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Dear Edgar,

Several years have gone by, but for some reason you have not answered my last letter. I do not want to believe that you did not want to answer. Probably the letter got lost on the way. Be that as it may, but if you will not write then I decided that enough time had gone by and I would try to write again, and maybe you will receive my letter this time and will answer it.

About myself I can only say that I'm living the same as before. It is the same day after day. I go to work in the morning, come home in the evening. I also attend various meetings in the evening or other things. Of course the meetings and conferences are held on sports activities and that is considered public work.

As you probably know I have been the chairman of the Athletic Federation for the past two years, but since August of last year I have been relieved of this job. More correctly, things did not go well with the chairman of <sup>the</sup> sports committee. At first it seemed a little strange to me, as I had more free time in the evening, but now I have become used to it and I like <sup>it very</sup> well. Although I am no longer chairman of the federation, I am still in the presidium of the ~~feder-~~ federation and that is now my only public function, except that of acting as referee. I often act as referee for contests in Latvia and

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mainly, as chief referee. But I do not feel like doing too much of that either, I suppose I am getting old. I would rather like to sleep or read a book.

How have you been during this time? Were you <sup>in Rome</sup> ~~convinced~~ too? I read about the results of Juris <sup>in the Decathlon.</sup>

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We don't hear much now about the results achieved by Latvians living abroad, so I don't know anything about them. Our athletes have been training for quite some time, as we haven't had any winter at all. For a few days the temperature was about  $-10^{\circ}$  and that was all. Most of the time the temperature was <sup>above</sup> ~~about~~ 0. The rivers did not even ~~freeze~~ freeze, and in March the temperature was even about  $15^{\circ}$ . So you see our athletes have had a good winter for training, many of them have made the most of it and are training diligently. If you are interested in any of our results, let me know and I can send them to you.

In the meantime I have finished processing the 100 best results achieved in Latvia in Olympic sports. You too have always been among the 100 best: in the 1500 meter run with 4:09.6 you were near the end of the 100, for the 100th result I have 4:12.8, but in the 5,000 meter run you are pretty high with your 15:47.1. In this case the 100th result is 16:10.6. *The 16* best runners of all times made the 1500 meter run in less than four minutes, but in the 5,000 meter run only six made it in less than 14 minutes. I had quite a hard time collecting all the results and even now I am not sure whether I have

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them all. I spent a lot of time sitting in libraries, since that was the only place to find the results. Be that as it may, but now I have the 100 best of all times. I have also included in these 100 the former results which were not considered before. I have also collected all the information on the three first winners in Latvian championships, beginning with 1920 and ending with 1960. I have also collected all the results on state contests held in Latvia. So you see I have been busy doing this work, which is very interesting for me, but whether anyone will need it I don't know. Perhaps sometimes it will be possible to combine it all and publish it in a book. Our state publishing house has promised to do so, but so far these are only promises. Anyway this work has given me a great deal of pleasure, as I spend every free minute working on the results. I have been getting more and more of them. I have so many papers that my wife promises to throw all the paper in the oven, since there is no more room to keep it.

Last year I was in Moscow for the international contests, attended by athletes of 16 foreign countries. I was the assistant of the chief referee. The contests were very interesting and exciting. Among the participants were Beruti, Bolasa, Ksesinska, and others. In general there was much to see. ~~Thinking of going to Moscow~~

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This year I am thinking of going to Moscow when the match with North America takes place. It is easy for me to go as a referee, as I am

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a member of the presidium of the All-Union Referees Collegium. As a referee I am valued quite highly, as I have done a great deal of it and have done it fairly well; I have also been the chief referee outside of Latvia, in Minsk, Krasnodar, Kharkov, and other cities.

Easter will be here soon. I wish you and your family a happy Easter. Our church holidays are not celebrated here officially, but those who want can celebrate them.

During the last few weeks I have suffered from a back ache. I probably have contracted what they call sciatica. I cannot bend or straighten up quickly. It has come so far that I had to go to a doctor to get radiation treatment for my back and now it is getting better. I will finish now. If you meet anyone who knows me and still remembers me, give them my greetings. I shall wait for an answer.

[signed] Juris .

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Rīga, 29. martis 1961. g.

Sveiks Edgars!

