

A Modern Pheidippides

\$250,000 for Greece, Aim of Kyriakides



STAN KYRIAKIDES, LEFT, WALTER BROWN
Receiving Medal for Winning B. 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 50th B.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 (ed. note — it would be Stanley Jack Sunday, Americanized) as the central figure.

They speak reverently of the Spartan cry "H TAN H EPI TAS" which inspired Greek warriors to do or die — "either come back carrying your shield or borne upon it"; they chuckle when they remember how George Demeter, the Marathon victor's sponsor here, requested B.A.A. officials to assign Kyriakides No. 77 in the race "because 7 is lucky and two of them should bring twice as much."

DREAM COMES TRUE

Kyriakides awoke yesterday in his room at the Hotel Minerva to have a radiant dream transformed into reality by the headlines. Saturday's triumph over 26 miles, 385 yards from Hopkinton to the Hub—from box lunch to beef stew — was true, every agonized yard of it.

Yet Stylianos felt like 5,000,000,000 drachmas (ed. note—Yuh, a million bucks).

There wasn't an ache nor a pain nor a twinge in his steely frame, 134 pounds. Plans had been practically completed the night before for the campaign which, it is hoped, will build into \$250,000. The drive will start tonight at the Ritz-Plaza with a reception to Kyriakides. It will carry on to New York, Washington and cities over the U. S. The moneys obtained will be spent here—for food, shoes, clothing, medical supplies and, perhaps, some athletic paraphernalia for young Greeks who are yearning for sports equipment even while confronted with starvation.

The materials will be piled into a boat and shipped to Mayor Skliros at Athens labelled "Kyriakides Cargo" and there will be unbounded rejoicing around the old town; a rejoicing calculated to make the Parthenon and the Acropolis and the Theseum shake loose the dust of centuries.

Oh, yes, the Theseum, a Doric temple named for Theseus, and Kyriakides is being mentioned in the same breath with Theseus, a fearless son of Aegeus who went into the labyrinths and personally slayed the Minotaur, a Disney-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.

GENUINE 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 Aegeus, waiting on a cliff, plunged to his death into the sea, later named for him, when he saw what he thought was very bad news.

The Greeks are likening S. J. Kyriakides to Theseus and regarding him as a genuine super-man; the first from the old country to win the Boston Marathon. There was Peter Trivoulides in 1926 but he wasn't precisely from the old country; he was carrying the colors of the New York A. C. Kyriakides, last Saturday, had G-R-E-E-C-E emblazoned on his jersey and he was representing the Athens-Pereus Electric Co., which compiled barrels of drachmas to equal \$1000 to fly Stylianos to the U. S.

The Bros. Demeter, including George, who got Stylianos the number 77, and who handed him the written command "H TAN H EPI TAS" just before the Marathon start, regard Kyriakides with considerable awe.

One of them pointed out how Demosthenes was scorned because of his ineloquence until he went around with a mouthful of pebbles, constantly declaiming to non-listening seas, and conquered a speech impediment; how Stylianos was laughed upon when he attempted the B. A. A. Marathon in 1938 and had to quit near Boston College because his feet were frayed and bleeding.

Stylianos forthwith took to the Demosthenic stone-system to harden his feet and conquer his infirmity. Kyriakides has been running for the past few years along steep, rocky, quarry roads. Now his feet are like concrete. There wasn't a mark on them after his dramatic win Saturday.

(Concluding article in this series in tomorrow's Daily Record.)

BASEBALL

Fenway Park Today 3 P. M.
RED SOX vs. WASHINGTON
Seats at Filene's Men's Store and Fenway Park