But specter of boycott continues to haunt U.S.

LOS ANGELES — From a strictly physical point of view, the United States track and field team appears to be the strongest ever assembled in an Olympic year—and figures to be even stronger in October.

From the standpoint of mental preparedness, however, there seems much to be desired.

Record times were flashed here Saturday and Sunday in the 1968 Olympic Trials in the various running events — particularly in the shorter races — and in the triple jump in which Uncle Sam has been notoriously weak in previous world confrontations.

And, if the theory holds that the thinner air of Mexico City offers less resistance to the athletes, even more spectacular feats may be expected of the American forces.

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ON THE other hand, an air of uncertainty prevailed throughout this meet, which generally is regarded as the time when plans are completed for the trip to the Games.

No one — athlete, coach or official — could be sure whether many of the colored athletes planned to compete at Mexico City. The warning, first sounded five months ago, that there may be a pullout by colored stars, continued to haunt the U.S. Olympic Committee. And considerable pessimism was evident here.

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TO COUNTERACT any danger of being caught dry, American officials adopted the highly unusual course of refusing to recognize victory as a ticket to the Olympics. They simply certified the first-place winners. But even then, it was made clear that their presence on the team was not to be construed as definite.

This caused great concern among white athletes, many of whom were not involved in the boycott issue. As a result, these stars were irked to just about the same extent that were their colored counterparts — though for a different reason.

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GEORGE YOUNG of Casa Grande, Ariz., was one of these after his 3,000-meter steeplechase victory. "I'd like to thing I made the Olympic team but I'm not sure," the 30-year-old Young said. "I don't feel any security by having won this race. I think too much pressure is being put on our good runners."

The American record holder in the event, Young referred to the fact that further competition to make the Olympic team was scheduled at Lake Tahoe, Calif.

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HE WAS joined in his criticism by Air Force Capt. Pat Traynor, who was second in the 3,000-meter race.

"I think there should have been just one trial at high altitude," Traynor said. "I guess we needed this trial because we needed the money, though."

Said Wade Bell, the 800-meter champion: "All it was set up to do was to make money. I've still got to place in the top three in the final meet in Lake Tahoe, to get on the team. This meet was really worthless."

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ATA net meet set August 19

XENIA, Ohio — The American Tennis Association has set August 19-26 as the dates for its annual national tennis championships to be held on the campus of Central State University.

Officials of the ATA expect a record number of players to participate, including defending champions in all events.

Wilbert Davis of New York City is expected to return to seek another men's singles' title as well as Miss Bonnie Logan of Durham, N.C., and Morgan State College, the women's singles titlist.

Other champions who will participate are Louis Graves, Detroit, men's senior singles; John Mudd and Arthur Carrington, Elizabeth, N.J.; Sylvia Hooks and Edgar Lee of Washington, D.C., and outstanding player of the 1967 championships Linwood Simpson of Wilmington, N.C.

THE ASSOCIATION is composed of tennis clubs across the United States, Canada, Nassau and Bermuda. Many of the champions will qualify to play in the USLTA national championships at Forest Hills in September.

The tournament has produced such outstanding tennis stars as Arthur Ashe Jr., Althea Gibson, Jimmy McDaniel, "Schoolboy Mitchell", the famous Peter Sisters of Tuskegee, Ala., and is presently engaged in a nationwide junior development program.

Falcon halfback in cycle smashup

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Ron Rector, an Atlanta Falcon back, was listed in serious condition Sunday in Riverside Hospital here, suffering from injuries received in a motorcycle mishap.

Rector, 24, was believed en route to motorcycle races Saturday night when he lost control of his cycle on Interstate 71.

Barrientos again on the Pedernales

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House announced last Thursday that Bolivian President Rene Barrientos will meet with president Johnson at the LBJ ranch Friday.

Barrientos met with Johnson two years ago shortly before he was sworn in as chief executive of Bolivia.

Lincoln U. coach on NCAA staff

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —Lincoln University athletic director, Dwight Reed, has been elected an at-large member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) nominating committee.

