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NOTES ON A TRIP TO SWEDEN

By Rose Higdon

(Among our hosts on the trip to the world championships were Hal and Rose Higdon, 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 his lovely wife Rose to give us her version.)

Perhaps one of my most vivid memories of the Swedish trip were the American cars - - Chevies, 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 engines, 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 went there. UCLA on shirts 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 more women went braless than do in the States (where bralessness apparently has seen its peak). My husband took a survey and insisted that a higher percentage of Swedish women went braless 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.

Our passes also got us into Liseburg, a Swedish Disneyland, reportedly the largest amusement park in Scandinavia. We had a special entertainment for all world masters competitors one night and on another a 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 GOTEBOG - - EPILOGUE

BY AL SHEAHEN

The euphoria felt as 3000 athletes from 45 nations participated in the 2nd World Masters Track and Field Championships in Goteborg, 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-age-40 got a six. 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 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 from all nations 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. Houdini 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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FOURTH HAWAII INTERNATIONAL MASTERS T & F CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 24, 25, 26, 1978

EVENTS	100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 5000, 10,000, 110H, 400H, 100H (Women), 3000 Stp., Relays, Marathon; HJ, LJ, TJ, PV, SP, D, J, HT; Decathlon (M), Pentathlon (W), 100H, SP, HJ, LJ, 800.
AGE GROUPS	Open; 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, Men and Women.
LOCATION FACILITIES	Kaiser HS, Honolulu, Hawaii Chevron 440 Synthetic Track; Runways and HJ fan; concrete surfaces on SP, D, and HT rings; grass field for javelin.
AWARDS	Medals with koa leis for 4 places in each event in each age group. Trophies for first 3 in each age group in Decathlon and Pentathlon. Trophies to first 3 high point winners in each age group. Outstanding Athlete Awards to three outstanding athletes - men and women. Team Trophies to first three teams in Meet, based on total points in all events.
SOCIAL EVENTS	Hawaiian Hospitality; Luau; visits in homes; Hawaiian style Ball (dance); Awards Banquet.

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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 Valhalla, 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 joint pool with the men, we put our suits on.

While I was getting dressed Heather Pain arrived with a group of the teenager girls on the tour. Everybody talks about our uninhibited youngsters, but they started toward the sauna wearing their swim suits. I told them all the other women wore none, 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 next 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: stainless steel, wooden utensils, glassware, certain sweaters, clogs for the feet (which everyone seemed to wear, even the two-year olds). 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 krone, 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 fine blind athletes, who ran as though unhandicapped. One blind German runner won the sprints in the age-60 class. Another blind German marathoner 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 Portugese family that met him in the supermarket and befriended him. The man of the family was a marine engineer, who speaks 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 Portugese 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 Portugese 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 set late.

**MEET RESULTS
PAN AMERICAN MASTERS GAMES
SATURDAY - SEPT. 3, 1977**

MILE WALK - SECTION I

(DIVISION IV)
1. C. Unruh USA 33.09

(DIVISION III-A)
1. A. Guth USA 36.15

(DIVISION II-A)
1. A. Smith USA
2. B. Winn USA
3. B. Long USA

(DIVISION II)
1. J. Allen USA
2. A. Rodriguez COL.
3. J. Gershuny USA

MILE WALK - SECTION II

(DIVISION I-A)
1. J. Kelly USA 26.19.3

(DIVISION I)
1. B. Ranney USA
2. J. Fields USA
3. E. Patino COL.

400 METER RELAY

(DIVISION I)
1. CDMTC "A" USA
2. Seniors T.C. USA
3. No. Cal. Sr. TC
4. Mexico MEX.

(DIVISION II)
1. CDMTC "A" USA
2. CDMTC "B" USA

1500 METER RUN

(WOMEN)
1. M. Gorman USA
2. R. Anderson USA
3. Y. Livett USA

(DIVISION I)
1. J. Metsing S.AFR.
2. C.A. Aguero MEX.
3. W. Williams USA
4. B. Emmerling USA

(DIVISION II)
1. B. Fitzgerald USA
2. A. Bryant USA
3. R. Gill USA
4. J. Nieto COL.

(DIVISION I-A)
1. T. Sturak USA
2. R. Archibald USA
3. C. Beeman USA
4. D. Fraitaq USA

(DIVISION II-A)
1. M. Hernandez USA
2. H. Daughters USA
3. J. Carey USA
4. D. Lewsi USA

(DIVISION III)
1. R. Mahannah USA
2. E. Stotsenberg USA

(DIVISION III-A)
1. L. Dahlstens USA
2. S. Madden USA
3. W. Andberg USA

100 METER DASH

(DIVISION I)
1. R. Austin AUSTR.
2. J. Rabie S.AFR.
3. D. Segal USA
4. K. Dennis USA

(DIVISION I-A)
1. T. Nasralla USA
2. H. Green USA
3. D. Marlin USA

(DIVISION II)
1. R. Watanabe USA
2. W. Buchanan USA
3. D. Watt USA

(DIVISION II-A)
1. B. Hogan AUSTR.
2. T. Patsalis USA
3. B. Hunt USA
4. P. Fetter USA

(DIVISION III)
1. P. Jordan USA
2. B. Morales USA
3. H. Koppel USA
4. J. Sati USA

(DIVISION III-A)
1. V. McIntyre USA
2. A. Castro USA
3. J. Caruso USA
4. D. Mitchelson USA

(DIVISION IV)
1. S. Lum USA
2. B. Blakely USA

400 METER RUN

(DIVISION I)
1. N. Newton USA
2. E. Ofeta USA
3. V. Parish USA
4. F. Pelaez USA

(DIVISION I-A)
1. O. Dawkins USA
2. S. Cruz MEX.
3. T. Nasralla USA
4. B. Gaedke USA

(DIVISION II)
1. B. Sieben USA
2. G. Harte USA
3. T. Clayton USA
4. D. Waggner USA

(DIVISION II-A)
1. B. Hunt USA
2. E. Jordan USA

(DIVISION III)
1. H. Koppel USA
2. J. Sati USA
3. G. Poloynis USA
4. M. Gleimer USA

(DIVISION III-A)
1. V. McIntyre USA
2. S. Madden USA
3. D. Mitchelson USA

5.16.6 (DIVISION IV)
5.27.3 1. B. Blakely USA
7.33.2

10,000 METER RUN - SECTION I

(DIVISION II-A)
1. E. Galecia MEX.
2. J. Oleson USA
3. H. Daughters USA
4. J. Carey USA

(DIVISION II)
1. J. O'Neil USA
2. G. Garzon USA

DIVISION III-A)
1. J. Montoya USA
2. L. Dahlsten USA
3. A. Guth USA

(DIVISION III)
1. F. Solano MEX.

(DIVISION IV)
1. L. Riviera MEX.
2.6
3.1

(DIVISION I-A)
1. J. Smartt USA
2. P. Mundle USA
3.9

SHOT PUT

(DIVISION I)
1. P. Brady USA
2. A. Halle USA
3. H. Smith USA
4. J. Tansley USA

(DIVISION I-A)
1. H. Hawke USA
2. D. Douglas USA
3. B. Perry USA

(DIVISION II)
1. G. Ker USA
2. H. Habegger USA
3. B. Richards USA

(DIVISION II-A)
1. D. Aldrich USA
2. B. Burke USA
3. G. Fetter USA

(DIVISION III)
1. J. Thatcher USA
2. H. DeGroot USA
3. J. York USA
4. T. Montgomery USA

(DIVISION III-A)
1. A. DuPlessis AFR.
2. E. Archer USA
3. L. Pereseny USA
4. R. Hubbell USA

(DIVISION IV)
1. R. Drummond USA
2. R. Doms USA
3. B. DeGroot USA

1.38.5 (DIVISION IV)
1.38.5

POLE VAULT

(DIVISION I)
1. M. Wong MEX.
2. C. Cota USA
3. L. Weed USA

(DIVISION I-A)
1. J. Donley USA
2. M. Rivera P.RICO
3. V. Cook USA

(DIVISION II)
1. B. Richards USA
2. D. Brown USA
3. D. Grosh USA

(DIVISION II-A)
1. C. McFate USA

(DIVISION III)
1. J. Vernon USA
2. H. DeGroot USA
3. C. McMahon USA

(DIVISION III-A)
1. R. MacConaghy USA
2. A. DuPlessis S.AFR.

