

## Keino, Ryun compete in pro track

In the history of track and field, there has always been the challenger, the underdog. When Roger Bannister was shattering every barrier, there was John Landy. When Ralph Boston surpassed Jesse Owen's marks, Russia's Igor Ter-Ovanesyan was right behind.

That used to be the situation facing Kenya's Kip Keino. While Jim Ryun was setting records, Keino continued to make headlines in his own, consistent way. Even in the now-famous world record 1500 meter run by Ryun over Keino at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in 1967, Keino remained undaunted. He simply learned.

When the two met in Mexico City for the 1968 Olympic Games, Keino came out of his shadow. He set a pace no man could match in winning the 1500 in Olympic record time of 3:34.9. That's about about a 3:52 mile, comparing favorably with Ryun's world record 3:51.1.

Suddenly Keino was the man of the hour. He had been known as an outstanding indoor runner who pleased the crowds with his all-out efforts in every race he ran. Now he was the king outdoors.

He returned to Kenya a hero, helping catapult that nation into prominence as a track and field power. He was the leader, the one who started it all. The little policeman had jumped to the top.

Unlike the Bannister-Landy duels, however, Ryun won his share. The two became good friends off the track, respecting each other's talents. Neither dominated the other. The two had one last chance in Munich to race and decide which was superior. But a



Kip Keino (left) and Jim Ryun competing in one of many races during the Olympic Games.

So now the Keino-Ryun duels will have more to offer than the celebrated showdowns of the past. The two will fight it out with other challengers, like Tom Von Ruden, for a reward that can keep one in the sport for more than a handful of years.

"I've been running for my country for a long time," says the 33-year-old ageless wonder. "Now I run for Kip." Keino isn't the only one who will be rewarded. Track fans who have thrilled to the running of Keino in the past, will reap the benefits of seeing one of track and field's most competitive performers run against the man with the best times.

It's a duel that can't be missed.

Keino and Ryun will compete again this Friday, March 30th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, along with other pro track stars.

## Tea honors Haefner

Once in a while there is an occasion that makes everybody happy - the honoree, the participants and those attending the affair. Such was the recent tea given by the Portland Branch of the American Association of University Women in honor of the eightieth year of Miss Ruth Haefner. The day was beautiful, the great hall of Westminster Presbyterian Church was just about the right size, and everyone had a fine time. There were so many people meeting each other for the first time in years that the affair took on the aspect of a family reunion. And so it was in a sense, for all were there to honor Ruth Haefner for her long years of community involvement, much of it concerned with improving race relations. Miss Haefner was for many years connected with the Portland Branch of the NAACP and is a Life Member of NAACP. She joined the AAUW in 1932 and most recently has been

working on AAUW's "We the People" study, concerned with Blacks, Indians and penal reform. In looking over those who signed the guest book, it was found that thirty people were long-time NAACP members.

Miss Gail Strong, Oregon District winner of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions, sang several songs, accompanied by Lucile Wyatt. Letters of appreciation came for all over the country, and were presented to Miss Haefner in a huge scrapbook. Everyone was pleased to be there and to have the opportunity to tell Ruth how much of an inspiration she has been.

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freak mishap prevented the "GREAT RACE" from ever taking place.

In the first heat of the Olympic 1500 meters last September, Ryun was tripped and never recovered in time to catch the fleeting pack. Keino headed that pack. It was only a heat and in the finals, Keino captured the silver medal, losing to another new challenger, Pekka Vasala. Keino was not without gold. He proved versatile as well as talented by winning the 3000-meter steeplechase.

Immediately after the James, Ryun turned to professional track. The International Track Association (ITA) caught his imagination. The excitement of the new venture didn't elude Keino, either. The happy Kenyan ran a few indoor meets in January, then made his decision. Pro track was the future for an athlete like Keino and, even though he knew his country would be disappointed to lose its most celebrated amateur athlete, he felt the time for change had come.

The Portland City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 2nd, in the Council Chambers in City Hall. Discussion will be on the parking plan for Downtown Portland proposed by DeLeuw Cather Company, transportation consultants. The plan was prepared during 1972 for Tri-Met, the State of Oregon and the City of Portland.

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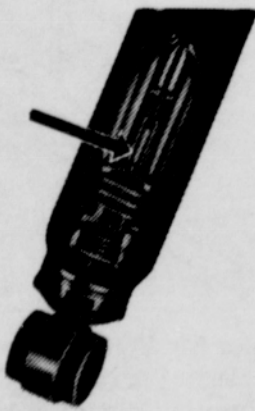
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