

Denver, June 23, 1963

Dear []

Since my "mission" in Denver is completed and I shall possibly be here only a few more days, I would like to write you about recent events here and about my plans for the future.

As you probably know, a "Track Clinic" for foreign athletes took place in Fort Collins, Colo., from 2 to 7 June. The participants arrived at the Denver airport from east and west, from north and south, and were welcomed by Mr. LOVE, Governor of Colorado; then everyone proceeded to the Colorado State University at Fort Collins. Some of the athletes got lost and were found only after a few days because of misunderstandings and possibly because of a less than perfect organization. One athlete from Chile and Salvador had been left to his own devices ^{for 2 days} at some airport, without any money, food, or a place to sleep. When I met them at the airport at 3 a.m., they were completely exhausted and in a sad state. I took them home, gave them to eat, and they slept for 12 hours. This had happened because some Southern Airlines had not accepted the airplane tickets sent by the State Department. Another group of some African athletes had been lost for 2 days, on the way from Oregon.

About the "Track Clinic" itself I can say only a few, not very complimentary words:

1. The classes and the rest of the organization took place like in the Army; the athletes kept going all week like "wound-up clocks", a sergeant gave orders, using a whistle, like in a dog-training school !

2. Many of the athletes had a very poor knowledge of English, especially those from South and Central America; they got nothing out of the lectures, since there was no Spanish-English interpreter.

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3. Two representatives of "South Africa" had been invited as coaches and lecturers; they were excellent persons, but the African athletes, especially those of the colored race, did not like them since the relations between South Africa and the other new African countries are rather tense.

4. Some of the invited athletes received offers to study at several US universities, with full scholarships; however, the attitude of Sports International Inc. was completely opposed. Some of the coaches from US universities were received in a very unfriendly manner and in one case even rudely, and were even forced to leave.

5. In many universities foreign athletes had not received the necessary coaching attention and they had not made any progress or acquired any technical skill in their specialties.

6. In some cases there was not enough to eat, as only two meals a day were provided.

7. In speaking with representatives of many countries, I gained the impression that this project had not been very well organized and the general impression was as follows: The US Government had invited these young men as guests, and if an invited guest is not given the necessary attention, such as insufficient food in some cases, or insufficient attention on the sports ground, people begin to wonder why they were ever invited !

8. Personally, I believe that it would be to the benefit of the US to invite such athletes if things were better planned and the organization were headed by persons with more experience in international matters, or at least if such persons were invited as consultants; in that case there

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would be no misunderstandings and surprises, or bad memories of the 3-month visit in the United States. After all, the purpose of such a project was to strengthen international relations between athletes.

Personally, I did everything I could so that my two athletes from Morecco would feel at home, or better; both in their living quarters and on the sports field. The University of Denver had promised, but did not help with room and board, so that I had to look for private accomodations for the two men, which I was able to find.

They made some progress on the sports fields and on one occasion Mr. BUSHAIB won 2d place in the 220-yard dash -- 20/3, for which he received the special appreciation of the Moroccan Government. ~~His~~ His best time for this distance in Morecco had been 21.4.

It is not quite clear to me how it happened, but I received an offer as "Olympic Track Coach" from the International Sports Inc. to go to Morecco, which offer I accepted; however, I have not yet received a final answer, either from Morecco, or from International Sports and the State Department.

As I understand; 1. the State Department is unable to pay my salary, since I am not a US citizen; 2. the Moroccan government would have to pay my salary; ~~and~~ 3. the Moroccan government has asked for a track coach through International Sports Inc. and the State Department; this coach would be (a) the Morecco Olympic Coach for the Olympic Games

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in Tekyo and would train young track coaches among the Moroccans, and (b) would give advice on how to improve track activities in that African country.

4. International Sports and the State Department have promised to provide the Moroccan Government with all the necessary track equipment.

5. According to what I heard, the Moroccan Ambassador in Washington, D.C., has said that if the Americans would not send a capable coach, they would be forced to find a coach among the Russians. So it is, in a sense, a ~~knockout~~ competition, as it happened in India where the Russians won out, and where several Russian and Hungarian track coaches are now employed.

6. As I heard from the Moroccan athletes who were in my care this spring, Morocco had asked for a track coach from the US several years ago, and one had been sent there. He stayed in Casa Blanca for several months and did not establish any contacts with the Moroccan sports authorities; he was seen only once at a sports contest and then he returned to the US, without having done any work. Therefore, the Moroccan government is cautious with regard to US track coaches and they will make their final decision after the return of the Moroccan athletes to Morocco, as they may want to hear their opinions about me as a person.

So I am now waiting for this answer. Would you, () and your organization, be interested in my trip to Morocco? If so, you might get in touch with Mr. David DICHTER, Secretary General of Sports International Inc., 3033 Cambridge Place N.W., Washington, D. C., Phone 387-2785.

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In the event my trip to Morocco is postponed, or if nothing should come of it, my plans for the future would be to move as soon as possible to Los Angeles and look for work there, since I would be unable to support a family without any income; at present I have no income or savings of any kind. My son Juris left yesterday for his place of employment: Johns-Manville Research Center, Manville, N.J., Phone RA-29000. He will start working on 1 July and will continue his studies in September.

