

# Athenian Boston-Bound To Run B. A. A. Marathon

## Greek Auto Mechanic's Challenge Adds to International Tinge—Britisher May Come

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A young Greek auto mechanic from Athens, fired by the oft-told tales of Pheidippides' prowess as a distance runner across the plains of Marathon, is upon the high seas dreaming of a great triumph in the Boston A. A. Marathon next month.

An Englishman named George Shaw has already procured an entry blank and sits now in London trying to decide whether to venture across the Atlantic to try his luck in the famed classic of distance running.

Thus was an international tinge injected when the first official utterance was made at headquarters by Tom Kanaly yesterday.

Only two Europeans ever have won an event which has been almost completely dominated by Americans and Canadians, and one of them was a Greek. He was Peter Trivoulides, a swarthy little bus boy from Wanamaker's in New York, who won the Boston race from the fading Arthur Roth in 1920 and then represented Greece in the Olympiad at Antwerp.

### *Greek's Identity Unknown*

Paul de Bruyn, a German, and a furnace man in a New York hotel, won it in 1932, then represented the Fatherland at Los Angeles. But Johnsen of Sweden was badly beaten here, and Albin Stenroos was raced into the macadam on Commonwealth av., in 1926, by Johnny Miles. There was no joy in the Finnish colonies at Maynard and Quincy that night.

George Demeter, representative, is the authority for the news of the voyage now being made by a Greek runner. It was he who acted as intermediary when the Greek association desired to assure itself of the amateur authenticity of this event. (It was B. A. A. members who virtually dominated the Ameri-

can team that assisted in reviving the Olympics at Athens in 1896.)

Nobody knows the name of the Greek who will travel a few thousand miles to win a wreath of laurel from his native country, but we will bet an old pipe that it is Kyrakides, who finished 11th in the Olympic race at Berlin two years ago, whipping Johnny Kelley among others. It has always been his ambition to run and win here.

### *British Grooming Youth?*

Douglas G. A. Lowe, that mighty Olympic half-miler of another day, and present secretary of the British A. A. A., is the man who launched Shaw's inquiries about the B. A. A. race from London.

Lowe contacted Dan Ferris of the A. A. U., who in turn forwarded the letter to Kanaly. That was a month ago. Lowe wanted an entry blank and complete description of the course. He got it. Which leads one to conclude that the British A. A. A. is either the financial grandfather in the case, or has a personal interest in a young runner it is grooming for the 1940 Olympic grind.

There were a dozen domestic entries announced by Kanaly yesterday headed, in a competitive sense, by young Paul Donato of the Roxbury Boys' Club, the Italian lad who ran so powerfully at North Medford last week.

Clovis Bourdelais of Brockton, the war veteran who has started at least 20 of these races, and Leo Giard, a fellow townie, who was 10th last year and fourth the year before, were conspicuous names. The others were Daniel Hoffman, Bronx, N. Y.; Frank Scimone, North Medford; Charles Passales, Brookline; Walter Childs, Springfield; Frank De Felico, Astoria, L. I.; Carl and Bill Maroney, West End House; George Rolland, Long Island City, and George Petrakos, Lowell.