

# THE WORLD TODAY

## Nixon avoids protestors in England

LONDON (UPI)—President Nixon carried his European unity mission to England yesterday with a reaffirmation of the "special relationship" between the United States and Britain. Aides said he would try to stay out of Britain's diplomatic row with France.

Nixon arrived from Brussels at London's foggy Heathrow Airport and began a round of talks with Prime Minister Harold Wilson that will include Nixon's hopes for summit talks with the Soviet Union. The two statesmen conferred at Chequers, Wilson's country home 40 miles northwest of London.

Addressing the NATO council in Brussels earlier yesterday in the first major speech of his day old European journey, Nixon said he would confer with Russian leaders "in due course."

Air Force One, the presidential jetliner, landed at an isolated corner of Heathrow as a security precaution and there were no crowds to greet Nixon. Protest groups have threatened to "hound" Nixon during his 36 hour stay in England but none were on hand.

## Arab guerrillas shell premier's home

JERUSALEM (UPI) — Arab guerrillas last night shelled Premier Levi Eshkol's country residence at Deganian in the Jordan Valley, an Israel communique announced. The premier was in Jerusalem at the time.

The attack followed raids by Israeli jet fighter bombers on two Arab commando bases in Syria in the biggest air strike in the Middle East since the 1967 Arab Israeli war. Israel said both bases were blasted into the flaming ruins in the strikes early Monday and two Syrian MIG 17's were shot down in dogfights.

The communique said several Russian made Katyusha shells were fired at Eshkol's home in the Israeli settlement near the Sea of Galilee by Jordanian based guerrillas.

There was no mention of damage or casualties in the shelling of the Eshkol residence.

## US launches probe toward Mars

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI)—The United States targeted a television probe named Mariner 6 toward Mars yesterday in what may be the opening shot in a race with Russia to explore the planet that has long intrigued astronomers.

The countdown was aming toward an 8:14 p.m. EST launch for the \$64 million spacecraft on a 156 day voyage, covering 226 million miles.

It was the beginning of a space tripleheader this week. Next was the launch of a weather satellite early Wednesday and the series climaxes with the blastoff of Apollo 9 astronauts James McDivitt, David Scott and Russell Schweickart Friday.

The Apollo 9 Astronauts passed their last major physicals yesterday and were reported in good shape from head to toe.

Because of the haunting possibility that Mars may harbor some primitive form of life, American scientists have placed the red planet at the top of their planetary exploration priorities.

## Ike recovering after risky operation

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower rested "as comfortably as can be expected" yesterday after undergoing risky surgery made necessary by the growth in his intestines of scar tissue from an old operation.

"His life signs are stable and his cardiac condition is stable," reported Col. John L. Bradley in a midmorning medical bulletin issued by Walter Reed Army Medical Center where the two hour and 20 minute operation was performed Sunday night.

A team of military and civilian doctors decided to risk the operation after nonsurgical methods failed to remove the intestinal block.

## Harry recovers, remains hospitalized

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) - Former President Harry S. Truman has recovered from a sudden attack of the flu but will remain hospitalized to undergo his first thorough physical checkup in more than three years, it was reported yesterday.

Although the 84 year old Truman expressed a desire to return to his home in nearby Independence, Mo., doctors would not say when he would be released. Hospital officials said he would remain for "routine tests."

Truman was taken by ambulance early last Friday to Research Hospital and Medical Center, suffering from gastroenteritis flu caused by a virus.

It was the former president's fifth hospitalization since leaving the White House in 1953.

## Battle to prevent big VC offensive

SAIGON (UPI)—U.S. artillery and B52 jets yesterday blasted jungles around Saigon where as many as 40,000 Communist troops were reported closing in for a possible attack on the South Vietnamese capital.

American intelligence sources said the Viet Cong offensive which began Sunday with rocket barrages on towns and bases throughout the country was designed to divert allied forces from infiltration routes leading to Saigon.

Constant booming from the U.S. howiteers rumbled across Saigon yesterday and early today with most of the fire directed into paddy fields across the Saigon River to the east, a favorite launching area for Communist rocket crews.

