

Famous Greek Tops List Of Topnotchers Entered In Big Race

Angelo A. "Hawk" Zamperelli, chairman of the committee on the Veterans of Foreign Wars' New England 20-Kilometers Championship Race, to be held on the annual Poppy Day of Post 1012 of Medford, has made a ten strike, not only in securing every topnotcher in the country in distance running, but in securing the application of Styliances Kyriakides of the Olympia Athletic Club of Ahtens, Greece, a tax collector of that ancient, oldworld city, to run on that day.

EX-GERMAN PRISONER

It was through his friendship with George Demeter, former State Representative, whom the famous Greek runner is visiting, that "Hawk" was able to secure the services of Kyriakides, who because of the fact that he was a former member of the Berlin Olympic games, had his life spared by the Germans when he, with a group of other city officials was captured and sentenced to die. All the others were shot the day following their capture and Kyriakides was sentenced to jail and hard labor.

Kyriakides is now in the United States, in training for the International Olympic Games, which is scheduled to take place in Europe. He told Zamperelli that he is visiting with Mr. Demeter for two months, and that he would be happy to run in the Medford event, not only to oblige him and Mr. Demeter, but also for training purposes. He stated he would also be interested in how Americans train for such events.

GREEK CHAMPION

The young man from Athens is holder of the Greece championships for 5, 10, 15 and 20 kilometer titles. He also holds the same titles in all of the Balken stater, Hungary and Egypt. He finished second in the English championship for the 20 kilometer title. Due to the war he has had but one year of training up to the present, but has made a splendid comeback and should be in rare form for the VFW run.

"Hawk" states that the Greek runner is a most genial fellow, has what it takes to get along with his fellow men, and a rare sense of humor. "Hawk," himself of a genial nature and a runner of no small ability, being a student of psychology and having a background of the war similar to that of the Greek runner, immediately was impressed with the latter, and states that he will make many friends while here, and should make an appeal to all who witness the race.

FINE CONDITION

Despite the fact that he was

treated most cruelly while a prisoner of war, and lost his little home in Athens, having to sell it for paltry sum when liberated, in order to get food for his wife and two small children, a boy 6 and a girl 4,, he is now in fine physical condition and well on the way to becoming financial independent. He states that conditions in Greece are most deplorable, although his countrymen here, as well as many Americans, have been most generous. He hopes that the time is not too far distant when things will be normal there again.

Following the race on May 25th, a dance will be held at the Lawrence Lightguard Armory, at which event Kyriakides and other topnotchers in the race will be introduced to those present.

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