The 11-man Nominating Committee considers and confirms nominees to the several NCAA functioning committees.

REED WHO joined the Lincoln University staff in 1949, is also a member of the NCAA Track and Field Rules Committee.

He will spend three weeks in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., between July 15, and Sept. 10, participating in an Olympic altitude testing and development program. The development program was recommended by the Olympic Committee and the U.S. Track Coaches Association.

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Wimbledon king falls to Ashe

WIMBLEDON, England (UPI)— Arthur Ashe set the pace in a day of stunning upsets Monday to lead three other Americans into the men's quarter finals of the Wimbledon tennis championship.

Ashe, an Army lieutenant from Richmond, Va., ousted defending champion John Newcombe of Australia, in a five-set duel to join fellow giant-killing amateur Clark Graebner of New York, and professionals Dennis Ralston of Bakersfield, Calif., and Earl "Butch" Buchholz of St. Louis in the final eight on a sun-splashed day with temperatures in the low 90s.

THE 13TH seeded Ashe dropped the fourth-seeded Newcombe 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 1-6, 6-3.

Graebner, meanwhile, toppled 11th seeded Fred Stolle of Australia, a three time Wimbedon runnerup, in a battle of big serves 6-1, 7-5, 7-5. Buchholz, though suffering from a pulled muscle, outfoxed Bob Hewitt of South Africa, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, and Ralston beat Russia's Alex Metrevell 6-3, 7-5, 7-2.

THEY JOINED top seeded rod laver of Australia Tom Okker of Holland, Tony Roche of Australia, and South Africa's Ray Moore, who knocked off the fifth U.S. entry in the fourth round, Tom Edlefsen of Berkeley, Calif., 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

Roche polished off second seeded Ken Rosewall of Australia 9-7, 6-3, 6-2. Laver whipped Mark Cox of Britain 9-7, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0 and Okker downed fifth seeded Roy Emerson of Australia 6-3, 9-11, 7-5, 7-5.

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ASHE GOT through on his masterful serving. He produced no fewer than 19 aces during the match, finishing with an ace in the final set. Newcombe unleashed 16 untouchable serves himself, but his work looked forced while the lean American breezed through.

Ashe scored the only two breaks in the first two sets, belting fericious returns. He dropped his delivery on errors for the first time in the 10th game of the third set, then appeared to coast through the fourth.

ARTHUR ASHE wins marathon match

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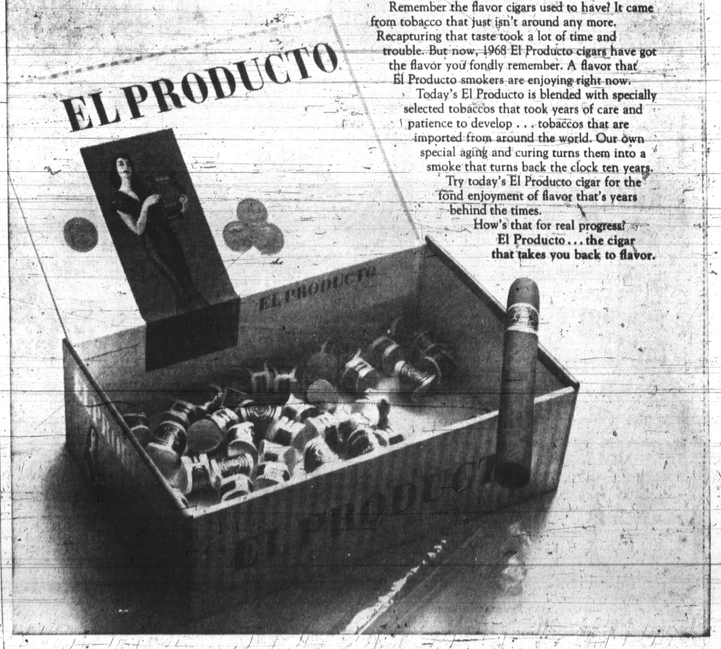

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