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FAST TRACK TEAM ON THE MOVE

A two-day track meet between teams from the United States and the Soviet Union at Moscow's Lenin Stadium in July, 1961 was the first of a series of international dual meets arranged for US athletes on a tour of Europe as part of the cultural exchange program between nations. The US team was the youngest ever to face the Soviets in dual competition. Six world records were broken. Each side won a victory and suffered a defeat. The US men's team outscored the USSR men's team, 124-111, while the Soviet women beat the American women, 68-39. The men's final score almost duplicated the results at Moscow in 1958 (126-109) and at Philadelphia the following year (127-108). The photographs were taken by Marvin Newman, of Sports Illustrated, a US weekly magazine.

1-12 The third dual track meet between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics held in Moscow's Lenin Stadium July, 1961 opened with a parade of athletes -- the American team (left) led by flag bearer, Ralph Boston, in white uniforms; the Soviet team, in red uniforms. (61-10967)

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