U.S. intelligence sources said the Communists have 65,000 troops positioned within a 75 mile radius of Saigon in 81 maneuverable battalions.

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## Nixon supports strongstand

The White House released yesterday a letter from President Richard M. Nixon to Father Hesburgh upholding his stand on campus life.

In the letter, Nixon asked Father Hesburgh to amplify his views on student protests to Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. Agnew will discuss the problem of protests with all fifty governors Thursday at the regular annual Governors' Conference in Washington, D.C.

Nixon said that the idea to write Father Hesburgh occurred to him while watching him in his recent television appearance explaining his policy statement.

President Nixon's note reflected his deep concern about "violence and vandalism" on American college campuses, which has erupted at Brandeis, San Francisco State, and Wisconsin, among others. His essential train of thought seems to be that such use of physical force to further the aims of any segment of the academic community is incompatible with an institute of higher learning's

## Informed of charges

David Ryan, the Chairman of the Campus Judicial Board, called up both David Kahn and Marty McNamara yesterday to notify them of the exact charges which have been filed against them by Rev. James Riehle, CSC, Dean of Students. These charges stem from their actions in the student-police clash over the seizure of the film, *Kodak Ghost Films* on Friday, February 7.

Ryan stated that the charges still have to be clarified by McNamara, Kahn, and himself in order to make sure that all of them are well founded. He said, "Nothing will go to the trial which is poorly presented in order to make a mockery of the student's behavior in the incident."

Ryan also stated, "No testimony given at the Student Life Council meeting, the Sunday after the incident, will be used at the trial." He based this statement on the fact that at the time of this meeting, the students, who testified at this meeting, were not aware of this trial. No incriminating evidence against either Kahn or McNamara, which might have been brought out at this SLC meeting, will therefore be used.

The tentative date of the trial, Ryan stated, is set for the fifth or sixth of March. This date is tentative in case of either a conflict of schedules or if Kahn and McNamara feel that they need more time for their case.

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peaceful dissent and scholarly

Father Hesburgh released the letter last week, mailing it to University students, personnel, alumni, and the press. Comment has poured in from across the nation in the past seven days, running about nine to one in favor of his statement.

The letter was on a somewhat friendly note since the two men have known each other since the Eisenhower administration.

Father Hesburgh, on a trip to Colombia, was unavailable for comment.

## SLC acts on two bills

The Student Life Council met last night in closed session at the Center for Continuing Education. Four resolutions drawn from the Hall Life Report were to be discussed, including hall constitutions, role of the rectors, drinking on campus, and parietal hours. Only the first two resolutions were acted upon.

The first resolution, concerning the drafting of constitutions by each hall, was passed. It states that each hall must draw up a constitution by May 1st to define the scope of authority of the three branches of hall government: the president, the legislative hall council, and the hall judicial board.

A Tripartite Hall Life Review Board, to be appointed by the Student Life Council (consisting of two administrators, two students, and one faculty member), will be the recipients of all hall constitutions and the names of all hall officers and members of hall councils and judicial boards. All constitutions and amendments will be effective only with the approval of the Tripartite Board.

The hall council will be made up of members of the hall, the rector, and one or more assistant

rectors and/or prefects. All members will have equal voting power

The hall judicial board will also be made up of members of the hall, with no more than one-third of its membership drawn from the hall council.

The second resolution, concerning the role of the rector, was defeated (the vote was a tie, a majority is needed to pass). In this resolution was a recommendation for the creation of an Office for Student Personnel, to be set up under the Vice President for Student Affairs. The Office would have been "responsible for establishing, implementing, and maintaining professional standards for administrative personnel within residence halls." This Office would have also determined the number and exact role of prefects and assistant rectors.

