

## Number 7 dominated the life of SK

Was born on a Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week

His British passports have the number 7

He was 1.70 meters tall

Won Boston with the bib no 77

Won Boston in in 2:29:27

Won Boston on a Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week

Won Boston on April 20<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> time that Boston marathon was not run on April 19<sup>th</sup>

Was the 35<sup>th</sup> Boston winner of the race ( $5 \times 7 = 35$ )

Died at the age of 77

Died in 1987

## A Modern Pheidippides

# \$250,000 for Greece, Aim of Kyriakides



STAN KYRIAKIDES, LEFT, WALTER BROWN  
Receiving Medal for Winning S. A. A. Marathon

(This is the second in a series of three articles dealing with the life of Stylianos John Kyriakides, Athens, Greece, winner of the 20th S. A. A. Marathon.)

These days when Greek meets Greek—they talk of Stylianos John Kyriakides. They compare him with the fabulous heroes of Greek mythology. They draw a parallel in Kyriakides' perseverance with that of Demosthenes. They glow with the flush of benevolence when they dream of a \$250,000 fund they hope to pyramid in the next month or so with Stylianos John Kyriakides (a note — it would be Stanley Jack Sunday, Americanized) as the central figure.

They speak reverently of the Spartan cry "EPI TANI EPI TANI" which inspired Greek warriors to die or die — "either come back carrying your shield or borne upon it"; they chuckle when they remember how George Demetris, the Marathon victor's sponsor here, requested N.A.A. officials to assign Kyriakides No. 77 in the race "because 7 is lucky and two

Oh, yes, the Theseus, a Doric temple named for Theseus, and Kyriakides is being mentioned in the same breath with Theseus, a fearless son of Argos who went into the labyrinth and personally slayed the Minotaur, a Dionys-like fire-breathing dragon, and got alive because his girlfriend, Ariadne, had the intuition to give him a spool of thread to mark his route back to her.

**GENTLE SUPER-MAN**

Theseus committed only a single mistake. He departed with black sails on his galleons. If victorious, Theseus was to return flaunting white sails.

Due, perhaps, to preoccupation with Ariadne, the fleet neglected to turn black into white and Ariadne, waiting on a cliff, missed

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