HIGH JUMP

(DIVISION I)
1. N. Newton USA
2. B. Billings USA
3. R. Fitzhugh USA

(DIVISION I-A)
1. E. Austin USA
2. H. White USA
3. F. Gallardo USA

(DIVISION II)
1. B. Richards USA
2. D. Brown USA
3. T. DeVaughn USA

(DIVISION II-A)
1. B. Gist USA
2. C. McFate USA
3. L. Silver USA

(DIVISION III)
1. J. Vernon USA
2. H. DeGroot USA
3. J. Damski USA

(DIVISION III-A)
1. J. McIntyre USA
2. A. DuPlessis S.AFR.
3. L. Pereseny USA

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39'1"
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11'6"

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10'6"

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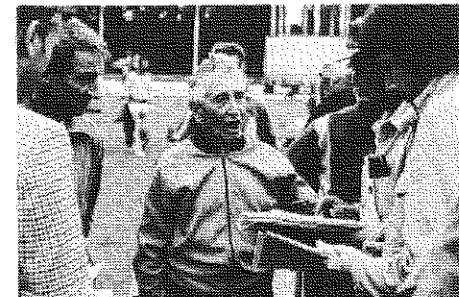
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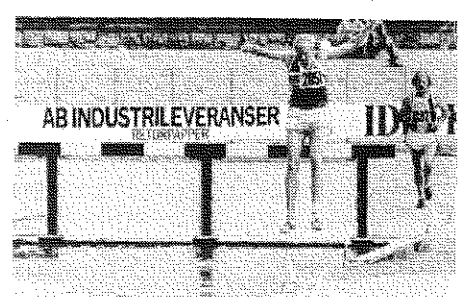
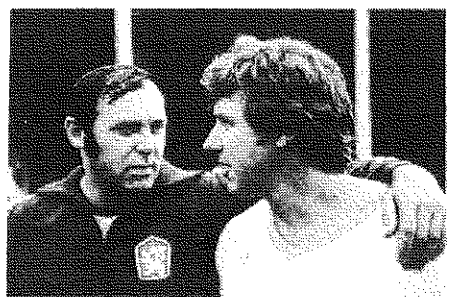
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3'1"



GOTHENBURG '77



110 METER HURDLES

LONG JUMP	(DIVISION III-A)	(DIVISION II-A)	(DIVISION I-A)
	1. T. Hatlen USA	1. B. Hunt USA	1. D. Jackson USA
(DIVISION I)	2. V. McIntyre USA	20.4	2. S. Davisson USA
1. T. Chilton USA	3. D. Mitchelson USA	20.9	3. T. Nasralla USA
2. M. Herman USA		30.2	
3. M. Andrews USA	(DIVISION III)	1. T. Clayton USA	66.8
	1. B. Morales USA	2. A. Bryant USA	69.7
(DIVISION I-A)	2. J. Vernon USA	3. A. Rodriguez COL.	72.2
1. D. Jackson USA	3. J. Sati USA		
2. S. Davisson USA		(DIVISION I-A)	19.8
3. T. Nasralla USA	(DIVISION II-A)	23.0	1. T. Nasralla USA
	1. B. Hunt USA	25.0	2. A. Sheehan USA
(DIVISION II)	2. T. Patsalis USA	16.7	3. F. Gallardo USA
1. R. Spencer USA	3. B. Gist USA	16.9	
2. B. Richards USA		(DIVISION I)	17.6
3. D. Brown USA	(DIVISION II)	17.6	1. D. Berger S.AFR.
	1. A. Bryant USA	16.9	2. G. Roldan MEX.
(DIVISION II-A)	2. A. Rodriguez COL.	22.3	3. V. Parish USA
1. T. Patsalis USA		22.8	4. E. Oleta USA
2. P. Fetter USA	(DIVISION I-A)		
3. E. Jordan USA	1. D. Jackson USA	15.8	MILE RELAY
(DIVISION III)	2. F. Gallardo USA	18.0	(DIVISION II)
1. J. Sati USA	3. D. Donnelly USA	18.9	1. Corona Del Mar USA
2. B. Morales USA	4. T. Nasralla USA	18.9	
3. J. Damski USA		18.9	2. Seniors T.C. USA
(DIVISION III-A)	(DIVISION I)	15.0	(DIVISION III-A)
1. J. Caruso USA	1. D. Berger S.AFR.	15.5	1. A. DuPlessis S.AFR.
2. A. Duplessis S.AFR.	2. C. Bertrand USA	15.5	2. J. Caruso USA
3. A. Vesco USA	3. G. Roldan MEX.	15.6	3. A. Vesco USA
	4. H. Smith USA		
(DIVISION IV)			(DIVISION IV)
1. H. Westbrook USA	5,000 METER RUN		1. W. McFadden USA
2. R. Doms USA	(WOMEN)		2. W. Westbrook USA
	1. R. Anderson USA		3. R. Doms USA
SUNDAY - SEPT. 4, 1977	2. K. Frank USA		
	3. J. Smith USA		DISCUS
800 METERS	4. Y. Livett USA		(DIVISION I)
(DIVISION IV)			1. P. Brady USA
1. M. Montgomery USA	1. V. McIntyre USA	29.7	2. O. Fierro MEX.
	2. A. Castro USA	29.9	3. L. Weed USA
(DIVISION III-A)	(DIVISION III)	26.1	
1. S. Madden USA	1. P. Jordan USA	27.9	(DIVISION I-A)
2. L. Dahlsten USA	2. B. Morales USA	29.2	1. H. Hawke USA
3. A. Guth USA	3. H. Koppel USA	29.2	2. D. Straub USA
	4. J. Satti USA		3. F. Gallardo USA
(DIVISION III)	N/T		
1. R. Mahannah USA	(DIVISION II-A)		(DIVISION II)
2. G. Poloynis USA	1. B. Hogan AUSTR.	24.3	1. G. Ker USA
3. M. Gleimer USA	2. B. Hunt USA	26.2	2. B. Richards USA
	3. P. Fetter USA	27.3	3. H. Habegger USA
(DIVISION II-A)	4. E. Jordan USA	32.6	
1. E. Halpin USA	(DIVISION II)		(DIVISION II-A)
2. D. Lewis USA	1. R. Watanabe USA	25.2	1. D. Aldrich USA
3. H. Daughters USA	2. G. Putterbaugh USA	26.7	2. E. Jordan USA
4. F. Rems USA	2:34.8	27.2	3. P. Fetter USA
	3. W. Buchanan USA	27.3	
(DIVISION II)	4. D. Watt USA		(DIVISION III)
1. B. Sieben USA	(DIVISION I-A)		1. H. Hawke USA
2. G. Putterbaugh USA	1. J. Tenreiro MEX.	24.3	2. D. Straub USA
	2. T. Nasralla USA	24.6	3. F. Gallardo USA
3. B. Fitzgerald USA	2:11.5	24.9	
4. A. Bryant USA	2:14.0	24.9	(DIVISION III-A)
	4. S. Criz MEX.	24.9	1. A. DuPlessis S.AFR.
(DIVISION I-A)			2. E. Archer USA
1. B. Gaedke USA	(DIVISION I)		3. R. Hubbell USA
2. T. Sturak USA	1. R. Austin AUSTR.	22.3	
3. A. Sheehan USA	2. C. Bertrand USA	23.0	(DIVISION IV)
4. B. Holmes USA	3. D. Segal USA	23.0	1. R. Doms USA
	4. P. Knox USA	24.0	2. B. DeGroot USA
(DIVISION II)			3. R. Drummond USA
1. B. Mayer USA	2:01.9		
2. E. Oleta USA	2:06.6		HAMMER THROW
3. G. Westphalen USA	(DIVISION III-A)		(DIVISION I)
	1. D. Mitchelson USA	1:56.8	1. J. Tansley USA
4. M. Lauderdale USA	2. A. Guth USA	1:57.3	2. H. Smith USA

