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## History's Greatest Season—37 World Records

Was 1953 the greatest season in track and field history? Our verdict is Yes. Taking the best performances in the World in the 18 standard events for this year we find:— in 3 events the top marks are the same as last year's, 4 are slightly inferior but 11 are superior.

Although we do not agree with the relative values accorded to performances by the current International Scoring Tables they at least serve in comparing one year with another. Overall the average number of points accumulated by top marks of the year has leapt from 1,243 of 1952 to an astounding 1,286 or in terms of a mile from 4:03.5 to 4:01.9!

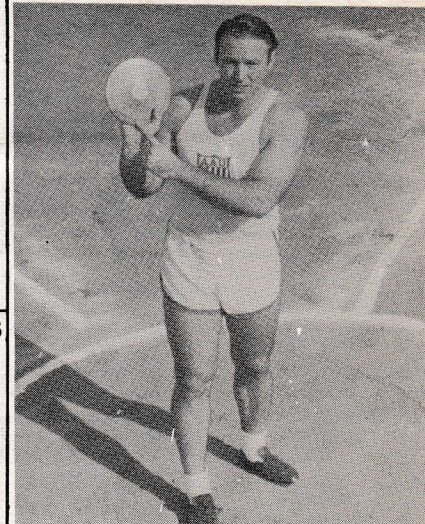
The 1953 season has brought forth all told 37 new world records. These are made up of 23 for men in 16 of their 66 scheduled events and 14 for women in 9 of their 20 events. In addition, as is seen in our compilation of the year's crop on Page 2, new ground has been broken in the standard Olympic event of the 3,000 metres steeplechase and also, not once but thrice, in the Marathon.

### 1953 and 1952 COMPARED

EVENT	1953	TOP MARKS	1952
100 m.	Art. Bragg (U.S.A.)	10.3	10.3
200 m. (turn)	Art. Bragg (U.S.A.)	20.6	20.6
400 m.	Mal. Whitfield (U.S.A.)	45.9	45.9
800 m.	Mal. Whitfield (U.S.A.)	1:47.9	1:48.0
1,500 m.	Sune Karlsson (Sweden)	3:44.2	3:43.0
	Wes. Santee (U.S.A.)	3:44.2	
5,000 m.	Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR)	13:58.8	14:06.4
10,000 m.	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	29:01.6	29:17.0
110 m. h.	Jack Davis (U.S.A.)	13.8y	13.7m
400 m. h.	Yuriy Lituyev (U.S.S.R.)	50.4	50.7
3,000m.S/C	Olavi Rinteeppää (Finland)	8:44.4	8:45.4
High Jump	Walt Davis (U.S.A.)	6'11 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " 2.124	2.095 6'10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Pole Vault	Bob Richards (U.S.A.)	15' 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " 4.59	4.60 15' 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
Long Jump	George Brown (U.S.A.)	25' 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " 7.89	8.00 26' 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Triple Jump	Leonid Shcherbakov (USSR)	53' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " 16.23	16.22 53' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Shot Putt	Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.)	59' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " 18.04	17.81 58' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Discus	Fortune Gordien (U.S.A.)	194' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " 59.28	55.91 183' 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Hammer	Sverre Strandli (Norway)	204' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> " 62.36	61.25 200' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
Javelin	Franklin Held (U.S.A.)	263' 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " 80.41	75.92 249' 1"

### TOP-SCORING YEARS

1953	1,286
1952	1,243
1950	1,228
1951	1,212
1948	1,193
1949	1,184
1947	1,160
1936	1,151
1939	1,147
1938	1,127
1937	1,126
1946	1,124



FORTUNE EVERETTE GORDIEN OF AMERICA WHOSE WORLD RECORD THROW OF 194 Ft. 6 Ins HEADS THE LIST OF THE HIGHEST POINTS TOTALS AWARDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SCORING TABLE. HE IS HERE STANDING IN THE PASADENA CIRCLE. JUST AFTER HIS GREAT THROW ON AUG. 22nd.

### 1953's MARKS RUIN TABLES

The spate of great field event marks during 1953 are reflected by their impact upon this compilation of the topmost marks of all-time as related to the 1950 I.A.A.F. Scoring Tables. Five marks beat the hitherto top-scoring 15' 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" pole vault by C.A. Warmerdam in 1942 in California.

#### POINTS

1,509	F.E. GORDIEN	USA	194' 6"	Discus
1,443	S. STRANDLI	NOR.	204' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	Hammer
1,423	F.W. HELD	USA	263' 10"	Javelin
1,405	J. SIDLO	POL.	262' 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Javelin
1,400	W.F. DAVIS	USA	6' 11 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	High J.
1,379	C.A. WARMERDAM	USA	15' 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "	Pole V.
1,358	R.A. ATTLESLEY	USA	13.5	110m. h.
1,357	G.E.G. REIFF	BEL.	5:06.9	2,000 m
1,352	W.P. O'BRIEN	USA	59' 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "	Shot. P
1,337	E. ZÁTOPEK	CSR	29:01.6	10,000m



## Sidlo 262'-11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" - Zátopek again defeats Kovacs by R. L. QUERCETANI

By the end of October the track activity on the European Front had thinned down to light artillery fire: the poor weather that prevailed over most continental countries no doubt accounted for this somewhat premature end to another highly successful season.

The highlights during October were provided by the sudden rise to fame of a 20 year old Polish "spear" thrower, Janusz Sidlo, who on Oct. 2 at Jena set a new European Javelin record of 80.15 metres (262' 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" ), and by Emil Zátopek's brilliant victory over Hungary's 14:01.2 5,000 metres man, József Kovács, in a meeting held at Prague.

The 'Award of the Month' must go to Sidlo. He became the second 80 metre man in history as mentioned at Jena on October 2nd. during the Poland v. Eastern Germany international. He first appeared in the Polish ranking lists (senior implement) in 1950 when he did 192' 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". The following year, 1951, he improved to 222' 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" for the 25th place in the world list. His best during the Olympic year was 224' 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" at Warsaw on England's day of fiscal reckoning - April 5th. In the present season the 20 year old Pole flirted with the 70 metre line right up till September: it was on the 21st of that month that he finally exploded with a 71.40 mark (234' 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" ). On that occasion he soundly thrashed three leading Finns in Soini Nikkinen, Eriikki Ojamo and O. Kauhanen.

At Jena he began with 234' 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" went on with 253' 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" (better than Järvinen's best!) and finally unleashed his incredible 80.15 - 262' 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" less than a foot behind 'Bud' Held's recent record-shattering achievement at Pasadena. Conditions were reportedly normal - no wind and the implement was found to be 10 grams overweight viz 810 grams. On his fourth and last try Sidlo did 249' 1" (75.92) equalling 1952 world's best mark. (Continued Back Page Col. 1.)

### ZÁTOPEK'S POSTSCRIPT 10,000 METRES - 29:01.6

Running on his favourite 364 metre track at Stará Boleslav-Houtška, Czechoslovakia Emil Zátopek made a dramatic last minute postscript to the 1953 season on Sunday Nov. 1st. with a fabulous 10,000 metres in 29:01.6 so lowering his own 3 year old world record by one second. (For fuller details see account on page 7.)

# THE YEAR'S CROP OF WORLD RECORDS - 23 MEN'S, 14 WOMEN'S

In the March and April issues of this year's 'ATHLETICS WORLD' there were carried complete compilations of the men's and then the women's world records. We now present a document which brings up to date those lists as to November 1st, 1953 -:

