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LEND ME YOUR EARS:

Mac Liammoir Presents Oscar Wilde Evening

LEADING IRISH ACTOR **Michael Mac Liammoir** will present his one-man show "The Importance of Being Oscar" at the Parioli Theater Feb. 12 and 13 under the auspices of the Theater Club. **Mac Liammoir** — who has already given his Oscar-Wilde evening in London, New York and Paris — makes the image of the Irish writer live by a portrayal centered around readings from his work. The mood ranges from light to dark. The first half of the program is "The Happy Prince and the Green Carnation." The second half is "De Profundis." Between them, according to a note in the playbill "the trials of Oscar Wilde may be supposed to take place . . ." "Dorian Gray," the "Ernest" of Wilde's comic classic and "The Ballad of Reading Gaol" — all are part of the program, and others perhaps less familiar.

Ticket prices will be 3,000 lire for orchestra seats and 2,000 lire for balcony seats. Box office until Feb. 10 will be at the Theater Club, 39 Via Carissimi, telephone 860.958, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. On Feb. 12 and 13 the box office will be at the Parioli Theater, 20 Via Giosuè Borsi (near Viale Parioli), telephone 874.951.

The performance of Feb. 12 is for members of the Theater Club only. Tickets will be sold to non-members only for the Feb. 13 performance.

The Italian public will be able to obtain simultaneous translation through earphones at the price of 500 lire.

Happy Birthday . . .

. . . today to **Lou Cortese** . . . to Minister **Giorgio Bo** . . . to Mrs **Robert E. Holman** . . . to **Gerardo Guerrieri,** translator and adapter of plays . . . to **Marguerite Rospigliosi,** secretary, American Academy . . . to Mrs **Marco V. Ambrosini** . . . and tomorrow (Monday) to Italian artist **Livio Della Ragione** . . . to **George Seabury** of Pan Am . . . to **Theodore C. Trancu** . . . and to **Evelyn J. Curry,** wife of Lt. Col. **Jack A. Curry,** SETAF transportation officer.

AWAR

Dr. **Paolo Vittorelli,** head of the International Section of the Nenni Socialists (Italian Socialist Party), will speak at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Fact Forum of the American Women's Association of Rome. His topic will be "The Makings of a Left of Center Government," a comment on the current Italian political situation. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs **Stephen Shuttach,** 12 Piazza Aracoeli. Dr. Vittorelli's group within the Socialists entered the party after its break with the Communists in 1957. AWAR members planning to attend have been asked to telephone Mrs **Marco Ambrosini** at 804.330 or Miss **Phyllis Reilly** at 314.219 . . . Mrs **Nina MacKown** is urging AWAR members to come prepared to pick up their reservations at Thursday's AWAR luncheon for the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas (FAWCO) gourmet dinner dance to be held Saturday, Feb. 17. The reservations committee will be at the luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations can be made by telephoning Mrs **MacKown** at 875.611 or Mrs **Frances Anderson** at 878.666.



PIER ANGELI — known here as Anna Maria Pierangeli — off to Paris by Pan Am for a visit with her sister, Marisa Pavan, and some film work.

Here & There

An open house pizza party for young students and artists working in Rome will be held at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Students and Artists Center, St. Paul's Church parish house, 58 Via Napoli. A contribution of 300 lire will be accepted to help defray expenses . . . following semester examinations, the students of the high school department of Notre Dame International School have spent two days in spiritual retreat under the direction of the Rev. **William Dalton,** S.J., of Australia and the Rev. **Daniel McGuire,** S.J., of Baltimore . . . **Roy P. Franchino,** former Washington, D.C., lawyer and tax consultant, is giving a course of lectures in Turin on "The Law of American Business Organizations." The course is being sponsored by the Unione Industriale Torinese (Turin Management Association). **Franchino** was lecturer on American Law last year at the University of Milan Law School.

Paint & Piano

Howard Aibel, young American pianist, will present his second concert in the Italian-American Musical Evening series at 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Santa Cecilia Academy Concert Hall, 17 Via dei Greci. The program includes music by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Schumann . . . a group art show "Contemporary Tendencies," opened yesterday at the Medusa Gallery, 124 Via del Babuino. The exhibit includes works done in the period 1957-61 by **Afro, Appel, Burri, Dubuffet, Davie, Fontana, Francis, Gottlieb, Jorn, Kline** and **Schumacher** . . . the Obelisco Gallery, 146 Via Sistina, yesterday opened an exhibit by painter **Lucio Saffaro** . . . an exhibition by artist **Brion Gysin** of "Eight Units of a Permutative Picture" had its inaugural last night at the Trastevere Gallery, 13 Piazza in Piscinula.

