently on the matter. Fine's position prevailed.

Fine and Helen Pain were nominated. Fine had a vote. Pain did not. Fine was elected, 5-3.

Five countries were awarded the Pan-American Masters Games in Los Angeles as "not Kosher". (Did not seek AAU sanction.) When asked how they could possibly be anything wrong with holding a Masters track and field meet for the fun and enjoyment of several hundred athletes, consistency and international relations, Fine said, "It's not in the rules."

Farquharson asked if he should advise his Canadian athletes not to participate in the Pan-Am games or if he should give an "official OK." The consensus was that the meet was "okay."

Meanwhile, Pain was being besieged with requests from her U.S.T.I.T.C. tour members to let him keep what was going on. She called a Friday morning meeting which drew about 75 people, for the purpose of exchanging information. One delegate's program included his plan for
discussed with I.A.A.P President, Adrian Paulen, and Paulen had told him that he favored allowing ex-professionals over age 60 to compete in the games. If the I.A.A had approved the 60-yard swim, it might present a problem but he would take it under advisement. Farquharson said he had not discussed the South African situation with Paulen. He added that if the South Africa team were to participate in the future, the I.A.A would change its rules on that score.

"It's perfectly consistent with the scope of the Masters program, Farquharson said rather than try to form a separate movement of our own."

When asked how our new constitution, which mandated open competition, could square with the I.A.A's position of restrictions, Farquharson admitted he had no ready answer to that one, except that he hoped it could be worked out in time.

At the same time that the US delegation challenged the "amateur standing" of ex-professional agents Roy Austin and Bernice Hogan, Jerney asked for their credentials, was satisfied and permitted them to run. Both Austin and Hogan won over the 100 and 200, and exchanged each other's joyful at each win.

Clearly, Jerney was walking a fine tightrope with the skill of a trapese artist. He genuinely wanted everyone to compete, yet couldn't afford to blatantly violate any I.A.A rules. He did not ask anyone to show a travel permit, with those few exceptions. Keeping a straight face, he told how Austin had earlier called from Australia, explaining that he had a twin brother, named R. Austin, who was a professional, but that he Reg Austin, was an amateur. Jerney thus asked Austin's entry on those grounds. Later, Austin was unofficially voted an award as the most promising man of the meet.

The intrigue was far from over. On Thursday, a secret meeting was called by Farquharson and Fine to elect the North American representative for an election created by the now-in-famous illegal Sunday meeting.

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### SWEDISH REFLECTIONS by Heather Pain

In a time when it is increasingly difficult to break down the natural barriers of human nature, it is nice to know that people can form a common bond by means of competition. In Gothenburg, Sweden, adults and children alike felt a camaraderie that is rarely found. In ten days many friendships were sparked and more were rekindled, but all were brought closer by the pre-vailing warmth that our hosts induced. The Swedes worked to perfect World Masters against all odds, and this group comprises nearly 2,700 participants. (The Olympic committee did not have to deal with that many athletes!) But they cleared that home and knocked down some other problems in the meantime.

We certainly are a fortunate group, since throughout the year we can gather periodically in different venues and enjoy changing surroundings. Scandinavia one month, the United States the next, and later still another far-off land. I feel fortunate to have been able to go to the five World Masters and I know my education has been greatly enhanced by the various Masters' trips. "And in meeting other Masters' offspring, I have found that they appreciate the opportunities also."

This exposure to our planet and its people is not just beneficial to us; certainly all who travel can gain knowledge from the experience. But the sooner the better, because there are a lot of people to be met in this world, and the Masters program seems to have a corner on the market.

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### VAN DAMME MEMORIAL TRACK MEET, AUGUST 16

By Bill Maroney

It was one of the most exciting meets that I have seen with a record number of spectators (approximately 40,000). Steve Wilt of the U.S.A took the 100 m; Charley Edward, U.S.A. the 200 m; and Leopold von Lendinger, Italy, won the 400 m in a time of 45.1 seconds ed Moser, American record holder for the 440 m hurdles; Mike Boldy of Kent Kentucky shot a 40.5 and a 45.7. John Walker of New Zealand in order to break the world record. Walter continued when Scott dropped out and down to the last 50 meters was probably ahead of the world record. However, he crossed the tape in 45.1 seconds and set a new world record. Nevertheless registering the fastest time of this year. Dwight Stein on the high jump; the high jump Sarrenson of Poland took the 200 m and Miss Von Havn of White Star athletic club of Brussels came in third in the 800 m.

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ATTENTION ALL WOMEN MASTERS (40+) (American and non-American)

Katherine Brieger, 1211 Grizzly Peak Blvd., Berkeley, Calif. 94708, has been appointed as the Masters Women's Track and Field Statistician by Irene Obara, the Women's Masters Track and Field Sub-Committee Chairperson.

