

# Kyriakides Wins Marathon for Greece



**THE KISS OF VICTORY** is implanted by winner Stylianos Kyriakides of Greece on the crimson cheek of the second-place Johnny Kelley after the 50th anniversary B. A. A. Marathon yesterday. Kyriakides covered the 26 miles 385 yards in 2 hours 29 minutes 27 seconds, exactly two minutes faster than Kelley.

## Kyriakides Beats Kelley in Sprint

By WILL CLONEY

The Greeks had a phrase for it—"Come back with your shield or on it"—and yesterday Stylianos Kyriakides of far-off

up Exeter street to complete his stunning victory in the 50th Anniversary B. A. A. marathon.

The 35-year-old champion of an afflicted nation gasped emotionally, "For Greece," as he brushed through the red twine amid applause that echoed along the cavernous stretch to the old B. A. A. clubhouse.

Sheer drama paced the 26 miles 385 yards from Hopkinton to Boston as the modern Phaidippides sought the national headlines that may bring succor to his suffering people. His performance was as magnificent as his motives, since his time of 2 hours 29 minutes 27 seconds was the fifth fastest winning figure since the distance was rechecked in 1927.

### KELLEY LETS COTE

To achieve victory, Kyriakides had to stage a tremendous sprint over the last two miles that carried him into the tape a full two minutes ahead of defending champion Johnny Kelley of West Acton. Second on six previous occasions, Kelley was never more satisfied to finish runner-up than he was yesterday, for the emotional Irishman almost cried with Kyriakides as the Greek explained how much his victory would mean to his people in Europe.

Kelley gained considerable solace from the fact that he finished ahead of the general favorite, Gerry Cote of St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., who was a distant third after a siege of cramps had snarled through his stomach as the runners approached Newton Lower Falls.

Cote managed to fight off the

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## Sprints Down Home Stretch To Beat Kelley

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affliction and finish gamely, although his usual toothy grin was missing as he jogged stolidly along, far removed from the spotlight and attention focussed on the leaders.

### HEINICKE, BAIRSTOW FALL BY WAYSIDE

He was more fortunate than two other highly-regarded starters—Don Heinicke of Baltimore, who had been in the first six every year since 1939, and Lloyd Bairstow of the Coast Guard, who had been second last year. Heinicke has been plumping a bad back all spring and was not too surprised when it gave out after 18 miles. He was running 10th at the time, so he decided that discretion was the better part of valor and rode to the finish.

Bairstow's troubles trace back to a pork pie he ate late Wednesday night. He had been distressed since that time, spent the last hour before the race fighting his way through four attacks of nausea, and gave up at Boston College when his intestinal condition became unbearable.

While those two stars fell by the wayside, other great runners challenged Kyriakides and lent glamor to his triumph. In fourth place was the scholarly Lou Gregory, recently discharged from the Navy as a lieutenant-commander, who was in or near the lead for the first 17 miles until his left knee buckled under him.

Fifth was Ab Morton of Galt, Ont., who finished 10th in 1945 and was greatly pleased by his improvement. Newcomer John Kernsman of the Millrose A. A., who jockeyed with Gregory in the pace-setting

Athens held his figurative shield triumphantly aloft as he raced