The two resolutions yet to be discussed concern themselves with drinking on campus and parietal hours. These are on the agenda for the next meeting, to be held next Monday at 4:00 in the Center for Continuing Education. This meeting, like the one held yesterday, will be closed

## Nixon's letter

Dear Ted,

I share your concern over the recent disorders that have paralyzed campus after campus across our country in recent weeks, and I want to applaud the forthright stand you've taken. As you know, the issues raised by the protesting students range from minor reforms within the academic community to major concerns of national policy; but the means that some students, a small, irresponsible minority, have employed reflect an impatience with democratic processes, intolerance of legitimately constituted authority, and a complete disregard for the rights of others.

Violence and vandalism have marked many of these protests and the rights of the majority of the students have been grossly abused. If the integrity of our universities is to be preserved, then certain principles must be reestablished and certain basic rules enforced. Intimidation and threats remain outlaw weapons in a free society. A fundamental governing principle of any great university is that the rule of reason, and not the rule of force prevails. Whoever rejects that principle forfeits his right to be a member of the academic community. The university administrator who fails to uphold that principle jeopardizes one of the central pillars of his own institution and weakens the very foundation of American education.

I have directed the Vice-President in meetings in Washington this coming week with the governors of the fifty states to discuss what action consistent with the traditional independence of American universities might be taken at the state and federal levels to cope with the growing lawlessness and violence on our campuses. I would appreciate it greatly if you would take the time to give him your views on this matter.

With Warm regards,  
Sincerely,

Richard M. Nixon.

**'Merrymaking' set for May****HPC makes tentative plans for AnTostal weekend**

Ron Mastriana, co-chairman of the HPC, told hall presidents of the tentative plans for the second annual An Tostal weekend at a HPC meeting Sunday night in the student center amphitheatre. An Tostal, which means "merrymaking" in Gaelic, rivals homecoming and Mardi Gras in highlighting the ND social calendar.

This year's HPC sponsored An Tostal will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday - May 8, 9, and 10. The program includes a number of games, contests,

and parties.

SMC will be responsible for Thursday's festivities on the ND main quad. Junior Jane Blanchard of LeMans is organizing a female slave auction and pie throwing and dunking contests.

President Marty Bree of Pangborn is planning Friday's BYO beach party at the St. Joseph's Lake boathouse. Bree hopes to procure strobe lights for the boathouse and to screen movies on the wall behind the band which will play inside.

Mastriana, general chairman of the weekend, said that "the world's biggest bonfire" (150 feet high) will be built on the beach. Bree added, "All the guys in Pangborn are willing to contribute their desks to the fire."

John Dues, Walsh Hall president, is in charge of Saturday's "fun and games." The events will include Grand Prix time trials, a tug o' war, a bed race, "no hands" pie eating, flour blowing, a water brigade, touch football, a pig chase, cow

milking, and a trivia bowl. Mastriana said, "Holy Cross claims that its 'fat Jack' will again win the pie eating contest 'hands down', or so-to-speak."

Transportation to Saturday night's Irish Barn Party will be students' only expense for the entire weekend. "We're going to get as much beer as we can - probably 25 half-kegs - and give it all away," said Mastriana.

Girls from eight other colleges have been invited to join the Irish in its "merrymaking." These schools include SMC,

Barat, Mundelien, Rosary, St. Xavier, College of St. Francis, St. Mary's of the Woods, and Holy Cross Nursing School. Mastriana plans to ask Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, if the girls can stay in one of the halls which would be vacated by ND students for the weekend. "I think I have a pretty good chance of being granted permission," he said.

Mastriana asked that anyone who wanted to help organize the weekend contact his respective hall president. "We especially need people to help Dave Ryan with advertising. We also need pictures from last year's An Tostal," he said.

**Soph program resumes soon**

The "Meet Your Major Program" continues this week with its description of various departments in the College of Arts and Letters. The program is especially directed towards sophomores who must declare their major at Advance Registration in late April and early May.

Each meeting of the program is devoted to a particular department. After a brief outline of each department is presented, emphasis will be placed on department requirements, special programs, admission to graduate schools, and job opportunities within the specific fields. A number of student majors and faculty members will represent each department.