The son of one of my friends arrived today from Caracas, Venezuela, and told me about the latest events in Caracas. As far as he knows and according to what people say, speedboats sent by Castro arrive almost every night at the shores of Venezuela, unloading partisans and modern weapons to arm the local Communists. The present government is said to be very inactive in opposing the bands of Communists. Although the newspapers do publish articles against Communists and against Castro, nothing is actually done about it. The people are beginning to lose confidence in the firm attitude of the US, and the general feeling is that US foreign policy is directly or indirectly supporting Communist influence in this hemisphere. When I asked, why he thought so, he replied that the US government was trying to arrest and isolate the heroic men who had been attempting to land on Castro's island and organize a resistance movement. When I asked what the future prospects were in Venezuela, he said that as long as Castro remains in power in Cuba and continues to operate and infiltrate Venezuela, as at present, Venezuela might be in the hands of Communists in about a year's time.

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The people's respect for the US, and confidence in US help in combating Communist bands in Venezuela, was diminishing daily. Communist leaders were represented in the Venezuela Parliament, who give orders to the bands on their activities, but only the "little fellows" who have no general importance or influence are opposed.

Finally, I would like to say that ~~the~~^a US track team is leaving for Moscow around 15 July. I have some good friends among the athletes, as well as among the coaches. (Would it be desirable to try to establish contact with through them?)

In the event my trip to Morocco should take place, I would have to stop in Washington, D.C., on the way, in which case it might be interesting to meet personally and talk about the past and the future.

Sincerely yours,

/signed/ Edg. Laipenieks.

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Dear Larry,

Tā kā mana "misija" Denverā beipusis un, iespējams
sēt lišu un "tikai" pāris dienas, gribu jums
un uzrautit par jādājam notikumiem sēt un
jau maniem nākotnes plāniem.

Kā jau jūs droši zināsiet, no 2. līdz 7. jūnijam
Fort Collins, Colo, notika "TRACK CLINIC" ārzemju
atletiem. Sabrauca Denver Airport no EAST and
West, no North and South, sapulcēja pats MR. LOVE,
gubernators no Colorado un tas udi uz Colorado
State University at Fort Collins. Ļoti sportiski bija
organizēti un atkāpās tikai pēt dažām dienām
organizēti un varbūt ne gluži perfekta organizā-
cija. Viens čils un sabraucās atleti bija
notāb uzteca varā kaut nedēļā AIRPORT by
naukas, ēšanas un gulēt iespējams 2 dienas. Kad
organizācija tos lidlaukā 3⁰⁰ A.M., tie bija galīgi
nāgusi un izskatījās bēdīgi. Bredis mātes, pēdē-
āju un gulēja "kā leģenda" 12 stundas. Semals;
South Airlines peļņa akceptācijai State

Department organizētās lidmašīnu kēlētās, C. to
grupa ar āfrikas atlētiku bija populāra
2 dienas, braucot no Oregon.

Par savu "Track Clinic" varu teikt daudzas
ne visai glaimojošas vārdes:

- ① Klases un parējā organizācija notika kā
armijā, sportisti bija visu nedēļu kā "uzvilkti
pulksteņi" ar "lead" serģantu komandām, katojot
sveipi kā savu draudzības skolotājus!!!
- ② Daudzu sportistu angļu valodas zināšanas bija
loti nājas, sevišķi South and Center Americas jaunieši,
no lekcijām neceļoja neko, jo spējam - angļu
tulku nebija
- ③ Par coachiem un lektoriem bija aizvien
dāvi "South Africa" jaunieši, kas bija exelentas
personas, bet āfrikas sportistiem, sevišķi mūsu
kāpas jauniešiem, tas visai nepatīka, jo South
Africa atlētiķus ar parējām jauniešiem āfrikas
valstīm ir visai saspīlētas.
- ④ Ārī no vēlamoju sportistiem saņemta
pēcdevējuma studēt dažās U.S. Universitētēs

ar pilnušu stiprinājumu, bet Sports International Inc. nostāja bija pilnīgi pretēja. Šajās ^{U.S.} Universitātes koledžos bija ļoti nelielā mēroga gādājuma mācīt butāli ar lamāšanas e.t.c. samanti un izraidīti.

6) Daudzās universitātes ārkāpīgi sportistiem nav pieņemts vajadzīgā coaching abstinēšana un tie nav prognozējami, vai iegūst tehniskā pilnveidošanos savās specialitātes nemaz.

7) Šajās gādājumos nav bijis pietiekami ko īstēt, jo īstēt dots tikai 2x dienā.

