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ATHENS, SEPT. 4-(RFE SPECIAL/OPPER-CONDOULIS)-
ATHLETES FROM BULGARIA, RUMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, TURKEY, AND
GREECE WILL COMPETE IN TOMORROW'S BALKAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPION-
SHIPS AS THEIR FINAL TOP CLASS COMPETITION BEFORE THE OLYMPIC GAMES

ALL THE TEAMS WERE DOING FINAL TRAINING TODAY.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD AT THE KARAIISKAKI STADIUM
IN PIRAEUS, THE PORT OF ATHENS.

IT IS THE VENUE OF NEXT YEARS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY WHEN THE FINAL EVENT, THE MARATHON,
WILL CONCLUDE AT THE OLYMPIC STADIUM HERE IN ATHENS, SCENE OF THE
FIRST MODERN OLYMPIAD IN 1896.

TOMORROW'S GAMES ARE THE 27TH.

LAST YEAR AT ISTANBUL RUMANIA WON THE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE
FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR, THOUGH EDGING OUT BULGARIA BY ONLY TWO POINTS,
168 TO 166. YUGOSLAVIA WAS THIRD WITH 102 POINTS, FOLLOWED BY
GREECE WITH 51 AND TURKEY WITH 34. IN THE LAST 30 YEARS ALBANIA
HAS COMPETED ONLY ONCE, IN 1963, WHEN SHE SCORED ONLY EIGHT POINTS
IN THE GAMES HELD IN SOFIA.

SPECTATORS AT THE GAMES WILL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE RESULTS
ON A NEW GIANT ILLUMINATED SCOREBOARD INSTALLED BY A HUNGARIAN
MANUFACTURER. IT, TOO, WILL BE ON TRIAL PREPARATORY TO NEXT
YEARS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

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