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CHEERS FOR TWO "GOLDS"

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Huddersfield, led by the Mayor, said Welcome Home, Anita Lonsborough. Winner of the Gold Medal for the Olympics breast-stroke event, Anita was heroine of her native town.

Her father and mother were with her at the Town Hall, admiring the handsome medal, won in competition with the best swimmers from all over the world. Outside, Anita once more heard the cheers of the thousands who'd turned out in her honour. Huddersfield folk don't let themselves go for nothing, but now they had somebody worth cheering. They put heart and soul into acclaiming Anita Lonsborough.

Back to the Olympics themselves. If Anita's success in the breast stroke was expected, only insiders hoped for a gold medal for Britain in the Fifty-Kilometre Walk. Not exactly a pleasant stroll, either, in the breeding heat of Rome in a record late summer. Somewhere in that bunch was the 27-year old insurance clerk from Cranford, Middlesex, Donald Thompson.

Still three miles to go, with the leading walkers in fine fettle. Ljunggren of Sweden (left) won 12 years ago, but Don Thompson was now leaving him behind. It didn't look as if the Englishman could possibly lose. He'd had a special steam-bath rigged up at home, and after daily doses of that, he found the Rome heat almost cool.

Lowering the Olympic record by 2-and-a-half minutes, Don won by sixty yards, in four hours, 25-and-a-half minutes. A well won Gold Medal for Donald Thompson.