## WORLD'S RECORDS FOR SCHEDULED EVENTS

### MEN

880 Yards	1:48.6	Malvin Groston Whitfield(U.S.A.)	Turku,Finland	July 17	1:49.2	Wooderson(G.B.) 1938 and self 1950.
1,000 Metres	2:20.8	Malvin Groston Whitfield(U.S.A.)	Eskilstuna,Sweden	Aug. 16	2:21.2	Jungwirth(Czechoslovakia) 1952
	2:20.4	Audun Boysen (Norway)	Oslo,Norway	Sept.17	2:20.8	Whitfield(U.S.A.) 1953
6 Miles	28:19.4	Douglas Alastair Gordon Pirie(G.B.)	London,England	July 10	28:30.8	Heino(Finland) 1949
	28:08.4	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stara Boleslav	Nov. 1	28:19.4	Pirie(Great Britain) 1953
	29:01.6	Emil Zátopek (Czechoslovakia)	Stara Boleslav	Nov. 1	29:02.6	Zátopek (Czechoslovakia) 1950
10,000 Metres	50.4	Yuriy Lituyev (U.S.S.R.)	Budapest,Hungary	Sept.20	50.6	Hardin (U.S.A.) 1934
400 Metres Hurdles	6'11" 2/3	Walter Francis Davis (U.S.A.)	Dayton,Ohio,USA	June 27	6'11"	Steers (U.S.A.) 1941( 2.108)
High Jump	16.25(53' 2 1/2")	Leonid Shcherbakov (U.S.S.R.)	Moscow,Russia	July 20	53' 2 1/2"	da Silva (Brazil) 1952 (16.22)
Hop,Step&Jump	(18.002)59' 0 1/2"	William Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.)	Fresno,Cal.,USA	May 9	58'10 1/2"	Fuchs (U.S.A.) 1950 (17.95)
Shot-Putt	(18.04) 59' 2 1/2"	William Parry O'Brien (U.S.A.)	Compton,Cal,USA	June 5	59' 0 1/2"	O'Brien U.S.A.) 1953 (18.002)
	(57.93)190' 0 1/2"	Sim Garland Iness (U.S.A.)	Lincoln,Neb. USA	June 20	186'10 1/2"	Gordien (U.S.A.) 1949(56.97)
Discus	(58.10)190' 7 1/2"	Fortune Everette Gordien (U.S.A.)	Pasadena,Cal. USA	July 11	190' 0 1/2"	Iness (U.S.A.) 1953 (57.93)
	(59.28)194' 6"	Fortune Everette Gordien (U.S.A.)	Pasadena,Cal. USA	Aug. 22	190' 7 1/2"	Gordien(U.S.A.) 1953(58.10)
Hammer	62.36(204' 7 1/2")	Sverre Strandli (Norway)	Oslo,Norway	Sept. 5	200'11 1/2"	Strandli (Norway) 1952 (61.25)
Javelin	(80.41)263'10"	Franklin W.Held (U.S.A.)	Pasadena,Cal. USA	Aug. 8	258' 2 1/2"	Nikkanen (Finland) 1938 (78.70)
4 x 1,500 Metres Relay	15:29.2	Hungarian Team(Sándor Garay,Ernő Béres, Sándor Iháros,István Rozsavölgyi)	Budapest,Hungary	Sept.23	15:30.2	Gefle I.F.(Sweden) 1949
	15:27.2	Great Britain Team(Ralph Henry Dunkley,David Charles Law,Douglas Alastair Gordon Pirie,George William Nankeville)	London,England	Sept.23	15:29.2	Hungary 1953
4 x One Mile Relay	16:41.0	Great Britain Team(Chrisopher John Chataway,George William Nankeville,Donald Charles Seaman,Roger Gilbert Bannister)	London,England	Aug. 1	16:42.8	Gelfe I.F.(Sweden) 1949
15,000 M. Walk	1:07:54.0	Josef Doležal(Czechoslovakia)	Stara Boleslav	Nov. 1	1:08:08.0	Junk(U.S.S.R.) 1951
20,000 M. Walk	1:30:26.4	Josef Doležal(Czechoslovakia)	Stara Boleslav	Nov. 1	1:32:28.4	Mikaelsson(Sweden) 1942
30 Mile Walk	4:21:11.0	John A.Ljunggren (Sweden)	- ,Sweden	Aug. 8	4:21:12.6	Róka (Hungary) 1952
50 Kilo. Walk	4:29:55.0	John A.Ljunggren (Sweden)	- ,Sweden	Aug. 8	4:31:21.6	Róka (Hungary) 1952
	4:26:18.2	Anrál Róka (Hungary)	Bucharest,Rumania	Aug. 9	4:29:55.0	Ljunggren (Sweden) 1953

### WOMEN

60 Metres	7.3	Nadezhda Dvalishvili-Khnykina(USSR)	Oslo,Norway	Oct. 2	7.3	Walasiewiczzowna(Poland)1933 & self
800 Metres	2:08.2	Nina G.Otolenko-Pletnyeva (USSR)	Moscow,Russia	June 7	2:08.5	Pletnyeva (U.S.S.R.) 1952 (1952)
	2:07.3	Nina G.Otolenko-Pletnyeva (USSR)	Moscow,Russia	Aug. 27	2:08.2	Otolenko-Pletnyeva (U.S.S.R.) 1953
880 Yards	2:12.6	Ursula Jurewitz (Germany)	Budapest,Hungary	Aug. 19	2:14.5	Ball(now Winn)(Great Britain) 1952
Shot-Putt	16.18 (53' 1 1/2")	Galina Zybina (U.S.S.R.)	Leningrad,Russia	May 17	50' 7 1/2"	Zybina (U.S.S.R.) 1952 (15.42)
	16.20 (53' 1 1/2")	Galina Zybina (U.S.S.R.)	Malmö, Sweden	Oct.	53' 1"	Zybina (U.S.S.R.) 1953 (16.18)
4 x 100 Metres Relay	45.6	U.S.S.R.Team(Vyera Kalashnikova,Zinaida Safronova,Nadezhda Dvalishvili-Khnykina,Irina Turova)	Budapest,Hungary	Sept.20	45.9	U.S.A. and Germany 1952
4 x 200 Metres Relay	1:39.5	Eastern Germany(Anneliese Claussner,Ursula Jurewitz,Christa Seeliger,Alice Karger)	Kracow,Poland	July 4	1:39.7	U.S.S.R. 1951 & Southern Counties, (England)1952
	1:39.0	U.S.S.R.Team(Vyera Kalashnikova,Zinaida Safronova,Flora Kazantseva,Nadezhda Dvalishvili-Khnykina)	Moscow,Russia	July 19	1:39.5	Eastern Germany 1953
	1:36.4	U.S.S.R.Team(Vyera Kalashnikova,Flora Kazantseva,Zinaida Safronova,Nadezhda Dvalishvili-Khnykina)	Bucharest,Rumania	Aug. 9	1:39.0	U.S.S.R. 1953
4 x 220 Yards	1:39.9	Great Britain Team(Anne Pashley,Jean Newbould,Shirley Hampton,Ann Elaine Johnson)	London,England	Sept.30	1:40.0	U.S.A. 1952
3 x 800 Metres	6:35.6	U.S.S.R.Team(Dora Barakhovich,N.Chernoshchok,Nina G.Otolenko-Pletnyeva)	Moscow,Russia	July 19	6:38.4	U.S.S.R. 1952
	6:33.2	U.S.S.R.Team(N.Chernoshchok,Dora Barakhovich,Nina G.Otolenko-Pletnyeva)	Budapest,Hungary	Sept.19	6:35.6	U.S.S.R. 1953
3 x 880 Yards	6:49.0	Great Britain Team(Nora Rose Smalley,Maud Christine Slemon,Diane Susan Leather)	London,England	Aug. 3	7:00.6	Ilford Ladies A.C.(England) 1952

## WORLD'S BEST PERFORMANCES (UNSCHEDULED BY I.A.A.F.)

Marathon	2:18:51.0	Keizo Yamada(Japan)	Boston,Mass.,USA	Apr. 20	2:20:42.2	Peters(Great Britain) 1952
(26miles 385yds)	2:18:40.2	James Henry Peters(Great Britain)	Windsor-Chiswick	June 13	2:18:51.0	Yamada(Japan) 1953
(42,913 metres)	2:18:34.8	James Henry Peters(Great Britain)	Turku,Finland	Oct. 4	2:18:40.2	Peters(Great Britain) 1953
3,000 Metres	8:44.4	Olavi Rinteenpää(Finland)	Helsinki,Finland	July 2	8:45.4	Ashenfelter(U.S.A.) 1952
Steeplechase	55.7	Ursula Jurewitz(Germany)	Berlin,Germany	June 25	56.0	Petrova & Pomogayeva(both USSR) 1951
Women's 400 Metres	5:09.6	Enid Harding(Great Britain)	London,England	July 4	5:11.0	Oliver(Great Britain) 1952
Women's One Mile	5:08.0	Isabel Anne Edith Oliver(Gt.Britain)	Consett,England	Sept.12	5:09.6	Harding(Great Britain) 1953
	5:02.6	Diane Susan Leather(Great Britain)	London,England	Sept.30	5:08.0	Oliver(Great Britain) 1953
	5:00.3	Edith Freybal(Rumania)	Bucharest,Rumania	Nov.1?	5:02.6	Leather(Great Britain) 1953

## PERRY RUNS 29:27.8 - BY J. H. GALLI VIC DREYER THROWS RECORD 175'3"

The Australian season got off to a good start when, on Oct. 17, Les Perry established records for 6 miles and 10,000 m. with 29:27.8 and 30:23.0 on a rough grass track in Melbourne. Both Coach Percy Cerutti and Perry feel that the Australian 10,000 m. record can be depressed to near 29:20.0.

On the same day at Sydney Bill Butchart(48.9) became the 8th man to beat 49secs in 1953.

South African Correspondent Harry Beinhart reports promising early season marks from the Union. Hammer thrower Vic Dreyer broke his own Union record with 175'3" on Oct. 3rd. Joe Truter started early on Sept. 7 with 6ft. 5 1/2 ins. while Johnny Veitch had a javelin of 213'0" a week before.

### CORRIGENDA. October Issue 1953.

Page 3. Marathon List add	
2:27:13.0 R.W.McMinnis	Liverpool 12/8/53
2:31:54.0n W.H.Kelly	Liverpool 12/8/53
2:32:39.0 R.W.McMinnis	Liverpool 11/8/52
Page.6. Pirie's 1953 marks note	
16/5 Wimbledon 1 mile 4:18.6	(Not a ground rec.)
25/4 Wimbledon 1 mile 4:16.8	Ground record.
10/7 White City 5 miles 23:34.2	not 23:43.2

# SHORT TAKES

by  
The Editors

**MARRIAGE STAKES.** Though the Latin poet Horace said in about 10 B.C. that 'Est modus in rebus' (There is measure in everything), it was only now that we have stumbled across the obvious method of measuring the greatest married teams in track history.