(DIVISION I-A)	1. D. Jackson USA	43'3"
	2. S. Davisson USA	37'10½"
	3. T. Nasralla USA	36'4¾"
(DIVISION II)	1. T. Clayton USA	66.8
	2. A. Bryant USA	69.7
	3. A. Rodriguez COL.	72.2
(DIVISION I-A)	1. T. Nasralla USA	62.3
	2. A. Sheehan USA	62.1
	3. F. Gallardo USA	72.4
(DIVISION II)	1. T. Patsalis USA	37'6½"
	2. E. Jordan USA	27'11"
	3. B. Long USA	27'0"
(DIVISION III)	1. J. Vernon USA	30'10½"
	2. M. Gleimer USA	28'6½"
	3. H. Koppel USA	23'3½"
(DIVISION III-A)	1. A. DuPlessis S.AFR.	27'10¾"
	2. J. Caruso USA	26'11"
	3. A. Vesco USA	25'6¾"
(DIVISION IV)	1. W. McFadden USA	26'6"
	2. W. Westbrook USA	24'2"
	3. R. Doms USA	21'8"
(DIVISION I)	1. P. Brady USA	141'6"
	2. O. Fierro MEX.	140'6"
	3. L. Weed USA	115'9"
(DIVISION I-A)	1. H. Hawke USA	124'11"
	2. D. Straub USA	109'2"
	3. F. Gallardo USA	94'3"
(DIVISION II)	1. G. Ker USA	141'7"
	2. B. Richards USA	132'6¼"
	3. H. Habegger USA	125'2"
(DIVISION II-A)	1. D. Aldrich USA	127'7"
	2. E. Jordan USA	99'8"
	3. P. Fetter USA	85'4"
(DIVISION III)	1. J. Thatcher USA	137'8"
	2. B. Morales USA	123'8½"
	3. H. DeGroot USA	120"
(DIVISION III-A)	1. A. DuPlessis S.AFR.	117'10½"
	2. E. Archer USA	104'9½"
	3. R. Hubbell USA	91'4½"
(DIVISION IV)	1. R. Doms USA	121'7"
	2. B. DeGroot USA	112'9"
	3. R. Drummond USA	98'9½"
(DIVISION I)	1. J. Tansley USA	97-5
	2. H. Smith USA	96-5
(DIVISION I-A)	1. D. Douglas USA	100-0
	2. B. Perry USA	57-4

**WORLD MASTERS GAMES
GOTHENBERG, SWEDEN**

AUGUST 8 - 13, 1977

BY PETE MUNDLE

The second World Masters Games proved to be the most outstanding masters meet ever with 3500 athletes from 40+ countries putting on an unforgettable display of record breaking and dramatic moments. Forty-four world marks were bettered in the nine age group divisions, and 150 separate world and American age records were broken in this meet. In the First World Games in Toronto 105 age records were made by 1500 athletes. This is an indication that the quality and quantity of running has improved greatly in the past two years. Many winning times in Toronto would not have qualified for the finals or made the top ten in Gothenburg. It necessitated the use of three tracks, the super fast track at the Slottsskogsvallen stadium and the slower crushed brick track where the 5000 and 10,000 meter races were held and the cinder track near the main stadium where 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 excellent supervision of Roland Jerneryd did a magnificent job of keeping the massive horde under control. The meet lured some great international runners, Gaston Roelants who turned 40 earlier in the year devastated good fields taking the 5000 meter race, the steeplechase and the cross country titles. Gaston had previously wiped out the World record in the Steeplechase with an amazing 8:41.5 bettering the record by 35 seconds. Al Oerter, the phenomenal four time Olympic Champion had to unload his best effort to beat Czechoslovakia's Ludvik Danek in the thrilling discus encounter. Blind men aided by guides competed in the sprints and distance races with Assmy of West Germany winning the 3A 100 and 200 meter finals. Assmy was given a spine tingling standing ovation by the packed crowd for his courageous performance in one of the most memorable moments of the Games. The meet was full of exciting desperate lunging finishes as one 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 parts surmounted the language barrier to gain many new friends. It is always a beautiful experience to share the happiness with all peoples and take home such wonderful memories.

DIVISION 1A(40 - 44). This division featured some fantastic running. In the 800 meter Tony Blue of Australia led a very fast field as the first three broke Tony's previous record of 1:56.5. Tony, Neil Clough(Australia) and K. Mainka (Germany) had times of 1:54.8, 1:55.6 and 1:55.6 and the next were under two minutes to make it the best field in any event. C. Huyssen led the 1500 meter field through to a fast 3:56.7 and four more broke four minutes including Australian great and winner in Toronto Albie Thomas. Regie Austin of Australia came through with victories in the 100 meters (10.8) and the 200 meters. Regie's 200 meter time breaks his own World best by a tenth of a second. Neil Clough came back to beat Tony Blue and Gerald LeRoy(England) in the 400 meter race and his time of 49.5 bettered Jim Dixon's World mark of 49.7 set in 1973. Clough came back again to garner yet another World mark when he soared over the 110 meter hurdles in the very good time of 54.3 which bettered another Dixon record of 55.1. As previously mentioned Gaston Roelants won three titles. In the 5000 meter race, Gaston won over England's very tough runner Roy Fowler who in Toronto had himself won his races by big margins. Gaston's time of 14:03.0 would have been a record had not

France's great Olympic runner Lucien Rault done it a few months ago just after he turned forty. Rault turned in times of 13:45.6 in the 5000 and 28:33.4 in the 10,000 meter races bettering Jack Foster's times of 14:07.0 and 29:11.4. Austrian Horst Mandl had strong wins in the 110 meter hurdles, high jump and triple jump and a third in long jump. He didn't compete in his specialty the pentathlon for which he has the world record. Tom Chilton of the US who recently bettered the world record with a 23'4 mark won this event with a mark of 23' 3/4". Previous to this meet Danek and Oerter were taking turns with the world record with Danek having the better to date 210'7 to Oerter's 205'1. There is yet another discus thrower who just turned forty from Russia who did even better than these two. Vladimir Lyakhov sailed one 213'1" to top everyone. The action is fast and furious in the discus ring. U. Van Wartburg(Switzerland) got off Namath like throw in the javelin to gather in the World record of 258'1 surpassing Kulcsar's mark of 249'9".

DIVISION 1B(45 - 49). The 800 meter race in this division was also a speed burner as J. Hasselberg(Norway) led two others under two minutes beating Bill Fitzgerald's record of 1:58.1 by two tenths of a second. He also won the 400 meter race with a good time of 52.1. Charlie Williams(England) like Austin won both sprints with age 46 records of 11.2 and 22.9. Manuel Alaonso of Spain was very busy in the distance races as he pulled off wins in the 5000 and 10,000 meter races beating off furious challenges by Laurie O'Hara of England both times, just losing out to Bill Stoddart(Scotland) in the cross country race, had to battle Hal Higdon(US) all the way before losing out as Hal got away at the last water jump to win and last but not least in his last race just an hour after his 5000 meter win led the 1500 meter field until exhaustion hit him in the final straight and fading to a valiant fourth place. Hal Higdon in his steeplechase win picked up the world mark in his division with his time of 9:39.0. Both he and Alonso broke Higdon's former record of 9:50. Piet Majoor(Holland) who earlier had broken the record for 1500 meters(4:03.2) won this event in 4:05.4. Dave Jackson got a win in the 110 meter hurdles with an age 45 record of 16.1, a fourth in the long jump(20'10½") and had a stirring duel with Germany's Herman Strauss in the triple jump Strauss winning 45'7¼" to 45'2¼". The marks are World and American records respectively.

