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Lend me your Ears

By RACHAEL BAUMEL

CORSO CHATIER: Between romance and distinguished visitors, the town should get pretty frisky today. The romance: provided by blonde actress **Anita Ekberg**, who arrived via PAA yesterday, and fiance **Anthony Steel**, who had to meet her inside the terminal, because he had no pass to get on the field. **Steel** said he hoped to get married in a civil ceremony in Florence "in about 10 days." **Anita** had said earlier "no **Grace Kelly** wedding for me. I don't want any hoopla. I want a quiet and dignified ceremony with only members of our two families present." She also said that she wasn't planning to start a family yet. Among the distinguished visitors: **Bennett Cerf** and wife, who are expected at the Grand today . . . already at that albergo **Mr** and **Mrs Frank K. Stockton** . . . and everybody's waiting for the arrival of former President **Harry Truman**, who's now scheduled to check in at the Hassler the 18th . . . he won't have a chance to cross political swords with left-wing British laborite MP **Aneurin Bevan**, who'll be back in the Eternal City overnight Sunday — at the Bernini Bristol . . . **Lidia** and **Rossano Brazzi** get back in town today from the Cannes Film Festival . . . among the folks present for the concert by classical harmonicist **John Sebastian** at the American Embassy Theater the other night: the **Nedville Nordnesses**, **Frank** and **Kay Gervasi**, **Hank Kaufman**, **Joe** and **Geri Lerner**, **Franca Danese**, and painter **Rene Mazza**, who leaves in about three weeks for Dallas and Midland, Texas, where he'll be busy painting portraits. **John** really had a busy day that day, because after playing two concerts, he rushed out to catch a train to Turin, where he is making recordings for RAI . . . actor **Richard Denning** and wife here vacationing for a couple of days. They're at the Regina . . . news from the Chicago Daily News' **George** and **Charlotte Weller** in Annisquam, Mass., that they're expecting an addition to the family.

AROUND TOWN: **Galen Brand** expects to head to Calgary, Canada, in about six weeks, to see about setting up a decorating business there . . . American composer **Don Martino** sails home on the Independence Tuesday . . . News-week's senior business editor **Osborne Elliott** and wife scheduled to TWA in from New York this evening. They'll be at the Excelsior, as we noted . . . first notes on the annual June exodus from the Roman scene — AP's **Frank Brutto**, wife **Sallie** and daughters **Marta** and **Pebbie**, will be sailing for home leave in the States on the Greek Lines' Olympia the 19th, and the YMCA's **Kenneth Smith**, wife **Jerry** and daughter **Margaret** sail on American Export's Independence on June 30th. (The **Bruttos** will be visiting Minnesota, Montana and California—and **Frank** will be back in seven weeks but the rest of the family intends to stay all summer.) **Smith** expects to return to Rome in October for a few months, then go home and be back in Rome the fall of '57. **Mrs Smith** and **Margaret** will be in the U.S. for a year. Incidentally, **Smith** tells us that he'll be heading up to Turin for Monday's opening of the Y's Men's Club there . . . **Jack Foster**, editor of Denver's noted Rocky Mountain News, and **Mrs Foster** are at the Hassler for a few days, before heading for Turin and a tour of the Fiat plant . . . **Dr. Allan Roos**, prominent New York psychoanalyst, and **Mrs Roos**, who writes for the New Yorker magazine under the name of **B. Methieu**, arrived via BEA from London, where they attended the Freud memorial meeting. After a few days in Rome, they will proceed to Sicily. They're at the Hassler.

HERE & THERE: Don't forget about the Parioli Day School's Country Day today—featuring entertainment, food, prizes, the works —from noon to 6—and for folks who don't have cars, free buses leave from the embassy every hour on the hour beginning at noon. In case it rains, it'll be held tomorrow . . . and the Via Margutta's Art Fair gets underway today, continues through Monday . . . young Italian ladies of 20 who want to get advice on how to act, how to dress, how to wear make-up are given tips on these subjects in Settimana Incom — via an article that spotlights actresses **Giorgia Moll** and **Marisa Allasio** and **Livia Signorini**, who works in a Roman art gallery . . . at least some Roman cabs have had their meters adjusted to match the new higher fares—riders will doubtless be delighted to hear . . . anyone want to befriend a semi-American pooch called Arlecchino, a big black and white part hunting dog that came to the embassy for protection? The dog is nine months old—and frisky and healthy, but unfortunately the embassy couldn't keep him, so they turned him over to the National League for the Protection of Dogs. If you're interested, stop by the canine shelter—the Rifugio at Borgo San Lazzaro near Piazzale Clodio or call **Gina Simonti**—30843 . . . opening this afternoon at 6 at the Sagittarius, a show of paintings by Spanish artist **José De Lapayese** . . . works of **Gustav V. Beck** and **Wolfgang Hutter** go on view at La Medusa this evening.

Small Fry Master Art Of Thievery

TOPEKA, Kan., May 11 (AP) — Police are holding two little brothers, only seven and eight years old, on a charge of stealing $1,200 from a restaurant office.

Lt. Don Laird, chief of the police department's youth bureau, said yesterday that as near as he could piece together the story one or the other walked in and out of the restaurant six times to get the money, taking various size sums each time. One of the brothers spotted the restaurant's unlocked safe while seeking a toilet, Laird said.

The police lieutenant left the room once while the boys, whose names were withheld, were talking into a tape recorder recounting their escapade. He said when he came back his desk had been rifled.