Using the I.A.A.F. Scoring Tables for the male partner and the Soviet women's tables for the greatest feat of the spouse, we can arrive at the following result -:

1. Emil Zátopek (10,000m., 29:02.6)  
Dana Ingrová (Javelin 170'8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)  
1,333 pts. + 1,144 = 2,477 pts.
2. Yuriy Lituyev (400m.h., 50.4)  
Valentina Bogdanov (L.J. 19'3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>)  
1,248 pts. + 1,010 = 2,258 pts.
3. Erwin Blask (Hammer 193'6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)  
Dora Voigt (200m., 24.8)  
1,210 pts. + 1,000 = 2,210 pts.
4. Jan Blankers (H.S. & J. 48'2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)  
Francina Koen (H.J. 5'7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)  
912 pts. + 1,176 = 2,088 pts.
5. Denis Hasenjager (L.J. 24'10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)  
Daphne Robb (220 yds. 24.4)  
998 pts. + 1,081 = 2,079 pts.
6. Geoffrey Dyson (120yds.H.H., 14.8)  
Maureen Gardner (80m.h. 11.2)  
867 pts. + 1,075 = 1,942 pts.



THE WORLD'S No.1 TEAM - Emil and Dana Zátopek. Formidable also at the Bridge table.

We believe that there is another German couple who qualify in this compilation of married greatness namely the German pre-war women sprint champion Leni Junkers, who married an athlete named Thymm. Leni ran 12.0 for 100 metres in 1931 at Magdeburg and we are seeking confirmation that Thymm ran 10.5 secs. If so the pair total a useful 2,098 pts. (1,125 + 973) for fourth spot.

**A DREAM SHATTERED.** Spying an advertisement in the 'Times' of an Exhibition of Platinum Metals in a Park Lane, London hotel we headed West on the Central Tube Line. Arriving in the heavily carpeted show-room, which was stiff with commissionaires and police, we were advanced upon by a smooth individual with a platinum tie pin, platinum cuff links, platinum hair and platinum teeth. We stated our business. How much would it cost to buy 16 pounds (7.257 kgs.) of Osmium.

Mr. Platinum sniffed. Osmium was the rarest of the 6 metals in the platinum group. Off the cuff it would cost around £7,000 or \$19,600. Mr. P could not understand why anyone should want that much of this obscure metal. We explained. International Rule 53(1) states that the head of a throwing hammer (we further explained that this was a 16 pound ball on the end of a piano wire handle used in one of the 8 standard field events) "shall be of solid iron, brass or any metal not softer than brass." Now Osmium is over twice as dense as lead and is as hard as hell. It is in fact the heaviest of the 73 elemental metals which make up the Universe and 16 pounds of it would be about the size of a golf ball.

It stands to reason that if used for a hammer it would be tantamount to lengthening the handle from 4 feet to 4ft.2ins since the centre of gravity would be further away from the thrower and it is only overall length which is regulated. The extra centrifugal power would enable a 180 foot thrower to get much nearer 200 feet.

Before leaving we were able to see a little button of 1 oz. troy of the lustrous blue-grey metal reclining on a sumptuous stand like a not-to-be-touched pekinese. So perished a beautiful dream. Footnote: Osmium was discovered in 1804 by an Englishman named Tennant. It has a density of 22.5 grams per cubic centimetre compared with Iron, 7.8; Brass, 8.4; Lead 11.2 and Uranium 18.7. It derives its name from the Greek word for 'smell' because when greatly heated a nauseating smell arises. We feel that this would be nothing to the smell raised by the first hammer thrower to arrive at a meeting sporting an Osmium hammer.

**NO CONNECTION.** Another recent advertisement in the 'Times' emanated from 14, Great James Street, London W.C.1 - our next door neighbours. They are the publishers of serious publications and we wish to disassociate ourselves entirely from their activities and only hope that none of our subscribers got the numbers confused. The subject of their quest - objects to support a publisher's display on their latest book. The subject - Shrunken Human Heads.

**WRONG SIDE.** A prominent English A.A.A. official recalls that at the National Cross-Country Race at Windsor in 1920 a doctor had been granted facilities to make some pulse tests on the winner. The victor was the great French runner J. Guillemot, who was running as an individual entry. The doctor got busy with his stethoscope. After a few anxious glances at the heavily breathing Frenchman the man of medicine turned deathly white. Guillemot's heart was silent. Puzzled that his patient showed no sign of dropping dead he renewed his frenzied search. It a moment he was beaming. Guillemot carried his heart on the right side!

# BRITISH ALL-TIME BEST PERFORMANCES LIST NO. 12 - TWO MILES

In this twelfth list in the ATHLETICS WORLD series on best British performances of all-time we cover the two miles. Before the war there were only five marks made inside 9:10.0 while up to the beginning of this 1953 season only another 15 were added. During this year however the total has leapt up to 59 with British athletes taking the top five places in the world list for the event three of whom gain places in the top eight two milers of all-time.

8:47.4	D.A.G.PIRIE	White City	Sept. 30 1953
8:47.8	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	Sept. 9 1953
8:49.6	C.J.CHATAWAY	White City	May 25 1953
8:53.0n	F.GREEN	White City	Sept. 30 1953
8:54.7n	L.EYRE	Glasgow	Aug. 1 1953
8:55.6	C.J.Chataway	Oxford	June 12 1952
8:55.6n	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	May 25 1953
8:56.0	D.A.G.Pirie	Oxford	May 2 1953
8:58.4n	I.BINNIE	Glasgow	Aug. 1 1953
9:02.6	F.D.SANDO	(10)Wealdstone	June 24 1953
9:03.0n	M.R.MAYNARD	White City	Sept. 9 1953
9:03.2	F.Green	Swansea	Aug. 15 1953
9:03.4	C.A.J.EMERY	Manchester	July 25 1939
9:03.8	I.B.Chataway	White City	May 14 1951
9:04.0n	P.H.D.WARD	Manchester	July 25 1939
9:04.1	F.Green	Edinburgh	Aug. 28 1953
9:04.2	R.H.DUNKLEY	White City	July 1 1953
9:05.0	S.C.WOODERSON	Dublin	July 10 1946
9:05.0"	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	July 11 1953
9:05.0"	F.Green	(20)White City	July 11 1953
9:05.0"	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	Aug. 1 1953
9:05.2	J.CORFIELD	Birmingham	July 1 1950
9:05.2n	F.D.Sando	White City	Sept. 30 1953
9:05.6	A.D.N.BRECKENRIDGE	Glasgow	June 30 1953
9:05.6"	L.Eyre	White City	July 11 1953
9:05.6"	G.KNIGHT	Charlton Park	Aug. 5 1953
9:05.8	A.B.PARKER	Belfast	June 15 1951
9:06.0n	P.R.LL.MORGAN	Oxford	June 12 1952
9:06.2"	D.A.G.Pirie	Birmingham	Oct. 4 1952
9:06.4	C.J.Chataway	(30)White City	Aug. 22 1953
9:06.6n	F.Green	White City	May 25 1953
9:06.8n	J.W.BROWN	White City	Aug. 22 1953
9:06.8	R.H.Dunkley	Aylesbury	Aug. 3 1953
9:07.2n	F.D.Sando	Swansea	Aug. 15 1953
9:07.4	D.A.G.Pirie	Hove	May 24 1952
9:07.5	L.Eyre	Belfast	June 16 1950
9:07.6	C.A.J.Emery	Manchester	Aug. 27 1938
9:07.6"	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	June 20 1953
9:07.6n	J.S.EVANS	Aylesbury	Aug. 3 1953
9:08.0n	S.E.W.COX	(40)Manchester	July 25 1939
9:08.0n	A.E.INGLES	Aylesbury	Aug. 3 1953
9:08.0n	M.R.Maynard	White City	Aug. 22 1953
9:08.2	M.R.Maynard	Windsor	Aug. 1 1953
9:08.4	D.PARMENTER	Birmingham	July 18 1953
9:08.6	A.B.Parker	Liverpool	May 26 1951
9:08.6	D.A.G.Pirie	White City	May 27 1952
9:08.8	W.R.BECKETT	Cambridge	June 6 1951
9:08.8n	P.B.DRIVER	Windsor	Aug. 1 1953
9:08.8n	R.R.HATTON	Birmingham	July 18 1953
9:08.9n	M.R.Maynard	(50)Birmingham	July 18 1953
9:09.0	B.T.BARRETT	Chiswick	July 30 1953
9:09.5n	G.Knight	White City	July 1 1953
9:09.6	A.SHURUB	Glasgow	June 11 1904
9:09.6	D.G.WILSON	Birmingham	Sept. 9 1944
9:09.6n	K.L.NORRIS	Aylesbury	Aug. 3 1953
9:09.8	D.G.Wilson	White City	Aug. 12 1950
9:09.8n	L.Eyre	White City	Aug. 12 1950
9:10.0	D.A.G.Pirie	Carshalton	June 6 1953
9:10.0n	J.BRAUGHTON	(59)Windsor	Aug. 1 1953