As a complement to the meetings which have already focused upon the General Program, Philosophy, the Fine Arts, and Psychology, the schedule will also include Graduate Education, Feb. 25; Sociology, Feb. 27; Latin American Studies, March 3; English, March 4; History, March 5; Government, March 6; and Undergraduate Education, March 14.

Because there is no undergraduate level at Notre Dame, meetings in this area of interest will concentrate on the programs established in a cooperative effort by Notre Dame and St. Mary's College which lead to teaching careers.

**ND student team in marketing finals**

A group of Notre Dame University's business students is now among the top ten teams participating in the eighth annual intercollegiate marketing competition, a business game sponsored by Michigan State University.

Student teams from 41 U.S. and Canadian colleges are learning business management principles by playing MSU's marketing game.

In this contest, each team of four students manages a hypothetical manufacturing company that markets three consumer and industrial products in three different regions.

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# Heavy field for SBP; McHugh now in running

## Junior enters race

Another SBP hopeful, Tim McHugh, a junior, took the plunge today. In an interview today McHugh also announced his running mate as Pat Laflin, an economics major, also a junior.

"I am basically against the way Student Government is being run today," McHugh said. He feels that Student Government should be primarily an administrative organ.

McHugh favors a major re-construction of Student Government. He is opposed to the Student Senate, and would eliminate it. He feels that the Hall Presidents Council should take over the functions of the Senate. "Right now there is a duplication of effort; the Hall Presidents run because they want to work for the Halls." He felt that "most Hall Senators don't do anything at all."

McHugh envisions three main organs of Student Government on campus: The Student Life Council, The Hall Presidents Council, and the Student Union. "I would like to see these three streamlined so all functions can be taken on by them."

McHugh feels that student voices cannot be heard because of the size of the government. "Ideas originate with the students. The use of section and hall meetings will enable the students to have a greater voice in the government."

McHugh stated he was going to run a "limited campaign," with perhaps two open letters to the students. "I feel that student politics are out of proportion... There seems to be a lot of

playing at politics on this campus."

In keeping with his ideas, McHugh said he had no campaign manager or press secretary. He felt that he wanted to run a "more down to earth campaign."

## McKenna issues statement

Student Body President hopeful Phil McKenna issued his first official policy statement Sunday night.

Unity through community is his prime concern. He considers Notre Dame's present dilemma to lie in the isolation of each element of the University.

In order to solve this problem, McKenna said "Students must look beyond their own narrow concerns of their day-to-day lives to the broad implications of present university policies and to the present stagnant atmosphere on campus."

"Only when students and faculty members have real, and not a superficial role in the ultimate policy-making of the university will we be able to say that we have a true community," he said.

When asked if the SLC might be the means to this solution, McKenna replied that a much broader and more representative approach is needed. He suggested that it is more a personal than a structural problem.

When asked about a possible discussion with the other SBP candidates, McKenna said that he thought it would be a "good idea." In his policy statement, he voiced his hopes that rational discussion of the issues would "eventually lead to the downfall

of our barriers and the realization of Notre Dame as truly unique in its commitment to a Christian community."

## McCartin refuses debate

In a weekend interview, Student Body Presidential candidate John Mroz spoke about his campaigning and his plans for Student government.

Referring to Mike Kendall's challenge to a "discussion" of the issues, he called the invitation "vague in details." Mroz stated that he would not take part in any debate that was not a true discussion of the issues. "If the debate is a serious attempt to confront the issues, then we will participate," said the SUAC commissioner. He would give a definite answer only after Kendall clarifies the format of the discussion.

Mroz, commenting on a part of his platform said that he saw a need for a definition of roles within Student Government. He saw a need for the creation of "articles of organization" for Student Government. These "articles" would make clear the direction and limits of the areas of Student Government.

The candidate suggested moving the activities of the class governments under the control of the Finance Committee of Student Government. Mroz saw the move as a protection for Student Government.

Mroz felt that hall life might not be an issue in the '69 campaign. He explained that if the currently pending proposal before the SLC concerning the "basics of hall life" (liquor on campus, parietal hours, etc.) is passed, hall life "shouldn't be

much of an issue."