SETAF Verona Hq. To Open On May 21

(Special to the RDA)

CAMP DARBY, May 11 — Southern European Task Force (SETAF) headquarters, temporarily located here since the withdrawal of American forces from Austria, will open officially in Verona on May 21, it was announced today.

Brig. Gen. John H. Michaelis, SETAF commander, said Camp Darby would continue as the SETAF Support Command, and that only a handful of the 3,000 Italian civilians employed here would be affected by the move to Caserma Passalacqua, Verona.

Luce Presents Oscar To Anna

Anna Magnani finally got her Oscar yesterday as the best film actress of 1955.

Publisher Henry R. Luce, acting on behalf of his wife, Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce, handed the award to the fiery star of "Rose Tattoo" in a formal, private ceremony at the ambassador's official residence.

He also gave her a big bunch of red roses.

Newsmen and press photographers were barred from the ceremony. About 30 attended, including representatives of the U.S. and Italian film industries, the Italian government and the embassy.

Mrs Luce, herself with the theater before turning to politics and diplomacy, was not present. The original plan had been for her to make the presentation.

She flew back to the U.S. suddenly Thursday for a medical checkup because of what was described as a "rundown condition."

Mrs Trapp Honored

STOWE, Vt., May 11 (AP) — Austrian baroness Maria August Trapp, mother of the famous Trapp family singers, has been named Catholic mother of the year and will receive the gold medal of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life.

What's Going On In Rome

MUSIC

TEATRO DELL'OPERA — "La Figlia di Jorio," by Pizzetti; Gabriele Santini, conductor; tonight at 9 . . . "La Bohéme," by Puccini; Oliviero De Fabritiis, conductor; tomorrow afternoon at 5.

TEATRO QUIRINO, 1 Via delle Vergini — "The Three-Penny Opera," the Bertholdt Brecht-Kurt Weill musical play (in Italian), presented by the Piccolo Teatro di Milano; tonight at 9.

AMERICAN EMBASSY THEATER, Via Veneto — Vocal-instrumental concert; this afternoon at 6.

EXHIBITS

VIA MARGUTTA, and adjacent courtyards — Fourth open-air exhibit of Roman painters, sculptors, ceramicists, etc. Today, tomorrow and Monday.

PALAZZO BRASCHI, Piazza San Pantaleo — Works by early 19th century Roman artist Bartolomeo Pinelli. Hours: 9-2 weekdays; 9-1 Sundays; closed Mondays. Through July.

PALAZZO VENEZIA, in the Sala Capitolare Barbo — Thirty Italian Artists of Today. Hours: 9-1, 4-8 weekdays; 9-1 Sundays.

SCHNEIDER GALLERY, 10 Rampa Mignanelli — Seven Fulbright artists. Hours: 10:30-1, 4:30-8; closed Sundays. Through May 24.

OBELISCO GALLERY, 146 Via Sistina — Works of Salvatore Fiume. Hours: 11-8:30; closed Sundays.

SAGITTARIUS GALLERY, 22/b Via Lazio — Paintings by Spanish artist Jose De Lapayese. Hours: 10:30-1, 4-8; closed Sundays. Opening today at 6.

LA FELUCA, 38 Via Frattina — Paintings by Spanish artists Maria Victoria de Luz, Maria Carmen Laffon, Inmaculada Montero. Hours: 11-1, 6-9; closed Sundays.

LA MEDUSA, 124 Via del Babuino — Paintings by Viennese artists Gustav K. Beck and Wolfgang Hutter. Hours: 11-1, 6-9; closed Sundays. Through May 25. Opening today at 6.

LA FONTANELLA, 194 Via del Babuino — Sculpture By Khalid Al-Rahal and Ghani Mohamed and paintings by Saad Altai, Iraqi artists. Hours: 10-1, 4-12 midnight, including Sundays. Closes tomorrow.

GALLERIA D'ARTE SELECTA, 2 Via di Propaganda — Works of Henri Michaux. Opening today at 6.

FILMS

FIAMMETTA THEATER, 3 Via San Nicolò da Tolentino — "Stranger at My Door," with Macdonald Carey, Patricia Medina, Skip Homeier. Today at 5:30, 7:45, and 10 p.m. Telephone 470.464.

ARCOBALENO THEATER, Palazzo di Vetro, Via XX Settembre — "Gas-Oil," with Jean Gabin and Jeanne Moreau, co-starring Ginette Leclerc. Today at 6, 8, and 10 p.m. Telephone 470.470.

SPORTS EVENTS

HORSE RACES — At Capannelle race track; tomorrow, Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30. Special bus service from Piazza Colonna, Piazza Fiume, Piazzale Flaminio, Piazza Cavour.

VARIED FESTIVITIES

FAIR — Country fair day of the Parioli Day School; today from noon to 6 p.m.; at 225 Via Appia Antica. Gifts, refreshments, children's games, spaghetti-eating contest, raffle, etc. Buses leave from U.S. Embassy every hour beginning at noon.

SPRING HIJINKS — Soccer game between Opera ballet dancers and stage-screen actors, band concerts, fire-fighting demonstrations, for the benefit of the Italian Red Cross; at Piazza di Siena in Villa Borghese; tomorrow afternoon at 4.

BAZAAR — Overseas School bazaar; at 811 Via Cassia; Saturday, May 19, from 3 to 7 p.m.

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