

Greek Marathon Star Seeking Olympic Aid

Stylios Kyriakidis, the famous Greek marathon runner, best remembered for his victory in the 1946 event at Boston, stopped in Baltimore yesterday while on a tour of this country to get help for the Greek Olympic Committee.

Disregarding queries as to his own feats—such as winning the Boston marathon, finishing tenth this year despite blistered feet and the fact that he holds the record of 2 hours and 49 seconds for the original marathon course in Athens—the young Greek told a sad tale.

NO EQUIPMENT IN GREECE

"My home land of Greece is where the Olympic games started. And, unless we can get some help, it will be impossible for my country to be represented in the 1948 games in London.

"The war has left my country in such a state that young athletes do not have running trunks, let alone shoes or the other equipment necessary for training.

"That is why we need help. We do not want to miss the Olympic games. We never have."

Kyriakidis explained that if he could play a leading role in raising the \$50,000 needed to equip the Greek team of 40 athletes and send it to London it would be a far greater victory for him than any race he ever ran.

WILL RETURN HERE

William Helis, wealthy oilman and race-horse owner, has already offered to finance the rebuilding of the large athletic field in Athens, according to Kyriakidis.

Stylios is scheduled to return to Baltimore sometime next week for a meeting at the Greek Community Center, 45 West Preston street.

Contributions may be sent to two banks in New York city. They are the Bank of Athlens Trust Company, 203 West Thirty-third street, and the Hellenic Bank and Trust Company, 139 William street.