The "progressive" candidate stated that he will be directing his campaign at "the people who were never involved before (in Student Government), those who feel separated from Student Government."

## Challenge called "vague"

Student Body Presidential candidate Ed McCartin has refused opponent Mike Kendall's challenge to a public debate of the issues. "Why," McCartin asked in a prepared statement, "does there have to be a 'discussion' to supply 'an open presentation of each candidate's attitudes'? Aren't the regular campaign procedures adequate to allow attitudes to come forth in speeches, press statements, etc."

McCartin suggested that the discussion may be an "attempt to rhetorically discredit" one or more of the candidates.

The newly-announced candidate completed his statement by asking Kendall if there was a difference between "electioneering and the purpose in being elected to office."

"That is," McCartin said, "do candidates enter the race to represent their own views or the views of the electorate? We seek only the latter."

## Smith named Manager

Bob Kundtz, Press Secretary for SBP hopeful Mike Kendall, today announced the appointment of Mac Smith as Kendall's campaign manager.

Smith has been active in politics in his home state of Iowa. He was a staff member to the local Democratic candidate

for congress in his district, and has also been actively involved in the Young Democrats in his home county.

Kundtz commented that, "Mac is obviously well qualified for the post. His record of activities shows that he is not by any means a new-comer to politics..."

Smith commented on his appointment by saying, "I hope that on all sides and throughout the student body, this campaign will center on a full and open exposition and consideration of relevant issues..."

## Committee establishes rules

A nine member election committee chaired by SBP Rossie met Friday to establish rules for the upcoming student Body Presidential election.

The results of the meeting were as follows: Election petitions will be distributed at 7 p.m. on March 2, and must be returned by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4. 100 signatures are needed to enter the race.

The official campaign begins at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, and ends at 2 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12. The hall polling places will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Off campus voters may cast their ballots between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on March 12 in the off-campus office located in the basement of LaFortune.

There is a \$300 limit on campaign expenditures with one new exception. An allotment of \$45 will be made to pay for postage required for communication with off-campus students.

## .....The Mail.....

### Not Surprising

Editor: Little Donny Hynes has been a naughty boy. In his latest tantrum, Donny has said very many stupid things, which is not really surprising. What is surprising is that he has said many more stupid things than usual, two of them downright nasty.

Nasty thing number one: Donny contends that "the administration is not a part of the community, and should not have the final say on any university policy." In the first place, where did he learn all those big words? In the second place, who is it that effectively runs this institution? Certainly not bad boys like Donny. Heaven forbid.

Donny is in the big leagues now. If he doesn't like the way "the community" is maintained, he must learn to change it by constructive means, not by saying stupid things (at which he is expert).

Nasty thing number two: Donny has shown no respect for his elders. In fact, he has gone the other way; he has called Father Hesburgh bad names, such as "fool," "hypocrite," a "cowering . . . President," and a "psychotic and self-indulgent celibate." This is not nice. Donny must learn that anybody can name-call in lieu of nothing better to say. He has not learned this.

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Nevertheless, I do think that such a string of nasty comments deserves at least one return: Donny Hynes, you are a ridiculous ass.

Sincerely,  
Tim Westman '72

### Unhappy?

Editor:

The attack on Father Hesburgh's character and ability in the column of February 21 made me wonder about the responsibilities of editorship. The monumental contribution of Father Hesburgh to Notre Dame is above the need for defense. I cannot comment on the character of the columnist because I do not know him at all, except to say that he must be a most unhappy person.

Yours sincerely,  
(Rev.) Charles E. Sheedy, C.S.C.

### Low point

Editor:

Mr. Hynes in writing about Father Hesburgh presents a cavalcade of name-calling. The performance can only be

described by the technical term, "bilious brattishness." This is to say that he wrote as a child in anger, ruthlessly and irresponsibly. He has achieved one of the lowest points in the story of Notre Dame journalism. In this distinction you, dear Editor, have a not negligible share.