Kathy, who will be working with Pete Randu, will be composing Women's Masters Age Record, from age 40 and up, and will be published as part of the Masters Age Records, put out each year by Track and Field News. Right now, Kathy is going through the list of impetus to the women's masters program and will also aid in the creation of age-grading tables for women. In order to make this program a success we need your cooperation in listing your best performances in the following events for each age over age 40:

- 100 meters: 100 yards - 200 meters: 200 yards - 400 meters: 400 yards - 800 meters: 800 yards - 1 mile: 1 mile - 2 miles: 2 miles - 4 miles: 4 miles - 8 miles: 8 miles - 12 miles: 12 miles

Since we are just getting started please do not be shy about your performances.

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stands some German, having lived nearly two years in the country) claimed the German was getting better descriptions of their performances.

The thing that most fascinated me were the tiny cottages, each with its own miniature flower garden, in a small section of the city not far from the stadium. The guide described these as "summer cottages" for the Swedish people, most of whom live in apartments within the same city.

We decided to spend the afternoon while in town and appeared at the box office several days before with Arol Escamilo to obtain tickets. We selected three box seats, then when we asked how much, were told by the ticket seller, "This was a special free concert, a gift to their public from the orchestra. "I know you must feel this is very expensive," said "so we can offer you this ticket. Since you don't have to pay for the tickets, have an extra nice dinner on us."

One of my warmest memories at the track was having Don Johnson tell us that he insisted Duncan MacLean, the 93-year- old Scottician, singing in the infiel after he signed his 100 meter contract on the final day, Don went over to ask if he could help. "I'm so very happy," Duncan told him, "but how many more of these track meets will I see?"

Everybody was trading shirts on the last day, including my German friend Arol Escamilo of Denmark just nudged past Ian Hume (Canada) 4:34' to 4' 2" and took the world record from him. Ian's record was

Still it was a few years ago, when there were only a few hundred of us and we knew everybody."

On the final night over the marathons, who had run that day, were out on the dance floor swirling to the music. Norman Bright twirled me around the floor. I was surprised at what good dancers so many of the runners were. A number of the Americans were jitterbugging, which certainly detest. Everybody at the Rubbenau complained when they learned that we had to rise early the next morning at 6:00 to take a bus, instead of an airplane, to Copenhagen for transfer to the United States. But after the trip, which also included a ferry ride, almost everyone said they enjoyed it because it gave them a chance to see the Swedish countryside.

During our stay in Gothenburg, I kept looking on menus for reindeer meat, but never found it. On the flight home, however, S.A.S. served reindeer as part of our meal. In fact, I enjoyed almost every moment of the ten days I spent in Sweden, so much so I can't wait until the masters tracks meet again. As he who has never been to the International masters meets will know, the next world meet will be held two years from now, probably in the Netherlands, Germany, or Iceland. Hal and I are hoping for the last spot, because we want an excuse to visit there, but the decision will not be made by the steering committee until November. But we're already saving and making plans.
4/3. America's strong双 of Win McFadden and Homer Van Gelder were right behind with marks of 31.11% and 23.5% respectively. Van Gelder recently took the American with a mark of 42%. George Simpson(Australia) was the busiest of this group. George got second place in the 100(30.4), 300(30.4), 400(72.0), 110 hurdles(24.0) and the long jump(12.10). He won the 400 meter hurdles with time of 50.8 and was third in the triple jump(241). Win McFadden, the record holder in the triple jump, won this event leaping 235.0. Win also won the 110 hurdles in 23.7. Albert Reiter(Germany) record holder in the hammer won with a mark of 101.4. He also won the long jump(131.3) in seconds in the high jump(44.2) and javelin(101.4) and fourth in the shot(330.14) and discus(391.04). V. Andre(Finland) of Sweden took a world record new an American as he won the discus throw with a good mark of 124.8 to set the record old mark old 121.4. Red Doms was second(117.6) and Stan Herron thereof(111.0). Don also won the shot put with a set of 357.5, and was third in the javelin(89.8) behind Emery Curts whose throw of 122.1 set a new world record of 124.7 set in May of this year. Doms, Curts and Herron all hail from Californian DIVISION 4(175.7). Harold Chapnin repeat athlete of the year for over 70 division has run into a javanum in the person of Herbert Anderson of Colorado. Herb owns the world over 70 record and is very quick at just about anything one can do in track and field. At Gothenburg he competed in the amazing total of fourteen events winning ten of which nine were records for this division. Chapnin who was second to Herb in the 100(15.2), 200(30.8) and 400(70.9) to Herbs 14.8, 3.1 and 99.4 and managed to squeeze in two world records on his own in marks of 2: 24.14 in the 800 and 5:30.1 in the 1500 meter races. Chaplin and Anderson just turned 70 and move into the Spangler dominated division. Hill and Herb together just about wiped out all the records on the books including a few of Spangler’s. The other events Herb won was 110 meters hurdles(26.6), 400 hurdles (52.5), high jump(11.6), low jump(7.11), triple jump(27.5), javelin(90.8) and of course the pentathlon with 722 points. Proving that he is only human he weakened in some of the field events getting thirds in the shot put(293) and discus(922) and a fourth in the hammer throw(477). He was second to Chaplin in the 800(2:10.1). What more can one say DIVISION 5(600 and over). At 92 age of the Tartan Flash from Scotland is still going strong. He took his specialty the 100 meter dash in 21.7. S. Fick(Sweden) took the 200 meters in 41.2 and the triple jumps in the good mark of 21.5. P. Gos, 82 year old from Yugoslavia who still has the world record for anyone over 75 in 111.9 in the hammer won with a throw of 88.0. He also produced swedes records for anyone over 80 and over in the shot put(28.4), discus throw(91.7) and javelin(111.9) with all three marks surpassing the old marks by a wide margin. In the pentathlon a new scoring system developed by Ian Hume was tried out to give the older groups a better chance to score points. The following point scores can be added to the IAAF tables for record purposes: In the 1A division the first four places surpass the world best. The winner Sydney Clark of England established 2236 points to the fastest ever mark of 2127 of G. Drawshaw of Germany won 18 in a world best mark 2172 belting the old record 2164. This mark also beat second and third place finishers. Sue Schwenk(West Germany) was close behind with 2061 points. Galina Burt won division 2A with a record of 2067 belting Bober Wojciechowski’s record of 2261. Morcom won 28 with 2439 points and a record. Bill Miller who won 3A using Hume’s tables but came in second using the IAAF tables and thereby A. Kock(Germany) got the world mark with 2051 points and Bill collected the American record with 2016 points. As previously mentioned Hills and Anderson own the 38 and 46 divisions while Albert Bischof(Canada) won 4A with 425 points. In summary this meet was full of great performances and the competition inspired many to their best marks as veterans. In the future there will be many international stars of the past who will be sure to Masters competition to take up the challenge and this will no doubt bring these already phenomenal times down much further and eventually narrow the gap between the best times of the younger athletes and those of the Masters.