### Additional Marks

8:53.0	D.A.G.Pirie	Weybridge	July 12 1952
	(Track was found to be 2.22yds short.Worth about 8:53.5)		
8:57.0e	D.A.G.Pirie	Berlin	Aug. 29 1953
	(After 8 400metre laps time was 8:54.0.Converted above)		

SUMMARY: 29 athletes qualify for inclusion. The top scorers are --

D.A.G.PIRIE (South London Harriers)	11 marks	1953	39
F.GREEN (Birchfield Harriers)	5 marks	1952	5
C.J.CHATAWAY (Walton A.C.)	4 marks	1950	4
L.EYRE (Harehills Liberal H.&A.C.)	4 marks	1951	4
M.R.MAYNARD (Herne Hill Harriers)	4 marks	1939	3
F.D.SANDO (Aylesford Paper Mills S.C.)	3 marks	Rest	4

## Britain's Fakir of the Track by Neil Allen.

In the future when some writer is attempting to record the history of track and field one of the names which he will consider including among the immortals of our sport may well be that of Gordon Pirie. It may be that by then his claim to fame will be two-fold. Not only as a breaker of records but as a breaker of traditions. For, to the athletes of Britain, the novel aspects of Pirie's training and style are as intriguing as his brilliant performances. It is gradually being realised that here is someone with a different approach to success in running. What this approach is, has not as yet been clearly defined. To find out, the writer went down to Tooting Bec track on a clear Sunday morning recently.

Pirie arrived at 10.30 and after a short talk with Lennart Strandberg, co-holder of the European 100 metres record who was on a Press visit to England, got ready for the morning's work. Over a running vest and shorts he wore a white sweater, a green water-proof German wind-jacket and track-suit trousers. On his feet he had woollen socks & a pair of thick-soled Canadian gym shoes. Then we went out for his warm-up on Tooting Common. This consists of an hour of slow running over grass and gravel interspersed by an occasional fifty yards of faster tempo by the arms and legs. But even during these "pattering bursts" we were never travelling faster than the speed of a 70 sec. 440. The elbows were kept in close against the sides & the arms moving across the chest thus tending to produce the characteristic head-roll.

Gordon explained that in his opinion one of the major faults of many distance runners was a proneness to bound too high into the air and to let their arms go too far forward, wasting energy. His much more compact style (he cited the fast-stepping, bustling Freddie Green - 13:46.0, 8:53.0, 4:08.8 - as a good example of economic running) resulted in no waste in knee lift and in the whole of the body being under very close control, ready at any moment for a tactical burst. My mind went back to the shuffling little Algerian Alain Mimoun padding round the White City track to win the 6 miles so easily against Britain.

While we ran Pirie talked of the things he has learnt in the 12 years that he has been running. He had learnt much about the value of a long, steady warm-up from Mimoun while Willem Slykhuys (3:43.8, 8:08.8, 14:14.0) had first suggested the idea of short pattering bursts. Coach Woldemar Gerschler had felt that anything less than an hour of warming-up was insufficient to accustom the heart to running long distances. Before the Birchfield 4 miles record the warm-up had been for 65 minutes.

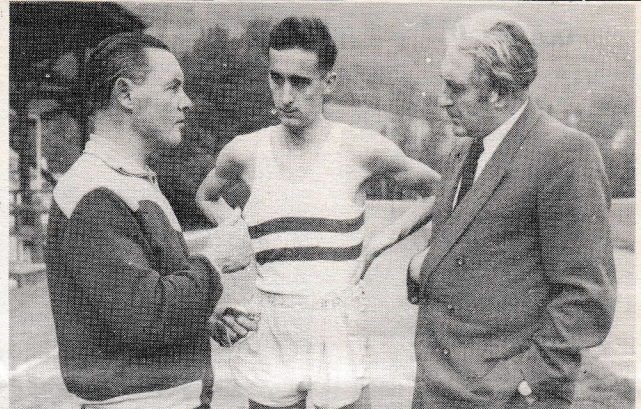
I noticed a ruthless adherence to a fixed timetable. We had left the dressing-room at 10.48. We arrived back at 11.40 but in order to accomplish the full hour's warm-up jogged round for a further eight minutes. The next move was to the track where, after some more jogging sweat clothes were discarded & spikes put on. The schedule for the day: 4 x 1200 metres or rather 4 x  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile at about 3:20.0-3:22.0 speed with 12 minutes jogging in between, wearing a sweater. Though he had only got home the night before at 1.30 after being guest of honour at Middlesex Ladies A.C. dinner, Gordon found he could manage six time trials. He usually finds he can do a little more than Gerschler's programme which really represents the minimum work he allows himself to do.

Below I list the results of his six runs. The 4th was partially spoilt by the fact that he was given the wrong lap time.

Lap.	1st trial	2nd trial	3rd trial	4th trial	5th trial	6th trial
1	50.8	63.8	66.0	65.1	66.5	67.0
2	67.0	67.0	67.8	68.0	68.5	69.8
3	65.9	69.1	69.0	67.4	67.0	67.7
Total	3:13.7	3:19.9	3:18.8	3:20.5	3:22.0	3:24.5

Pirie felt tired at the start, picked up on the 3rd trial but said his legs felt numb on the 5th. His very first lap was a most impressive example of an irrepressible joie de vivre. At the end of the 6th trial he finished strongly & then jogged a lap in bare feet on the grass, revelling in this comparative comfort. We jogged for another fifteen minutes until the Tooting clock read 1.48. The required three hours were over.

Gordon went straight over to the snack bar where he drank a pint & a half of milk laced with 2 half pint bottles of pineapple juice. Then back to the changing-room for a long drink of water & shower. Pirie would occasionally exclaim "Here's another



THE INFERNAL TRIANGLE. Left to Right: Woldemar Gerschler, Gordon Pirie and Dr. H. Reindell whose treadmill was pounded to insensibility.

good training exercise", & proceed to describe something resembling a medieval torture. For instance he would walk over to a piece of sloping ground & balance on one leg with only the cushion of the foot under the toes. He would then hop four hundred times on each leg (reminiscent of the great Tajima - 52' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - who is believed to have indulged in sessions of a thousands skips to prepare himself for triple jumping. Ed.). Another favourite Pirie exercise in 1952, (he has stopped weight-training now) was to carry 70lbs on his back & in the full knee position do 200 jumps. As a result of this type of repetitive exercising, Pirie's stomach is as hard as if a flat teak board were lying just under the skin.

Last year a typical workout might consist 100x100 (flat out), or 40x220 (32 sec. average), 40x 440 (67 secs. speed) or 10x350 (speed of a 62secs. 440). Under Gerschler he has tended to substitute half a dozen runs over longer distances (say 6x1500 metres) for the repetition of short sprint distances. "Last year", says Gordon, "I was training so hard that I didn't allow myself enough consideration for racing. As a result I didn't run very well in the Olympics. But now this long-term policy is beginning to pay. This year my whole session lasts so much longer that I go to bed at about 10 p.m. - half an hour later than in 1952. I get home between 5.30 & 6.00 & then run for 3 hours before eating at about 9.15."

He usually trains either at Croydon or on the Tooting Bec track. The cinder track at his home is unfortunately very uneven (there is a drop of 8 inches) & it is difficult to run laps faster than 70secs. but the surrounding countryside is very suitable for running. While staying at Freiburg with Gerschler, Pirie spent a lot of time off the track (though he had to run 20 x 200 metres in under 28 secs. on one occasion). He took a very exhausting I.Q. test of adding long lists of figures which all Gerschler's protégés have to go through & managed to break the previous record held by Barthel. Then his reactions were tested at various speeds on a bicycling machine of Dr. Kurt Reindell the resident lecturer in physiology at the University. Finally Gordon was told to go as fast as he could for as long as he could. Eventually, after 14 minutes, soaked in sweat, Pirie was still 'cycling. Dr. Reindell stepped forward, amazement on his face "All right, stop!", he exclaimed, "we're not getting anywhere!"

### PIRIE'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

The British champion's plans for the future are clear-cut. His main aim is to win the 5,000 & 10,000 metres at Berne. To succeed he feels he must run 28:50.0 & 13:50.0. In the 10,000 the task is straightforward enough - get out in front & stay there. But in the 5,000 he will run a carefully planned tactical race & he may not attempt to lead until the last three laps. Pirie is a great believer in a distance runner making the final effort over the last 800m. instead of the final 300. "The last lap but one is the time when your opponent is relaxing, preparing himself for the final drive. It is the time to jump him as he is not mentally primed for a struggle".

