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THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE
by DON PAYNEHURST....
By far the most important event in the Masters (Veterans) calendar this year was the World Race 10 M and Marathon races held in Berlin, Germany and the meetings which took place thereat. As many of you will know, these road races are held yearly by the (U.A.A.) Organisation which has operated for considerably longer than the World Veterans Athletics Association but only in road racing. It is hoped that in time our two organisations will meld and we hope that is gradually taking shape. Certainly many competitors are members of both.

By one means or another we managed to get six Canadians to Berlin, even though all had to put up at least some of their own expenses. I flew from Toronto, Ontario on Tuesday evening 15th June and after a brief stop in Ottawa, carried on to Lahr, in South West Germany where Canadians ran the N.A.T.O. base. This was a happy opportunity for me as my daughter taught children of Canadian servicemen at another nearby base (Baden-Baden) where her husband is a fighter pilot (CF-104's). It was great to visit them and, the following morning visit the squadron and attend a briefing (memories of a very long time ago when I had far fewer responsibilities and much more hair). Then, borrowing their car complete with Canadian (not provincial) plates, I drove the 300 miles to West Berlin. Most German autobahns are much like the major Canadian highways but for too factors. They are not forced and there are no speed limits. The driving is fast. Too fast for the likes of me who drives the McDonald-Carrier perhaps 10 MPH over the limit. I must have seen well over a hundred cars travelling at considerably over 100 MPH. A few, I would guess, at nearly 130 MPH. They also drive aggressively, shooting close up behind you with lights flashing and then passing when you are only half cleared the lane. Mercedes, Porches, Volvos, etc.,

Just before entering East Germany, I saw a sign advertising a British RAF (Air, Army, Air Force Inst.). I stopped, since I hadn't been inside one for 31 years. It may be another 31 before I go back again. They didn't even have an Eccles cake to offer. ASHLEY TAYLOR suggests that this has something to do with the fact that they now use vacuum cleaners rather than brushes!!! I did buy some British Drycakes....and found it wasn't as good as the Canadian made brand....."Fixed".

OTHER EVENTS:
Berlin, June 16, 1978
The Berlin Marathon was one of the most popular events in the World Veterans' Athletic Association's calendar. The race took place in the heart of Berlin, attracting athletes from all over the world. The organizers ensured that the event was well-organized, providing all the necessary facilities for the runners. The weather was particularly pleasant, making it an ideal day for running. The course was challenging, with some sections that required runners to climb steep hills. However, the majority of runners completed the race with enthusiasm and determination. The atmosphere was electric, with spectators cheering on the runners and creating a vibrant atmosphere. The Berlin Marathon was not only a physical challenge but also a mental one, as runners pushed themselves to reach their personal bests. Overall, the event was a testament to the resilience and determination of the human spirit, and a celebration of the love of running.
Having done well and was disappointed to find my times slow. I hoped that perhaps the course was too long but the results proved that I...
Marathon

Teams

National Team Results

Based on first 3 (by age) aggregate scores.

1. Germany
2. Great Britain
3. Spain
4. France
5. Belgium
6. Canada
7. Denmark
8. Finland
9. Switzerland
10. Austria

President HARRISON opened the meeting and welcomed the various national and international dignitaries. The meeting agenda was approved. It was agreed that on July 27th - August 2nd 1979 the World Marathon Championships would be held in Helsinki, Finland, under the auspices of the Finnish Athletic Federation in cooperation with the World Amateur and Amateur and the State of Hurskaja as organizers. The sport facilities in Helsinki, described in the Secretary's report of April 26th, were to be ready by the end of September for the championships. Following events were approved for the Championships:

1. 3rd World Marathon Championships 1979:
   - Helsinki 29th May - 1st June
   - 10k Run 29th May
   - Marathon 1st June

There will be team competitions as follows:

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- Gender: men, women
- Each team will have 3 or 5 participants
- In each class with at least 3 teams, 3 competitors will be required
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Corona Del Mar - Southern California St. meet (Palos Verdes)

