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BUDAPEST GYMNASTICS,

Champions of 12 East European countries meet in the National Sports Hall in Budapest for a gymnastic contest - the area's main trial of strength before the Olympic Games. This is Lativina, of the Soviet Union, showing some brilliant free exercises on the uneven parallel bars.

In the free exercises without apparatus, Besakova is one of Czechoslovakia's outstanding performers.

After the women competitors, the men show their paces. Here's one of the home team - Hungary's Attila Takacs, on the parallel bars.

Takacs is Hungary's leading gymnast, and a certainty for Melbourne. Another certainty is European champion Sachlin of the U.S.S.R., performing now on the horizontal bar. And it looks as though the biggest certainty of all is that Melbourne's going to see some pretty close competition for those gymnastic medals!