Greek Grapevine

The Greek National Theater has accepted an invitation to inaugurate this year's season of the Theatre of Nations in Paris, and will open a six-night stand with Euripides' "Phoenissae" on March 27 at the Theatre des Champs Elysées . . . Prof. **Oscar Bronner,** of the University of Chicago, has returned to Greece to resume his excavating at Isthmia, near Old Corinth, site of the Isthmian Games once held annually in honor of Apollo . . . the final figures of the 1961 census indicate that the population of Greece is now 8,388,553, an increase of 755,752 or 9.9 per cent over the last census, taken in 1951 . . . nature is helping the government preserve the rare Cretan ibex, portrayed so often on sarcophagi and ornaments of the Minoan period. Two pairs of the rapidly dwindling species were turned loose on a small uninhabited island in the Gulf of Canea not so long ago — and now their offspring are being transferred to two other nearby islands.

Mainly Military

Congratulations to these new parents at Vicenza. Born during the period Jan. 5-15, to the wife of: Capt. **Robert C. Smith,** a son, **Jonathan L.;** Capt. **David R. Moloney,** a daughter, **Deidre M.;** S/Sgt. **Philip D. Dwight Odom,** a son, Sp/5 **Paul E. Crowley,** a daughter, **Phyllis K.;** Sp/4 **James G. Shaver,** a daughter, **Elizabeth M.;** Sp/4 **Jack L. Moore,** a son, **Jack L.;** Sp/4 **Eston L. Meihls,** a son, **Michael H.;** A/1c **John Young,** a daughter, **Jacki L.;** and A/1c **Harry J. Fish,** a son, **Ira R.**

If you have any news for "Lend Me Your Ears" about your or your friend's parties, social gatherings, arrivals, departures, engagements, marriages, etc., please telephone Rome 597.118 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or write to 8 Via Dandolo, Rome, Italy. Information about birthday should be written in or phoned in at least three days in advance.



ATHENS TO NAPLES — Three Greek performers of the Corakis-Mastranguelis group dance with Acropolis in background. The ballet group, together with Greek Evzoni soldiers will perform in Naples Tuesday and Wednesday at the Forrest Sherman High School, Allied Officers Club and the enlisted men's Flamingo Club. The group is sponsored by the wives of Greek officers in Naples.

American Legion Here Holds U.S. History Essay Contest

The American Legion, Department of Italy, is sponsoring an Essay Contest in United States History.

In a letter to all English-speaking high schools in Italy, John J. Fornacca, Legion Department Commander, has invited all high school boys and girls of American citizenship who are currently enrolled in a course in U.S. History, to enter the competition.

The purpose of the contest is to stimulate interest among American youngsters residing overseas in the development and problems of their own nation.

The topic assigned is: The Development of Civil Rights in the United States. Entries within each school will be judged by local judges and the winning essayist will then submit his essay to the American Legion committee in competition with winners from other schools.

The contest will open on Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12, and will close on the birthday of the American Legion, March 19. Judges for the finals are: Joseph Phillips, Public Affairs officer, American Embassy, Rome; Ed Hill, executive editor of the Daily American, and Constantine Brown, political columnist and expert on international affairs. The prizes: first, gold medal and 30,000 lire; second, silver medal and 20,000 lire; third, bronze medal and 10,000 lire.

Rev. Heston Says Ecumenical Meet May Bring Change

The forthcoming Ecumenical Council may change some aspects of the Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. Edward Heston, CSS, said at Friday's meeting of the Santa Susanna Guild.

He said there will be no changes in the church's basic beliefs "which have never changed and can never be changed." But, he said, it is an error to think that there have never been any changes in the church at all.

He said the church was modeled originally on the Roman Empire but became more medieval than imperial in the Middle Ages, and changed again during the Renaissance. Some of the probable new changes will be in keeping with current concepts of efficiency.

Father Heston, a long time resident of Rome, is the Procurator General of the Holy Cross Fathers. He is also a member of the Commission of Religious, one of ten preparing the agenda for the Council.

The meeting, held at the Grand Hotel, was presided over by Mrs Paul Pineider, newly elected president of the Guild. The other new officers are: Mrs R. B. J. Hopkins, vice president; Mrs Henry Manfredi, secretary, and Mrs Thomas Hennessy, treasurer.

Sagan, Husband In Alpine Villa

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Feb. 3 (AP) — French writer Françoise Sagan and Bob Westhof, her American husband, were honeymooning today in a cozy Alpine villa.

The newlyweds avoided the publicity of big resort hotels when they arrived from Venice two nights ago. They chose instead a small private villa away from the center of Cortina.

But an army of newsmen and photographers set up camp outside anyway. Theirs was a lonely vigil in the freezing cold: not a sign of Miss Sagan or her husband on the resort's ski slopes or streets.

Symphony Gets Grant

OTTAWA, Canada, Feb. 3 (AP) — The Montreal Symphony Orchestra has been awarded a special $25,000 grant by the Canada Council to help finance its spring tour to Russia, Austria, France and Britain, it was announced yesterday.

Debbie, Ill, Cancels Europe Vacation Trip

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 3 (AP) — Actress Debbie Reynolds, down with the flu, has postponed a European vacation trip.

She and her husband, shoe manufacturer Harry Karl, had planned to leave for Europe within the next 10 days. Her agent said they have decided to make the trip later.

Turin Burglary

TURIN, Feb. 3 (AP) — Burglars broke through a wall and made off with 40,000,000 lire ($64,000) worth of jewels from a shop in downtown Turin last night.

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