8) Pūnējot ar daudzu valstu paritāšu un gūnu iespārdes, ka šī akcija nav bijusi sevišķi labi noorganizēta un nepārdomāta. Tātad: U.S. valdība šos jaunākos bijis vēlētāji kā vienas un ja vēlētāju un vienas nepārdomāta vajadzīga uzmanība, ko daļos gādājumos nedod pietiekami īstēt, vai sports laukumā nepārdomāta vajadzīga uzmanība, akcīti sak domāt, kāpēc viņi ir bijusi upeņ vēlētāji!

gadījumā Mr. Buskirk samēdza 2nd best
 manki paracete 220 y dash - 20.3 ja
 ko saņem Morocco valdības specialu
 pateicību. Viņa kļūstais laids šai distancē
 Morocco bija 21.4

Šķaidi vēl uzņemas kas un kā, bet caur
 International Sports Inc. saņemtu piee-
 vājumu kā "olympic Track coach"
 braukt uz Morocco, ko arī esmu akceptējis,
 bet gādāgu atbaidi vēl nesmu saņemis, ne
 no Morocco, ne no Sports International +
 State Dep.

1) Cik saprotu, State Dep. nera man maksot
 algu, jo nesmu U.S. parvalstnāts.

2) Manu algu lūgt jāmaksā Morocco valdībai.

3) Morocco valdība pieprasījis Track coach caur
 International Sports Inc. + State Dep., kurš a) lūgt
 Morocco olympic coach priekš Tokio Olympic
 games, sagatavot jaunus Track coachu.

no jasim korocanim un (B) doter
podomus, ka TRACK paceltu uz augstāka
līmeņa šim āfrikas valsti.

(4) Sports International + St. Jip. spolejis
puzodāt koroco valstij visu nepieciešamo
sp. reglamentākos (TRACK) ihaerturu

(5) Cik dzirdējs, koroco pūtnis W.D.C.
teici, ja amerikāni neritēt sportu
coachus, tie āvēst' sportu meklēt coachus
pē krēmim. Tā tad pīmōmō mōdō
sacensitō, glēzi nō tas notika Indijā,
kur pīlūgi uzvarēt' krēmim Indijā
paslaik štādō valstīs krēmim un angļu
Track coach'i.

(6) Cik dzirdējs no koroco sportistiem, kas bijā
maccō pīmōsō pavareri, pīrus pāris gadim
tie bijā pūpīrošus TRACK coach no U.S., kas ar
ajrūtis. Tas dzirdējis Cona Blanca pāris mēnešus,
un uzgāimis nekādas sakarus ar koroco sports
autoritātēm, tīkai vēimēz reofēt sports
sacensitō un pē tam atgriešos U.S.A.
bez nō, kaet cik štādōtu. Tāpēc koroco

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Kaus oēs jūnis uaxa aļhauca u sance
damba uietu: JOHNS-MANVILLE, RESEARCH CENTER
MANVILLE, N.J. PHOIXE RA-29000

Vinj sāks štādēt ar 1. jūliju un tēpinaš sava
študijas septembrī

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Ēodien no Venezuelas - Carīcas aļhauca pē
maimū vīnos uēs maea diauga oēs un
štōštjō pa pīdētjēn noticēmōm Carīcasā.
Eik rīkē jūnōm un ko cēvēki tuuā ^{paudēt} kāme
uort Venezuelas pīkrastē un plūdmatē
Casto un aļhāvōm eļot atā partizōm un
moderns ēročas un ēplūnošot mētējō komu-
nistus. Tapadējō valdiba eļot loti neaktīva
komunistu laudas kaut tā opīarot. Raktot
gan arīpē pret komunistiem un Casto, bet
partizībe uoēnot meko reālī. Cēvēki sēnot
pauēēt uļtīciba M.S. štāgrōcēi nostōjēi
un ušfōdētāis norakuošoms eļot, ka M.S. ēnpolitika

šīsī vae netesī atlelsto komunistu ušpae-
 du šīu fusloae. kas jautāja, kāpēc vīr-
 tā domo, atbilde sekojoa: varoūgā vīnes,
 kas mēģina izēētīs Castro sola un sabotēt
 komunistu ievērtu tur un organizēt protestu
 Castro, U.S. valdība mēģina nokert un
 izolēt. Kas jautāja, kādas ir urotus 17-
 oēs Venezuelā, atbilde sekojoa: kamēr Castro
 paliks pie varas kuba un Kīrosīs un inf. thē-
 ses Venezuelā, nē paliek, varēt gada
 laikā Venezuela būs komunistu rokā, glez-
 ņā kuba. U.S. respektis un tanta palomā
 uz U.S. politikā apūnēt komunistu baidēs,
 Venezuelā ar sāru doim paslīktinotēs, se-
 vīrī pē ušūkamēim U.S. vētēdēs e.t.c.
 Venezuelas parlamentā sejoš ušūancētī komunistu
 vadoni, kas dod urojumus, so darīt baidēm, bet
 apūnētī tērot tīnā "mapē garim", kam uos
 vīspārejas nojīmes un ušpaeido.

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Beidzot gribu teikt, ka apm. 15. julijs
uz Maskavu plido U.S. TRACK TEAM.
Lā aktivojos, tē staj coachu mace
personiži lbi uz ticami draugi.
Vai biter veloms šeev vimeu
kaut nō sazināties ar [] ?

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Qadijuma, ja mous lauceis uz koroco
sacis, eaurhaecot lūs jēpītōjēs
Wash. D.C., kad vankut biter interesanti
satītis personiži un formēt
papēru un noturi.

Ar meceimēu

Jūm Edg. Laipenē