REPORT
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS IAAF
SECRETARY - GENERAL'S OFFICE
HIDEO OKADA

Dear Representative,

This is a report of the items that have been discussed and decided at the World Representatives’ meeting in Brugge, Belgium on 30 July 1977.

1. Vote-Sanctioning: Each country disposes of one vote.

2. We have decided to appreciate by taking this opportunity of To, World Best Veterans Championship Dr. van Aak and Mr. Arthur Lambert who made a great effort for IAGL. At the closing ceremony, we presented souvenir in token of our gratitude.

3. President Arthur Lambert proposed to appreciate Secretary-General Mr. Hideo Okada and his assistant of foreign section Misu Fukuji who have served to do office work of IAGL in this year. These two persons were given souvenirs in token of the gratitude.

4. reelection of President, Vice-president, Secretary-General; At first we elected following 8 persons as the principal members, after that we have decided as follows, President: Arthur Lambert (Great Britain) Secretary-General (term of office 5 years): Hideo Okada (Japan) Vice-president: Hideo Okada (Japan) Bryan Doughty (Great Britain) President Emeritus: Senju (Belgium) Dr. Hirscha (CISR) Waller Ross (Scotland)

CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS FROM ACROSS THE SEAS

WESTERN PROVINCE BKM

1. Leo Benning 20:20 5
2. Colin Knecht 20:49 6
3. Jan Theron 21:8 7
4. Des Harding 21:38 8

SOUTH AFRICA BKM

1. W. Olivier 27:21
2. L. Frankenstein 27:40
3. A. Conradie 28:00
4. V. Van Schalkwyk 28:06
5. D. Gillfoyle 28:13
7. J. Jordaan 28:41
8. H. Vander Witt 29:01
9. P. Clough 29:13
10. D. Nauda 29:22
11. M. Ferreira 29:31
12. B. Davis 30:02
13. L. Benning 30:08
14. M. Gaybba 30:22
15. E. Skep 30:39
16. H. Olivier 31:10
17. G. Laubosch 31:25
18. C. Kibbey 31:27
19. M. Slater 31:54

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Loo Benning(15 Craig Ernest, Welgelmoed, Bellville, Republic of South Africa, 7505) sends greetings from the Cape and the following cross-country report:
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Friday afternoon to which about 40 showed up. Fine was more optimistic than Farquharson about the IAAF's willingness to bring 40-49 ex-professionals and South Africans, reiterating that "we must work within the framework of the IAAF." When Fine left to warm up for his event, national AAU Masters long-distance running chairman Tony Diamond led the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and, after discussion, the question was put on the resolution that "no future Masters Track meet be held unless everyone over 40 is invited to compete". But Diamond refused to allow a voice or show of hands, citing Fine's instructions that this was "not a meeting, just a good-old-service session".