DIVISION 2A(50 - 54). Jack Greenwood of Kansas was the class of this division as he was in Toronto. Jack won five gold medals in the individual races and was on two gold medal winning relay teams. Jack won the 100 meters(11.7), 200 meters (23.7), 400 meters(52.9), 110 meter hurdles(15.1) and the 400 meter hurdles(58.2). The 110 meter hurdle and 400 meter marks are world division bests. In the US National Championships in Chicago Jack warmed up for the World Games with five wins there also. Showing that as the competition improves so do his times, he bettered each of his Chicago times in Gothenburg. Dick Stolpe and Baas(Germany) made good challenges in the 100 and 200 meter races. H. Hinderks(Germany) and Jim O'Neil were first and second in the 10,000 meter races and second and third in the 5000 meter race to Canada's super marathoner Arthur Taylor. Jim won these events in the Senior Olympics and the National Championships getting 16:42.9 and 33:46 times. All these marks were age 52 records. Hinderks also won the marathon and O'Neil

20 km WALK 1A TEAM	100 m W1A FINAL	1,500 m W2B FINAL	10,000 m W3B FINAL
1. Sweden L. Andersson, G. Davidson, L. Johansson	1. T. Rautanen FinInd. 2. K. Hoffland Austrl. 3. E. Strecker USA 7. C. Sherrard USA	12,1 1. K.L. Garbo Nor. 12,5 2. U. Jansson Sweden 12,7 3. A. Haushofer Ger. 13,2 1,500 m W3A FINAL	5,33,5 1. A. Werbel USA 54.03,4 5,54,5 5,54,5 5,000 m WALK W1A FINAL
2. Germany H. Koch, H. Brandt, F. Klatt	19 100 m W1B FINAL 1. I. Obera USA 2. H. Werner Germany 3. A. Parish USA 8. C. Miller USA	1. J. Kolda USA 2. M.E. Fairbank USA 13,0 1,500 m W3B FINAL 13,1 13,2 1. E. Eriksson Sweden 13,9 2. G. Muller Ger. 3. N. Wedemo Sweden	8,20,6 1. J.U. Farr Eng. 24.37,7 8,20,8 2. H. Penner Ger. 26.17,6 8,20,8 3. R. Broders Ger. 26.29,2
3. England Dunsford, Smyth, Marshall	79 20 km WALK 1B TEAM	13,0 3,000 m W1A FINAL 13,1 13,2 1. S. Larsson Sweden 13,3 2. T. Syrjala FinInd. 15,2 3. F. Nicolas France	6,26,5 5,000 m WALK W1B FINAL 6,43,5 1. G. Bornwasser Ger. 28.39,8 7,15,0 2. Y. Smith Eng. 29.13,6 3. H.M. Rider Eng. 31.24,9 4. C. O'Neil USA 37.11,2
1. Sweden Svensson, Karlsson, E. Karlsson	14 100m W2A FINAL 15 1. M. Kyle N.I. 2. E.J. Wheeler Eng. 3. O. Oldrichova Czech. 8. E. Rose USA	13,1 1,500 m W4A FINAL 13,2 3,000 m W1A FINAL 13,3 15,2 1. S. Larsson Sweden 15,7 2. T. Syrjala FinInd. 16,1 3. F. Nicolas France	9,49,1 5,000 m WALK W2A FINAL 9,49,6 1. S.B. Jennings Eng. 28.36,4 10,03,0 2. U. Simu Swed. 28.50,7 3. O. Meyer Ger. 28.53,0 5. V. Lucas USA 30.22,6 7. S. Zimman USA 44.50,1
2. Germany Roder, Schmidt, Gries	28 20 km WALK 2B TEAM	15,7 3,000 m W1B FINAL 16,1 1. M. Gorman USA 16,4 2. M. Czarapata USA 16,5 3. R. Olsson Sweden	11,00,0 5,000 m WALK W2B FINAL 11,11,5 1. K. Larsson Swed. 29.21,5 11,17,8 2. M. Ohlsson Swed. 29.50,1 11,23,1 3. U. Jansson Swed. 30.05,3 13,43,4 4. M. Hutchison USA 30.34,9 14,02,6 21,00,7
3. England Bromley, Eade, Purkis	14 100m W2B FINAL 15 1. J.F. Kolda USA 2. M. E. Fairbank USA	16,4 3,000 m W2A FINAL 16,5 1. U. Seger Sweden 17,3 2. M. Henriksen Denmrk. 17,9 3. B. De Preter Belg. 16,4 8. C. O'Conner USA 17,8 10. I. McConnell USA 56,5 12. V. Lucas USA	11,17,4 5,000 m WALK W3A FINAL 11,39,4 1. B. Tibbling Swed. 28.19,5 11,47,1 2. I. Sagrelius Swed. 29.32,2 12,26,5 3. I. Peippola FinInd. 39.26,3 13,27,7 5,000 m WALK W3B FINAL 14,16,2 1. N. Wedemo Swed. 31.42,0 2. J. Luther Ger. 32.20,7 3. E. Eriksson Swed. 32.42,7
MARATHON M1A FINAL	100 m W3A FINAL 1. H. Hinderks Ger. 2.40.11 2. K. Hernelind Swd. 2.43.35 3. J. O'Neil USA 2.47.39	16,4 3,000 m W2A FINAL 16,4 1. K.L. Garbo Nor. 11.41,7 62,3 2. U. Jansson Sweden 12.30,0 62,4 3. A. Haushofer Ger. 12.31,5	14,16,2 5,000 m WALK W4A FINAL 2. J. Luther Ger. 32.20,7 3. E. Eriksson Swed. 32.42,7
MARATHON M1B FINAL	400 m W1A FINAL 1. K. Holland Austrl. 2. E. Osterberg Sweden 3. R. Fischer Ger.	62,4 3,000 m W3A FINAL 62,7 1. H. Jockle Ger. 12.48,0 62,8 2. I. Sagrelius Sweden 13.38,3 69,2 3. E. Faule Ger. 13.47,0 70,1 5. E. Krumbein USA 16.34,0 6. M.E. Fairbank USA 16.56,8 7. V. Martin USA 17.05,5	5,000 m WALK W4B FINAL 1. K. Leist Ger. 43.17.1
MARATHON M2A FINAL	400 m W1B FINAL 1. H. Werner Ger. 2. I. Obera USA 3. A. Parish USA	75,4 3,000 m W3B FINAL 77,9 1. E. Eriksson Sweden 13.42,8 80,6 2. J. Luther Ger. 13.50,0 80,8 3. M. Lynnerup Denm. 14.03,0 6. A. Werbel USA 14.56,0	LONG JUMP W1A FINAL 1. Tuula Rautanen FinInd. 5.53 2. E. Ggraff Belg. 5.12 3. S. Falck-Jorgensen Norway 5.10 6. E. Strecker USA 4.84
MARATHON M2B FINAL	400 m W2A FINAL 1. M. Kyle N.I. 2. A. Blom Belg. 3. E. Rose USA	88,0 3,000 m W4A FINAL 92,6 1. J. Bucher Ger. 18.02,4 92,6 10,000 m W1A FINAL 85,0 1. Konings-Rypers Holnd. 37.12,2 86,8 2. S. Sucker Den. 38.49,2 88,0 3. Y. Kaced Fr. 39.06,2 6. M. Miller USA 55.09,8	LONG JUMP W1B FINAL 1. M. Altmann Ger. 5.35 2. K. Diener Ger. 5.07 3. M. Zahn Ger. 4.85 4. C. Miller USA 4.38
MARATHON M3A FINAL	400 m W2B FINAL 1. A. Haushofer Ger. 2. U. Jansson Sweden 3. M. Hutchinson USA 4. S. Dietderich USA	88,0 3,000 m W4A FINAL 92,6 1. J. Bucher Ger. 18.02,4 92,6 10,000 m W1A FINAL 85,0 1. Konings-Rypers Holnd. 37.12,2 86,8 2. S. Sucker Den. 38.49,2 88,0 3. Y. Kaced Fr. 39.06,2 6. M. Miller USA 55.09,8	LONG JUMP W2A FINAL 1. M. Kyle N.I. 4.80 2. C. Wippensteg Ger. 4.52 3. M. Hamm Ger. 4.27
MARATHON M3B FINAL	400 m W3A FINAL 1. C. Hargus USA 2. M.E. Fairbank USA 3. J.F. Kolda USA	83,2 1,500 m W1B FINAL 83,2 1. L. Sipprelle USA 39.57,8 2. D. Stock USA 40.28,2 3. M. Garaiute USA 40.33,0 8. A. Kleyhans USA 45.55,6	LONG JUMP W3A FINAL 1. M.E. Fairbank USA 3.07
MARATHON M4A FINAL	400 m W3B FINAL 1. G. Muller Ger. 2. A. Reile Ger. 3. E. Eriksson Sweden	83,2 1,500 m W1A FINAL 83,2 1. T. Syrjala FinInd. 4.30,6 4.31,9 2. F. Nicolas France 4.42,1 3. Y. Kaced France	LONG JUMP W3B FINAL 1. M. Altmann Ger. 5.35 2. K. Diener Ger. 5.07 3. M. Zahn Ger. 4.85 4. C. Miller USA 4.38
MARATHON M4B FINAL	1,500 m W1A FINAL 1. T. Syrjala FinInd. 2. F. Nicolas France 3. Y. Kaced France	85,0 1,500 m W1B FINAL 85,0 1. M. Gorman USA 86,8 2. M. Czarapata USA 88,0 3. L. Diehl Ger. 14. D. Wissmar USA	LONG JUMP W4A FINAL 1. M. Kyle N.I. 4.80 2. C. Wippensteg Ger. 4.52 3. M. Hamm Ger. 4.27
4 x 400 m RELAY SPECIAL	1,500 m W2A FINAL 1. U. Seger Sweden 5.15,2 2. C.C. McKerr Austrl. 5.23,7 3. E. Bischoff Ger. 5.23,8 4. C. O'Conner USA 5.31,8 7. E. Rose USA 5.52,6	88,0 10,000 m W2A FINAL 83,2 1. L. Sipprelle USA 39.57,8 2. D. Stock USA 40.28,2 3. M. Garaiute USA 40.33,0 8. A. Kleyhans USA 45.55,6	LONG JUMP W4B FINAL 1. M.E. Fairbank USA 3.07

