Departing Kyriakides Aims to be American

By JERRY NASON

With his mission briefed and completed, Stylianos Kuriakides will fly back to Greece next Tuesday morning at the wee hour of 1:15 a. m. When the lithe Marathon champion takes flight for Athens he will carry 15 pairs of nylons for his wife. But the real news of Kyriakides'

farewell party to his friends and acquaintances of the Boston press last night at Ada Bullock's was the fact he is a strong candidate for United States citizenship.

The hungry man of April 16 is today the well-nourished departing hero, and America, he has found, is a good and prosperous country. He has made a multitude of friends, and Greek-Americans, to whom he is an unparalleled hero, have be-sieged him to become an American

In time, Stylianos probably will yield. For the present, however, he wishes to return to Greace and stay in competition to represent Greece at the Olympic Marathon in Berlin, 1948.

It is his chief ambition. However, he may come to this country prior to 1948, and do his training hereat the same time establishing his future residence.

When and if Kyriakides becomes an American citizen he will assume the name of S. K. Sunday.

Meantime, there isn't the slight-est chance that he will become a citizen before 1948 and be eligible to represent the United States in the Olympic Marathon, an event which only Johnny Hayes has ever won for America.

Kyriakides will leave by T. W. A. plane next Tuesday and will be in Athens the next day, Wednesday, at 3:15 p. m. A national holiday has been declared in the whole

Greece.

If the Greek Athletic Federation wants him to defend his Boston A. A. Marathon championship next April he will return in 1947. "And if I come," says he, "I bring with me another Greek runner—a good one. He probably will win your 10-mile Cathedral race easily."

tonight that the Liverpoo the fastest and classiest soccer players to come to States in a decade. "Tell England players that they to be extraordinarily go row night to keep pace visiting English team," h

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NEW YORK, May 21 lianos Kyriakides, 36-yea ner who won the Boston April 20, left by plane Athens and his job as a bi for a utility company in

capital, after turning do
to become a professiona
Kyriakides said he re
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he wanted to keep hi standing "so that I may Greece in the next Olym He did not disclose the the offers.

The Greek runner sa persuaded John A. Kel winner of the Boston ra Athens next October fo. international race over t Marathon route from M Athens.

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