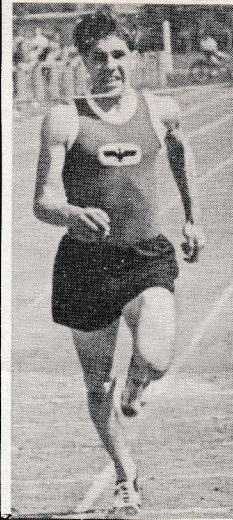
During the early season races will be over 880 & mile. Gerschler has made 1:51.0 the target & Gordon will run only in the mile at Vancouver. He will defend both his AAA titles & then on to Berne. He will run cross-country but only twice - the Surrey & Inter-Banks. The 4 minute mile is, of course, in his mind but he does not yet think he can do it. He believes he would have to do the 1st lap in 57.0. If his programme permits he might run against Bannister in late May.

In 1956, Reindell says Pirie should run 13:44.0 & 29:40.0! If the enthusiasm I witnessed last month at Tooting continues, I have no doubt that these fantastic times will be done at Melbourne.

# World's Best Performers 1953 - (Part I - Track)

Below we list the best track and hurdling marks made in the 1953 season. The December issue of "Athletics World" will give the top field event performances.

100 YARDS			
9.4	Michael Agostini (Trinidad)	Kingston	April 15
9.4	Thane Baker (USA)	Kansas City	May 30
9.5	Hector Hogan (Australia)	Brisbane	Feb. 14
9.5	Charlie Thomas (USA)	Houston, Tex.	Mar. 7
9.5	Willie Williams (USA)	Berkeley, Cal.	April 18
9.5	Art Bragg (USA)	Baltimore	May 9
9.5n	Ed Waters (USA)	Baltimore	May 9
9.5n	Ken Kave (USA)	Baltimore	May 9
wind assisted			
9.4	Willie Williams (USA)	Illinois	April 4
9.5	Gene Buie (USA)	Stillwater	Mar. 21
9.5	Charles Teague (USA)	Denton	April 2
9.5	Art Pollard (USA)	State College, Pa.	May 2
9.5	Leslie Iaing (Jamaica)	Fresno, Cal.	May 9
9.5	Alex Burl (USA)	Salt Lake City	May 23
9.5	Bill Swisshelm (USA)	Ontario, Cal.	May 23
9.5n	Joe Schatzle (USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	June 19
100 METRES			
10.3	Art Bragg (USA)	Cologne	July 29
10.4	Heinz Fütterer (Germany)	Stuttgart	June 20
10.4	Ernst Schroeder (E. Germany)	Cracow	July 1
10.4	Thane Baker (USA)	Malmö	Aug. 3
10.5	Levan Sanadze (USSR)	Tbilisi	May 1
10.5	Milton Campbell (USA)	Honolulu	May 23
10.5	Frantisek Broz (CSR)	Prague	May 24
10.5	Karl-F. Haas (Germany)	Fürth	May 25
10.5n	Robert Brown (US Forces)	Oberhausen	June 6
10.5	Milovan Jovancic (Yugoslavia)	Belgrade	June 10
10.5	Ralph Butler (US Forces)	Brussels	July 24
10.5	Vaclav Janacek (CSR)	Aue	Sept. 22
200 METRES (turn)			
20.6	Art Bragg (USA)	Cologne	July 29
20.8	Andrew Stanfield (USA)	Buffalo, N.Y.	Mar. 21
21.0+	Michael Agostini (Trinidad)	Kingston	April 15
21.0	Vaclav Janacek (CSR)	Bucharest	Aug. 8
21.0	Heinz Fütterer (Germany)	Zagreb	Sept. 6
21.1+	Willie Williams (USA)	Champaign, Ill.	May 29
21.1	Karl-F. Haas (Germany)	Nuremberg	July 4
21.1	Ardalion Ignatyev (USSR)	Bucharest	Aug. 7
21.2+	Herbert Mckenley (Jamaica)	Kingston	Jan. 1
21.2+	Emmanuel McD. Bailey (GB)	London	July 10
21.3n	Lucio Sangermano (Italy)	Turin	July 19
21.3	Thane Baker (USA)	Malmö	Aug. 4
21.3	Ernst Schroeder (E. Germany)	Bucharest	Aug. 7
+ = 220 yards mark less 0.1 sec.			
220 YARDS (straightaway)			
20.4	Thane Baker (USA)	Kansas City	May 30
20.6	Charles Thomas (USA)	Laredo, Tex.	Mar. 14
20.7	Art Pollard (USA)	State College, Pa.	May 16
20.8	Andrew Stanfield (USA)	Compton, Cal.	June 5
20.9	Leamon King (USA)	Porterville	March 7
20.9n	Paul Wells (USA)	Laredo, Tex.	March 14
20.9	Henry Thresher (USA)	New Haven, Conn.	April 25
20.9	Herbert Turner (USA)	San Jose, Cal.	April 25
20.9n	Leslie Iaing (Jamaica)	San Jose, Cal.	April 25
wind assisted			
20.5	Charles Turner (USA)	Waco	April 9
20.5	Frank Daugherty (USA)	Austin, Tex.	May 8
400 METRES (+ = 440y mark minus 0.3sec.)			
45.9	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	Eskilstuna	Aug. 16
46.3	Karl-F. Haas (Germany)	Milan	June 29
46.5+	John Mashburn (USA)	Los Angeles	May 15
46.7+	Jim Lea (USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	June 20
46.8+	Thane Baker (USA)	Ames, Iowa	May 23
46.8	Ardalion Ignatyev (USSR)	Bucharest	Aug. 7
46.9	Wilbur Cunningham (US Forces)	Brussels	July 25
47.0+	Morris Curotta (Australia)	New York	May 30
47.1n	Herbert Mckenley (Jamaica)	Compton, Cal.	June 5
47.1	Reggie Pearman (USA)	Malmö	Aug. 4



HEINZ FÜTTERER of Germany who has dominated Europe's sprinters during 1953. He has recorded marks very close to the European records



STANISLAV JUNGWIRTH (Czechoslovakia) (rt.) Europe's fastest 800 metre man of the year at 1:48.6. He also stands sixth on the world 1,500 metre list with 3:45.0. His 1,000 m. record was however twice beaten.

### 800 METRES

1:47.9Y	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	Turku	July 17
1:48.4n	Wesley Santee (USA)	Oslo	Aug. 6
1:48.6Y	Stanislav Jungwirth (CSR)	Prague	June 21
1:48.8	Roger Moens (Belgium)	Brussels	June 17
1:48.9	Audun Boysen (Norway)	Malmö	Aug. 3
1:49.0n	Tage Ekfeldt (Sweden)	Urebro	Aug. 14
1:49.3n	Olle Åberg (Sweden)	Enköping	Aug. 9
1:49.4n	Henry Cryer (USA)	Cologne	July 29
1:49.6n	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	Malmö	Aug. 3
1:49.6	Georgiy Ivakin (USSR)	Moscow	Aug. 23
1:49.7n	Reggie Pearman (USA)	Malmö	Aug. 3
Y = time taken during 880 yards race.			

### 880 YARDS

1:48.6	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	Turku	July 17
1:49.4n	Iang Stanley (USA)	Compton, Cal.	June 5
1:49.5	Stanislav Jungwirth (CSR)	Prague	June 21
1:49.9n	Wesley Santee (USA)	Turku	July 17

### 1000 METRES

2:20.4	Audun Boysen (Norway)	Oslo	Sept. 17
2:20.8	Malvin Whitfield (USA)	Eskilstuna	Aug. 16
2:20.9n	Roger Moens (Belgium)	Oslo	Sept. 17
2:21.7n	Olle Åberg (Sweden)	Stockholm	Aug. 11
2:22.2	Werner Lueg (Germany)	Stuttgart	June 20
2:22.4n	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	Stuttgart	June 20

### 1500 METRES (M = time during mile race)

3:44.2	Sune Karlsson (Sweden)	Göteborg	June 23
3:44.2	Wesley Santee (USA)	Göteborg	July 23
3:44.4M	John Landy (Australia)	Melbourne	Jan. 3
3:44.8M	Roger Bannister (GB)	Motspur Park	June 27
3:44.8	Denis Johansson (Finland)	Pori	July 10
3:45.0	Stanislav Jungwirth (CSR)	Opava	May 30
3:45.2n	Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden)	Göteborg	July 23
3:46.6n	Ernő Béres (Hungary)	Bucharest	Aug. 9
3:46.6n	William Nankeville (GB)	Stockholm	Sept. 3
3:46.6n	Ilmare Taipale (Finland)	Pori	July 10
3:47.0	Werner Lueg (Germany)	Gelsenkirchen	Aug. 18
3:47.4	Istvan Rozsavölgyi (Hungary)	Budapest	Aug. 19
3:47.4n	Tore Lundberg (Sweden)	Stockholm	Aug. 23
3:47.8n	Olle Åberg (Sweden)	Göteborg	July 10
3:48.0	Gunnar Nielsen (Denmark)	Copenhagen	Aug. 30

### ONE MILE

4:02.0	Roger Bannister (GB)	Motspur Park	June 27
4:02.4	Wesley Santee (USA)	Compton, Cal.	June 5
4:02.8	John Landy (Australia)	Melbourne	Jan. 3
4:04.0n	Denis Johansson (Finland)	Compton, Cal.	June 5
4:04.4	Sune Karlsson (Sweden)	Göteborg	Aug. 7
4:05.7	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Compton, Cal.	June 5

