

# WORLD'S MODEL PLANES ON SHOW

MORE than 100 of the world's finest model aircraft will be airborne over Cranfield, Bedfordshire, this weekend when the world power duration championships will be held at the College of Aeronautics.

Twenty-one nations are taking part, most of them sending two or three competitors each flying one or two planes. Japan has entered two aircraft but these will be flown by other "pilots."

Held every other year, the championships were last won by Britain in 1956. D. Posner, who was second that year, is again in the British team.

The tests consist of five flights, each of which must last for a minimum of three minutes. In the event of more than one competitor achieving a "perfect score" of 15 minutes the contest then goes

on until only one plane is left.

The aircraft are powered by 2.5 c.c. internal combustion engines which can whip them up to about 1,500 feet in 15 seconds. At that point the engines are automatically cut and the planes glide slowly down to the ground.

To make sure that gusts of wind or air currents do not carry a machine too far from the airfield, the tail-plane is automatically tipped up—or a parachute is made to open—at the end of the three minutes.

This week's meeting is the second of three model plane championships being held this year. The radio-controlled machines were due to be put through their paces in Switzerland last week; and in September the control-line championships will be held in Hungary.

# Fund started for Louis Martin

THE people of Derby were so delighted at the news that Louis Martin, their local weight-lifting champion, had been chosen as a member of the British team for Rome that they started a fund so that he would not be out of pocket because of loss of wages.

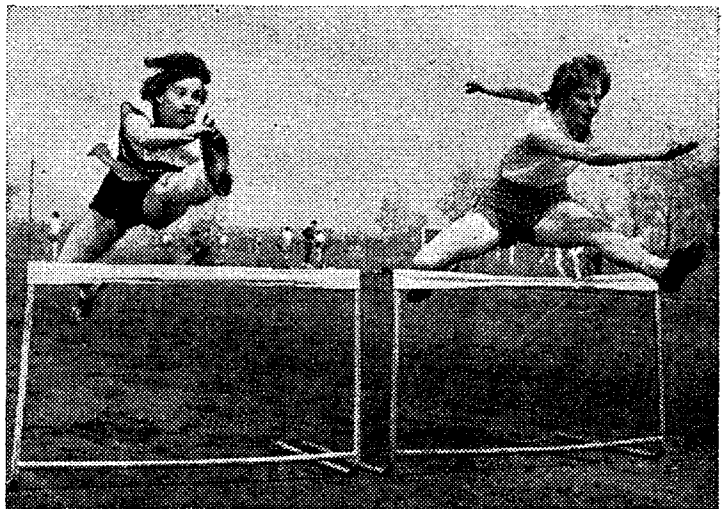
Louis cannot receive the money, however, or he would be a professional and thus ineligible to take part in the Games. Instead, he has suggested that the money be sent to local clubs for improving and renewing equipment and facilities.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Louis is now an electrician. Last year he had to scrimp and save so that he could go to Warsaw for the world championships. It was very worthwhile, however, for he returned with the middle heavy-weight title, the first time a weight-lifting title had been won by a Briton.

Louis Martin will have two more West Indians as team-mates—Blair Blenman, from Barbados, who works as a London bus driver; and Sylvanus Blackman, a guard at Paddington Station, who also came from Barbados.

The team is completed by Phil Caira of Kirkcaldy, Empire Games title holder and six times British light heavyweight champion and bantamweight Alan Robinson, of Chorley.

# FULL SPEED OVER



Two promising young hurdlers of Croydon Harriers, 14-year-old Diane Lashwood (left) and Gillian Powell, 17, in action at the Sports Arena, Croydon, Surrey.

## 100-mile sea trip in open canoes

AUSTRALIAN Aborigines will cross the 100 miles of open sea from Bathurst Island to Darwin next month in dug-out canoes. Each canoe will carry four Aborigines.

They will compete in races to be held in Darwin Harbour as part of the Northern Territory Centenary celebrations.

Aboriginal boat-builders in the Territory are now patiently carving out their racing canoes from cedar and cotton-wood trees for the big day. Their ancestors used stone axes for canoe making, but the modern Aborigine has a sharp steel adze.

## Learner becomes champion in three months

THREE months before she entered the London Schools junior discus championships, 13-year-old Kathryn Duckett of Earlsfield, south London, had never even thrown a discus in a competition. But she not only won the title she set up a new record.

Kathryn is the Surrey Junior shot-put champion and, according to coach Reg Bale, is a great prospect for the future. She was disappointed when she discovered that the shot was not included in the London Schools meeting, but her gym mistress persuaded her to try discus-throwing.

The gym mistress is well able to judge ability in field events, for she is the wife of Colin Smith, British javelin record-holder.