Yours faithfully,  
Matthew A. Fitzsimons  
History Dept.  
Assassination

Thanks to Mr. Hynes, the university's older hands now realize that they have borne witness to a miracle of indescribable magnitude. For now we know that Notre Dame has grown and prospered under the guidance of a President who is a liar, a fool, a hypocrite, a coward, a psychotic and self-indulgent celibate, a plagiarist, audacious, and wholly

or partly out of touch with the university community. It is ever a source of wonder to encounter individuals like Mr. Hynes who, despite their phobic abhorrence of brutality, violence and war, have no scruples whatever about assassinating the character of a fellow human being.

Sincerely,  
Robert H. Vasoli  
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# Irish battle Valpo

With an NCAA Tournament bid apparently tucked away, the Irish take on Valparaiso tonight in the Convo Center. The bids were due out this morning at 9:30, with the NIT committee sending its invitations a few hours later.

The Crusaders currently sport a 14-8 record and own a share of first place in the Indiana Collegiate Conference. Last time out, Valpo crushed Eastern Illinois 93-78.

The Valpo line-up bears a close resemblance to that of Butler—lacking in height. The job of handling Bob Whitmore falls on the shoulders of John Fears, a 6'-6" sophomore. Offensively, the Crusaders feature a balanced attack with four of five starters averaging in double figures.

Senior forward Tyrone Williams stands only 6'-2", but is scoring at an 18.1 clip. Guard Bruce Lindener, a 6'-4" junior, is averaging 18.5 points per game. Rounding out the starting line-up are Fears (12.5), forward Sheldon Ferguson, 6'-3" senior (13.9), and guard Marv Evans, 5'-10" junior (9.6). In case of trouble, Valpo can call on senior reserves Jim Rainwaters, 6'-5", and Larry Theis, 6'-7".

Notre Dame enters the game on a hot shooting streak, averaging 100 points per game in the last three outings. Austin Carr leads team scoring with a 22.7 average, while Whitmore (18.2) and Bob Arnzen (18.5) back him up. If Whitmore starts tonight, he'll be playing in his 82nd consecutive game, an Irish record.

## Purdue swimmers dunk ND

Notre Dame's swimmers found it tough going yesterday afternoon as Purdue's small but powerful squad splashed to a convincing 71-52 win at Rockne Pool.

The Boilermakers swept to victory in ten of thirteen events and in the process set two meet records.

John Cox again turned in an excellent performance for the Irish easily outdistancing his competition in the one and three meter diving events. Tom Schatz filled in for the injured Reid Lichtenfels and managed a second place finish in the three meter event.

The highlight of the afternoon came in the final event of the afternoon when Notre Dame's 400 yard freestyle relay team sped to a new pool and varsity record of 3:21.5.

Seniors Mike Davis, Tom Hock, Bill Ladouceur, and John May combined to lower the mark nearly a second below the old record of 3:22.1 set in 1966.

The Irish have consecutive meets in Ohio this weekend, against Cincinnati on Friday night and Ohio University on Saturday.



# The Irish Eye

By Terry O'Neil, Observer sports editor

## Adjusting a mediocre track facility

Runners are like breads and snowflakes—temperamental and all different.

Friday and Saturday, during the Central Collegiate Conference track meet, they were sounding off about Notre Dame's new Tartan track under the Convo's North dome.

To the casual observer, it would appear that runners' opinions of tracks should be authoritative. But take it from one of them, that ain't always the case.

Says Julio Meade of Kansas, winner of the 440-yard run, "When I was in high school, I ran flat, dirt tracks without spikes. Pete Farrell (three-letterman and former Irish track captain who graduated last year) was in my conference. He'll tell you. We lived in New York and flat dirt is all they got. These guys don't know what it is to run under bad conditions. They got more trouble in their minds than in their feet."

That's not all Julio Meade said, though. And several other of the 325 participants had bad words for the Irish oval, too. All of which served to document the words of some Notre Dame thinclads who filed complaints in an OBSERVER sports story earlier this winter.

