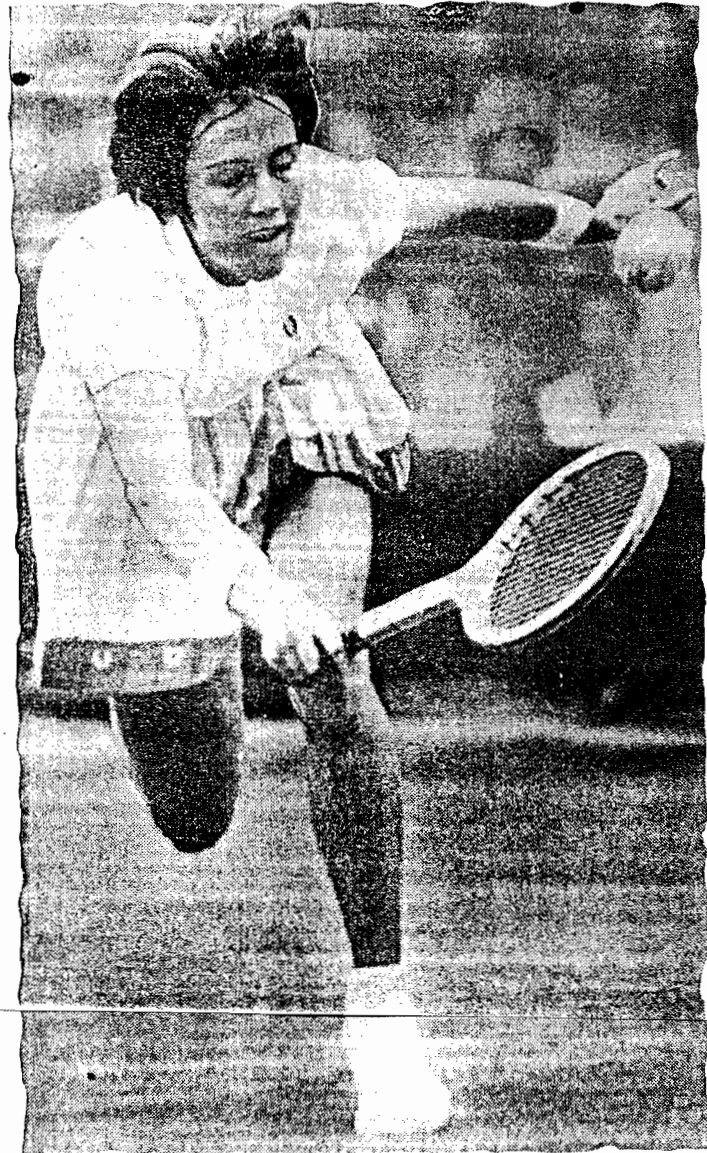


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Aussies for Russia

NINE Australians — five men and four women — will take part in the Moscow tennis championships between August 13 and 19. The men are: Bob Hewitt, Ken Fletcher, John Newcombe, O. Davidson and T. Clayton. The women's team is: Lesley Turner, Jan Lehane, Robyn Ebbenn and Madonna Schacht. Said Norman Strange president of the Australian LTA: "We shall watch the results with interest. The Russians are obviously playing an improved brand of tennis."

Surprise selection is the inclusion of Ken Jones, the brilliant centre, at fly ball.

BRUCE KIDD, the 10-year-old Canadian who in the second half of the Empire today, and fellow-countryman Bill Crothers, will compete in the AAA championships, at the White City, London, on July 13-14.

Kidd has a best time for the three miles of 13min. 17.4sec., faster than any time recorded by Bruce Fulton, the barefooted British star, this year.

Crothers, fifth best quarter-miler in the world last year with a time of 46.2sec., plans to run in the 400 yards and half mile.

A SPECTATOR sang the "Happy Birthday To You" when Surrey's Tony Lock went out to bat against Cambridge University at The Oval yesterday. Lock 33 only celebrated by hitting a six and 12 fours in his 70, the top score of his career.

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ENGLAND ON TOP

England strengthened their grip on the international bowls championship when they beat Wales 118-73 in their second match of the series at Glasgow yesterday. Welsh skip I. C. Williams' link lost by only a single shot to W. Gillis's.

CRICKET UP-TO-DATE

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