# OLYMPIC SCRAPBOOK

ALTHOUGH the preliminary selection for the Australian swimming team has already been made, the final choice will not be made until after next week's trials. Two of the selectors to name the team will be watching the trials and the third will be in London—in touch with the other two by telephone.

A VILLAGE on stilts has been built for the accommodation of competitors. Divided into about 1,500 flats and 8,000 rooms, the houses will afterwards be used by the Italian civil service.

THREE brothers, Gordon, Julian, and Eric Pearce, have been chosen for the Australian hockey team. They are following in the footsteps of elder brothers Melvyn and Cecil, who have also represented Australia in international hockey.

A ROME schoolboy between 15 and 17 will carry the Olympic flame into the main stadium when the opening ceremony takes place on 25th August.

Two weeks before the Games Italy's newest airport will be opened. It is at Fiumicino, 20 miles outside Rome.

ONLY a few weeks ago Margaret Edwards was one of the favourites to win a medal in the back-stroke event. But when the British team was announced Margaret's name was not even included. In the final trials she was beaten by Natalie Steward and Sylvia Lewis, who were automatically chosen.

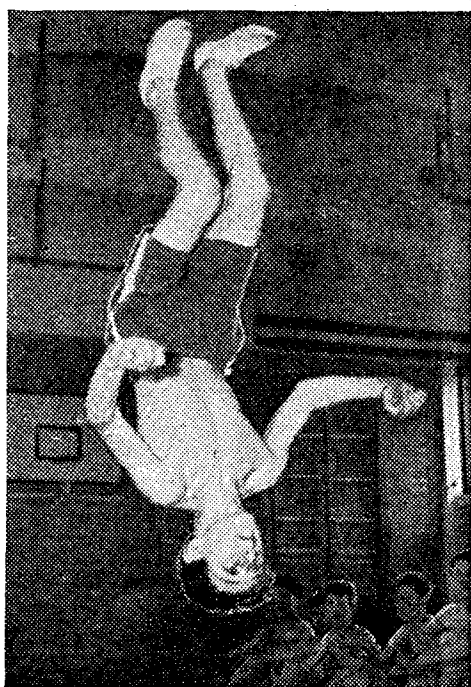
ALTHOUGH Natalie Steward swam for Rhodesia in the 1958 Empire Games, she will represent Great Britain in the Olympics. Natalie, who set up a world back-stroke record in the final trials, is the daughter of English parents, and her father was working in Pretoria when she was born—giving her South African qualification. But later she lived in Bulawayo and was thus eligible for Rhodesia's team.

Now that she and her family are living in Hornchurch, Essex, Natalie has elected to represent Great Britain.

Incidentally, Natalie is coached by her mother—a non-swimmer!

## HEELS OVER HEAD

The camera has caught 14-year-old Geoffrey Marks of the Whitefield County Secondary School, in north-west London, in the very middle of a back somersault in the gym.



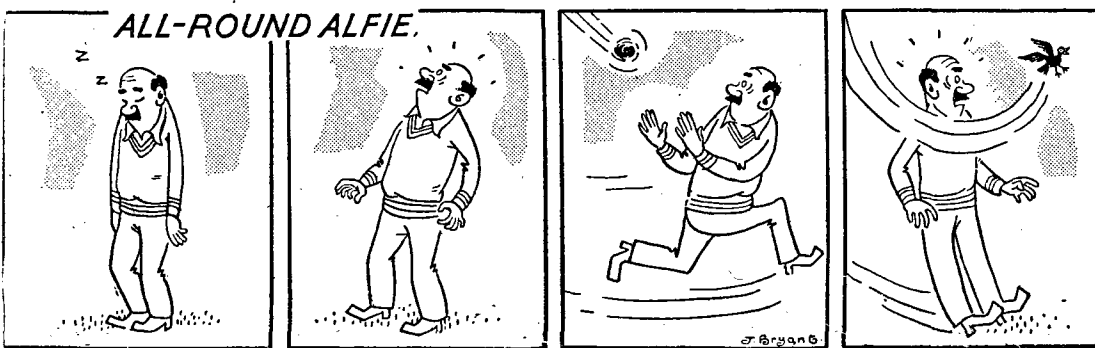
## CRICKETERS FROM BERMUDA

THE first cricket team from Bermuda ever to play in Britain is due to arrive in London next week. They will play eight matches against clubs in the London area.

Each player has paid his own expenses—about £250—and some of them have been spending their spare time doing a variety of odd

jobs to raise money for the trip.

Five of the players are coloured members of the Somerset and St. George's clubs. These clubs meet annually in a two-day match and provide one of Bermuda's greatest sports attractions. More than 10,000 spectators watch the game—and both days are declared public holidays.



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