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 Goteborg, 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 prevailing warmth that our hosts induced. The Swedes worked to perfect the World Masters meet against all probable odds, namely 2,700 participants. (The Olympic committee did not have to deal with that many athletes!) But they cleared that hurdle and knocked down some other problems in the meantime.

We certainly are a fortunate group, since throughout the year we can gather periodically (if our finances allow) in forever changing surroundings. Scandinavia one month, the United States the next, and later still another far-off land. I feel very fortunate to be exposed to so many different cultures, 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 it's people is not just beneficial to youth; 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.

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 Williams of the U.S.A. took the 100 m.; Clancey Edwards, U.S.A., the 200 m.; Alfons Breydenback, Belgium, brilliantly won the 400 m. in a time of 45.1 seconds over Ed Moses, American world record holder for the 400 m. hurdles; Mike Boit of Kenya beat our colleague Marc Enyeart in a very fast 800 m.; and perhaps the race of the night was the 1500 m.; there the American Steve Scott set a blazing pace for John Walker of New Zealand in order to break the world record. Walker continued when Scott dropped out and down to the last 50 meters was probably ahead of the world record, nevertheless registering the fastest time of this year. Dwight Stones won the high jump; the great Irina Szeriwski of Poland took the 200 m. and Miss Van Hoven of my White Star athletic club of Brussels came in third in the 800 m.

BEST REMARK, attributed to an English cardiologist and passed along to us by Dr. Ernie Werbel of San Luis Obispo, a surgeon and distance runner:

"It's come to the point where we no longer require a physical examination of a person who wants to run . . . but, instead, of a person who wants to remain sedentary."

Some of the people on our tour were old friends, such as Bill and Elizabeth Shank of Sacramento, who had shared an apartment with us at the Olympics in Mexico City in 1968. I had breakfast with Bill the morning of his first competition. An attorney general in California, he pleaded insufficient training before this trip. "It's frustrating," he said. "I can't wait until I'm old enough to retire so I can train full-time." (We heard several other masters express similar sentiments.) "I know I'm not going to break any records," he added, "but I would like to do the best I can."

That night we found a note stuck under our hotel door from Elizabeth, saying, "Bill ran his best time ever. We're going to celebrate. How about meeting us for dinner at the Park Avenue Hotel?" Unfortunately, we didn't discover the note until after midnight.

The bulletin board in our hotel lobby became the means by which we usually communicated with each other. It also provided a personal touch, and a way of letting everybody know what was happening, whether it was a meeting to select a relay team or a tour of the Volvo factory (which unfortunately got cancelled, because the plant was closed for vacation during our stay). We passed on recommendations for things to do, such as from Kelso and Doris Brown who enjoyed the boat tour of the harbor, and the trip taken by Bob and Joan Youngs. They climbed aboard the train to Stockholm one day, got off at a small town they simply selected at random, and returned that night.

We were too busy to do much touring, but did take one hour-long trip around central Gothenburg. When the tour guide asked what languages, it turned out that more than 80 percent of the people on our bus were German. The guide described everything in three languages, but Hal (who under-

(DIVISION II)	(DIVISION I-A)
1. B. Richards USA 117-5	1. H. Hawke USA 155'11"
2. T. DeVaughn USA 104-7	2. D. Straub USA 147'8"
3. P. Evans USA 103-7	3. H. White USA 141'11"
	4. D. Douglas USA 114'
(DIVISION II-A)	(DIVISION III)
1. F. Fraguoso MEX. 155-4	1. B. Richards USA 118'11 1/2"
2. D. Aldrich USA 122-7	2. T. DeVaughn USA 87'
3. J. Sanz USA 94-0	3. E. Grimm USA 57'10 1/2"
(DIVISION III)	(DIVISION II-A)
1. T. Montgomery USA 111-2	1. P. Fetter USA 154'5"
2. C. McMahan USA 100-11	2. D. Aldrich USA 135'3 3/4"
3. J. York USA 86-6	3. L. Silver USA 132' 1/2"
(DIVISION III-A)	(DIVISION III)
1. R. Hubbell USA 102-10	1. B. Morales USA 170'4"
2. A. Vesco USA 93-5	2. H. DeGroot USA 128' 1/2"
3. L. Pereseny USA 67-4	3. C. MacMahon USA 121'
	4. J. Vernon USA 80'3"
(DIVISION IV)	(DIVISION III-A)
1. R. Doms USA 59-10	1. R. MacConaghy USA 124'10 1/2"
	2. A. DuPlessis S.AFR. 112'6 3/4"
	3. R. Hubbell USA 92'2 1/4"
(DIVISION II)	(DIVISION IV)
1. P. Conley USA 197'11"	1. E. Curtis USA 123'3 3/4"
2. J. Transley USA 151'5"	2. R. Doms USA 96'10 1/2"
3. R. Marenin USA 148'9"	3. B. DeGroot USA 77'2 1/2"

came in third while Art Taylor tried the steeplechase for one of the few times and won with a world record mark of 10:18.6. Vaclav Bartl of Sweden won both the long jump and triple jump, his triple jump mark of 40'2 1/4" is an age 51 record. Bartl came through with a great performance in the pentathlon with a mark of 2601 (using IAAF) which broke Boo Morcom's record by 400 points. Herman Hombrecher (Germany) powered the shot 57'5 1/2" to best America's Gerogé Ker by seven feet, and Hermann easily the top master of this art has the world record of 57'7 1/4" in this event. George got a fourth in the discus. George won both the Senior Olympics and the National Championships, his best marks coming in the Senior Olympics (51'5 1/2 and 149'2). Big Bob Backus easily took the hammer as he rocketed one out 172'1 for an American age 51 record.