Initially, there are physical limitations to a building which is not quite so dreamy as its publicity would indicate. This is not Madison Square Garden, where you can melt the ice, remove the hockey boards and devote all the building's resources to a track meet. Notre Dame's hockey rink is permanent, thus eliminating: 1) nearly one-third of the total floor space; 2) some 1,200 permanent seats on the north side of the rink; 3) a press box with accommodations for 25 writers, two television crews and two radio crews, also on the north side of the rink.

Now you consider the resultant size and shape of the track. The athletic department decided a flat track was imperative, so that the building could accommodate indoor baseball and tennis practice, car shows, etc.

The final product is a short (one-tenth of a mile), flat track with tight curves. The complaints:

"I'm actually running circles out here," says quarter-miler Meade. "You don't have any straightaway where a guy can really let it out."

"Another problem with the lack of straightaway is that you can't see your opponents," noted Mike Jackson of Drake, who finished second to Meade in the quarter. "You see most of these same runners at all the meets each winter and you get to know who's a 'rabbit,' who has a good kick and things like that. Most places have a long straightaway where everybody can see each other and you can get it together in your mind. But here, we start from a stagger in the 300 and 440 and if you're on the inside lane, you can't even see the guy on the outside lane. He's staggered all the way around a curve, on the other side of the stands. When I ran my heat last night (Friday), I didn't have any idea who was leading until I was 50 yards from the tape."

ND sprinter Bill Hurd explained the problem most of his teammates have encountered. "When you're going around a curve, your foot slides in your shoe and that has caused us a lot of blisters. As you're striding, your shoe stays flat on the track, but your foot must slide to the outside and drive your body back inside. A banked track does that for you, but on a flat track you have to provide your own inside drive."

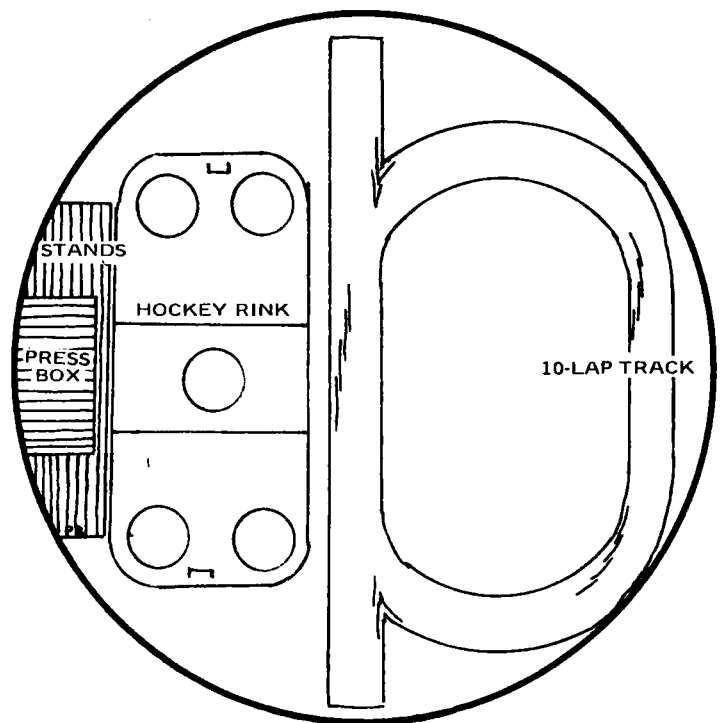
Kansas' Doug Smith, winner of the mile run, commented on the same problem from a distance runner's viewpoint. "From the 600 on down, the close turns and flat track are a problem throughout the whole race. After the 600, you're not really running hard enough during most of the race to notice it. But if you accelerate for any reason—like trying to pass someone on a curve or kicking hard around the last turn—you suddenly realize the centrifugal force is taking you out into the second or third lane. It's especially tough trying to pass a runner on his outside shoulder. He starts to go a little harder and without a bank, he veers out. And that forces you to go even wider."

