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LEND ME YOUR EARS:

Odetta To Give Two Concerts In Rome

ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST blues singers is coming to Rome to give her first concerts ever in Italy. Odetta, considered by many to be nearly on a par with Bessie Smith in both power and feeling, will give shows on Jan. 8 and 9 at the Teatro Parioli and will record a brief recital for Italian television for use on the program Studio 1. Her massive guitar and potent voice have become widely-known in the U.S. in the past decade in concerts, night clubs, TV shows and in the film "Sanctuary" in which she played the role of Nancy. The young Negro singer was born in Birmingham, Ala., but her real home is California where she made her start. Both her concerts here, which are sponsored by the Teatro Club, will be at 9:15 p.m.

Around Town

Reception Wednesday at the Grand Hotel in honor of the seventh anniversary of the independence of the Sudan. El Tahir Mustafa, chargé d'affaires of the Sudan here, hosted the well-attended party. Film beauty Claudia Cardinale burned her right leg on the set of "The Pink Panther" the other day when the metallic gown she was wearing brushed against the coils of an electric heater. Electric sparks danced along the metal discs of the gown and momentarily stunned her. The burns were reported superficial.



American John Ericson, whom you may remember for his part in the Broadway production of "Stalag 17," now making "I, Smeralda" at Cinecittà with French actress Yvonne Fourneau, the Scorpione Gallery on Via Sistina yesterday opened a show of metal-sculptured "chess pieces" by Zev. Luca Pietromarchi, formerly Italian ambassador to the Soviet Union, will speak on the politics of peaceful coexistence Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Banco di Roma. ... memoirs of Rossano Brazzi (and secrets) about to come out in the English News of the World, as prepared by Rome newsman Henry Thody.

New Officers

New officers of the American Club will be installed Thursday, Jan. 10, at the club's regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Grand Hotel. President for 1963 is Eugene E. Taylor of Merrill Lynch. His colleagues are Zane J. Sandom of American Express, vice president; Anthony J. King of Pan American, secretary, and Capt. Albert C. Perkins (USN, Ret.), treasurer. New members of the executive committee are Col. Gordon Dawson, Col. Peter C. Borre, Paul E. Alvin and Dominic J. Marcella. New members of the club, elected at the December meeting of the executive committee, are Thomas D. Bowie, Donald L. Mullin, Robert E. Spear and Donald C. Templeman.

Here And There

Exhibition of paintings and shadow-theater figures by Eugene Spather now at the Hellenic American Union, 25 Herodou Atsion Street, Athens. Until Jan. 9. ... the



JAZZ TALK no doubt. American jazz man Les McCann and his band were special guests at a reception held at the Terrazza Martini in Milan. McCann talks to a friend as singer Arturo Testa looks on from behind them.

independent film importers and distributors of America has named Marcello Mastroianni best actor of the year in a foreign film, naturally "Divorce, Italian-Style." Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan has launched a new luxury night club in Gstaad called The Cheshley with ski instructor Ronny Mueller. First night guests included film star Melina Mercouri and her husband Jules Dassin as well as German millionaire Wilhelm Sachs von Opel. ... success story for 18-year-old Klaus Lettin who ran away from a four months school in Germany only to paint. He now has a very successful exhibition going at the San Marco Gallery on Via del Babuino here. Quite a change from drawing on sidewalks in Paris we should say.

Musical Evening

Another program of recorded music in the series, "Fifty Years of Bel Canto," will be given by Gerry Zwirn on Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in the newly-opened salon of the Foreign Press Club, 55 Via della Mercede. Admission is free and anyone interested is welcome. The program will include records by Enrico Caruso, Marcella Sembrich, Fernan-

do De Lucia, Rosina Storchio, Giovanni Martinelli, Rosa Ponselle, Beniamino Gigli, Ezio Pinza, Tito Schipa, Kirsten Flagstad, Leonid Sobinoff, Richard Tauber, Titta Rufio, Joseph Schmidt, Miguel Fleta, Conchita Supervia, Adelina Patti, Nellie Melba, Ferruccio Tagliavini, Pia Tassinari, Licia Albanese, Victoria de los Angeles, Leonard Warren and Giuseppe Di Stefano.

If you have any news for "Lend Me Your Ears" about your or your friends' parties, social gatherings, arrivals, departures, engagements, marriages, etc., please telephone Rome 97.118 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or write to 8 Via Danfelo, Rome, Italy.