DIVISION 2B(55 - 59). The witty Australian sprinter Bernard Hogan outwitted the field to take both sprints by big margins. John Gilmour (Australia) ran four races winning three races and coming second in the marathon. John came out of the pack to win the 800, dueled Mauro Hernandez before pulling away in the 1500 and handed Sweden's great superstar Erik Ostbye (who ran in a separate section) his first defeat as a veteran in the 5000 meter race. Erik came back to beat him in the marathon. John's marks of 2:14.5, 4:28.3 and 16:29.0 in the three wins are age records. Ostbye also won the 10,000 meters. Hernandez picked up the American division with his second place time of 4:29.7 in the 1500. Boo Morcom the master of all trades had some great duels with California wizard Tom Patsalis. Tom bested Morcom in the 110 meter hurdles 17.6 to 17.8, the long jump 19'2 3/4" to 18'7 3/4" and the triple jump 39'11 1/4" to 35'4 3/4". Tom who has been jumping well all year has a world record jump of 20'8 3/4" and a world leading mark of windy 40'5 earlier in the year. But Boo is not one to relax. Boo picked up a win in the 400 (57.3) a fifth in the 800(2:16.2) just behind Hernandez, a second in the 400 meter hurdles(65.3), a win in the high jump (5'5 1/2), a win in the pole vault(12'5 3/4) and of course a resounding win and a world record in the pentathlon of 2439 points upping his own mark made earlier this year, by 200 points. Boo, last year's world's best athlete is certainly not letting up. Morcom's 800, 110 meter hurdles, high jump and pole vault were all age records. Kauko Jouppila (Finland) won the shot put(45'11 1/2 - age record) and the discus throw(165'10) which betters the world record by over 20 feet. The steeplechase was a real battle pitting the world record holder Olle Elvland (Sweden), the American champion Alan Waterman and two others with good times this year Harry Lumpart (S.Africa) and Allen Merrett (Australia). Allen got away from the pack to win going away and record a division record(11:29.8) to best Elvland's mark of 11:43.6. This hectic battle helped pull Harry (11:38.2) and Alan Waterman(11:39.2 - an American record) under the old mark. Elvland lost his record and a medal in a battered fourth.

DIVISION 3A(60 - 64). As mentioned earlier a blind German won both sprints beating a strong challenge from Canada's Percy Duncan in both races. Riza Isman (Turkey) won the 800(2:23.1) and the 1500(4:54.5) coming within a few seconds of the world record each time. E. Stai (Norway) high jumped 5'2 to top Ian Hume's record of 5' 1/4" and in so doing beat Ian Hume whose second place mark of 5' 3/4" also topped his own record. In the triple jump Ian Hume had another record making mark net him only second place. Ian's mark of 34'5 1/2 was inferior to E. Seater's mark of 35'1 1/4. Seater is from Norway. The performances were wind aided so will not stand as records. The record is still 34' 1/4". Ian was also second in the pole vault to Jim Vernon whose 11'0 won

the event. Jim had earlier in the year vaulted to a world record of 11'7" with his present pole. Bill Morales who has lead the world by over 20 feet in his specialty the javelin threw the spear 173'11" to win the event by 20 feet. Bill sailed one out 177'5" in July which stands as the record. Bill now has the distinction of holding world records in three different divisions(2A, 2B and now 3A). Bill also won the pentathlon.

DIVISION 3B(65 - 69). Bill Andberg and Erich Kruzycski were the standouts in this division. Erich who has yet to lose to the grey ghost from Minnesota topped Bill again in the 5000 18:29.1 to 18:42.6. Erich's time was a world division record. Erich also won the 10,000 with an age record mark of 38:10.5 and the cross country title. Bill took the 800(2:28.0) and the 1500(5:04.8) in age record times. Norman Bright who still holds many records and who dominated this division in Toronto is not quite blind but does have tunnel vision which handicaps him quite a bit now. Norm managed a seventh in the 800(2:40.10), a fifth in the 1500(5:26.9 - an age record), a fifth in the 10,000(40:58.2 - another age record), an eighth in the cross country and tenth in the marathon for a real gutty performance. In the hurdle races Dick Lacey and Claude Hills put on some good competitive races. Claude had a good lead after the last hurdle in the shorter race but fell down just short of the finish tried to get up and fell again but still managed a third as Lacey won in an age record time of 20.9 to Hills third place time of 22.4. Lacey beat out Hills in the longer race 76.0 to 76.8. But Claude had his day garnering a win in the pentathlon with 1240 points. Hills and Lacey got second and third both with jumps of 4'5 1/4.. while I, Sand (Norway) got a record leap of 4'9 1/4. This broke the old record by 3 inches. Sand also broke Win McFadden's triple jump record of 30'9 with a prodigious leap of 34'2 1/4. Taraki Miyata (Japan) who held the 3A record until this year jumped 32'1 1/2 to also beat the record. Taraki beat Sand in the long jump with an age record mark of 15' 1/2" to Sands 14'11 1/4 but they were in turn beaten by R. Leinen (Germany) with a mark of 15'1 1/4 which is just off the record for the division. Herbert Schmidt (Germany) who holds the record in both 3A and 3B divisions tied his own mark with a vault of 11'2 in winning his division. Olav Reppen (Norway) slung the discus out 149' to better the world record by 8 feet. Reppen also won the Hammer throw(126'1).

DIVISION 4A(70 - 74). The giant in this division is Josiah Packard of California. Coming on the scene last year with some good sprint performances, Josiah has gotten into high gear this year demolishing the sprint records. At the Western Regionals he brought the world 400 meter mark down from 67.2 to 65.7 and became the first over 70 athlete to dip under 30.0 with a 29.6 mark. At the Senior Olympics he improved those times to 65.1 and a windy 29.0. At Gothenberg he added the 100 meter race to his repertoire and proceeded to win all three races by wide margins getting a world record in each with times of 13.9, 29.2 and 64.6. He broke a second barrier in the 100 meters by being the first to go under 14 seconds. This has to be one of the outstanding achievements of the year. Einar Nordin (Sweden) and Ray Sears of Indiana put on a display of record breaking as Nordin bested Sears in the 5000 and 10,000 meter races Nordin erasing the world records and Sears demolishing the American records. Nordin ran 19:54.6 and 40:48.5 while Sears ran 20:05.4 and 41:21.0. Nordin the holder of the marathon record did not try the marathon but Sears did and won in 3:32:31. Bob Wiseman of England became the first over 70 athlete to try the steeplechase and he won this event unopposed in 18:03.0. There was some good competition in the high jump as G. Tang-Holbek of Denmark just nudged past Ian Hume (Canada) 4'3 3/4 to 4' 2 3/4 and took the world record from him. Ian's record was

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 Obera, the Women's Masters Track and Field Sub-Committee Chairperson.

Kathy, who will be working with Pete Mundle, will be composing Women's Masters Age Records, from age 40 and up, to be published as part of the Masters Age Records, put out each year by Track and Field News. We believe that this will give further 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 year over 40: 100 yds. - 100 meters; 220 yds. - 200 meters; 440 yds. - 400 meters; 880 yds. - 800 meters; one mile; 1500 meters; 3000 meters; two miles; 3 miles; 5000 meters; 6 miles; 10,000 meters; one hour run; marathon; high jump; long jump; shot put (indicate weight); discus and javelin (indicate weight).

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stands some German, having lived nearly two years in the country) claimed the Germans were getting a better description of the scenery than those speaking English.

The thing that most fascinated me were the tiny cottages, each with its own miniature flower garden, in a special 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 attend the symphony while in town and appeared at the box office several days before with Arol Escamillo to obtain tickets. We selected three box seats, then when we asked how much, were told by the ticket saleslady that this was a special free concert, a gift to their public from the orchestra. "I know you must feel everything is so expensive in Sweden," she said, "so we can offer you this favor. 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 noticed Duncan MacLean, the 93-year-old Scotsman, weeping in the infield shortly after his exhibition 100 meter dash 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 t-shirts on the last day, including my husband. He came into the stands wearing a yellow shirt saying: "Deutsches Leichtathletik Verband." He had traded with a woman on the German team, but said, unfortunately, she went into the rest room to make the switch.

That night at the banquet, with all the competition over, we had a chance to talk with old friends we had met on previous trips, including England's Laurie O'Hara, who looked around at the huge crowd and said, almost sadly: "It's not like

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

On the final night even the marathoners, who had run that day, were out on the dance floor swinging 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 dates us.

Everybody at the Rubinen complained when they learned 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 meat 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 (or "veterans" as we have been renamed internationally) meet again. The next world meet will be held two years from now, probably in the Netherlands, Germany, or Israel. 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.

