

VICTORY BELONGS TO TWO NATIONS

Kyriakides Gives Credit to America
and to His Native Greece---
Champion's Own Story



GRECIAN LAUREL FOR GREECE

The laurel of Greece rests on the brow of Stylianos Kyriakides of Athens after he won the B. A. A. golden anniversary Marathon yesterday. The champion, his smile of victory bright, brought a laurel here in 1938. He will take this one back to his native land.

BY STYLIANOS KYRIAKIDES

As Told to ARTHUR DUFFEY

My victory belongs to America and to Greece.

Your good steaks enabled me to gain the weight I needed to win.

The stones of my native land made my feet tough so that I need not retire because of blisters and bleeding feet, as I did in 1938.

"I tan i epi tas."

That is the best I can write in English to tell the Greek phrase I carried with me for inspiration. It was here in the little back pocket of my running pants. It means "With your shield, or upon it."

It was the cry of the Spartan warriors of my native land when they went forth to battle in ancient times. George Demeter, my Boston friend and countryman, wrote it on a dirty piece of paper before the race and gave it to me to carry with me. I shall save it forever. What it really means is:

"Win or die!"

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