

January 10th, 1957

Dear Bert;

Received your letter of January 5th and renewed the subject of your becoming a track and field consultant. I should be hearing something definite on this very soon.

In respect to the track and field errors that you spotted in last week's issue let me say that I doubt if even the use of your services in a general sense could have prevented their occurrence in this particular case. The magazine is set up in such a way that there are many different departments with many people serving in each. We try to check each item before it appears in print, but with fast, week-end closings a must sometimes everything isn't checked thoroughly enough. Though several of us on the staff may be aware that Sime's 10.2 doesn't even tie the accepted record (which is now 10.1) we don't always get the chance, even though right here in the office, of seeing all the track and field copy that goes through.

By the way, when does the December issue of T&F News reach subscribers? I'm looking forward to seeing it.

Yours very truly,



January 15, 1957

Dear Gwil,

Thanks for your letter of January 10.

I'm the first to admit that my services as a trackconsultant would be no easy answer to everything. After all, you have a lot of good men available, and I could only be helpful in that certain field where I have a natural advantage. But within that field I feel that I could be of help. How much, only time would tell, and I'd like to give it a try anyway. So I'll be interested in whatever thoughts your management might have on the proposal.

By this time you should have your December issue. It was mailed Jan. 5. You'll note the good use we made of the wonderful SI photos, and already the comments are rolling in, so I know it will do you people a little good, too.

I surely appreciate your interest and am looking forward to the day when we may meet.

Sincerely,

Bert Nelson

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Dear Bert:

Enclosed is a copy of SI containing the Canham article you requested. It's on page 11. It would be interesting if you could get something from Korobkov, so be sure and let us know if you can come up with something that you think would be for us.

I guess the idea of ~~of~~ SI retaining your services as a track expert is something that should be set aside for the time being. The general feeling seems to be that we should rely, for better or for worse, on ourselves as much as possible. Now that the Olympics is over there is even less pressure on the track department. If the need for a special outside expert ever arise^s, however, your name will certainly receive first consideration.

It's been a fine indoor season though I've been a bit disappointed over Laszlo Tabori's mile performances thus far. His coach has an interesting comment about indoor board running, however, that may supply a partial answer for Tabori's slow times - "You don't run your great horses on asphalt."

Incidentally, Maryland's Burr Grim seems to be completely recovered from the spinal operation he had 15 months ago and looks ready to run some fine races. I haven't heard his exact Chicago time as yet, but it must have been around 4:08.

Best wishes,

Jwil

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March 27, 1957

Dear Gwil,

Sorry to hear that SI can't use me, but it certainly is understandable. And it doesn't mean that I won't be willing to answer an occasional call for any help that I may be able to give. I surely appreciate the cooperation you SI people have given us and am always glad to reciprocate.

Thanks for the issue with the Canham article. I'll send it along to Korobkov and see what I can get from him. If you can think of a special angle to work on i'd be glad to follow through on it.

Regards,

Bert Nelson

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P.S. I asked Roy Terrell about the chances of using some more SI photos and he said to write Coles Phinizey, which I did. Haven't heard from Coles yet, but am not overanxious as he undoubtedly is busy. But if you can lend a word or so it might help. I know it would help Track & Field News a great deal, and I rather think that it wouldn't hurt SI to have some credit lines in our little book.