ONE MILE (continued)

4:06.6	Werner Lueg (Germany)	Vienna	June 16
4:06.8	Gordon Pirie (GB)	London	Aug. 8
4:07.1n	Fred Dwyer (USA)	Lincoln, Neb.	June 20
4:07.4	William Nankeville (GB)	London	Sept. 9
4:07.4n	Audun Boysen (Norway)	London	Sept. 9
4:07.8	Charles Capozzoli (USA)	Washington	May 2
4:08.0n	Joe LaPierre (USA)	Washington	May 2
4:08.0n	Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden)	Hamburg	June 23
4:08.0n	Donald Seaman (GB)	London	July 11
4:08.2n	Tore Lundberg (Sweden)	Hamburg	June 23
4:08.4	Christopher Chataway (GB)	London	Mar. 14
4:08.6n	Rolf Iamers (Germany)	Hamburg	June 23
4:08.6n	Günther Dohrow (Germany)	Hamburg	June 23
4:08.8	Freddie Green (GB)	Birmingham	Oct. 3

2000 METRES

5:16.6	Denis Johansson (Finland)	Helsinki	Aug. 23
5:18.8	Sándor Iharos (Hungary)	Budapest	June 6
5:19.0	Andrija Otenheimer (Yugoslavia)	Belgrade	May 31
5:20.8n	Ernő Béres (Hungary)	Budapest	June 6

3000 METRES (M= made in 5,000m. race)

8:06.6	Frans Herman (Belgium)	Stuttgart	June 20
8:09.6	Tor Lönnqvist (Finland)	Turku	July 17
8:10.4M	Vladimir Kuts (USSR)	Budapest	Sept. 20
8:11.0	Gordon Pirie (GB)	Oslo	Sept. 5
8:11.4n	Ilmare Taipale (Finland)	Turku	July 17
8:11.6	Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR)	Moscow	June 21
8:12.0n	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Oslo	July 8
8:12.2	Stanislav Jungwirth (CSR)	Prague	June 27
8:13.4	Warren Druetzler (USA)	Düsseldorf	July 13
8:13.8n	Emil Zátopek (CSR)	Prague	June 27

2 MILES

8:47.4	Gordon Pirie (GB)	London	Sept. 30
8:49.6	Christopher Chataway (GB)	London	May 25
8:53.0n	Freddie Green (GB)	London	Sept. 30
8:54.7n	Leonard Eyre (GB)	Glasgow	Aug. 1
8:58.4n	Ian Binnie (GB)	Glasgow	Aug. 1
9:00.2	Charles Capozzoli (USA)	New York	May 30
9:01.2	John Landy (Australia)	Geelong	Feb. 4

3 MILES (M= made in a 5,000m. race)

13:34.0M	Gordon Pirie (GB)	Berlin	Aug. 29
13:46.0n	Freddie Green (GB)	London	July 11
13:48.0n	Frank Sando (GB)	London	May 23
13:50.0	Frans Herman (Belgium)	London	Aug. 8

5000 METRES

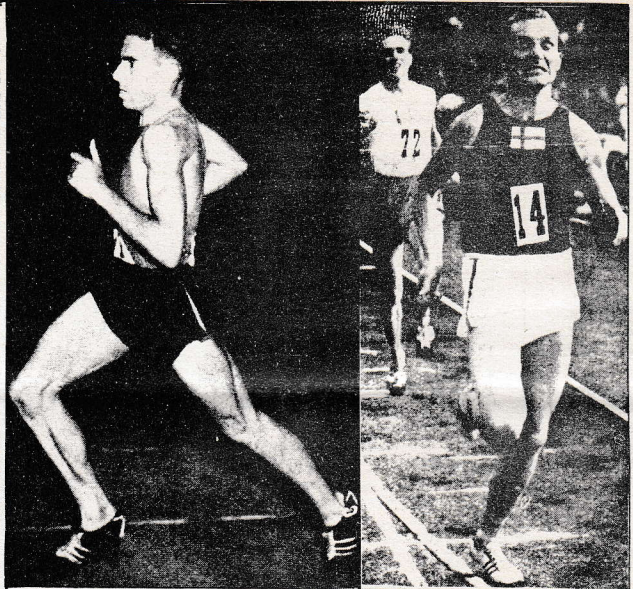
13:58.8	Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR)	Moscow	June 6
14:01.2	József Kovács (Hungary)	Budapest	Sept. 20
14:02.2	Vladimir Kuts (USSR)	Budapest	Aug. 27
14:02.6	Gordon Pirie (GB)	Berlin	Aug. 29
14:03.0	Emil Zátopek (CSR)	Bucharest	Aug. 5
14:08.4	Alain Mimoun (France)	Brussels	June 17
14:14.4	Ilmare Taipale (Finland)	Kouvola	June 11
14:14.6n	Hannu Posti (Finland)	Kouvola	June 11
14:15.6n	Herbert Schade (Germany)	Kouvola	June 11
14:15.6n	Gaston Reiff (Belgium)	Brussels	June 17
14:15.6n	Bertil Albertsson (Sweden)	Stockholm	July 30

6 MILES

28:19.4	Gordon Pirie (GB)	London	July 10
28:30.2	Emil Zátopek (CSR)	Bucharest	Aug. 9
28:37.6	Alain Mimoun (France)	London	Aug. 3
28:47.2n	Frank Sando (GB)	London	July 10
28:53.4n	Ian Binnie (GB)	London	July 10
29:01.8n	James Peters (GB)	London	Apr. 18

10,000 METRES

29:17.2	Gordon Pirie (GB)	Stockholm	Sept. 3
29:21.2	József Kovács (Hungary)	Bucharest	Oct. 4
29:23.2	Aleksandr Anufriyev (USSR)	Moscow	June 7
29:25.8	Emil Zátopek (CSR)	Bucharest	Aug. 9
29:41.4n	Vladimir Kuts (USSR)	Bucharest	Aug. 9
29:48.6n	Gyula Péntes (Hungary)	Bucharest	Oct. 4
29:49.8	Hannu Posti (Finland)	Helsinki	Sept. 5
29:51.0n	Alain Mimoun (France)	Helsinki	Sept. 5
29:56.2n	Frank Sando (GB)	Stockholm	Sept. 3
30:00.0	Urho Julin (Finland)	Imatra	July 13
30:00.2n	Olavi Rinteenpää (Finland)	Imatra	July 13
30:03.2n	Béla Juhász (Hungary)	Bucharest	Oct. 3
30:10.0	Franjo Mihalić (Yugoslavia)	Oslo	July 24



Belgium's FRANS HERMAN, the world's No.1 3000 m. specialist at 8:06.6 worth 8:45.0 for two miles. DENIS JOHANSSON of Finland whose 3:44.8(1500m) & 4:04.0 (mile) bring him 4th places.

3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

8:44.4	Olavi Rinteenpää (Finland)	Helsinki	July 2
8:47.8	Petar Segedin (Yugoslavia)	Belgrade	May 1
8:49.8	Vladimir Kazantsev (USSR)	Budapest	Sept. 20
8:52.8n	Mikhail Saltikov (USSR)	Budapest	Sept. 20
8:54.6	László Jeszenszky (Hungary)	Budapest	Aug. 20
8:56.2	Pyeodor Marulin (USSR)	Bucharest	Aug. 7
8:57.8n	Y. Kadyaykin (USSR)	Moscow	Aug. 26
8:58.0	Curt Söderberg (Sweden)	Stockholm	Aug. 22
8:58.6	Anatoliy Savenko (USSR)	Moscow	Aug. 26
8:59.6	V. Kurchavov (USSR)	Moscow	Sept. -

120 YARDS HIGH HURDLES

13.8	Jack Davis (USA)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	June 23
14.0	Joe McNulty (USA)	Berkeley, Cal.	Apr. 18
14.1	Art Barnard (USA)	Provo, Utah	Apr. 25
14.1	Milton Campbell (USA)	Honolulu	May 23
14.1n	Wilbur Thompson (USA)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	June 23
14.2	Harrison Dillard (USA)	Kingston	Jan. 3
14.2	Ray Weinberg (Australia)	Melbourne	Feb. 7
14.2n	Willard Wright (USA)	Tucson	Mar. 21
14.2	Robert Mathias (USA)	Honolulu	May 16
13.6	Jack Davis (USA)	Stockton, Cal.	June 13

400 METRES HURDLES

50.4	Yuriy Lituyev (USSR)	Budapest	Sept. 20
50.9n	Anatoliy Julin (USSR)	Moscow	Aug. 24
51.3	Josh Culbreath (USA)	Turin	July 19
51.7n	Timofey Luryev (USSR)	Moscow	Aug. 24
51.9	Gomes Carneiro (Brazil)	Santiago	Apr. 25
52.2	Sven-Olof Eriksson (Sweden)	Budapest	Sept. 12
52.2n	Lars Ylander (Sweden)	Budapest	Sept. 12
52.3	Guy Cury (France)	Colombes	July 19
52.4n	Jorn Gevert (Chile)	Santiago	Apr. 25
52.4n	Harry Whittle (GB)	London	July 11
52.4n	Antal Lippay (USSR)	Bucharest	Aug. 9

+ = 440 yards time minus 0.3 seconds.