Atrai pāris gadu pagājis, bet Tu nezinu kāpēc  
uz manu pēdējo vēstuli neesi atbildējis. Negribēta  
krist, ka Tu nevēlēji atbildēt. Gribi min vēstule  
kūš rēķi gājusi zudumā. Lai nu kā, bet par manēti  
Tu, tad nolēmu, ka diezgan ilgs laiks pagājis, ka  
mēģināšu rakstīt un rakstīt, ka Tu šoreiz manu  
vēstuli saņemsi un arī atbildēsi. Par sevi rēķi  
tūkst tikai to, ka dāroji pēdīgi pa vecam.  
Pārastais darba dienas ritums. No rīta uz darbu,  
bet rīta mājas. Pēc darba bieži vakaros  
notiek gan dažādas sēdes, sanāksmes vai kas cits.  
Protams, sēdes un sanāksmes notiek pa sporta  
līniju un tos traucē kā sabiedriskais darbs.  
Kā jau Tu zināsi, tad es pēdējos gadus biju  
miegāšanas federācijas priekšsēdētājs, bet tagad  
no pagājušā gada augustā no šī amata tikšu  
valē. Paruizāni saņemt "mūļāji" ar sporta komitejas  
priekšsēdētāju. Sākumā biju tā ievēgāts, jo  
paliku vakaros rīta mājas laiku, bet  
tagad esmu pīrādis un patērēti laiki.  
Ja aizgāju no federācijas priekšsēdētāja amata,  
tad federācijas prezidents tāmsi paliku un  
tagad tas ir arī mans mūļājis sabiedriskais  
amats, jo neskatoties tūkstājam. Latvijas sacīkstes  
tūkstāji bieži un galamokāst esmu galamais



Kamēr izdevās saņemt visus rezultātus un  
arī tagad vēl uzinu vai vieni ir dabūti rucā.  
Esmu daudz laimīgs nolikums, sidat bibliotēkās,  
jo vienīgā iespēja saņemt rezultātus ir tieši  
tur. Lai nu kā, bet tagad man ir: visu laiku  
sims labāki. Tāpat šajos rītos esmu rīdējis arī  
agrākos šīs uzskatus, kurus agrāk neēma mērā.  
Tāpat esmu sarīcis visus pirmos trīs uzskatus Latvijas  
mīstānī - sākot ar 1920 gadiem un beidzot ar 1960 gadiem.  
Tāpat esmu sarīcis arī visus valsts sociālās uzskatus  
kur piedalījās Latvijā. Tā tad kā redzi esmu nodarbojies  
ar tādu darbu, kas ir man ļoti interesants, bet arī  
kādam tas vajadzīgs to uzinu. Varbūt, kādreiz  
izdosies to visu apkopot un izdot grāmatā. To sola  
dot arī mūsu valsts izdevniecība, bet pagaidām tie  
paliek tikai solījumi. Visādi ziņā man šis darbs  
tagadā lielā priekā un aizņemums, jo katru  
brīdi bēdi sēdēt un domāt ar rezultātiem. To  
krājas arvien vairāk un vairāk. Papīru tik daudz,  
ka šīra sola visus papīrus grūti krāst, jo neesat  
vairs vietas kur tos likt.

Pagājušā gadā biju Maskavā uz starptautiskajiem  
sociālām, kurās piedalījās 16 ārvalstu miļlatāti.  
Biju galvenā tīrnieka mituies. Sociāles bija  
interesantas un saistošas. Piedalījās Beļģi,  
Balāsa, Krievijas u.c. Vispārī bija daudz ko redzēt.  
Šogad domāju braukt uz Maskavu, kad notiks  
mačs ar Ziemeļameriku. Man tā braucšana tūst

si neplāna, jo esmu vissamērās tīrniešu koleģijas  
puzidija locurdis. Tūdasānos jina es "katejās"  
samēra angstu, jo esmu tūdasjās daudž un  
samēra labi, jū kam esmu bijis arī daudž  
gabumai tūdasis arī ārgus Latvijas - Mūsca,  
Krasnodara, Marokā n.c.

Turajas Lieldienos. Novēta Jēv un Jāņiņu  
pūnīgo sūtkas. Pūnūms baznīcas sūtkas  
oficēli nūvin, bet tos sūin tie, kam tas  
jātik.

Pūdejas nūdelas mūkas ar mūgūras sūpim. Esmu  
nūvēris, laikam, to ko sūne par iūiāsu. Mūkam  
ne palūktis nūdž sūtrūji pūcēllis. Nūnūca tie  
tūter, ka dānūji iūit jū ārstā un mūgūru  
sūulot un un nūit jūn atkel vū lalo pūsi.  
Ar to tad arī bijūsu. Ga kōdu sūtre no tūm  
kuri māni pūzist un nūl atēros, tad  
nūdod mānūms sūicēnūms.

Jārdiūn atbūldē

Jēris

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