Mrs Kennedy Heads List Of World's Best-Dressed Women

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (Reuter) — A poll of fashion writers and society leaders published yesterday showed. Jacqueline Kennedy at the head of a list of the world's 12 best dressed women in 1962. The others were, in order: Mrs. Loel Guinness of Palm Beach, Paris and Lausanne, wife of the in-

Won't Buy Lost Paintings, Say Italians

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (AP) — Two Italian officials, here to try to recover a pair of Renaissance paintings, said Wednesday they do not intend to buy the art works from the Pasadena couple that has them. The officials, Rodolfo Siviero and Gennaro De Navelis, hinted that they are taking the case to U.S. authorities but would not discuss their plans to reclaim the miniature panels.

The paintings by Antonio Del Pollaiuolo (1431-1498) hung in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence before World War II.

The miniatures — entitled "Hercules Slaying the Hydra" and "Hercules Strangling Antaeus" — disappeared after transfer to a Tuscan villa for safe keeping.

Italy contends the Nazis removed the paintings. Their fate was not known until a Los Angeles art restorer recently identified them for Mr. and Mrs. Johann Meindl.

Representing the Meindls is attorney Calvin L. Helgoe. He said his clients acquired the works "in good faith and without knowing their true identity."

Helgoe indicated the Meindls would look "sympathetically on any proposals favored by the Italian government."

"The paintings are under my control and custody in a bank vault and they will not leave there until negotiations with the Italian government are completed," he said.

Italian Congress

Planned In Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 3 (AP) — A congress on Italian language and culture will be held in Stockholm May 20 through 22. Dr. Sergio Ponzanelli, head of the Institute of Italian Culture in Stockholm, reported here.

"The congress has been arranged to stimulate the great interest shown by Scandinavians in the Italian language," he said. "It will deal primarily with problems in teaching Italian, the modern Italian literature, the Italian dialects, and problems of translation."



UNRECONCILED, French novelist Françoise Sagan leaves the Paris court where a magistrate had just cleared the way for a divorce between her and American sculptor Robert Westhoff. An attempt at reconciliation is mandatory in French divorce actions. (AP photo)

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Millionaires, Film Stars Fly To Mexico For Top Party

CUERNAVACA, Mexico, Jan. 3 (AP) — Mexico's most elaborate New Year's Eve party in many seasons

was given here by film star Merle Oberon and her millionaire industrialist husband, Bruno Paglia.

Famous personalities from throughout the world converged on the Paglia mansion, ranging from nobility to Hollywood great.

Frank Sinatra, Yul Brynner and his wife, Princess Soraya, former wife of the Shah of Iran, Mr. and Mrs. Porfirio Rubirosa, the Maharajah of Baroda, the Count and Countess De Souberville, Duke and Duchess De Sessa, British Ambassador Sir Peter Gorman and Lady Gorman and scores of others mingled with Mexico's millionaires.

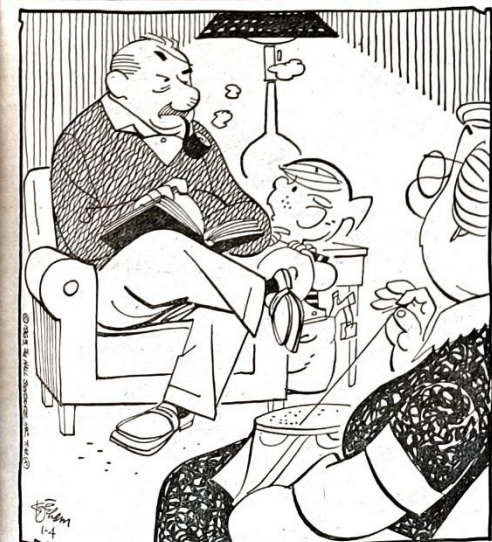
A total of 64 persons, many flying here from the United States and Europe for the occasion, were entertained by a dance band, two singing trios and a top guitarist in Miss Oberon's luxurious mansion in this resort city.

The weather was clear and warm. The gardens and the home itself were illuminated by candlelight.

The party broke up around 2 a.m., to enable Sinatra, Brynner and others to fly back to Acapulco, where they are spending the holidays.

Society reports said hostess Miss Oberon and Princess Soraya were among the best-dressed women present. Miss Oberon wore a fabulous necklace of enormous emeralds surrounded by diamonds. Princess Soraya, in white, wore few jewels.

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Mrs. Wilson's glasses don't look rose colored to me!