Late Addition: 400 m. hurdles: Ilie Savel (Rumania) 52.0 Bucharest on Oct. 2.

CHINESE CHAMPIONSHIPS PRODUCE 17 NEW RECORDS. Peking Oct. 12th. Our Hong Kong Correspondent V.V. Kolatckoff has employed his translator to unravel the results of the Chinese People's Republic Championships held in October in Peking. 100m. Ngau Chi-hong 11.2; 1,500m. Lei Yi 4:07.8; 400m. h. Wong Wing-on 56.8 (record); 4x400 m. N.B. China 3:27.8 (record); Discus: Wong Chan-wah 109'10" (33.48m); Javelin: Iau Sing-bong 168'7" (51.40m) Women: 100m. Iau Yuk-ying 12.7 (rec.); 80m. h. Man Wan-chan 12.8 (rec.) No others marks given.

# ZÁTOPEK'S 29 : 01.6 - Kilometre by Kilometre.

(continued from Page 1.) Zátopek, who was 31 last September 22nd, gained his twelfth and thirteenth world records before a small crowd of 3,000 spectators. The temperature was 52 F. (10 C.) but though there was no wind a heavy mist hung over the tree-girt track. As in all his races at this Stará Boleslav Houtška track, 30 miles North-East of Prague, Zátopek had only 'local' opposition. For the record his runner-up was his ATK club-mate Milos Tomis, Czechoslovakia's eighth ranking 10,000 metre man, who finished in a weary 31:12.2 having been lapped for the second time in the ninth kilometre. The analysis of the five fastest runs in history are as listed:-

Kilometre Times	ZÁTOPEK Stará-Boleslav Nov.1st 1953	ZÁTOPEK Turku Aug.4th 1950	ZÁTOPEK Brussels Aug.23rd 1950	ZÁTOPEK Helsinki July 20th 1952	PIRIE Stockholm Sept.3rd 1953
1,000 m.	2:52.8	2:53.6	2:58.0	2:52.0	2:44.0
2,000 m.	5:48.6	5:51.8	5:49.0	5:51.0	5:38.0
3,000 m.	8:43.8	8:46.0	8:45.0	8:48.0	8:34.0
4,000 m.	11:39.6	11:41.6	11:41.0	11:45.6	11:31.0
5,000 m.	14:34.8	14:37.0	14:37.0	14:43.4	14:29.0
6,000 m.	17:28.6	17:31.0	17:35.0	17:39.2	17:24.0
7,000 m.	20:24.0	20:24.0	20:31.0	20:34.0	20:21.0
8,000 m.	23:19.6	23:20.0	23:27.0	23:31.0	23:21.0
9,000 m.	26:16.8	26:15.0	26:24.0	26:28.0	26:19.0
10,000 m.	<u>29:01.6</u>	<u>29:02.6</u>	<u>29:12.0</u>	<u>29:17.0</u>	<u>29:17.2</u>
1st 5,000m.	14:34.8	14:37.0	14:37.0	14:43.4	14:29.0
2nd 5,000m.	14:26.8	14:26.6	14:35.0	14:33.6	14:48.2
Last 1000m.	2:44.8	2:47.6	2:48.0	2:49.0	2:58.2

Zátopek passed the six mile post in 28:08.4 thus beating Ilmari Salminen's 1937 world record of 1937 by precisely one minute !. Salminen's mark had in the interim been bettered by Taisto Mäki (28:55.6), Viljo Heino (28:38.6 and 28:30.8) and last July 10th by Britain's Gordon Pirie with 28:19.4. The Czech's 10,000 metre record was the 15th instalment since Kolehmainen's inaugural 31:20.8 in 1912. Zátopek first became the world's 10,000 metre record holder on June 11 1949 when he ran 29:28.2 at Ostrava to beat Heino's 29:35.4 of 1944. Heino won back his record 83 days later at Kouvolá with 29:27.2 only to have it wrested back by Zátopek after a further 52 days with 29:21.2 also at Ostrava on Oct.22 1949. There it rested until his great Turku race.



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WALLY HAYWARD (S.AFRICA).

## HAYWARD RUNS 100 MILES IN 12 HRS. 20 MINS. !

Wally Hayward, 45, South Africa's Macadam magician, lopped off an astounding 1 hour 51 secs. from his countryman Hardy Ballington's world's previous fastest 100 mile run on October 24th when he ran from Box in Wiltshire to Hyde Park Corner, London in 12 hours 20 mins. 28 secs.

Though competitive pressure is not unnaturally very slight over such severe distances Hayward's majestic performance is a great one by any yardstick. This man with biltong feet regards Marathon's (he was a frustrated tenth at Helsinki) as a woefully inadequate distance and in this 6th Bath-London race he ran in effect 3 Marathons on end in 3 hours 12 mins. apiece and then the remaining 21½ miles at the same pace !

The race started at 3 a.m. outside the 'Bear Hotel' 6 miles the London (eastern) side of Bath. The line-up was Hayward, his 21 year old fellow Springbok J. Mekler and Derek Reynolds, the English Native record holder for 40 and 50 miles on the track. After 5 miles Hayward was away flitting through the waning moonlight. After passing through the wide deserted High Street of Marlborough the nuggety Hayward made the steep climb up the serie Savernake Forest Hill. Now in daylight Hayward passed the 50 mile mark just outside 6 hours by which time he was over 23½ min. ahead of the red-haired Mekler who was leading Reynolds.

Hayward ploughed his way through a blinking Metropolis to finish with a sprint an hour before most officials expected his arrival. Mekler returned an astounding 13 hours 8 mins. 36 secs. thus also beating the old 1937 record by over 12 mins. while, despite being unrecovered from influenza and unprepared for so gruelling a distance, Reynolds also completed the course to record the best ever time by a 'home' athlete with 13:47:18.0.

Before returning to South Africa Hayward intends to attack the world's best 24 hour figures of 152 miles, set in 1933 by the then 50 year old Arthur Newton in Canada, at Motpur Park on November 26th.

## THE THROW!



FORTUNE GORDIEN CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF BUSTING THE I.A.A.F. TABLES (see page 1.) Martin Karplus's 1,000 th.sec. shutter has Gordien right at the strike in his world record discus throw of 194'6" (59.28m) at Pasadena on Aug.22 1953.



Gordien's series was 171'7½"- No throw 190'0"-176'3"-194'6"-191'7". Here is the sixth throw - the second best ever.

The Editors wish to thank subscriber Fortune Gordien for allowing us to publish these unique photographs. In a letter 'Mr. Discus' tells us of some of his weight-training under Coach John Fatbotnik.

"I lift weights 3 times a week and train through (sic) the season. I do the regular exercises; toe raises with weight on shoulders, squat sitting with 200 (lbs.) and less, lateral raises with up to 30 pounds, sit ups with ten pound weight, but in all these work outs I work with rhythm and any weight that is too heavy to bounce into and out of I don't do." Gordien did no shot-putt last season but worked out a few times and hit 53 feet.

Gordien has been approached to make some films in England soon.

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Joe Galli, our Australian Correspondent writes "Day for Landy might be December 5, 12 or 19. He'll be racing over a mile each day." The Southern Hemisphere's lone star opened his 1953/54 account at the Geelong Grammar School Sports on Oct. 17 with a mile in 4:15.0. His 1952/53 debut lasted two seconds longer at 4:17.0 so if his peak then (4:02.1) were also 2 secs. faster the man with a birthday on the fourth day of the fourth month (April 4, 1930) would come to within an ace of his hattrick.

## SIDLO SETS EUROPEAN RECORD

Sidlo was born at Szopienice in Poland on June 19 1933 just 4 days after the eighth of the great Järvinen's ten world records. He stands 5'11 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (1.82) and weighs 12st.6 lbs (174 lbs. or 79 kilo) - he is thus 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (3 $\frac{3}{8}$  cms.) shorter than Held but nine pounds (4 kgs) heavier. Sidlo has an 11.3 secs. 100 metres to his credit. In the high jump his best so far is 5'11 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (1.82). At Warsaw on October 10th he confirmed that his sensational performance was no 'fluke' as he managed a throw of exactly 76 metres (249'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

ZÁTOPEK OUTKICKS KOVÁCS IN A 14:09.0 5,000 METRES IN PRAGUE.