The reluctance to allow a show of hands on such a simple an issue made me wonder. What is everyone so afraid of? What is everyone trying to hide? Who all the secrets? Why no open meetings for everyone like we had in Toronto, where everyone had a voice?

The final disturbance came when it was learned, after the fact, that a mid-day Friday international meeting had been held. Few knew when and where it was scheduled. Fine, learning, strongly commended the American position that everyone over 40 be allowed to compete. Darice Burger, a South African competitor for the USA, was elected as the African representative. Cologne, Germany, issued an informal bid for the 1979 games, as did Holland and Israel. Earlier, the Saturday's largest track and field meet ever held came to a close. The basics: performances, instant camaraderie and magnificent Swedish hospitality were unfortunately diluted by the strange reluctance of the leaders of the program to involve others in the process. The intrigue made Watergate seem like an open public forum.

No one can deny the enormous amount of work done by the members of the international committee and the leaders of the Masters program. No one can deny their dedication to the success of an international Masters movement.

But to effectively exclude 3000 athletes--many of whom are just as dedicated-- from the decision making process is curious and disturbing. It makes one wonder if the spirit, sharing and understanding which is what the Masters movement is supposed to be all about.

Will everyone over 40 be allowed to compete at the next World Championships? We don't know. Will the Masters program remain within the scope of the IAAF? For the moment, yes. Will some athletes refuse to participate in the 1978 Games if other athletes are banned? With absolute certainty, yes.

The right is not over. We must continue to press for a change in the system, a fairer one--above, above, above, above--the Masters competition. If the IAAF refuses, we should bid them a pleasant farewell and go our separate ways.

At the Pan American Masters Games held at UCLA on Sept. 3 and 4 where athletes from North and South American countries competed some good marks were made. Superlative marathoner Monty Morris tried the 800 in one of his rare track appearances and succeeded in breaking Harold Chappell's World best over 70 mark with a sparkling time of 2:34.5. Monty had earlier bettered Chap- ell's mile record of 5:51.9 when he ran 5:42.2 at Chapman College on July 9. His attempt to break the 400 meter record failed when he ran out of his lane and was disqualified. Ron Drummond who just turned 70 and a long layoff came back to break the World 4A record having run the shot 42.4."
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U.S. MASTERS INTERNATIONAL TRACK TEAM

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SHOWDOWN AT GOTEBOURG -- EPILOGUE

BY AL SLEEHAN

The euphoria felt as 3000 athletes from 45 nations participated in the 3rd World Masters Track and Field Championships in Gotteborg, Sweden was somewhat tempered by political intrigue and secrecy that would make even the CIA blush.

After the political dust had settled, you had the feeling you had just slid down a licorice stick onto a bed of marshmallows. It was an interesting experience, but you felt a little strange bouncing around there on your behind.

On a scale of ten, the movement to open Masters competition to anyone over 40 got a six. As an analogy, it was Raymond Massey, not Abraham Lincoln. Gene Bartow, not John Wooden. Forty-sixth street, not Park Avenue.

If it was a race, you felt you got second. An exam? You got B-minus. A kiss? You got it on the cheek.

On the plus side:
1) The International Masters Committee approved a Constitution including that "Masters competition shall be open to all individuals 40 and over. No competitor shall be barred from competition due to race, religion, ethnic background, professional or national origin."

2) The near-unanimous sentiment among participants was that anyone over 40 should be allowed to compete, regardless.

3) The President of the IAAF was favorably disposed to let the Masters program do what it wants, while still remaining within the scope of the IAAF.

On the minus side:
1) If an International Masters meet were to be held tomorrow, South Africans, professionals, and others would officially be barred from competition, because the IAAF rules have not been changed, and the leaders of the Masters movement want to stay under the aegis of the IAAF.

2) There is virtually no chance that the IAAF will permit South Africans to compete in international meets in the near future.

3) There is only a slight chance that the IAAF will allow ex-professionals, age 40-49, to compete in the near future. So what we have is a political maze that would puzzle Nixon, Haldeman and Ehrlichman. The International Masters Committee FAVORS open competition, but ONLY within the framework of the IAAF, which opposes open competition.

You figure it out. It's a neat trick if you can do it. Hoodini would have trouble pulling it off.

Nevertheless, Don Farquharson and Bob Fine convinced nearly everyone that the IAAF would either:

A) change its rules for Masters so that everyone over 40 could compete, or
B) look the other way and not interfere.

The trouble with A is that it probably won't happen, and the trouble with B is that it's hypocritical and childish. For a

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