New records

100 yards: 11.10 - S. BUTLER (SC7)

pole vault - 11.0 - J. VERNON (SC61)

hurdles - 12.0 - S. BENNETT (STC6)

old records

100 yards: 11.10 - B. KENNEDY (SC7)

110 hurdles: 12.0 - S. BENNETT (STC6)

1971-2, B. REYNOLDS 1972

New records

100 yard dash: 11.0 - J. TAYLOR (C7)

100 hurdles: 12.0 - S. BENNETT (STC6)

In this meet was started a few years ago with its aim being to give athlete's a chance to run events usually contested outdoors. On the track KENNEDY came back from yesterday's All meet to run another sparkling 60 meter race. ALLEN showed other competitors with a time of 7.00. B. KENNEDY came through with two age records in the discus and hammer. The hammer was set at 217 lbs. on Saturday by BOB MACKENZIE now approaching 70 got some good marks in the 440 yard dash (50-0) and the javelin (111-11). JIM WERCH one of the premier sprinters in the world started his year off with an American record of 11.0.

2-12, Ambassador College meet (Palos Verdes)

New records

100 yard dash: 11.0 - B. KENNEDY (SC7)

400 yard relay: 44.0 - S. BENNETT, B. WILSON, J. TAYLOR, S. BUTLER

New record

100 yard dash: 11.0 - J. TAYLOR (C7)

Javelin: 150-14 - S. BUTLER (SC7)

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THREE AGE-GROUP MARK SET IN SOUTHERN PACIFIC AAU MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS... by AL SHEAHEN

July 27, 1972...

JAMES JONES (CLM) 60 of the San Francisco Valley Track Club, set a new American record for men over 60 with a time of 23:45.1 at the local AAU Masters Track and Field Championships at City College of San Francisco. This record shattered the 72-year-old mark of 25:05 set by Mrs. WALTER WYATT in 1901 in Palo Alto, California.

Sheahan's article is focused on a track and field championship event where records were set in various age groups, specifically mentioning a new record for men over 60. The article is written in a news-style format, typical of sports journalism.
EASTERNERS ARE GOING TO WASHINGTON IN '79

Every year I talked to in Atlanta at our National Championships in July is saving and planning for the trip to the World Master Track and Field Championships next summer...and naturally everyone wants to know the USMTF plans.

The current trend toward consolidation in air fares challenges us to come up with the very best flight packages for each of you. We have taken into consideration, different dates, different time spans available for traveling; and different amounts of miles available to invest.

Or, here's the program,...with further details to be available in the next issue:

CHAPTER - from major U.S. cities to Hanover with 11 flights:
- Dormitory-style, tourist hotel, and hotel rooms.
- 4 weeks...basically...for the competitor who wants to accommodate and participate.
- 3 weeks...with two weeks in Hanover plus the 3rd week before - Tour of Yugoslavia at Switzerland and Germany; or "on your own." One week - 1st two weeks in Hanover with 3rd and 4th week in Switzerland...or "on your own" from a national city.

Avex - (Advance Purchase Excursion Fare) - $945/12 days from NYC to U.S. cities and "airfare"...if you live quite a distance from a gateway city...this may be your best bet...atlas not the most social, but it can make up a group from your home town.

You may plan your own travel within whatever time span is your choice from 14 to 45 days...i.e. fly into Rome from any national city (but no additional stopovers)

Some have asked about including South Africa after the Championships. Actually this is a terrific time to include a visit to the "World Within a Country," as the Europe tour-over can be included in your fare to South Africa at either $100 or $490. Roll this around on your tongue: U.S. to Germany for competition, then on to Johannesburg with a 2 week tour (perusing a 3-day hiking trip in Kruger National Park) with Apex Airline New York to Johannesburg and return for $32.00 (Add from Los Angeles is $230). For this price, you can also consider a trip to South Africa...and then on to the French Alps for a winter trip.

