

# □ Sports— Then and Now



Percy Hodges, a British athlete, is jumping a hurdle in this photo. He is also carrying a tray of drinks.



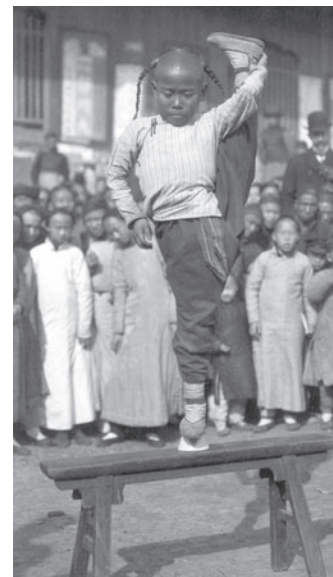
Modern athletes can run very quickly, but they don't carry trays of drinks.



In this photo from July 1936, Olympic champion Jesse Owens is jumping hurdles on board the ship *Manhattan*. He is traveling to the Olympic Games in Berlin.



The world record for the high jump in 1912 was 1 meter, 98 centimeters. Today Javier Sotomayor from Cuba is the world record holder. He can jump 2 meters, 45 centimeters.



This young Chinese boy is performing at a railway station in 1920.

Today many of the world's top gymnasts are very young, but it is not an easy life.