Hungary's brilliant little 14:01.2 5,000 metre man József Kovács went down in defeat before the mighty Emil Zátopek from the neighbouring state of Czechoslovakia in Prague on Oct. 17 th. This year the Olympic Champion has reportedly been unable (or maybe just unwilling in view of the heavy tasks that await him for 1954) to go 'all out' with record attempts. In this Prague race, however, he showed that he had lost nothing of his famous finishing kick. Despite a heavy track Zátopek forged ahead of Kovács in the last kilometre, after the Hungarian has set a moderately fast pace (3,000 metres in 8:33.0), and won in 14:09.0. Kovács was second in 14:14.0 losing several seconds in the closing stages - not surprising since Zátopek ran the last 1,000 metres in a fabulous 2:38.4. This compares with Hägg's 2:49.2 in his world record, Anufriyev's 2:52.8 (13:58.8), Kovács' 2:46.2 (14:01.2) and his own final 1,000 metres at Brussels in 2:45.4 (14:03) and his 2:41.8 (14:06.6) at Helsinki.

EVENT-BY-EVENT SURVEY OF OCTOBER'S EUROPEAN TRACK & FIELD RESULTS.

**SPRINTS:** Heinz Fütterer of Germany wound up a most consistent sprint series with times of 10.4 (Karlsruhe, Oct. 3rd) and 10.5 (Bad Kreuznach Oct. 4th) for the metric '100'. Václav Janecek of Czechoslovakia on the same day equalled his own national record of 10.5 at Brno.

Ardalion Ignatyev, U.S.S.R.'s first world class quarter-miler posted an easy 47.1 for 400 metres at Oslo on Oct. 1st, leaving Sweden's Lars-Erik Wolfbrandt far behind (48.6). The race was run on a rain-soaked Bislet track, that is, on the same world-famous surface where England's great A.G.K. Brown ran a highly impressive 46.9 in 1938. The track record is held by Herb. McKenley with 46.1 in 1948.

**MIDDLE DISTANCES: GERMAN QUARTER MILERS TRY THE 800 METRES.**

Stanislaw Jungwirth of Czechoslovakia met his first defeat of the season at Warsaw on October 11. It was at the hands of Hungary's latest sensation, 24 year old István Rozsavölgyi. The Czech, after leading from the start, was outkicked by his Magyar rival in the final stage of the race. Rozsavölgyi was clocked in 3:49.6, Jungwirth in 3:49.8. The ice was broken and Jungwirth was beaten once more at Prague on October 17, this time by Sweden's strong finishing half-miler Tage Ekfeldt. In this 800 metres race Jungwirth (1:52.1) was shunted into third by Hungary's István Bárkányi (1:52.1). Ekfeldt was an easy winner in 1:51.6. The following day the Swede made his first serious attempt over 1,500 metres and finished a good second behind Jungwirth (3:49.2) with a scintillating 3:50.4. On this occasion Rozsavölgyi could do no better than third in 3:51.2. Despite these last-minute additions, the total of sub-3:50 1,500 metre races for 1953 falls well short of that registered for 1952. Last year there was an all-time record of 100 marks! In the present season that mark has been beaten on "only" 72 occasions (non-European 1,500 metres men account for 8 of this total).

Germany's good quartermiling duo Haas-Geister have made their debut over 800 metres. In different races, Haas did 1:53.1 and Geister 1:53.3. An interesting future prospect for Germany in this department is Siegfried Herrmann, 21, who did 1:51.4 at Jena on Oct. 2. Curiously enough, for the first time since 1926, Germany's best mark for two laps has been achieved on British soil. In that year Otto Peltzer ran his famous 1:51.6 half mile record at Stamford Bridge and this year Friedel Stracke ran 1:51.2 at Glasgow - finally an exception to the old-established rule that "British tracks are notoriously slow"!

**LONGER DISTANCES: KOVACS MOVES UP TO SECOND BEHIND PIRIE'S 10,000m.**

Vladimir the Great, alias Kuts of U.S.S.R., brought the competent Scandinavian crowds to their feet with his courageous solo races. On October 2 at Oslo the 26 year old, 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 154 pound Russian ran his 4th sub 14:06 for 5000 metres. After passing the 3,000 metres mark in a (for him) slow 8:24, he was clocked in 14:05.2 for the full distance. In Sweden Kuts ran the 3,000 metres in 8:11.8 (Malmö, Oct. 9) and 8:10.8 (Uppsala, Oct. 11). The latter constitutes a new U.S.S.R. record, yet it is curious to note that Kuts has a slightly faster time to his credit this season, namely an incredible 8:10.4 achieved during a 5,000 metres race at Budapest on September 20 (see October issue of 'ATHLETICS WORLD').

The man who had conquered Kuts in that Sept. 20 race, József

Kovács of Hungary, moved to second in the year list for the 10,000 metres (behind Britain's D.A.G.) at Bucharest on Oct. 4th with a fine 29:21.2. He now thus rates third best of all-time. Two other long distance men from the Magyar 'puszta' filled the places with impressive performances: Gyula Pénczes was second in 29:48.6 (thus becoming history's 18th sub-30 minute man) and Béla Juhász third in 30:03.2

**NEW-RUMANIAN DISCOVERY. 23 YEAR OLD ILIE SAVEL RUNS 400 m.h. in 52.0 HURDLES AND STEEPLECHASE:** Apart from a fair 14.6 by Russia's balding Yevgeny Bulanchik, there was little or nothing in the "high hurdles" section.

Yuriy Lituyev, the new world's 400 metres hurdles record holder, ran his special distance in 52.2 (Orebro, Oct. 11) but the real find of the month was the 23 year old Ilie Savel of Rumania, who at Bucharest on Oct. 2, clocked 52.5 and 52.0 in close succession. Savel, who has a narrow (hence good) differential of 3.4 secs (his best 400 metres flat being 48.6) had a best time of 54.6 in 1952.

In the steeplechase department there has been a new Polish record for Zdzislaw Krzyszkowiak - 9:03.2 (Warsaw, Oct. 11).

**HOMONNAY RAISES HUNGARIAN POLE VAULT RECORD TO 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (4.30 m.)**

**THE JUMPS:** First a correction to last month's report concerning Europe's seventh 2 metre high jumper of the year: this was not Martin Reháč (who, however, is a 6'2" high jumper, besides being a 49 foot triple jumper) but 19 year old Jaroslav Kovár. This Czech achieved his 2,00 mtrs. (6'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ") performance at Prague on Sept. 19. In October Ion Săter of Rumania cleared 2.00 m. once more on Oct. 4th at Bucharest when beating France's light-footed Papa Gallo Thiam, who could do no better than 6'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Tamás Hoonnay set a new Hungarian pole vault record of 14'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (4.30m.) at Bucharest on Oct. 3rd, beating Eeles Landström of Finland and the returning Victor Sillon of France, who both made 13'5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Földessy, Hungary's 25 footer, was Europe's best long jumper in October also but was content with a 23'11 $\frac{1}{8}$ " effort. Leonid Shcherbakov triple jumped 50'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 50'2"

during his Scandinavian tour, though he was reportedly handicapped by an injury.

**STRANDLI SUFFERS ONLY DEFEAT OF THE YEAR. SKOBIA PUTTS 57'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ ".**

Jiří Skobia's longest shot-put in October was a 'nifty' 17.47 (57'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ ") at Prague on the 18th. Otto Grigalka of U.S.S.R. improved on his personal best with a 55'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " in Oslo on Oct. 1st.

The month's best discus throw went, of course, to the credit of Adolfo Consolini (175'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") at Rome on Oct. 24th. Showing good progress were Karel Merta of Czechoslovakia with marks of 165'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 165'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and particularly Rudolf Sályom of Hungary with 168'10 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (Budapest, Oct. 11).

Ivan Gubijan of Yugoslavia has been consistently in the 190 foot range of late, yet it is doubtful whether his longest throw with the hammer (197'6 $\frac{1}{8}$ " in a local meeting at Paracin) will be submitted for approval, the circle being, according to Yugoslav sources, not up to requirements. This was the London silver medalist's first 60 metres-plus throw (actually 60.22). Sverre Strandli suffered his first and only defeat this season on Oct. 11 at Örebro when Mikhail Krivonosov of U.S.S.R. clinched the event on his first throw - 193'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "

whereas Strandli could manage 'just' 190'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". The Russian put up his best for the year on Oct. 9 at Malmö, where he managed 196'9", barely 3 centimetres shy of the coveted 60 metre line.

Milos Máca, Czechoslovakia's 200 ft. man, was beaten first by József Csermák at Prague on Oct. 18 (193'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " v. 185'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") then by Strandli at Brno on Oct. 20 (194'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " v. 184'7"). At Gallarate on Oct. 25 Danilo Cereali of Italy threw 188'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - tenth best in the world this season.

Besides Sidlo (pictured on left) there were other good javelin marks in October. Finland's inconsistent Soini Nikkinen, 30, got one off to 256'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in a floodlit meeting at Iähti on Oct. 10, thus moving to fourth on the All Time List.

On this occasion Nikkinen was using a "Held Special", Finland having hastened to purchase from America a number of these 'new' implements, in which the centre of gravity lies 110 cms. from the foremost point of the javelin, as opposed to the (hitherto) normal distance of 104-105 centimetres. Viktor Tsubulenko of USSR improved upon his personal best at Skien in Norway on Oct. 4th with a 245'10" mark. In this, the greatest of all javelin years, there have been 41 winning marks over 240 feet. ! R.L. QUERCY/TANI.

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