In order to order:

1. Order early and air and bus space in South Africa is sold out.

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Concrete ideas of how many to expect on which trip...

PENDING...DUBAI

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YUGOSLAVIA & GREECE by AROL ESCAMILLA

Last April I had the opportunity to visit Yugoslavia in depth, and I would like to share with you the lasting impressions I received of that beautiful country. I was so excited about it that I could easily visualize an USMTF friend coming with me next week, exploring the highlights of this area (after a stone-cold week in Hanover), then continuing on to Greece. We will capture the essence of the Olympics, feel the spirit of the Games at Helsinki, then continue unswervingly on a four-day sea voyage visiting several of the Greek Islands. For you have two weeks for traveling after Hanover, let me share with you some of the highlights...

Yugoslavia: First stop - Zagreb, the capital of Slavonia, then the gorgeous Pittis Lake (a group of 15 lakes in the National Park where many hiking and walking paths and plenty of running "outdoors" roads can be found). A highlight of Zagreb is the Palace of the Diocletianic Palace on the way to Split. This city will be hosting the Mediterranean Games in Sept. 79.

To here one travels to the Jewel of the Adriatic, Dubrovnik. Visit the old city where are the palace of the king and the ancient city gates. Enjoy the antique and charming streets.

Greece: The ancient Olympic Games were held in Olympia, site of the Temple of Zeus and the ancient stadium. Olympia is located about 80 miles north of Athens. The site was rediscovered in 1768 by a French archaeologist, and the modern Games were held here in 1896.

In addition to the ancient sites, Greece is home to some of the world's most beautiful beaches and islands. The country is a wonderland of history, culture, and natural beauty.

Two Local Stars Shine

Andrea Roberts, Pug Neb Coveted Awards

Roberts won the AAU National Championships in both the 50-60 and 80-90 age groups. She also set the world record in the 100-110 age group.

IN DECATATHLON

Robertson, Pug Neb Coveted Awards

Robertson, a 24-year-old decathlete, won the AAU National Championships in both the 50-60 and 80-90 age groups. He also set the world record in the 100-110 age group.

For more details, contact me...I do hope you decide to enjoy both of these countries and their culture, as I have. We will be releasing more details about the trip in future issues but, in the meantime, I would like to have a "show of hands" as we go along. I would like to take at least 30 with me. Let me know if you are interested in filling the preference box included in this issue.

BREAKTHROUGH AT TOP LEVEL...

Congratulations to INNEN and BERND BORG for reaching a happy decision! Super sprinter Borg wanted to compete in the 1500 meter event and add another Olympic title.

As an Australian, on a long-term contract with the team, he will be in a position to compete in the 1500 meter event at the 1980 Olympic Games. This is a move that is in line with the career plans of the Australian Olympic Committee.
Two jobs crimp Leon Dreher's training, but he keeps setting age-group records

The first time Leon Dreher ran was in the 21-mile run in Philadelphia. The distance was too long for him, and he didn't finish. The race was run at night, and he couldn't keep up with the runners. He was so tired, he says, that he almost fell asleep on the bus ride home.

The next time he ran was a 10-kilometer run in Philadelphia. He went to the bookstore to get a book, and when he got home, he realized he had left it in the bag. He ran the race to try and get it back, and it turned out to be his first race.

Since then, he has run in many races. He won the Boston Marathon in 1990, the United States Olympic trials for the marathon in 1992, and the American World Championships in 1991.

Leon Dreher is now preparing for the Olympic trials again. He is training hard, working out twice a day, and eating a healthy diet. He says he is ready to win the trials and make the Olympic team.

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Chio-Hueh Tung finishes 800-meter run

Several Taiwanese businesspeople bought up the rest of the track.

Tung also arranged for Tung to stay with his former J.C. Daley Runner, Maxo Tung, and his family.

Tung's wife, two sons, four daughters and six grandchildren were all sent to an American university.

Tung's family then made a trip to Taiwan.

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