MARATHON W1A FINAL			
1. L. Winter	Ger.	3.00.31	
2. J. Sommier	Frnc.	3.19.39	
3. E. Ruisaho	FinInd.	3.31.13	
11. E. Phillips	USA	4.29.50	
1. A. Brommel	Ger.	42.64	
2. C. Baum	Ger.	32.32	
3. Z. Lelenecki	Yugosl.	27.00	
6. A. Cirolnick	USA	20.08	
MARATHON W2A FINAL			
1. U. Blaschke	Ger.	3.03.04	
2. T. D'Eila	USA	3.05.20	
3. R. Anderson	USA	3.15.20	
MARATHON W2B FINAL			
1. M. Hutchison	USA	3.59.40	
2. A. Rassmusen	Denmrk.	4.38.48	
3. R-M Mathevet	Frnc.	4.44.10	
MARATHON W3A FINAL			
1. J. Kazdan	Canada	4.23.43	
MARATHON W3B FINAL			
1. M. Lynnerup	Denmrk.	4.01.37	
CROSS COUNTRY W2A FINAL			
1. R. Andersson	Sweden	39.57	
2. N. Campbell	Eng.	40.57	
3. M. Henrikson	Denmrk.	41.25	
7. C. O'Connor	USA	43.31	
12. V. Lucas	USA	50.13	
CROSS COUNTRY W2B FINAL			
1. K. L. Garbo	Nor.	42.21	
2. U. Jansson	Sweden	43.47	
3. G. Bladh	Sweden	43.51	
4. M. Hutchinson	USA	47.26	
CROSS COUNTRY W3A FINAL			
1. J. Kazdan	Canada	49.00	
2. I. Sagrelus	Sweden	49.59	
3. G. Thernlund	Sweden	53.43	
4. C. Hargus	USA	55.00	
CROSS COUNTRY W3B FINAL			
1. J. Luther	Ger.	48.30	
2. M. Lynnering	Denmrk.	49.31	
3. E. Eriksson	Sweden	52.38	
4. A. Werbel	USA	55.08	
CROSS COUNTRY W4A FINAL			
1. J. Bucher	Ger.	61.05	
4 x 100 m W1A+B FINAL			
1. USA		51.4	
Miller, Sherrard, Parish, Oben			
2. Germany		52.3	
Zahn, Diener, Kirchhofs, Doraner			
3. England		56.2	
Wheeler, Donachie, Whitaker, Hamer			
4 x 100 m W2A+B FINAL			
1. USA		63.9	
Rose, McCourd, Dietderich, Conner			
2. Germany		66.6	
Bischoff, Lutz, Kassel, Wippersteg			
4 x 100 m W3A+B FINAL			
1. USA		72.5	
Koldes, Zairbank, Clarke, Hargue			

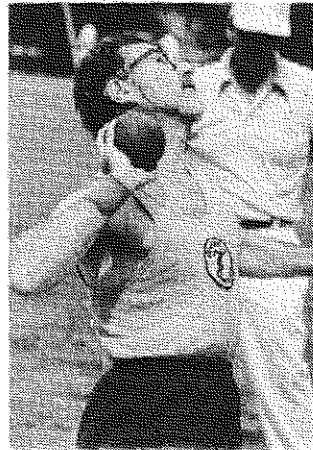
4'3. America's strong duo of Win McFadden and Homer Van Gelder were right behind with marks of 3'11¼ and 3'9¼ resp. Van Gelder recently took the American with a mark of 4'2½. George Simpson(Australia) was the busiest of this group. George got second place medals in the 100(14.6), 200(30.8), 400(72.0), 110 hurdles(24.0) and the long jump (12'10). He won the 400 meter hurdles with time of 90.8 and was third in the triple jump(24'1). Win McFadden record holder in the triple jump won this event leaping 23'6½. Win also won the 110 hurdles in 23.7. Albert Reiser(Germany) record holder in the hammer won his specialty with a mark of 101'4. He also won the long jump(13'1½) got seconds in the high jump(4'2½) and javelin(110'8) and fourths in the shot put(33'10½) and discus(99'10). V. Anderson of Sweden took a world record away from Stan Hermann as he won the discus throw with a good mark of 124'8 to erase the old record of 121'4. Red Doms was second (117'0) and Stan Hermann third(111'6). Doms also won the shot put with a put of 35'7¼, and was third in the javelin throw(98'6) behind Emery Curtice whose throw of 122'11 upped his world record of 121'4 set in May of this year. Doms, Curtice and Hermann all hail from California.

DIVISION 4B(75-79). Harold Chapson twice athlete of the year for over 70 division has run into a juggernaut in the person of Herbert Anderson of Colorado. Herb owns the world over 70 decathlon record and is very adept 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. Chapson who was second to Herb in the 100(15.2), 200(32.8) and 400(70.9) to Herbs 14.8, 31.7 and 69.9 managed to squeeze in two world records of his own in this division with marks of 2:41.4 in the 800 and 5:30.1 in the 1500 meter races. Chapson and Anderson just turned 75 and move into the Spangler dominated division. Hal and Herb together just about wiped out all the records on the books including a few of Spangler's. The other events Herb won were 110 meters hurdle(26.6), 400 hurdles (92.5), high jump(4'1¼), long jump(12'1¼), triple jump(27'5¼), 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(28'3½) and discus(92'1) and a fourth in the hammer throw(47'7). He was second to Chapson in the 800(3:10.1). What more can one ask!

DIVISION 5(80 and over). At 92 years of age the Tartan Flash from Scotland is still going strong. He took his specialty the 100 meter dash in 21.7. S. Falck(Sweden) took the 200 meters in 41.2 and the triple jump in the good mark of 21'1½. P. Goic, 82 year old from Yugoslavia who still has the world record for anyone over 75 of 111'9 in the hammer won this event with a throw of 89'8". He also produced world records for anyone over 80 and over in the shot put(28'8¼), discus throw(96'6) and the javelin(66'7) with all these 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 are based on the IAAF tables for record purposes. In the 1A division the first four places surpassed the world best. The winner Sydney Clark of England accumulated 3236 points to blast the former best mark of 2812. G. Drewniak of Germany won 1B with a world best mark of 2673 bettering the old mark of 2454. This mark also bettered by second and third place finishers. Sepp Schwankner(Germany) was close behind with 2661 points, Vaclav Bartl won division 2A with a record total of 2607 bettering Boo Morcom's record of 2251. Morcom won 2B with 2439 points and a record. Bill Morales 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 won the 3B and 4B divisions while Albert Brosz(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 lured 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 (IGAL) SECRETARY - GENERAL'S OFFICE HIDEO OKADA

Dear Representative, Tokyo 29.8. '77
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. Votes-Scrutineering: Each country disposes of one vote.
2. We have decided to appreciate by taking this opportunity of 10. World Best Veterans Championship Dr. van Aaken and Mr. Arthur Lambert who made a great effort for IGAL. 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 Miss Yoko Fujita who have served to do office work of IGAL in this year. These two persons were given souvenirs in token of the gratitude.
4. Reelection of President, Vice-presidents, Secretary-General; At first we elected following 6 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-presidents: Hideo Okada (Japan)
Bryan Doughty (Great Britain)
Jacques Serruys (Belgium)
Dr. Hlavicka (CSSR)
Walter Ross (Scotland)
5. Next meet place
1978 in W. Berlin, BRD (end of May) -- Marathon & 10km
1979 in the Netherlands (it will be decided in October 1977) -- 25km & 10km
Supplementary candidacy: Scotland, Koln(BRD)
1980 in Sweden -- Marathon & 10km
6. a) Age limit and b) age calculation
a) Men from 40 years old
Women from 35 years old
b) leave the matter as it is.
7. Womens classification: Classify in every five years (present system: 35-44/45-54.55)
8. Germany proposed walking race: it's voted against. The judgment will be difficult.
P.S. Secretary-General will contact with representative of U.S.A. and talk about the meeting after 1981. Several representatives worried why we couldn't meet our friends from America, so Secretary-General Hideo Okada explained the reason.