George Byers, another Jayhawk, who swept both hurdles events and tied meet records in the process, developed a liking for the track. "It has a nice spring to it and that's important to a hurdler," he said. Byers did say, however, that the track may have had something to do with Jim Ryun scratching from the two-mile.

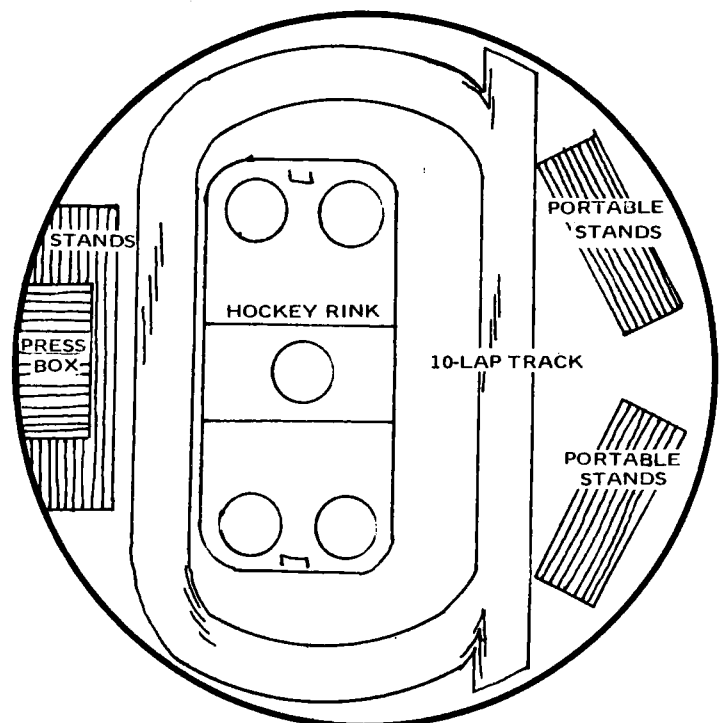
"Jim's got this bad left foot, but he said he wanted to run today. If he were entered in the half mile or the mile, I think he would have, but in the two-mile he'd have to go around this thing 20 times. That's 40 unbanked curves, man. You have to do a lot of leaning inside to stay low on this track and that puts constant pressure on your left foot. He doesn't want to get reinjured here. He'd rather save it for the big meets."

Ryun, was not available to speak for himself. In fact, most of the spectators did not even see him. He loosened up for 20 minutes behind the stands, posed for a picture with Irish track coach Alex Wilson and departed at least 10 minutes before the P.A. announcer declared him out of the race. The inevitable conclusion is that Notre Dame's \$8 million playpen contains a mediocre track facility. Or as Southern Illinois' Gerry Hinton said, "Well, it's better than nothing."

Besides all the disadvantages to competitors, it is obvious that the spectator is being short-changed, too. No more than half the track is visible, except to fans in the top row of infield seats. (In an exciting one-mile relay at the CCC meet, ND anchor man Hurd vanished from view, holding the lead with 3/4 of a lap to go. He emerged from behind the stands in third place. No more than two per cent of the audience had seen the most critical part of the race.) The long



The Convo's North dome as it is....



....and as it might be

jump pit is visible to less than half the house. The 35-pound weight throw was staged in the Fieldhouse, because of the Convo's crowded infield. Few fans saw it.

Admittedly, it is hindsight to propose a floor plan for the Convo's North dome now. However...

The accompanying diagram shows that the track would run between the permanent seats on the north side and the hockey rink. The track would have to be portable, so that baseball, tennis, etc. would not be curtailed.

There is a fine, banked, wooden track available. Since the *Chicago Daily News* discontinued its annual meet seven years ago, their oval has been kept in a back room of Chicago Stadium. The *Daily News* likely would be happy to unload a useless track and a big storage bill.

For meets, the ice would have to be melted and the boards would have to come down. Then there would be plenty of infield room, a long, banked track, perhaps 4,000 fine seats, and press box room for all. At the same time, the building would be available for all the activities it hosts now.