



Journey: Greece, Denmark, Sweden, Finland

The Flame was kindled in Olympia by the Greek maiden Rea Michalopoulou from the sun's rays with a burning-glass. From the torch thus kindled the Flame was transferred to an asbestos bowl and borne by brown-clad women gymnasts to the festival field. There, at a brief ceremony reverential in character, the speakers were the Prefect of the Province of Elis, the Mayor of Olympia and the Chairman of Greece's Olympic Committee. In accordance with ancient tradition, an olive-branch was proffered to Mr. Miettinen. The ceremony was broadcast in Greece and Finland. On its route from Hellas to Helsinki the Olympic Flame was an impressive and beautiful reminder to many millions of people of the Games at which the youth of the whole world would assemble across all frontiers and dividing lines to compete under the banners of friendship and peace.

➤ Beginning of Relay:	25 June 1952
➤ End of Relay:	19 July 1952
➤ Runners:	3.042
➤ Distance (km):	7.492
➤ Composition:	wood, silver
➤ Colour:	brown, silver
➤ Length:	60 cm
➤ Weights:	600 kg