CROSS - COUNTRY RESULTS FROM ACROSS THE SEAS

Leo Benning (15 Craig Street, Welgemoed, Bellville, Republic of South Africa, 7530) sends greetings from the Cape and the following cross-country report:

WESTERN PROVINCE 8KM X - COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 APPLETISER FARM-GRABOUW

1 Leo Benning	29:20	5 Alec Jones	31:35
2 Colin Kidwell	30:49	6 Ralph King	32:34
3 Jan Therion	31:09	7 Albert Kriel	33:58
4 Des Harding	31:28	8 Willem Van Zyl	36:08

SOUTH AFRICA 8KM X - COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 PORT ELIZABETH

1 W. Olivier	N. Tvl.	27:21
2 L. Franken	S. Tvl.	27:40
3 A. Conradie	Def.	28:00
4 W. Van Schalkuyk	W. Tvl.	28:08
5 D. Gillfoyle	S. Tvl.	28:13
6 P. O'Brien	W.P.	28:27
7 J. Jordaan	E.P.	28:41
8 H. Vander Wilt	Border	29:01
9 P. Clough	S. Tvl.	29:13
10 D. Naude	S. Tvl.	29:22
11 M. Ferreira	S.W.D.	29:31
12 B. Davis	N. Tvl.	30:02
13 L. Benning	W.P.	30:05
14 M. Gaybba	E.P.	30:22
15 E. Skea	N. Tvl.	30:29
16 H. Oliver	N. Tvl.	31:10
17 G. Laubscher	Border	31:25
18 C. Kidwell	W.P.	31:27
19 M. Slater	W.P.	31:54

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1	Southern Transvaal	21
2	Northern Transvaal	35
3	Western Province	44
4	Eastern Province	51



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Friday afternoon to which about 40 showed up. Fine was more optimistic than Farquharson about the IAAF's willingness to admit 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 called 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 vote or show of hands, citing Fine's instructions that this was "not a meeting, just a good-and-welfare session".

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

The final disturbing note 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, we learned, strongly communicated the American position that everyone over 40 be allowed to compete. Danie Burger, a South African competing 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.

Saturday the largest single track and field meet ever held came to a close. The breathtaking performances, instant camaraderie and magnificent Swedish hospitality were unfortunately diluted by the strange reluctance of the leaders of the program to involve others. At times, 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 ones motives suspect. It is hardly in keeping with the spirit of openness, 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 1979 Games if other athletes are banned? With absolute certainty, yes.

The fight is not over. We must continue to press for honorable, above-board, open Masters competition. If the IAAF refuses, we should bid them a pleasant farewell and go our separate way.

At the Pan American Masters Games held at UCLA on Sept. 3 and 4 where athletes from 19 North and South American countries competed some good marks were made. Superlative marathoner Monty Montgomery tried the 800 in one of his rare track appearances and succeeded in breaking Harold Chapson's World best over 70 mark with a sparkling time of 2:34.5. Monty had earlier bettered Chapson'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 after a long lay off came back to break the World 4A record heaving the shot 42'¼" to

Payton Jordan who turned 60 in March has been attacking the over 60 sprint records since then. On June 18 at the Western Regionals Payton ran a torrid 12.2 100 meters to tie his World record made in April and then came back to improve his 200 meter record to 24.9 bettering his mark made in April of 25.2. At the Senior Olympics he brought his 100 meter time down to 12.0. Payton could not make it to the World Games and of course this made quite a difference in the 3A sprint results here. Herb Anderson warmed up for his great performances at the Games with a record decathlon point score of 1752. In that event he broke two division records with marks of 4'2" in the high jump and 14.2 in the 100 meter race and garnered two world age 74 records with his javelin throw of 93'2" and 110 meter hurdle time of 25.1. The decathlon was in Boulder in May 28 and 29. Ken Carnine of Sacramento started his preparation for the World Games well with age 69 records of 14.5(100 meters), 29.9(200' meters) and 123'8" (discus) at the West Valley Masters meet on May 1. At the Senior Olympics he sailed the discus 138'9" to come close to his World division record of 141'10". Unfortunately he pulled up in the 100 meters with a pull which erased his hopes of going to Gothenburg. He would have been a force to reckon with there. Another absentee at the Games was Ray Hatton of Oregon. Ray in a meet at Beaverton on June 11 ran a strong 10,000 meter race with an American division 1B record of 31:48 and his enroute time at 6 miles of 30:47 was another record. Ray just turned 45 and certainly would have done well at the Games. Yet another absentee was Virgil McIntyre of Prescott, Arizona who holds the world 3B records in the two sprints(13.3 and 27.9). Virgil won both sprints at the Senior Olympics with times of 13.8 and 29.0. In the National Championships in Chicago Virgil improved on those with winning marks of 13.5 and 28.3. These were all age 66 records. Dave Jackson of Carson, California had a great triple jump series at Grandfather Games on May 14. His best mark and a world 1B record was 44'3". His crow hopped over 46 feet on some tries. Jack Thatcher from Manhattan Beach who had been trying all year to get over the 50 foot mark in the shot finally did 50 feet even in the Corona Del Mar Relays on May 28 for an over 60 World record. At the National Championships Paul Spangler came through with some over 75 world best marks in the 800(3:17.9) and the 10,000(47:23). Paul is the running doctor from San Luis Obispo and is 78 years old and getting better with age. At the Senior Olympics where the real oldsters prevail, 83 year old Charles Backus won the 100 meters(16.9), 400 meters(2:20.9) and 800 meters (5:53.0) all world age bests. An even older (90) Robert Willis became the first man over 85 to run the 800 meters and he did it in 8:54.2.

better the record by a foot. Red Doms sailed the discus 121' 7" to top Herrmann's mark by 3 inches. Emery Curtice upped his world mark in the javelin set in the World Games with a mark of 123'6". Mauro Hernandez of Santa Monica took away Leon Dreher's American Mark in the 500 when he won with a time of 17:03. Walt Westbrook broke three age records in the pole vault(6'6), long jump(11'0) and triple jump(24'2). Walt is 79 now.

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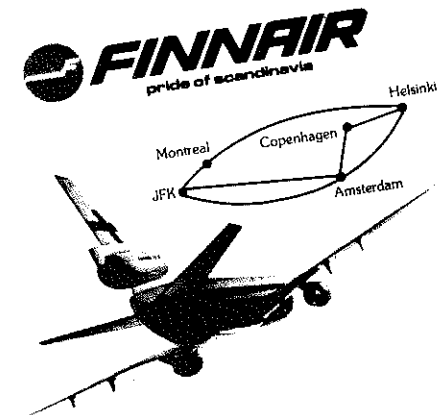
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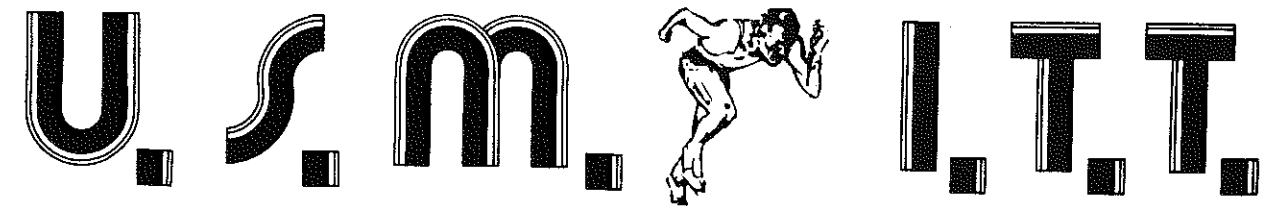
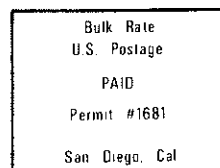
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NOTES ON A TRIP TO SWEDEN

By Rose Higdon

(Among our hosts on the trip to the world championships were Hal and Rose Higdon, 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 his lovely wife Rose to give us her version.)

Perhaps one of my most vivid memories of the Swedish trip were the American cars - - Chevies, 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 engines, 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 went there. UCLA on shirts 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 more women went braless than do in the States (where bralessness apparently has seen its peak). My husband took a survey and insisted that a higher percentage of Swedish women went braless 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.

Our passes also got us into Liseburg, a Swedish Disneyland, reportedly the largest amusement park in Scandinavia. We had a special entertainment for all world masters competitors one night and on another a 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 SHEAHEN

The euphoria felt as 3000 athletes from 45 nations participated in the 2nd World Masters Track and Field Championships in Goteborg, 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-age-40 got a six. 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 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 from all nations 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. Houdini 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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